THAFT PLAN D. A. R. CONVENTION FRANCE CHEERS U. S. IN ROSTAND'S SES FIRST TEST HEARS "WAR" TALK

Military Committee inst Conscription in Vote of 9 to 8

TRY VOLUNTEERING

and Makes Strong Appeal Selection System as Best and Surest

WASHINGTON, April 16. test vote the principle of the sedraft incorporated in the, general army bill was beaten in the House ry Committee by 9 to 8 votes. One present, Field, of Kentucky, did

vote indicated that unless sentiment committee changes the volunteer will get a try-out before conscripis resorted to to raise an army of for service in Europe.

wo important amendments to the gen-staff bill were introduced in the come. They will be acted on tomorrow. amendment, by Chairman Dent, would the volunteer system a trial, but d give President Wilson-power at any to declare the volunteer system a and order conscription.

ther amendment, by Representative nony, of Kansas, provides for raising army by a volunteer system. Howa military census of all eligible males be started at once. If, within five is, the number of troops required have volunteered, conscription would be be-immediately.

n selective draft was defended by Rep-native Borland (Mo.) as the "fairest, st and most democratic" national de-aystem. Borland's speech was the formal address in the House on con-

The very suggestion of universal lia-ty to military service," he said, "as iled to our country seems to have caused hock to the minds of many gentlemen his House.

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It is infinitely superior to a mercenary or to a system of voluntary enlist-it contains an element of justice and which should appeal to all Amer-

what we will, in the last analysis, the sole resource for national defense. Ill not be amias, therefore, even this r in the contest to consider it seriously contrast it with other possible schools of creating a military force. "A selective draft will raise the required

of soldiers with the least disance of those industrial pursuits which the army and equip it for the field. volunteer force deranges every ac-

I. S. STARTS PROBE **OF PACIFIST BODY**

Methods of American Union Against Militarism Under Federal Scrutiny

Investigation started today by the De ant of Justice into the methods of the can Union Against Militarism may the campaign which the organization directing in Philadelphia and other

local headquarters of the union is it Witherspoon Building. Many well-rn women are among its members. tention of the Government was directed the union through hundreds of letters

h have been pouring upon Congress-urging that they try to stop the war, of the writers, it is believed, are mem-of the union.

REPAREDNESS COURSE

Ambassador Jusserand, of France, 'Makes Spirited Address Before 2000 Women

FORECASTS WORLD PEACE

General Young and Mrs. Story Sound Patriotic Note in Speeches '

WASHINGTON. April 16.

An early ending of the "world war," with a certainty of universal peace and a ce-menting of the deepest friendly relations between the United States and France were forecast this afternoon by Ambassa-dor Jules Jusserand, of France, in an ad-

dress to the Daughters of the American Revolution, who opened their twenty-eighth annual congress here today under could-lons of extraordinary fervor. Nearly 2000 women were present, and the spirit of patriotism was the dominant note of all

the speechmaking and proceedings. The French Ambassador made it very plain that his nation appreciates greatly the action of the United States in tendering material and man-power assistance to win the war. In part he said :

"Very probably before long that visit of old paid by Lafayette and others to your

shores will be repaid. "We of France see a thing of beauty in the United States, and before long, when the war is over, we shall see a thing more beautiful than the United States—a liberal world."

Throughout his brief address the Ambassador echoed an appreciation of the port the United States now is giving to the cause of the Allies and spoke in the highest terms of what President Wilson has done. "A country that does not recognize the A country that does not recognize the fundamental principle of universal military training is not a nation, but merely a con-glomeration of people." General S. B. M. Young told today's opening session of the Daughters' Congress.

General Young said the D.A.R. "was our first great woman's society to raise its voice in support of this fundamental principle of

the nation's military policy." "The founders of this nation wisely pro-vided for national defense." said General Young. Those who have not given this problem serious thought do not realize that compulsory military service is pro-vided for in the United States Constitution. nor do they realize that a national system of military training will not increase the

citizen's liability to serve. "Under the old militia act Congress to morrow could pass a resolution calling every able-bodied citizen between eighteen and forty-five into military service without regard to age or physical condition.

"The framers of our Constitution re-alized that this authority is inherent in every Government. We could not have a nation unless Congress had the authority to call its citizens to its defense. "Light the fires of universal military

training under this great melting pot and we will fuse the varying elements of our population and teach the world that we are indeed a nation. "We will never have a nation, in the

highest sense of the word, until all our citizens render equal national service." "Service to Our Country" was the key-note of the convention sounded by Mrs. William Cummings Story, president general, calling the body to order.

"Let us make this congress of American women worthy of meeting one of the most critical periods in our country's history," said Mrs. Story. The president general ap-pealed to the daughters to lay aside petty things and to work to accomplish the greatest good in answering President Wilson's call for a united nation to fight a war for

humanity. For the first time in the history of the Daughters' gatherings the President was not at the opening session. It was also an-nounced the delegates would not be received at the White House, as had been the

might be strong enough "to stand its share in the great upheaval of liberty that is

FIREMEN ONE STEP **REVISED "SONG OF THE STARS"**

EFENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1917

By HENRI BAZIN

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PARIS, April 16. EDMOND ROSTAND, of the French Academy, has entirely rewritten his famous "The Song of the Stars," which he published in 1915, recasting it to sing to the praises of the United States and to pay tribute to the American nation, to President Wilson, to Colonel Roosevelt, to Walt Whitman, to Edison, to Franklin and to Lincoln.

The distinguished poet read his poem this afternoon in the Sorbonne amphitheatre before a notable assemblage, including cabinet ministers and

an audience of seven thousand persons. The reading followed the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the Republican Guards Band.

the Republican Guards Band. Rostand personally invited your correspondent to a seat at the tribune and extended to him the privilege of the first publication in the world of the poem, which is six hundred lines in length and considered here the most important war literature yet produced in France. I am cabling at this time twenty lines of this poem, which created wild enthusiasm as Rostand read them. He was accorded a tremendous ovation as he concluded the verses. The ovation continued for several minutes, the walls of the dignified old Sorbonne echoing with cheers for America and for President Wilson. President Wilson.

The translation of the twenty lines of the poem follows:

The stars sang out from their field in the beautiful flag: "We are the symbols of Progress, its glorious glow, Born of the stars which your frigate of old Wore in the wounds of its sails, Rochambeau!"

Flashing, they sang: "Lincoln should never have died While there is canker of slavery left on the earth; Whitman, at thought of a star standing neutral in war Would be shaken with hot indignation and mirth.

"Edison for France! and the heart of great Franklin shine on. There stands the beast with its chops dripping gore. There the vast throng at which Roosevelt would hurl His battalions of fighters to share in the glories of war.

"Five were the swords that great Washington held, That he wielded to save an ideal, that shall never grow dim; Joffre, on the Marne, with his Foch, Maneury, Sarrail, d'Espery and d'Langle had five also like him."

One star came to the edge of the union and sang: "We are all here in this corner of blue, All save one, touched by God, shining and new-The star and the genius of Wilson!"

As he concluded the poet again asked cheers for President Wilson and the United States. Again there was a wild scene, aged men standing and throwing hats into the air.

WHARTON FACULTY ASKS | AIRCRAFT WILL GUARD **DR. PATTEN'S RETENTION** DU PONT ARMS PLANTS

Petition to Provost Unanimous Fleet of Hydro and Air Planes for at Least Year's Reap-Will Be Put Into Patrol pointment Service

The Wharton School faculty of the Unlversity of Pennsylvania at a meeting today vnanimously petitioned Provest Edgar Fahs emith and the board of trustees of the "niversity to retain Dr. Simon N. Patten as professor of economics for at least an-other news other year. Professor Patten was notified last week

that his services would no longer be re-quired because he had reached the age of retirement. None of the faculty members who at tended the meeting would discuss what had been said. They said their action would be immediately communicated to **Provost** Smith and all news of it would have to ome from him

• It is generally believed that the dismissa of Doctor Patten was approved by the board of trustees more on account of his work outside of the University than because of his age. It is believed that the technical excuse of dismissing him was simply in-voked because it was convenient. Doctor Patten has been believed to be the inspiration fount of much of the alleged radicalism that has affected some of the younger mem-bers of the faculty, Scott Nearing among others. He was sympathetic with the pacifists, too, and that displeased some of the trustees, it is said.

Fervent prayers that the United States FIRE IN PLANT PUT OUT

WILMINGTON, Del. April 16. A flect of airplanes and hydroplanes is

to natrol the Delaware River and protect the du Pont Powder plants from attack. This announcement was made today when work started on the construction of the

hangars for the aviation school which Pierre S. du Pont, president of the com-pany; his brother frenee and those assoclated with them have decided to build to house aircraft which are to protect the mammoth property of the powder companies.

The plan has the sanction of the War Department and will come directly under the aeronautic division of the United States army. Instructions will be given to the young men who want to enter the service

Contracts have been let for three hydro-planes, which will be supplied by Harry Atwood, one of the country's leading aviators. Atwood created a sensation a few years ago when he flew from St. Louis to New York. The first machine is promised for June 1, when the patroling of the plant by alreraft will start. It is espected that all the buildings and grounds will be ready

by that time Other aircraft will be added to the

BY DU PONT EMPLOYES squadron as rapidly as the manufacturers can get them out. Officials of the company that before m predict that before many months have passed this fleet will be one of the most

vill establish in the course of the next few

weeks will be the great feeding and sup

young men, who know the territory and how to handle machines, of course the fleet

would be useless, according to the du Paut

people, who are making every effort to have

The du Pont officials say that the Dela-

ware River has always been regarded as an ideal location for an aviation, school

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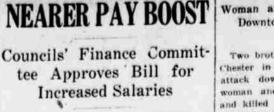
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FINAL ACTION SHORTLY

Argument Develops Över Proposition to Split Bureau of Highways

Councils' Committee on Finance a roved without debate this afternoon the bill providing for an increase in the salaries of Philadelphia police and firemen. According to Director Wilson, who spoke before the committee, the increase will require about \$418,000 annually. This can be met, Chairman Gaffney, of the committee an-nounced, without difficulty. The bill will be reported favorably by the

committee on Toursday and will then de over until the next regular meeting of

The committee likewise approved a bill made. His father asked what the trouble was and the shooting began right there, the drunken man doing it. Then from both houses others came run-

Another salary increase measure, raising the pay of workers in the Electrical Bureau with the \$3000 set aside for the salary of chief carls, Leo Furman, who resigned, was approved.

Considerable argument developed in the commerciale argument developed in for discussion of a full dividing the present Bureau of Highways into two separate bu-reaus—highways and street clearling. Ap-proval of the bill would mean the creating f a new position of bureau chief at \$3500 year and the transfer of about \$80,000 from the present bureau to one newly cro-

WOMAN HELD UP: POLICE SEEK TO ARREST FOUR MEN

Highwaymen Who Robbed Mrs. L. J. Bruner Were in Stolen Automobile. Car Found Wrecked

Police today are looking for four auto-inghwaymen who last night held up and robbed Mrs. L. J. Bruner, of 4946 Cedar avenue

The hold-up occurred in Catharine street just west of Fifty-second, Mrs. Bruner was on her way home. The automobile rolled diently until it was alongside of her; then three of the four men in it jumped out, pushed her from the sidewalk to the wall of one of the houses and fought her for the silver meshbag which she was carrying she resisted and screamed, but they succeeded in tearing away the bag and then hurried off in the machine.

Mrs. Bruner immediately reported her lo o Lieutenant Bisbing, of the Fifty-fifth and Pine streets station house. This was about

Shortly afterward the police of the Thie ty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue sta tion house received a report of a wrecked automobile at Thirty-first and Hamilton streets. The machine had been jammed gainst the curb and one wheel was off. Inside was found Mrs. Bruner's bag. had only been ten cents in it, and this the highwaymen had taken. They did not re-alize the value of the bag—it is worth \$45 and left it behind.

The machine belongs to Clifford Durrell 4645 Old York road. It was stolen from in front of h. home while he was at dinner ast night

Value of Automobiles Taken Estimated

at \$10,000

Among the \$10,000 worth of automobiles -fourteen of them-stolen over the week-end, was one valued at \$2000 taken while the owner, J. F. Keator, 218 West Walnut lane, Germantown, was watching the game at Shibe Park last Saturday afternoon. It

cas afterward recovered at Twentieth and



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the house, where much noise was being made. His father asked what the trouble

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to Don Jumpers and Learn Motorcar Work-Red Cross Also

fical preparedness will be taken or e girls of Bryn Mawr College. They in real working clothes and, armed es, jacks and other practical plunge into a course in motor re-

any of the girls already know some e intricactes of the modern automobile, the work will not seem so difficult. business course and Red Cross work also be part of the new preparedness

new branches are the result of an today on mobilization made by Miss Simpson, of the National League for n's Service, and Bryn Mawr is the an's college approached on

Simpson outlined all the require in detail for such an undertaking and reas held attiention throughout. M. nas, president of the college, pre-

APID TRANSIT EARNINGS **HOW GENERAL INCREASE**

atement for Nine Months of Fiscal Year Favorable in All Items

nings of the Philadelphia Rapid Tranpany continue to compare very fa-The statement for March and nine of the fiscal year, which was issued five-minute meeting of the directors on, showed general increases in

he month of March the gross pas

the month of March the gross pas-receipts were \$2.414.785, an increase 0.247, while the gross earnings from ress were \$2.510.812, a gain of \$255,-ind the net for the month was \$1.094,-increase of \$92.801. Passenget earnings for the nine wore \$20.228.522, an increase of 615. Including receipts from other the gross was \$21,001.095, a gain 15.584. Net amounted to \$9.221.770, mass of \$924.747. For the mine-pariod the surplus was \$1.893.302, of \$942.143. The surplus is equal th cent on the stock.

UND WAR CRY ON FLIES

of Increase Will Stop Epidemics

ouditions prevalent, and with of Philadelphia's doctors be-pled this summer with army is grave danger, should an infantile paralysis break out, of be suppressed as efficiently be last year. For this rea-native committee for the ax-flies is taking prompt steps dangers to public health is pointed out at a public hold concerner of the clock formersor, where Chief where E Cornell, chief

eral. She prayed that the Daughters might stand as strong patriots in the present crisis, "as our fathers who fought for the liberty of the nation which we now hop will be strong enough to bring peace and liberty to suffering humanity."

In compliance with the plea for economy sent to the women of the land by Mrs. Wil-son, wife of the President, the Congress promptly adopted a resolution eliminating the customary banquet, always one of the most important features of the annual meeting.

The resolution also pledged the upon the return home to work delegates upon the return in their own community for the conservation

MORE INTERNED TARS ON WAY

of food.

Twenty Sailors Due at Gloucester Detention Camp

Twenty more German sailors will arrive at the detention house of the immigrant station in Gloucester City tonight or to-

morrow morning. They are from Wilming-ton, where they were taken from the Ger-man merchant ships Kiel and Neckaria, When the Germans learned that they were to be transferred to Gloucester, two of the number tried to escape. They are in charge of immigration of-

ficers sent from Norfolk, Va., and started from there last night. There are already from there last night. There are already 140 Germans and Austrians in the detention house and there is room for at least 500 more. They are allowed to exercise on the roof garden of the detention house and attract much attention as they pace up and down with members of the National Guard on the outside watching them.

LICENSED TO WED AT ELKTON

Twenty-four Couples Visit Maryland's Gretna Green

ELKTON, Md. April 16.—The following marriage licenses were issued here today: Jame C. Barsót and Elisabeth E. Stewart, Matthew N. Kosenhowski and Mary Weiard Walter and Midred Campbell, Walter haus and Sarah Humilter, Louis Mema and Kelorina and Sarah Humilter, Louis Mema and Kelorina K. Kww. York, and Margarer Porth hindelphia. Elmer E. Johnson and May Long here to the start George L. Jexander and May Long here to the start George L. Jexander and May Long here to the start George L. Jexander and May Long here to the start George L. Jexander and May Long here to the start George L. Jexander and May Long here to the start George L. Jexander and May Long here to the start of the start of the start of the start here to the start of the start of the start of the start here to the start of the start of the start of the start here to the start of the start of the start of the here to the start of the start of the start of the here to the start of the start of the start of the start of the here to the start of the start of the start of the here to the start of the start of the start of the start here to the start of the start of the start of the here to the start of the start of the start of the here to the start of the start of the start of the here the theore and the start of the start of the here the theore and the start of the start of the here the theore and the start of the start of the here the theore and the start of the start of the here the theore and the start of the start of the here the theore and the start of the start of the here the theore and the start of the start of the here the theore and the start of the start of the here the theore and the start of the start of the here the theore and the start of the start of the here the theore and the start of the sta ELKTON, Md., April 16 .- The following

Navy Personnel Passes 70,000 Mark WASHINGTON, April 16.—Enlistmenta for the navy last Saturday totaled 1124, it was announced by Secretary Daniels to-day. This brings the total personnel of that arm of the service up to 70,061, and officials express the hope that it will reach 100,000 by sariy summer.

Boy Awarded \$2000 con Compromise Elsven-year-old Stanley Julius, \$21 Jef-orson street, Camden, was awarded \$2000 odny, when his attouneys and counsel for the Rober Batta Brewing Company effect-t a settlement of the suit his father

important war implements to protect the Glazing Barrel at Carnation's munition supply centers. The school which the du Pont con

ney's Point, N. J. Fire started at the Carneys Point smokeless powder plant of E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company early today, but was stamped out after about \$390 worth of

powder had been destroyed. No one was hurt. No damage was done The flames, which were caused by fric-

tion in a rapidly revolving powder glazing barrel, consumed about 1000 pounds of smokeless powder, according to a statemen by the company. The fire started about 4 o'clock this morning, when workmen in plant No. 3 left the barrel to change another. Employes put out the fire unaided.

from hostile fleets. by John J. Raskob, treasurer of the APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED

Senate Takes Favorable Action in Proposed Government Appointees

Held on Charge of Drug Selling William Fein, giving 504 Willow street his address, was held in \$800 bail for s his address, WASHINGTON, April 16. - The Senat WASHINGTON, April 16. — The Senate this afternoon confirmed the following: Oscar T. Crosby, of Virginia, to be As-sistant Secretary of the Treasury; Francis J. Kearful, to be Assistant Attorney Gencourt by Magistrate Beaton at the Central Station this morning on charges of selling narcotic drugs and attempting to bribe a policeman to let him go. Helen Miller, of 513 Winter street, who is said to have bought the drug from Fein, was held in \$300 bail as a material with the bought of the structure of the state of the structure of the J. Kearful, to be Assistant Attorney Gen-eral; Joseph Moore, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney, western district of Louisiana; Joseph W. Montgomery, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney, eastern district of Louisiana; Chauncey D. Snow, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Do-mentic Commerce, Charles E. Battlern, Debail as a material witness. Policeman Leshner, who made the arrest, testified that Fein offered him \$59 to let him go.

mestic Commerce; Charles F. Rattigan, of Auburn, N. Y., to be Collector of Customs. District No. 8, Rochester, N. Y.; Edwin G. Hunter, of Louisiana, to be Naval Officer of Customs, District No. 20, New Orleans. The Senate also confirmed these post-asters: New York-John N. Cullen, Blue masters: George W. Witbeck, Nassau; Harmon P. Payne, Quogue; George C. Staud, Rochester,



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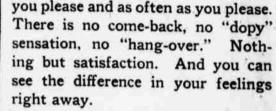
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