

t of 3000 merchant ships is already r way. General Goethals is already warning will be given at weanesday inght's meeting of intention to prosecute all persons circulating such reports for defamiation of character. Joseph Farley, acting captain of detec-tives, made official denial of a[®] report that Washington "on the job." sures permitting recruiting of Britsubjects in America will be among

e first subjects discussed. **OUSE** AND SENATE

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AGREE ON WAR FUND

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- Starting th of appropriating for the war, the today adopted a conference report is general deficiency appropriation bill is carries \$62,000,000 for deficiencies the various Government departments various Government departments is the past and current fiscal year Ing the past and current fiscal year. Senate amendment appropriating 60,000 in a lump sum to be placed e disposal of the President "for the n's defense" was accepted by the conferees and approved by the s. This item is the first direct ap-lation of the present session for de-purposes and will be used by the ent for emergency demands of the and navy. and navy. th little discussion and no opposition

Senate Finance Committee reported fa-

FOR SHORE RADIO STATIONS WASHINGTON, April 16.

In keeping with President Wilson's recent rociamation turning wireless stations over o the navy, Secretary of the Navy Daniels today announced all licenses for shore radio stations are suspended during the war. Any one operating a station in deflance

of the President's orders "will be under suspicion as being an enemy agent." Daniels issued the following statement

liong with the President's executive order. All licenses for radio stations on shore are suspended for the duration of the war. The Secretary of the Navy has directed that during the war all radio sending and receiving stations other than those operated by the United

DANIELS SUSPENDS LICENSES

States Government be closed. A station considered closed only when its antenna is lowered, coiled and sealed

ground connection broken and the ap-paratus dismantled and packed away It is incumbent upon the owners them selves to close their stations. Failure to close a station will result

enemy agent.

The committee on welcome which will greet Foreign Minister Balfour, of England, Viviani, of France: General Joffre and the other illustrous members of the joint com-

man.

in its apparatus being confiscated by the Government. The owner of a sta-tion operating in deflance of this order will be under suspicion of being an It is expected that fullest publicity

mission that will meet here shortly has already reached New York. This commit-tee comprises Third Assistant Secretary of State Breckenridge Long, who represents the State Department; Rear Admiral Fletcher and Commander F. E. Sellers, of be given this notice in order that all persons may be acquainted with these requirements. The Secretary of the Navy takes this means of informing the Lieutenant Colonel Spencer Cosby and Cap-

When the main conference ends represent tatives of all of the Entente Powers, will

German people themselves and their allies who are acting in concert now only be-cause of the influence German agents within

LENGTHY CONFERENCE

their boundaries exert.

were apparently concentrating big forces for counter-attacks at immediate points. During the last twenty-four hours the serve together" to meet the "nation's su-preme test," emphasized once again the fact that the United States was at war thunder of battle has rolled unceasingly along the 100-mile front from Loos to the Aisne River. The weather has cleared, but the mud

fighting for what we believe and wish to be the rights of mankind and for the future peace and security of the world." That will be the slogan of the representatives of the United States who will have seats remains. At some points the British and Canadian soldiers sank in mud to their hips when they advanced across the open at the coming council table. And it is expected that this council will speak in terms that cannot be misunderstood by the toward the slag-heap fortifications of the

Germans in the Loos-Lens sector. Lens, the gateway to the big industrial helt and the coal and ore fields of northern France, lies nine miles northeast of Arras, sixteen miles southwest of Lille and eleven miles northwest of the railroad cenand furnaces, the Germans utilized the great slag heaps in the construction of fortifications. These, however, here ter of Douai Being the center of mills demolished by the terrific fire of the British artillery.

PARIS, April 16.

Violent artiliery firing along almost the whole of the French front, with vigorous French offensive raids at half a dozen places, penetrating the German lines in Absace, were reported in today's official tatement.

The artillery combat was particularly intain John C. Queckemeyer, of the army iense on the front from Solssons to Rheims. All night between St. Quentin and the war. They will act in a manner similar to and will have the same status as the tive fire on German po South of the Oise River, the statement said further progress was made to the east by the French forces on Barisis plateau American commissions which are shortly to be sent to London, Paris, Rome and Pet and Quincy Bassee. In the Champagne, east of Aubrives, two German attacks were checked. 'Following a tremendous artillery prep-aration in Lorriane and Alsace, French de tachments entered German trenches at several places," the War Office asserted, "In Alsace," the report continued French detachments reached the sceond German lines at six different places.

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Senator Simmons said. If three minor amendments were added to bill as it came from the House. mendment, at the suggestion of McAdoo, was adopted. It pro-t the money from the sale of bonds ame e deposited in nonmembers of the Reserve and also in trust com-

her amendment expressly provide the Treasury certificates are exemption and the title only other amendment. The words the only other amendment. The words a for the purpose of assisting in the acuiton of the war" were inserted. In Senate Military Committee also was y to lay before the Senate a number of adments, suggested by the General Staff, normase the efficiency of the army or-mation. The amendments have no di-relation to the selective draft bill pro-a by the Administration, and they are expected to meet much opposition.

by the Administration, and they are pected to meet much opposition. the steps to place food price-fixing in the Government's hands and pre-the cost of living from going higher the war period will be taken up im-the Government's taken up im-the state of the production and con-tent and recommend a scheme for bei-billising the country's agricultural re-s. Senator Borsh, of Idaho, also ex-to offer a measure conferring upon the iment absolute authority to establish tum food prices.

British Praise Wilson's Plea NDON, April 16.—London evening apers today made strikin displays ident Wilson's appeal to 'Amer-tion. Every editorial comment was ing culogy on the sentiments which serican Chief Executive expressed in

PREME COURT DECISIONS

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SOCIETY WOMEN OPEN ENCAMPMENT TO STUDY BRANCHES OF WAR AIDS

Among the items of the curriculum are first aid to the injured, making surgical WASHINGTON. April 16. Under sunny skies 250 young society yomen, representing forty States of the tressings, signal work, military calesthenics knitting and plain sewing, plain telegraphy and wireless work, home care of the sick inion, gathered here today for the second encampment of the first national service school to learn woman's part in war. For

dietetics and drilling. twenty days the students will wear khaki, live on a military reservation under military discipline, sleeping in army tents and sub-Scores of prominent women are conduct. ing the encampment, among them Mrs. George Dewey, Mrs. Hugh L. Scott and Mrs. George Barnett, honorary commandsisting on rations patterned after those of soldiers, receiving instructions by doctors and nurses of the Red Cross and noncom-missioned officers of the army, navy and Mrs. ants: Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the Secretary of State; Mrs. Newton D. Baker, wife of the Secretary of War; Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, wife of the As-

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narine corps. The opening exercises at the reservation sistant Secretary of the Navy; Mrs. Jo-sephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of a tract of twenty-seven acres just outside the city, will take place late this afternoon. Among the guests will be Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Secretary of War Baker and the Navy; Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the Speaker of the House; Mrs. George Vander-bilt, Mrs. Joseph Leiter, Mrs. Frank G. Major George Barnett, commandant of the Marine Corps. The American flag will be raised by Mrs. Frank F. Fletcher, wife of Ogdenheimer, president general o Daughters of the Confederacy; Mrs. Admiral Fletcher; Mrs. Hugh L. Scott, wife of General Scott, chief of staff, and Mrs. Barnett, while the Marine Band plays "The . Lockwood, only surviving founder of the Daughters of the Revolution; Mrs. Car Vrooman, wife of the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, and Mrs. Wendell Stafford. Star Spangled Banner.

SENSATIONAL GERMAN PLOT FACTS

rograd to represent the United States. **GREAT FRENCH DRIVE** BELIEVED IMMINENT

By W. S. FORREST

Colonel Robert E. L. Michie

PARIS, Ajril 16. France's great offensive, timed to synchronize with the British "big push," may

now be starting. Today's official report indicated spread of violent artillery preparations all along the Champagne front; an increase in the French drive toward St. Quentin; more bitter fighting south of the Oise, and a series of terrific smashes far down to the

south in Alsace Lorraine. Coincidentally the newspaper, Le Temps. remarked today:

The war of movement will go forward soon. Our cannon roar north of Soissons in Champagne, where numer-ous reconnaissance raids on the enemy lines have taken number of prisoners. other Paris newspapers today hinted be lef that a French drive was impending.

BERLIN, April 16. Repuise of more British attacks was an-nounced in today's official statement. The statement said:

The British were repulsed along the northern bank of the Scarpe and north-cast of Croissille. They were also east of Croissille. They were also driven back at Lagnicourt and Bour-

German Ships at Cartagena Watched PANAMA CITY, April 16.—The authori-tics are keeping a keen watch on German ships that were interned at Cartagena, Colombia, according to inform Jon received here today. Recently the shi & were proed, and it is feared that the German might attempt a dash to sea to raid allied commerce. The Panama police have in-terned several Germans on Taboga Island.

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WASHINGTON, April 16. One of the first moves of full-publicity Sensational activities of German secret service agencies in the United States may soon be laid in fullest account before the

SENATOR TAKES STEP

FOR TIGHTER BLOCKADE

Asks Secretary of Commerce to Fur-

nish Data Regarding Exports to

Countries Neighboring Germany

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- The first step

ward airtight starvation measures against

on, when it adopted without objection nator King's resolution calling on the

retary of Commerce for a report show-

ing the contrast between American exports

to neutral European countries bordering the

Germany was taken by the Senate this aft-

soon be laid in fullest account before the American public. Creation of the bureau of public informa-tion to facilitate dissemination of Gevern-ment news has signalized a growing senti-ment among high Administration sources to take the people as completely into the confidence of the Government as is con-sistent with the public good. President Wilson himself and Secretary of the Navy Daniels are known to be espe-

of the Navy Daniels are known to be espe-cially anxious for more news channels, be-lieving that the more the country knows of what's going on the more hearty will its war co-operation become.

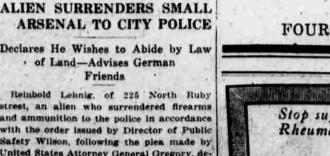
advocates, it became known today, will be a strong effort to open up certain archives of the State Department dealing with German esplonage. George Creel, newly appointed head of the Public Information Bureau, arrived in Wash-

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ington today, conferred with newspapermen over operation of the new publicity policy and later met with Secretaries Lansing. Daniels and Baker. He plans to make his headquarters in the State. War and Navy Department Building, where he will be at the heart of the news sources.

Everything points to a policy exactly the reverse of the strict military consorship of Great Britain, which has so dissatisfied the British public and press.



United States Attorney General Gregory, deposited with Lieutenant William Leary at 7 o'clock this morning, a .25-caliber automatic revolver, a .32-caliber automatic re-

to report a European countries bordering the Central Powers before and since the war. The King resolution asks the Secretary to report the amount of the exports to Nor-war, Sweden, Denmark. Holland and Switzerland for the two-year period preced-ing the war and for the period since the war began, and nakes the specific request that the Secretary "be requested to furnish used data as may be Available to him bear-bar the sur and the available to him bearvolver, eighty-two boxes of revolver cartridges containing twenty-five each, and forty-seven rifle cartridges. Lehnig said: "I had the revolvers and ammunition for protection against burgiars, but I want to comply with the laws of the laud in which I am making my indice. I am talking to all my Gamma friends more like

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