PRICE TWO CENTS

GERMANY OPENS WAR OFF AMERICAN SHORE, AS SUBMARINE FIRES UPON U.S. WAR CRAFT

REPUBLICANS' SUPPORT SOUGHT BY WILSON TO PASS DRAFT BILL; FEARS RESORT TO COMPROMISE

Minority Leader Mann and Lenroot Called Into Conference, After Caucus Pledges for Conscription to Raise an Effective Army for Conflict

DEMAND WAR EFFICIENCY

CONGRESS is quibbling. The House Committee on Military Affairs appears U to stand ten to nine against selective conscription. There is grave danger that the most disastrous of Great Britain's blunders at the beginning of the war will be repeated in this country. A condition, not a theory, con-

Experts and experience agree that we can wage a 100 per cent efficient war only by 100 per cent efficient methods. In this crisis the President must be supported. The war will be won or lost in the halls of Congress. We cannot afford to experiment for ninety days with a volunteer system. It is important that the full pressure of public opinion should be brought

to pear on Congress immediately to assure the passage of a selective conscription law of the sort the Rresident wants.

A demand from Philadelphia in favor of such a law may turn the scales in its favor within the next forty-eight hours. With your help the EVENING LEDGER will present conclusive evidence to the House of Representatives that Philadelphia favors 100 per cent efficiency in the conduct of the war.

We want to telegraph the decimal that the second control of the second

Affairs that within a few hours thousands of Philadelphians voiced a demand for a selective conscription law. Write the single word "YES" on a postal card and mail it to the EVENING LEDGER, signing your name, or stop by Ledger Central and sign the statement saying that you are in favor of such a law. We want to telegraph the chairman of the House Committee on Military

President Wilson, scenting defeat of his selective conscription plan for raising the American army, has invited conference with Minority Leader Mann and Representative Lenroot.

The Republican caucus voted to support the President's plan. Secretary of War Baker, before the House Military Affairs Committee, insisted on no compremise for conscription.

Timid Representatives, however, fear the "voice back home" and unless the President's appeal carries, a compromise will be adopted.

The compromise probably will be authorization for the President to call for 500,000 or 1,000,000 volunteers in ninety days, simultaneously, perfecting the conscription machinery, to be made operative if the ninety-day call proves

The House is not in session until tomorrow. The Senate met oday. Its first business was concluding discussion of the \$7,000,000,000 bond and certificate

Passage of the measure was forecast for today with virtually a solid vote Even La Follette may not oppose it.

Interest in Washington centers in the war council, composed of British, Fren's and American representatives. The recent Entente victories on the west , front give the envoys a definite basis for discussion with the United States as to exactly what is to be done finally to crush Germany. Fears for Russia are apparently relieved.

Disposition of the \$3,000,000,000 loan to the Allies will be made at the

There is a growing demand from the West to permit Colonei Roosevelt to lead an expeditionary force against the Germans in France.

MAY FORCE VOLUNTEER

WASHINGTON, April 17. WASHINGTON, April 17.

In an effort to bring about nonpartisan support of the Administration conscription army bill, President Wilson today asked Representative Mann, Republican floor leader of the House, and Representative Leproot to confer with him at the White House.

With unfavorable reports from the Hous With unfavorable reports from the House on the possibility of conscription going through, the President has summoned the Republicans to his aid in a final effort to the prompt action on the military will which he feels is absolutely vital.

At a Republican Senate caucus this foremon it was decided Republican Senators would stand behind the President's conscription plan.

Secretary of War Baker, volcing the Administration's unswerving stand, declared to the military committee in session today that he was compelled to reject fatly all compromises. He was inclined to yield on minor points such as ages of conscription, but insisted on the selective conscription plan.

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Chairman Dent, of the House Militars
Affairs Committee, will see the President
this afternoon, and it is understood will
report that the conscription bill cannot be
assed unless provision is made for first
lying out the volunteer system. Growing
Opposition in Congress to the selective conon in Congress to the selective con-

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TIT FOR TAT CAPTURES HAVRE DE GRACE SPRINT

Machines Pay \$16.50 for Win in Four Furlong Dash-Sunny Hill Second

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md., April 17.—The machines paid liberally on Tit for Tat, winder of the opening face on the second day of the spring meeting here today at four furiongs, the backers of the speedy two-year-old cashing in \$16.50, \$5.30 and \$3.70 for a \$2 play across the board.

FIRST RACE, two-year-olds, 4 furiongs.
Tit for Tat, 100, Wakoff. \$16.50 \$5.30 \$8.70 to \$3.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$

TEST BEFORE DRAFTING RUM LOBBY ENDS SUFFRAGE HOPES

Slickly Checkmates Chance of Favorable Reconsideration of Amendment

BILL LOSES HOUSE BY 3

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 17. The liquor interests of the State this afternoon checkmated the hopes and plans of the suffragists, after the amendment to the State Constitution to grant suffrage to women had been defeated in the House of Representatives earlier in the day.

The amendment lost after a two hours debate at noon by a vote of 101 for it and 94 against. The suffragists then immediately made plans to have the vote re considered, as there were twelve members absent when the roll was being called, and they claimed at least four of these twelve

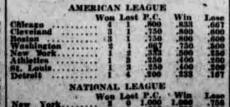
They planned, however, to make the motion tomorrow. The antis, through Representative John M. Flynn, of Elk, a "wet" member, stole a march on them, by making the motion this afternoon. The House was in a near-riot during a bitter debate that followed Flynn's motion. Charges were hurled back and forth that the liquor lobby came to Harrisburg in force last night to defeat the suffrage amendment lobby came to Harrisburg in force last night to defeat the suffrage amendment and that Flynn's motion was only intended to kill whatever chance the measure migh bave of being revived again this session.

The Flynn motion, as was intended by the antis, was defeated, 101 to 82. Under the rules of the Legislature a similar motion cannot again be made on the suffrage measure during this session. Representative William T. Ramsey, of

Delaware, seconded the Flynn motion to reconsider and a debate followed, Representative Samuel A. Whitaker, of Chester, asked that the motion be with-drawn. Flynn said that his purpose in mak-

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WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY



Attack Off Atlantic Coast Immediately Radiographed to Scout Cruiser Chester, Flagship of First Naval District. First Shot of War

Torpedo Crosses Bow of Destroyer But Fails to Score a Hit by Distance of Thirty Yards—Wake Plainly Seen

BOSTON, April 17.

Germany has brought the war to the very doors of the United

The first shot at an American war vessel in the conflict between the United States and Germany was fired early today when a German submarine attacked the American torpedoboat destroyer Smith off the Atlantic coast.

The torpedoboat destroyer today reported being fired upon by a German submarine in American waters. The torpedo missed the United States ship by about thirty yards. Immediately after firing the U-boat submerged and was not seen again. The point where the U-boat appeared is in the main transatlantic steamship lanes.

The report was received at the Charlestown Navy Yard via Fire Island at 4:12 this morning. The attack took place shortly after midnight.

The Smith reported immediately to the scout cruiser Chester, the flagship of the first naval district, stationed at Poston. The naval attack was where steamships going or coming from New York would

The Smith is one of a fleet of destroyers that have been patrolling the sea off the United States coast. As soon as she was attacked a radiogram was flashed to the cruiser Chester. Official word made it emphatic that the torpedo, fired across the

bow, was sighted by the men on the Smith as it plowed toward the Smith and missed by 30 yards.

ENEMY U-BOAT QUICKLY DIVES

The enemy U-boat is then reported to have speedily disappeared. It is thought that she owes her escape to the dar mess, her almost submerged lines offering a faint and elusive target for the

The radiogram received at Charlestown follows:

FIRE ISLAND, N. Y., April 17, 3:25 a. m. Chester, naval station, Boston, naval station, New York. Apparently sighted enemy submarine. Fired torpedo, missed U. S. S. Smith 30 yards. Wake plainly seen crossing bow. Submarine disappeared.

U. S. S. SMITH.

At the request of the United States Navy Department the latitude and longitude in which the U. S. S. Smith was attacked by a submarine is omitted from the foregoing

WARSHIPS SEARCH FOR SUBMARINE: NAVY CONFIDENT OF BAGGING PRIZE

WASHINGTON, April 17.

The first shot at an American war craft has been fired by Germany-and it An enemy submarine, braving the perils of the Atlantic, attacked the United

States torpedoboat destroyer Smith, firing a torpedo across her bows. It cleared the ship by thirty yards. The submarine then disappeared. All efforts to locate her have thus far

Official confirmation of the first clash of the war was received by the

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"JOE" BUSH VICTIM OF MATES' ERRORS

Mack's Star Pitcher Loses 3-1 Game to Red Sox After Hard Fight Against Luck

Lawry Aided Red Sox

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*Batted for Meyer in ninth inning. "Batted for Meye" in ninth inning.

Two-base hit—Scott. Sacrifice hit—
Thrasher. Struck out—By Shore, 2; by
Bush. 2. Bases on halls—Off Shore, 1; off
Bush. 3. Double plays—Shore and Scott.
Stolen bases—Scott, Hooper, Walker, Passed ball—Meyer. Umpires—Dincen and Owens.

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

SHIBE PARK, April 17. After his playmates foozled five easy chances and made it impossible to twirl a hit game, Joe Bush loosened up in the

PHILS SCORE 5 RUNS ON TWO LITTLE HITS

Three Errors and Several Passes Give Lavender Lead Over Boston in His First Start for Pat

BRAVES FIELD, Boston, April 17. Hank Gowdy's single in the sixth inning scored Boston's fourth run of this after noon's game and the Phillies' lead was cut down to a one-run margin.

The Phils came through with a total of five runs on two hits, aided by three errors. in the third round. Paskert, Baneroft, Whitted, Luderus and Cravath crossed the counting station in this inning.

Jimmy Lavender was Pat Moran's choic to pitch against the Braves, the former Chicagoan looking better to the Phillies manager than either Eppa Rixey or Mayer each of whom also warmed up. This was Lavender's debut in a Philly uniform.

Manager Stallings, of the tribesmen, tool chances with one of his youngsters, Clavis Crum, from Terre Haute, a young right hange pring. Johr hander, who looked good at Miami this Johnny Evers did not feel like playing

in the cold and young Massey filled in at second base for the Braves. While Crum held the Phils scoreless in the first inning, the Braves jumped on Layender for a brace of counters, owing to two errors. Dugey muffed a perfect throw from Killefer in an effort to catch Massey stealing. In attempting a double play no bedy covered second on a throw by Luderus. Killefer pulled an extraordinary play when he ran out to second base and touched out Bailey, who was on the bag with Massey.

FIRST INNING

Paskert walked. Bancroft filed to Kelly.
Paskert took second while Crum got
Whitted at first. Luderus hit hard to
Koney, but Crum covered first for the out.
No runs, no hits, no errors.
Marsaville filed to Whitted. Massey was

BASEBALL SCORES

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ST. LOUIS CHICAGO

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CENTRAL HIGH ... 1 4 0 W. PHILA. HIGH ... 2 0 0 0

U. S. NAVY FLASHES WARNINGS TO SHIPPING OF U-BOAT MENACE

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The Navy Department late this afternoon flashed out warnings to all shipping, advising of the presence of a hostile submarine off the Atlantic coast. The warning was sent broadcast as a result of the clash of the United States Ship Smith with a submarine off Fire Island early today. All shipping has been advised of the danger of putting out to sea at this time.

PREPARES BILL FOR U. S. CONTROL OF FOODS

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- Secretary of Agriculture Houston said late this afternoon he was preparing a report to Congress urginnecessity for legislation empowering Government regulation of food prices. Houston said the Government would not immediately apply any such law, if it were enacted, but that he thought "such legislation necessary for immediate use in any emergency."

ODESSA ARISTOCRATS UNDER ARREST

PETROGRAD, April 17 .- Odessa dispatches today reported the arrest of many members of the aristocracy there, charged with opposing the revolution and the regulations of the new Government.

HOUSE DEFEATS BILL TO ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY

HARRISBURG, April 17 .- The House of Representatives, after a two-house debate, this afternoon defeated the Tomkins-Wells-Hess bill to abolish capital punishment in Pennsylvania. The vote was 83 to 97. The measure had passed the Senate and was on final passage.

PENNSYLVANIA CRUDE OIL AT TOP PRICE

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 17 .- The price of Pennsylvania crude oil has b advanced to \$3.10, the highest point in several months. Moreor black advanced 2 cents to \$2.45. Corning is up 2 cents to \$2.40. Cabell adv. need 2 cents to \$2.37 and Somerset advanced 2 cents to \$2.20. Rugland is unchanged. A prise predicted for Pennsylvania crude oil this winter.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The Texas Co

FRANCO-BRITISH SMASH GERMAN LINE IN FRANCE

English Push Closer to Cambrai-St. Quentin Road

AIM AT LIFELINE OF FOE'S DEFENSES

Key Positions of Hindenburg Line Now Seem Doomed

MEN ENGAGED

Nivelle Breaks German Counter-Assaults and Prepares New Blow

BERLIN, April 17. French troops suffered heavily in unavailing attempts to break through the German lines yesterday, today's official statement asserted. More than 2100 French troops were captured. The attackers' losses in killed and wounded were very heavy.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES AFIELD, April 17.

France's brilliant part in the great offensive stimulated British forces to redoubled energy today. General Haig's forces continue their advance. Outposts and patrols pushed steadily forward to the east. Two more field guns were captured in Hirondelle wood. Meanwhile desperate work of destruction by the Germans continues in Lens -now fast doomed by the British encircling movement. Today the Teutons dammed the Souchez River, backing up the water into Lens. Great explosic marked the destruction of mine shaft machinery, and British observersplainly able to see the enemy at work it was part of the German plan of destruction at the last moment to divert the flood waters of the Souchez into the great underground galleries of France's richest coal mines.

Five million men are engaged on the western from in the greatest battle of 'all time.

Violent fighting is in progress all along the line from the Aisne to the Alps. British and French armies under Field Manshal Haig and General Nivelle are engaged in the most gigantic offensive of the war. The Germans are being hurled back foot by foot toward their own borders despite their desperate resistance.

Field Marshal Haig again swung the center of his pressure away from Lens today, his army plunging with good success against the German defenses on the Cambrai-St. Quentin line south of Arras. The Tombois farm, near Epehy, was captured from the Germans, the British War Office announced today. Along the Aisne-Rheims front, where

the French have driven forward, there is furious fighting, with the Germans delivering fruitless counter-assaults and bombarding the new positions held by General Nivelle. Nivelle is today consolidating bis new defenses, preparatory to another as

The British are now only two miles from the Arras-Cambrai road, the main line of communication of the Germans. Should they succeed in cutting this high way they will force the abandonment by the Teutons of the entire "Hindenburg

The Italians are evidently preparing for an offensive on the Isonzo. A viol artillery duel is in progress on that front

BRITISH TROOPS PRESS CLOSER TO LE CATELET

LONDON, April 17, The greatest battle of the greatest ontinues with unabated fury along a mile front in France and 5,000,000 men engaged in the struggle.

Field Marshal Haig, today jamme British forces a mile closer to Le Co and the main line of German commu-tions between Cambral and St. Quenti-"In the neighborhood of Epchy we-

THE WEATHER