AND WHICH AND STEADY PACE

d-Breaking Week Exted as Enlistment Zeal Grows

MEETING IS PLANNED

andred and thirty-seven marriage il-

recruiting opened today, with the yesterday as an incentive for the " of Uncle Sam's army and navy uillary service.

young women applied at the City merulting station in the Mayor's office for the position of yeoman. They both imployed as clerks. As the Mayor's does not accept women to fill naval that, they were sent to see Commander at the Naval Home, on Gray's Ferry

ording to Dr. J. B. Spencer, exampling the Dr. J. B. Spencer, exampling the coast defense re-gration in Independence Hall, there out of every three rejected because out of every three rejected because hysical disability or being under it or baight. In some instances where wight a few pounds, he may be ac-provided he is qualified to fill a le position in the service.

class Yeoman J. W. Myers, recruitofficer at the Mayor's office, said that Philadelphia section of the coast de-is taking men who have enlisted in York for service here, because of mail number of applicants who have led in Philadelphia compared with New

Mary applicants were registered at the resy recruiting station, 1215 Arch street; The pays recruiting station, 1030 Arch unest and in the marine corps.

A remote breaking week a expected, for Philadelphia's end-blooded young men ap-aranty have, conquered their lethargy with the herization that this country ac-hally is at war. Plans are rapidly shaping homeobles for a great mass-meeting at the endemy of Music Priday night, at which my of Mysic Friday night, at which harvest of recruits for the navy is d. The meeting will be addressed an of national importance in an effort "ouse the sty to the importance of the splain Du7, of the superdreadnought anda, who is in charge of the rally.

REACTION BEGINS

rush of secritis for the regular serv came unexpectedly yesterday as a di the precedual days. It was healthy recovery from inaction and d, according to "corulting officers, that are 's a h'g reserve supply of red blood

Nony the applied for enlistment today is temporarly refused on account of me physical defact which they were adred could be corrected. There is now ors segernosr displayed to get into the price of Upcie Sam, the recruiting officers n, and the officers say 'Sey fr'i they nave Drife future trouble in getting or the ranks.

About 750 men applied for enlistment in the versue branches of the service yester-by, and ~f these nearly 350 were accepted and many others were instructed to correct many objects that would make eligible for service. Recruiting offi-at all stations remarked on the fact the type of men applying for military esterday was much higher from a l standpoint than that of the first volunteer for service.

the applicants yesterday 523 were the regular service, 256 passing the lical examiners.

army was increased by 100 Philadel-yesterday. The navy gained 128, marine corps 28.

marine corps 28.
The naval coast defense reserve added a particip vessels' and the mational guard iments accepted about 20 men.
Among the navy recruits was sixteen-rold Thomas J. Haney. of Collings-truiting station at 1310 Arch street, by mother, Mrs. Mary J. Haney.
"Nineteen years ago 1 brought my son torge to Philadeiphia to offer him to the number, and now here's my youngest boy,"
maid. The lad was passed.

BULLETINS

GUYENMER SHOOTS DOWN THIRTY_SIXTH PLANE

PARIS, April 17 .-- Captain Guyenmer has shot down his thirty-sixth German seroplane, the War Office announced today in a report on aviation. Lieutenant Pinsart has shot down eight German machines, destroying three in one day's fighting. Adjutant Vitalis has shot down his seventh and Lieutenant Duellin his thirteenth German aeroplane.

AMERICANS KILL BANDITS IN BATTLE

PUERTO PLATA, Santo Domingo, April 17 .-- Word was received here today that everal outlaws have been killed in battle with American and Dominican police under American officers in the interior. Americans are preserving order in Santo Domingo

STREET CLEANING CONTRACTORS HEAVILY FINED

The fines imposed upon those contractors cleaning the city streets during the month of March almost reached a record amount. Edwin H. Vare led among those who failed properly to rid the streets of ashes and rubbish. He was fined \$4152; James E. Dorney was assessed \$1654; Frank Curran, \$1414.50; James A. Mullin, \$447. and James Irwin, \$504.50. The total amount of the fines was \$24,613.50.

GERMANS WHO APPLIED BEFORE WAR NATURALIZED

Judge Bregy, of the Quarter Sessions Court, sitting in naturalization cases, vesterday decided that residents of German birth who had filed applications for citizenship prior to the declaration of war on April 6 were entitled to citizenship. Several applicants whose petitions have been hanging fire were finally admitted.

CUBA TO JOIN IN CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The Republic of Cuba will send a commission to Washington to confer with English, French and American commissioners here, it was learned today.

EARLY ELECTION IN RUSSIA DECIDED ON

PETROGRAD, April 17-A Congress of the Council of Workers and Soldiers today adopted a report providing for election of a constituent assembly for Russia as soon as possible. The election, according to the recommendation, is to be held under the supervision of the Duma, and all above twenty years old will have the privilege of voting, women included,

BRAND WHITLOCK ARRIVES IN PARIS

PARIS, April 17 -- Minister Brand Whitlock, envoy to Belgium, arrived today He was met at the Gare Lyon by Ambassador Sharp and a number of French officials. Whitlock will remain here a few days before departing to Havre, where the Belgian Government now has its temporary capital.

SHIP AT RIO REPORTS SIGHTING GERMAN CRUISER

RIO JANEIRO, April 17 .- A British steamship which has just arrived from Korea reports sighting a German cruiser steaming northward. The position of the German ship and other details were prevented from being made public by war censorship.

FLAGS BEDECK JUDGE M'MICHAEL'S BENCH

President Judge Charles B. McMichael, of Common Pleas Court No. 3, has given evidence of his patriotism by causing two American flags to be placed, one at either end of the judicial bench.

BIG CAMPAIGN STARTED 150 ALLENTOWN TRUCKS TO EXTERMINATE FLIES ORDERED BY BRITISH International Car Company Awarded Last Week of April Named by Com-Another Large Contract, Totaling mittee for Onslaught Upon Com-

monest Disease Carriers

ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 17.—An order for 150 Mack trucks, each of seven and one-half tons capacity, was today awarded by the British Government to the Interna-tional Car Company of Allentown, totaling An aggressive campaign to stamp out flies or at least greatly reduce their numbers was mapped out today at a meeting of the co-operative committee on fly ex-termination at the Chamber of Commerce. \$712,500. The last week in April was named as Fly Extermination Week and plans have been made to interest all residents of the city So far during the war the International has made 2000 trucks of two to eight tons capacity for the English, French and Rus-

and make them realize the serious ills which sian armies. The plant was recently en-larged to a capacity of one hundred, and more trucks a month. and make them realize the serious his which on he traced to the fly. Striking exhibits are being made to show that disease and death follow the paths of these pests. The exhibits will be dis-played in the windows of many of the large

COAL MINERS AND BOSSES UNITE TO SUPPORT WAR

blayed in the windows of many of the large stores, Strawbridge & Clothier and John Wanamaker have already offered several windows for these displays. John A. Vogelson, chief of the Bureau of Health, said that 50 per cent of the flies were bred in stables. He urged a most rigid campaign in this direction to elim-inste reduce the nexts in these places NEW YORK, April 17 .- Coal miners and perators of the bituminous fields, who are in separate conferences today, reached an agreement for a 20 per cent wage increase, went into joint conference shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon to ratify the agreement and place themselves on record sup-

porting the war. It was understood the joint conference would vote to speed up coal production and appoint

MAY TELL GERMAN FEARS RECEIVERSHIP PEACE TERMS SOON

EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1917

Statement to Neutrals Said to Be in Contemplation by Powers

BERNSTORFF TO MOVE

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD CHRISTIANIA, April 17.

Germany is shortly to issue to neutrals a statement of the terms on which she considers peace negotiable, according to rumors in diplomatic circles today.

The report came from sources known to be closely identified with the German officials here.

Those closest in touch with the German movement here had not heard any details of what Germany proposes to offer. They did not believe, however, that there would be many concessions from the unofficial but highly inspired outlines of Germany's

demands given out both at Washington and in Germany at the time of Von Bethmann-Hollweg's famous peace tender last December Scandinavia is the center of Germany's

peace efforts aimed at Russia That the Teutonic officials are bending every effort to realization of their hope of separate peace with the new provisional Government at Petrograd is apparent in every quarter here.

American diplomatic officials have been formally advised that the German Govern-ment is behind the pseudo-Socialist move-ment for peace. It was the German Gov-increased costs." ernment for peace. It was the German Gov-ernment that apparently started the Social-ist propaganda work, and it was the German Covernment that pushed it by active sup ort.

Count von Bernstorff, prime apostle of peace propaganda work, has been selected as German Ambassador to Sweden, purely in line with this Russian effort. Meanwhile German propaganidists of lesser caliber spread reports of German's desire for peace —carefully avoiding, however, any statent of terms

STRIKE HELPS RECRUITING

Four Collieries Tied Up, but Younger Miners Enlist

SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 17 .- Owing to a number of employes of collieries belonging to the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and iron Company, Susquehanna Coal Company and individual operations going on strike today because a number of men had not paid in their dues to the United Mine Workers' fund, four colleries were tied up. As a result United States recruiting offi-

ers for army and navy duty.

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George D. Dixon, of P. R. R., Declares Everything but Transportation Is on War Basis

Unless the railroads are permitted to ad-vance freight rates the list of railroads in the hands of receivers will be augmented before the close of the year. This statement was made today by George D. Dixon, vice president in charge of traffic of the Penn-sylvania Railroad, in answer to a letter which was sent by the trustees of the Utilities Bureau to President Wilson yesterday proposing a delay in the application of the railroads for an increase in freight rates. Mr. Dixon points out to some extent the

increased expenses that the railroads are forced to meet.

FOR MANY RAIL: LINES

"In the last two years," he says, "the prices of everything, from raw materials to wages, that enters into the cost of trans-portation, has enormously advanced. The price received by the railroads for giving the service has about stood still, Trans-portation is today the only commodity of great importance that is being sold on a peace basis in this country, and the rail-roads are paying war prices for everything they buy.

"In other lines of business the sellers have been able to meet the situation by advancing their own prices, but this economically correct step has not been possible to the railroads. It has been neces-sary for them to continue rendering services at the old rates while costs were continually mounting, until now the danger point is

at hand. "The 15 per cent advance in rates for

Sole Offer More Than \$18,000 Above Estimate-Will Advertise Again

The lone bid for additional steel work The lone bid for additional steel work for the platform of the Hantingdon street and Kensington avenue station of the Frankford elevated was found to be so high when it was opened today that it was re-jected by Director of Transit Twining.

REJECTED AS TOO HIGH

Jected by Director of Transit Twining. The bid, made by the McClintic-Marshall Company, named \$58,758 as the price of the proposed work. The department's esti-mate specified that the cost should not ex-ceed \$40,000. After the unusual discovery that the only bid was unsatisfactory. Di-rector Twining announced that he would readvertise the work, which was made rector Twining announced that he would readvertise the work, which was made necessary by the demand of residents for a station at Huntingdon street. The Mc-Clintic-Marshall Company already has the contract for the steel superstructure.

Director Twining also will readvertise for bids on the construction from Unity to Dyer streets tomorrow. This contract was held by Senator Vare, but because of Sunday. the long delay it was abrogated at his

reguest The Supreme Court today probably will take action upon the application of Otto Wollf, Jr., asking that this tribunal take Wollf, J., asking that this tribunal take original jurisdiction in the taxpayers' tran-sit suit, which he is about to file on behalf of Frank M. Fluck. Fluck, who is a brother of Charles L. Fluck, president of the Northwest Business Men's Association. will not discuss the case until the suit is actually before the court.

Charles L. Fluck has come forward sevfield eral times as a transit obstructionist, and it is expected that his brother's suit will be to hold up the city in its plans.

Protest Against Reduced Bread Ration Serious, Amsterdam Hears

TRAFFIC IN BERLIN

BID ON NEW "L" STATION STRIKE CRIPPLES

GERMANS DENY REPORT

AMSTERDAM, April 17.

Berlin's general strike is crippling the output of metal and wood and tying up transportation facilities, according to dispatches received here. Details were meager. There was no confirmation of one report of disorders in the German capital.

The general strike had long been expected, the radical Socialists having announced it as a protest against the 25 per cent cut in the bread ration put into effect

Semiofficial dispatches, however, insisted that the strike had affected very few in-dustries and that it was without general public support. In this connection copies of the Berlin Socialist organ. Vorwaerts, received today contained this editorial:

"Internal disturbances in Germany at this moment would be calculated deeply to dis-turb Socialistic peace work. The vain hope that Germany in a few months might see occurrences similar to those in Russia might again postpone the end of the war. which now seems so near, and cost hun-dreds of thousands of lives on the battle-

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ts a slight defect.

Eitel Friedrich and Kronorinz Wil-at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, will used as training ships for the rookies t are swarming to the naval base, acding to an announcement made at the

two seized vessels will accommodate ut 1000 men. With the United States whips now being put into commission at rus Island, the influx of recruits and al militia at the navy yard is present.

a welcome problem to naval officials. Fifty recruits for the navy were gained Abraham Goldbacher, the "common as orator." who yesterday afternoon and ng toured the city in an automobili npanied by six jackies from Leagu

er. Goldbacher was heckled about his and contracter was necked about his nappearance in uniform himself, but pro-end a document to show that he had ad to enlist, but had been refused be-ues of his eyesight. Today's enlistments follow:

UNITED STATES NAVY

DPH WILLIAMS, eighteen, apprentice sea-then Thomasville, Ga. LIAM, A. MIFERS, twenty-one, apprentice mana, Gettyaburg, Pa. LIAM, J. WEST, twenty-three, apprentice mana, 5514 North Colorado street. B. P. VILLETER, Jr., nineteen, apprentice mana, 1170 North Twenty-ninth street.

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WINS \$600 IN APPEAL

Court Reverses Rule of Common Pleas

M. Davis, who appealed a decision Common Pleas Court, was awarded of 500 today by the Superior Court out of a suit brought against the Ald Society of the Pennaylvania

a member of the society manuel Miss Davis as certificate signed shortly As Faunce was separated ad gave no notice to the Davis was bepeficiary, the vis was bepeficiary, the d the death benefits. s brought suit in the fed that Mrs. Faunce. Hed to the money. In Index to the money. In

than half of the volunteer inspectors have been obtained.

Boy Scouts will also give valuable aid in the work. During Fly Extermination Week hundreds of scouts will sell fly traps and fly swatters on commission. The amount carned by each scout will be turned into the treasury of the organization.

Reports by many of those who attended the meeting shows that the committee has made great headway in subduing the pests. It was decided to send letters to the principals of all public schools and repre-sentatives of business and improvement organizations in order to enlist their aid

n the campaign. Dr. A. C. Abbott presided.

Mexican Envoy Received by Wilson

WASHINGTON, April 17.--ignacio Bo-nillas, new Mexican Ambassador to the United States, presenting his credentials to President Wilson today, exuressed "hope and belief that the friendly relations be-tween the United States and Mexico would continue growing greater and greater as the months rolled by."



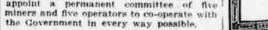
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