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HREE GIGANTIC DRIVES OPEN ON WAR FRONTS

WILSON GAINS READY SUPPORT ON ARMY DRAFT

election Certain to Be Adopted After Congress Talk

LA FOLLETTE BREAKS WITH SLACKERS' AID

Many Legislators Favor Permit to Colonel to Raise Volunteer Force

NOTH HOUSES IN DEBATE

All Amendments Designed to Thwart President Doomed to Defeat

Congress, both House and Senate, toresumed debate on the Administraarmy selection bill.

The President's lieutenants claim the rsion of many former opponents to neasure, and it is generally conceded easure will pass both houses easily. raday is set for the balloting, aligh debate in the lower house may y the vote there until late in the or until Friday.

Champ Clark, Speaker of the House, unced that under no consideration ald he vote for the selective draft. La Follette, pacifist and one of the

liful twelve," introduced an amendwhich would exempt "most everyfrom military draft. It is not bed this amendment will gain any conble attention.

A FOLLETTE'S EASY ROAD TO U. S. "SLACKERDOM"

WASHINGTON, April 24. La Follette, leading pacifist of Senate, broke into the consideration of army selection measure this afternoon th an amendment radically extending the ns from military service provided ent expressed doubt whether the Pollette exemptions would leave any for the army.

he La Follette amendment would create local tribunal in each congressional disct, an appeal tribunal in each State and a tral tribunal for the nation to regulate acceptance of recruits. The tribunals id consist of five members each and sould be appointed by the President.

LA FOLLETTE'S EXEMPTIONS The local tribunals would have authority

eject recruits on four grounds: That is is expedient in the interest the nation that the applicant instead of being employed in the military serv-te be engaged in other work in which e is habitually employed or in which wishes to be engaged, or if he is being educated or trained for any work in which he should continue to be edu-cated if trained.

That serious hardship should ensue

ting to his exceptional financial or his exceptional financial or hismess obligation or domestic position. Ill health or infirmity. Conscientious objection to war.

Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the scrive draft bill, told the Senate he had sided to make no effort to curb debate. would allow discussion to proceed with-

FOR DRAFT BILL President Marshall this afternoon fore the Senate a telegram from the

Senate announcing that it had a resolution indorsing the selective

Senator Martin, of Virginia, the ma-city leader, had read into the records a ultion in favor of the selective draft bill had by the faculty of the University of Trinia, at Charlottesville. Jefferson's

The Senate is conducting the preliminary simish to be followed by a vote on the Mc-

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THE WEATHER

Philadelphia and vicinity-Genidy and continued cool tonight dinceday; fresh northerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY .6:10 a.m. | Moon seis. .10:21 p.ts. .6:47 p.m. | Moon souths. 2:48 p.m.

BRITISH FORGE ON IN FRANCE; NEW GERMAN DASH AT RIGA; ITALIANS MOVE ON THE CARSO FOR TOMORROW

Haig Advances on Cambrai-St. Quentin Defenses and Queant-Drocourt Line. French Crush Assaults-Italians Launch Offensive

German Fleet, Accompanied by Transports, Off to Land Troops in Rear of Russian Armies for Drive on Petrograd - Alexieff Prepares to Thwart Offensive

BERLIN, April 24. "England's might has suffered heavy, sanguinary defeat through the foresight of German headquarters and the tenacious desire of our brave troops for victory," declared today's official statement, "The army will face new battles with complete confidence."

Indications that the war is developing into three big offensives are contained in today's war dispatches.

The onslaughts include the Allied drive in the west, a German drive on Petrograd, long contemplated by Von Hindenburg, and an Italian drive on the Carso plateau.

British troops are pushing their offensive against the Cambrai-St. Quentin line, and the Queant-Drocourt line beyond, with an intensity yet unequaled in the war. They have advanced to the east of Monchy-le-Preux, to the south of the Bapaume-Cambrai road, and have reached the St. Quentin Canal in the neighborhood of Vendhuile.

The French have beaten back a number of violent counter-attacks on their positions, from St. Quentin to the Oise. Artillery and infantry struggles are reported in the Hurtebuise and Craonne regions, near Rheims and in the

Germany has evidently launched her drive on the East front, with Petrograd as the objective. The progress of a large number of German warships and transports toward Riga is reported. The object of the Germans is to land troops in the rear of the Russian troops on the Dvina and begin a march on the Russian capital. General Alexieff, the Russian commander-in-chief, is preparing to resist the German drive.

Reports from the Italian front point to the beginning of an Italian drive against the Austrian lines of the Carso plateau, which protect Trieste. It is quite possible that the beginning of the Italian offensive on the Carso is the direct outcome of the recent conferences held in the French province of Savoy, between the Premiers of England, France and Italy.

report follows:

GERMANS OPEN LAND AND SEA ATTACK; AIM TO REACH PETROGRAD

LONDON, April 24. All indications today were that Germany has opened her spring campaign against Russia. Military experts predict that Von Hindenburg will launch a combined land, sea and air attack in a gigantic effort to cut off the Russian armies from Petrograd and their main base of supplies.

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Dispatches reporting the presence of a German transport fleet in the Baltic, convoyed by warships, were followed today by advices stating that there is increasing activity all along the Dyina River, especially in the sector south of Riga.

The Germans were said to be attacking the converse of the co and Russian airmen reported huge con-

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U. S. AND ALLIES PLAN WAR TALK

French Envoys Safely Here. Great Council in Washington

OFFICIALLY WELCOMED

WASHINGTON, April 24. The greatest war conference in the history of the world will meet for real work in Washington Wednesday.

All social festivities over, representative statesmen from England, France and America will settle down to the grim task of bringing to an end the battle against Prussianism.

The French commission, "safely landed," will arrive here tomorrow, it has been officially announced. Formal welcoming dinners and receptions will be tendered them as those from England-and then work will begin.

The mission will come on the Presi dent's yacht Mayflower, which will land the party at the navy yard in the morning.

WASHINGTON, April 24. The members of the French mission to the nited States, headed by former Premier Viviani, will arrive in Washington tomorrow morning, it was officially announced at the State Department this afternoon, The State Department announcement read:

The Department of State is advised that the French mission will arrive in Washington tomorrow morning. The exact time and place of arrival will be announced later.

.The arrival of the mission at a United States port was announced by Secretary Lansing this morning.

The members of the French mission are M. Viviani, former Premier of France M. Viviani, former Premier of France; Marshal Joffre, Vice Admiral Cochreprat. senior Vice Admiral of the French navy; Marquis De Chambrun, member of the Chamber of Deputies, attached to the mission; M. Simon, Inspector of Finance; M. Hovelacque, Inspector General of Public Instruction.

The staff of Marshal Joffre follows: Lieutenant Colonel Fabry, chief of staff; Lieutenant Colonel Redmond, artillery gen-eral headquarters; Major Requin, of the Ministry of War; Lieutenant de Tesan, of the Tenth Army; Major Dreyfus, medical

WELCOMED BY OFFICIALS The mission was met at the port of arrival and officially welcomed to the United States by high officials of the American Government. Breckenridge Long, the Third Assistant Secretary of State, who welco the British mission, represented the De-partment of State in the welcoming party. The War Department was represented by Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Rooseveit extended a welcome on behalf of the American navy. Besides General Scott, the army was rep-resented by Lieutenant Colonel Spencer Crosby, Ma'er Fox Conner and Captain Philip Sheridan. Rear Admiral Harry McL. Huse represented the enlisted personnel of

Fx-Premier Viviani, head of the French commission, is a Radical-Socialist and a for-mer Premier, former Minister of Labor and

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LATEST SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES BROOKLYN Postponed

PHILLIES Wet Grounds

WASHI'GT'N 1 6 0 0 0 0 1 Myers, E. Johnson and Schang, Haley; Shaw and Ainsmith.

WASHINGTON SENDS A'S AWAY WITH DEFE'T

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Strunk, cf	1	1	3	0)	Rice, rf	3	0	2	1.	0
Thrasher, rf	0	1	0	0	0	Smith, If	0	1	1	2	1
McInnis, 1b	0	2	3	1	0	Leonard,3b	1	0	0		1
Bates, 3b	1	0	2	1	8	Crane, ss	1	1	5	3	0
Schang, c	0	. 0)	0	1	Ainsmith, c	1	0	1	0	1
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CHICAGO 0 0 0 0 0 0 Covaleskie and O'Neill; Scott and Schalle.

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OTHER SCORES

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WORKMAN KILLED BODIE CLEANS BASES ON SINGLE IN SEVENTH BY FALLING WALL

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Smith's Error Enables A's to Two Seriously Injured When Bricks Bury Them With the Griffs in Cellar

CRASH WITHOUT WARNING

One workman was instantly killed and two were seriously injured today when a crowd was less than 700, but they were brick wall, near which they were working full of pep. in a cellar excavation at 338-40-42 North Front street, collapsing and buried them.

years old. 423 Montrose street, bruised knee and hip and possible internal injuries; Joseph Mutch, thirty years old. 613 Pemberton street, concussion of the brain and broken ribs.

ribs.

The man killed was Philip Maroni, forty years old, of 723 South Marshall street. He was pronounced dead at the Rooseveit Hospital. He leaves a widow and six children.

dren.

The section of wall which collapsed was about fifteen feet high and thirty feet in length. The men were digging in the north end of the cellar excavation. Maroni, who was digging nearest the wall, was buried by the falling bricks. The other two men were further from the line of the wall and were only partly buried.

were further from the line of the wall and were only partly buried.

The operation was in charge of a contractor, Barrazi. Several other men were working in the excavation. These, with Patroiman Duffy, of the Third street and Patroiman Duffy, of the Third street and Fairmount avenue station, and Traffic Policeman McGuire rushed to the buried men. They easily extricated the two injured men, but Maroni was dead when they uncovered him.

Howard Elliott Quits New Haven NEW YORK, April 24.—Howard Elliott's resignation as president of the New York. New Haven and Hartford Railway was accepted at a meeting of the board of directors today. It will become effective to the control of the

Tighten Long Ball Game

BRITISH TAKE TWO MORE

VILLAGES; WIN EAST OF

LONDON, April 24. Field Marshal Haig gained more ground in the resumed British offensive today. His

We made further progress to the

east of Monchy-le-Preux and Roeux. To the south of the Bapaume-Cambrai

road we gained ground on a wide front. To the east of Epehy we reached the

Villers Plouich and Beaucamp

Quentin Canal, in the neighborhood

We also captured the villages of

There was severe fighting yesterday evening and at intervals during the night along the whole front. At Croisilles and north of Gavrelle the enemy constantly repeated unsuccessful

MONCHY AND EPEHY

AMERICAN LEAGUE PARK, Washington, April 24.

Under lowering skies the Mackmen and the Griffmen clashed this afternoon in their last game of the series here. The

Connie sent Elmer Myers to the mound, opposing Jim Shaw, the Pittsburg wild-

Each team scored in its first inning.
Witt walked stole and came through on
an infield out. After singling, Judge went
up on a sacrifice, reached third on a single
by Milan and scored on Schang's throw to
second, when he imagined Milan was steal-FIRST INNING

Witt walked and stole. Grover sacrificed,

Witt walked and stole. Grover sacrificed, Shaw to Judge, Witt going to third. Bodie died, Crane to Judge, Witt scoring. Strunk singled to center, and went to second on a passed bail. Shaw threw out Thrasher. One run, one hit, one error.

Judge singled to center. Foster sacrificed, Myers to McInnis. Milan singled over Witt's head, Judge stopping at third. Rice fouled to Gates. On a wild throw by Schang to sacond Judge scored and Milan went to second. Smith out, McInnis to Myers. One run, two hits, one effor. SECOND INNING

McInnis singled to right. Bates flied to Rice. Schang walked. Myers flied to Rice and Schang died at second, Rice to Leonard to Crane. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Leonard walked. Crune beat out a slow roller to Witt. Ainsmith hit to Myers and Leonard beat his throw to third, filling the bases. Shaw fouled to Bates. Judge tripled to right center clearing the bases and scoring Leonard, Crane and Alnamith. Poster hit in front of the piate and Schang failed to get Judge before he touched the rubbes.

SUES TO RECOVER CAPTIVE GIRL-WIFE

G. W. Bergner, Rich Brewer, Accused of Holding Daughter at Ritz

SEQUEL TO ELOPEMENT

Gustay William Berguer, millionaire brewer, kidnapped his daughter Jean and is holding her a prisoner in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel to keep her away from R. Bertrom Bew. her nineteen-year-old husband-that is the charge made by young Bew, who this afternoon obtained a writ of habeas corpus for his girlwife from Judge Bregy in the Quarter Sessions Court.
The rich brewer and his family, it is al-

leged, objected to young Bew, although the latter is wealthy also.

Last October Bew and the beautiful Miss Last October Bew and the beautiful Miss Bergner scored a victory over the girl's angry parents by eloping and marrying and getting out of Pennsylvania before detectives could halt them. But Mr. Bergner was revenged by spiriting his daughter away, according to the young husband's charges. The writ he got from court orders his father-in-law to surrender his giri-wife to him and to tell why he deprived her of liberty.

liberty.

Young Mrs. R. Bertron Bew is guarded by a patrol of servants, her husband as-

to see her, inquirers were told that "Mrs. Bew cannot bed isturbed. Any mesage will be taken to her. But she cannot be

will be taken to her. But she cannot be seen."

Bergner is president of the Bergner & Engel Brewing Company. Bew is a son of James W. Bew. president of the Ventnor City National Bank, of Ventnor, N. J. Bew. Sr., also was founder of Avalon and other New Jersey coast resorts.

At Avaion the first scenes of the dramatic romance were laid. The Bews and Bergners were neighbors there, but the two families were never friendly. They moved in different circles of society.

Consequently, when a friendship sprang up between Jean Bergner, one of the most

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fifth Havre de Grace race, 4-year-olds and up, 1 mile and 70 yerds
-Ocean Prince, 112, Johnson, \$15.00, \$6.50, \$4.80. won: Richard
Langdon, 103, Williams, \$11.30, \$7.30, second; Brickley, 116. W. Collins, \$7.40, third. Time, 1.47 1-5.

BOB SIMPSON MAY NOT BE IN RELAYS

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 24.-The University of Missouri will have no representatives in the big track meet at Philadelphia next Saturday. This decision was reached today when it was learned that finances of the Tiger school would not permit the long trip to the

HOHENZOLLERNS URGED KAISER TO ABDICATE

PARIS, April 24.—At a council of the Hohenzollern family, shortly after the entrance of the United States into the war, the Kaiser was advised to obdicate, according to a dispatch from Rosse, today, which quoted the Italian newspaper Carriere d'Italia as its authority.

PHILADELPHIA REFORM BILL DEFEATED
HARRISBURG, Pa., April 14.—The Educe of Representatives defeathe Philadelphia charter revision reform Bila. The Bayer, Mil. 200

WILSON SIGNS GIGANTIC WAR **FUND MEASURE**

Americans Grab \$200,-000,000 Worth of \$7,-000,000,000 Issue

M'ADOO ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR SELLING

Moneys to Be Raised at Once and Allies to Be Supplied Soon

CUNLIFFE MAY GET PEN

BUYING U.S. BONDS

Many financial institutions have advertised in the Evening Ledger their readiness to accept and handle subscriptions to the new bond issues

of the United States free of charge. Persons who desire to purchase these bonds, and who, being unacquainted with bankers or banking methods, prefer to make their subscriptions in some other manner, may apply to the Evening Ledger, 600 Chestnut street, which will accept applications and see that they are placed in the hands of reputable financial institutions.

WASHINGTON, April 24. President Wilson created the biggest war chest in history shortly before noon today when he signed the bill authorizing the raising of \$7,000,000,000 to defray America's expenses in entering the world war and to aid her allies

No formality attended the President's action. He received the bill at the White House, and in the seclusion of his study read and signed it. The pen used by the President will be

Adoo, who may give it to Lord Cunliffe, of the British commission. America's allies will not have to wait until her \$5,000,000,000 war bonds are sold—possibly two or three months—for financial aid.

presented to Secretary of the Treasury Mc-

Treasury certificates, in addition to the \$200,000,000 worth already sold, will be floated to meet any pressing money demands of the Entente, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo announced today.

At the same time he announced that \$50,-000,000 of certificates further had been authorized today and are already sold. The Secretary may issue certificates up to \$2,000,000,000 worth—of one year's maturity or less—under the bond bill.

The Secretary said that as a preparatory step to floating the big loan he considered it desirable that the member banks of the

Federal Reserve system possess themselves of these short-term Government securities. These certificates of indebtedness, he said. will be received in payment of the first installment of the war loan when it is issued.

Mr. McAdoo explained that he will offer through the Federal Reserve banks further amounts of these certificates when it may appear desirable, in order to give all banks of the country an opportunity to prepare themselves for the coming bond issue and "to meet any demands of the foreign belligerents with whom we are making common cause that may arise before the bonds can

be sold."

He said that the subscriptions received by the Federal Reserve banks indicated a keen interest on the part of the banks, particularly the country banks, in the loan. Many country banks have not yet been able to send in their applications.

NEW WAR MEASURES IN STATE LEGISLATURE

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, April 24. Two "war measures" were introduced in the Legislature today by Representative J. W. Swartz of Dauphin County.
One would permit corporations in Pennsylvania to invest in the Federal war bonds. The other provides for a police system for the express companies operating in the

The bill giving the corporations the power to invest their surplus reads that "all corporations incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania may invest all or any part of their surplus funds in the bonds of the United States Government issued for

REICHSTAG CONVENES AMID TENSE INTEREST

Committee on Constitutional Reform Expected to Report. Censorship Tightens Grips

THE HAGUE, April 24. Today was the date set for reason of the German Reichstag after its East

of the German Reichstag after its E recess, and dispatches from Barlin cated the liveliest interest in the fooming session.

The committee of twenty-eight, appoint the main committee of the Reichstreport on a method of constitutional regranting an increase in the freightee rewas expected to make a preliminary every shortly.

Imperial Chancellor you Bethniamyweg may also outline constitutions forms, as per directions insued to him Kalser's Easter rescript.

There was a perceptible tightee the committee and Socialist activities for the strike and Socialist activities.