

REAT BATTLE RAGING **ON SCARPE FRONT**

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS TH THE BRITISH FORCES IN THE FIELD May 16

expite determined resistance the British today regained nearly all the ground llecourt which they lost vesterday and established new posts to the west of the

Bitter fighting is still in progress as this patched.

The Germans are striving to the utmost their power to retain the initiative of tion on that part of the front where the mish pressure is increasingly threatening

Early today the enemy started a heavy se fire along the British front posirom the Scarpe north to the railway ing from Arras to Doual—a distance of y a mile. The hall of Teutonic pro-es rattled away for an hour and then

Bast of Bullecourt, near the Hindenburg some Germans, including an officer, captured.

LONDON, May 16. British forces are steadily gaining around Bullecourt and north of the Scarpe. The thing is continuing with unabated vio-moe, Field Marshal Haig reported today. "In the western portion of Bullecourt the biling continued next of Bullecourt the ating continued yesterday to our advan ted. "To the north of the Scarpe fighting, we are progressing."

PARIS, May 16.—A tremendous German suck on a front of two and a half miles ween Moulin and Lafaux early this sching was repulsed by French troops, the scal statement announced today. The al statement announced today. of the official statement follows:

Along the Aisne there was an artillery attie during the night. Early this morn-Attack on a front of four kilometers in the Germans launched a powerful stack on a front of four kilometers in the region of Moulin and Laffaux. De-pate their efforts the French held all their stations. The battle is still continuing. At Auberive, Avocourt and Berry-en-top German attacks also failed. In Hault Almos the French cleared up

In Hauit Alsace the French cleared up forman trenches, imprisoning many.

Americans Now War Aviators ARIS, May 16 .- C. H. Dolan, of Boston H. S. Jones, of Hartford, Conn., qualias military aviators today and joined Lafayette Escadrille.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair toand Thursday; moderate temperanight; somewhat warmer Thursttle variable winds.

LENGTH OF DAY AWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET an Bill a.m. Low water ... 4:44 p.m.

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mittee it would be initiative.

"I desire to say that I believe any patriotic Pennsylvanian would have appreciated, as I did, the splendid motive by which Mr. Stotesbury was actuated. I was not in a

position, however, to give official cognizance of his offer and neither he nor Mr. George Wharton Pepper, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, as well as of its executive committee, has over mentioned the subject to me since, although I have talked with

them both since the matter was broached by Mr. Stotesbury. NOT THE SLIGHTEST FRICTION

"When the other members of the State Public Safety and Defense Committee met Public Safety and Defense Committee met in my office yesterday—Lieutenant Governor McClain, Adjutant General Stewart, State Treasurer Kephart and Auditor General Snyder—there was not the slightest friction ainong us, only the most complete concord and understanding. "I understand that through the kind of the Stateshere, 125 Gao was ad-

offices of Mr. Stotesbury, \$25,000 was ad-vanced by Drexel & Co. to the Public Safety Commission, but it was done without my knowledge or authorization, and as for the second \$25,000 which I am now in-formed was advanced. I really had no

revious knowledge of it. "Right now, I want the people of Penn-sylvania to understand that I would be

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GOVERNOR SIGNS STERN BILL; IS TRANSIT VICTORY

Measure, Now a Law, Validates \$114,000,000 Loan Approved Last Year

Philadelphia's efforts to get modern tran-sit and port facilities won a signal victory this afternoon when Governor Brumbaugh signed the Stern bill, which validates the \$114,000,000 loan approved at last year's election. Of the amount approved by the election and sustained by the Stern act, \$67,100,000 will be devoted to port and transit development.

soft 100,000 with the development. The Governor's approval virtually knocks out the Fluck suit to hold up con-struction of the subway and elevated sys-Gardner's resignation, read from the Speaker's chair, follows: Hon. Champ Clark, Speaker, House of Representatives. My, Dear Sir: Having been ordered on active duty as a reserve officer of the United States army, I have the honor to state that I have this day transmitted to the Gov-ernor of Massachusetts my resignation as a Representative in Congress. AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER Gardner issued the following statement

The Satra bill, now a law, validates the The Satrn bill, now a law, validates the election and places statutory approval upon the expenditure of the loan. It was parsed by the House on April 25, by a vote of 188 to 0, and then won in the Senate. Representative Hecht, who represents Mayor Smith's district. In Philadelphia, spoke in support of the bill the author of which, Representative Stern, is a McNichol

man. The law eliminates any question as to the legality of the loan which may have been raised by the Fluck suit or may be raised by similar court proceedings in the

Injured at Party, Dies in Hospital

Injured at Party, Dies in Hospital Louis Maueser, of 2546 North Howard street, died today at the Fpiscopal Hospital as a result of injuries received at a party given at the apartments of Cornelius Lough-rey, 2515 North Second street. A fight oc-curred at the party, accurding to the police. Mauser being struck on the head with a bottle. Loughery and his wife, Margaret, was crossed and be block bell for

Massachusetts Man First Mem-

ber of Congress to Offer Services as Soldier

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WASHINGTON, May 16.

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER

Representative August P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, prominent preparedness ad-vocate, is the first member of Congress to offer his services to the United States as

a soldier. His resignation from Congres

was announced today. Representative Gard-ner is a member of the officers' reserve

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stitutional committee of the Reichstag. Philip Scheldemann, leader of the ma

Jority Socialists in the Reichstag, in presenting the Socialists' peace interpellation to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, threatened the Chancellor with a revolution if Germany should insist upon a policy of conquest. Scheide mann's attitude is particularly significant since he represents that large part of the German social democracy which had hitherto co-operated with the government in the prosecution of the war.

CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH LONG AND INDEFINITE

BERLIN, May 16. The refusal of Doctor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Chancellor, to outline Ger-

many's peace terms to the Reichstag was both attacked and praised by German newspapers today. Radical newspapers, representing the So

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GERMAN ASKS PERMIT TO ENTER OWN PLANT

Adalbert Fischer, Accused in Smuggling Plot, Says He Makes U. S. Supplies

Adalbert Fischer, the German arrested last February in connection with the alleged plot to smuggle chronometers from the interned German raiders at League Island and who was held in \$10,000 bail, applied today in the United States Marshal's office for an alien's permit to live or pass within the one-half mile "war" limit set by Fed eral authorities.

Fischer is president of Schutte Koerting

Fischer is president of Schutte. Koerting & Co., at Tweifth and Thompson streets, which manufactures condensers and other articles used in the building of United States battleships. His own place of busi-ness, he believes, is included in the list of munition factories and plants building war supplies from which allens will be barred in the near future without a special permit. The war zone around such plants is to be established as the result of President Wil-son's proclamation. on's proclamation.

Two members of the Schutte firm vouched for Fischer. They were Daniel W. Hildreth, of 2037 North Elgith street, and John Charles Sylvester, of 1346 North Park ave-nue. Fischer gave his address as 6904

The application wenue. The application will be submitted to Francis Fisher Kane. United States District Attorney, and to officials of the bureau of the Department of Justice.

Two Aviators Hurt in Fall

Gardner issued the following statement on his resignation: I qualified for a colonel in the ad-jutant general's department about a year ago and a commission was issued me on February 14 of this year. Yesterday I received an order placing me on active duty and directing me to report to Charleston. S. C., on May 24. Under the Constitution of the United States I am obliged to take my choice between remaining in Congress and proceeding to active duty. On the whole, it seemed wiser to do the latter. Gardner was a colonel in the old of-ficers' reserve corps, retained as a part of the military establishment under the Hay national defense act, passed by the last Two Aviators nurt in Fall NEWPORT NEWS, Va., May 16.—Two army aviators, one a student and one an instructor at the Curtiss Aviation School here, were seriously injured just before soon today when their aeropiane stalled in midair and dropped seventy-five feet into the space River.

reported at any other time this month

TROOPS AND POLICE FIGHT URUGUAY STRIKERS

Special cable services of United Press and Evening Ledger BUENOS AIRES, May 16.—Rioting with general street fighting between large forces of police and strikers, in which many were killed, was reported from Montevideo, Uruguay, today as the result of a general strike of 5000 employes of American packing houses there. Exact details were not available. Dispatches said, however, that troops had been called out and scattered fighting was in progress in several sections.

WILSON URGES SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 16 .- President Wilson has written Chairman Pou, of the House Committee on Committees, urging appointment of a special committee on woman suffrage. Woman suffrage workers have fought for years for appointment of such a body.

GUARDSMAN SHOT BY COMRADE NEAR DEATH

Oscar C. Moser, private of Company D. First Regiment National Guard, who was hot in the head accidentally by Corporal Carl F. Hines, of the same regiment, on "high bridge," was reported as dying this morning. It is thought that he probably will not be able to live through the day. His mother and other members of his family spent virtually the whole night at his bedside in St. Timothy's Hospital. Hines was placed under arrest in the regiment armory.

U-BOATS DISGUISED AS LIFEBOATS LURE SHIPS

LONDON, May 16 .- German submarine sailors have devised the trick of disguising their craft as lifeboats, says a dispatch from Christiania to the Times today. Passengers arriving at Norwegian ports revealed this new phase of deepwater warfare. They added that submarines often sent up rockets of distres to lure ships to their doom.

BLAST PLOT WRECKS

PIER NEAR SOO CANAL

Four Killed and Three Fatally

Injured on Damaged U. S.

Government Property

\$100,000,000 LOAN MADE TO RUSSIA

Intended to Assure Continuance of New Republic in War to the End

were made Russia's continuation in the way on the side of the Allies was assured. The Russian government fully understood that the loan was made contingent on her re-jecting all German offers of a separate

The locks, which are vital to the trans-periation system of the country, apparently were not domaged to any material extent by the explosion. Millions of ioms of grains and eres are sent through the locks an-

ider his resignation. Similar efforts are being made in the cases of Generals Brussiloff, Gurko and Korniloff, who have also asked to be relieved of their duties.

The resignation of Professor Millukoff the man against whom the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies has directed its most bitter attacks because of his note of May 1 addressed to the Allies, wherein he pledged Russla to continue the war to a "victorious end" and reaffirmed all the old treaties of the Czar without revealing the details of the documents, has, however, failed to appease the council. Following its agreements to enter into a coalition government, the council has refused to follow the decision because the Provisional Government has declined to accept its policy of "no annexations and no indemnities."

As a result, the Russian situation remains unsettled, with the Provisional Government disorganized and unable to present a solid front. A saving feature of the situation is the joint effort being made by the Government and the council to halt the disorganization of the army by appeals to the men and their commanders.

MILIUKOFF RESIGNS: SHAKE-UP RESULTS

PETROGRAD, May 16. Professor Paul N. Miliukoff, the "strong man" of the provisional government, has resigned as foreign minister because of the interference of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies with Russia's foreign

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PRESIDENT WILSON ALMOST A BILLIONAIRE

Congress to Vote Him \$865,252,-500, to Be Spent "at His Discretion"

WASHINGTON, May 16.

President Wilson is almost a billionaire

as a result of the war. When the urgent deficiency bill pusses, Congress will have voted the President \$65,252,500 to be expended "at his disretio

Here is how the allotments have been ade:

made: For miscellaneous office expenses. For neifer and protection of Amer-ican citisens in Europe for national security and defense. For purchase of nitrates and other forfluers. \$2.504 100,000,000

thase of nitrates and 10.000. ration of ships

WASHINGTON, May 16 .- A treasury SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., May 16. warrant for one hundred million dollars-Four men were killed and three fatally America's first loan to the new Russian reinjured here today when an explosion dam public-was turned over by Secretary of the aged the Government pier near the Soo Treasury McAdoo to C. Onou, charge of locks. Preliminary investigation indicated the Russian embassy here, shortly after the explosion was an effort by plotters to the Russian today. The consummation of the loan came at the end of a long series of conferences ba-tween Secretary McAdoo and Russian dip-lomatic officials. During these conferences, it was learned today, the United States was assured if the hundred million-dollar loan wave made Russia's confinuation in the wave destroy the locks, which have been under guard of Michigan National Guardsmen for everal weeks The dead : MORTIMER COOK. a toast guard employe. JOHN SMITH, a teamster TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEN, one a sailor. The explosion rocked the entire city and caused considerable damage to the State fish hatchery nearby. Unexploded dynamite caps were found on the pier after the explosion. Major Wilson, in charge of the Second Battalion, Thirty-third Regiment, Michigan National Guard, threw a cordon of troops about the pier, while Federal, State and city authorities started an investigation. The locks, which are vital to the fearer.

peace. The turning over of the treasury warrant to Mr. Onou was witnessed by Counselor Polk, of the State Department, and As-sistant Secretary of the Treasury Crosby. It is a short time loan to be converted later into longer term bonds. The loan is made at 2 per cent.

The Root mission, now ready to depart in for Petrograd, will have much to say in the spending of the American loan by the Russian government. A large part of the money will be spent for relived surplus