TO FINISH WAR

America Essential

to Peace

So snoke Lord Burby: England's Secre

tary of State for War-Kitchener's suc

esser today. And then he added emphat-

"The higger the blow America is able to deliver - the sooner she delivers it-

nieker will the war end and the new order

America has a bug must to play in this

struggle to abeliah the world menace of

militarism. America must strike hard. We

AMERICA THE ABBITER

Here the British war head suddenly

pained awars about in his chair, faced the blank wall of his office, and reiterated as bough seeking to project his thought across

"Germany has reached—if not passed—the crest of her military strength. She knows that every day she is weaker by an

many men. She is ready to quit-on her own terms.

READY FOR LONG FIGHT

the future,

fight. Lord Kitchener, sitting in this very chair, said it would be a long war. Not until the English people felt themselves exerting

their full strength did thry realize how

delayed! Sitchener's measure comes to Americans afresh. I hope they get that

It was late in the evening on Thursday that I first talked with Lord Derby. The

room was slawly darkening. The War Secretary, as he spoke these last words, paused and sincelly. His face and form were half hidden. In the haze

of tobacco smoke and single of the room it was easy for the longitudion to conjure up the pleeting gray even of the ellent "man who linest". Kitchener. who, sitting at the

FLAMES SWEEP BIG

Confluent on Page Ten. Column One

EXPLOSIVES FACTORY

Thousands of Tons of Chloro-

Benzol Explode With Deafen-

ing Detonations-Million Loss

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. May IN.
The plant of the National Electrolytic Commany burst into Rames but this afternoon. The plant is in the lower canal busin in the heart of the million district, and several thousand took of chiano-hogol, used extensively in the manufacture of exfluidos, are soured in the plant.

This etermical stored in small drums, boston explication soon after the fire started, and the detocutions could be heard for miles around. They rame in series of a dozon nod more so fast they could not be

The estimated loss on to the present writ-ing is about \$1,000,000.

WANTS TO FIGHT FOR U.S.

General Lee Christmas, Soldier of For-

tune, Offers Sword to America

WASHINGTON, May 18.—General Lee Christmas, famous "soldier of fortune," who has fought prabably in more revolutions in

living offered his services to President Wil-

non today.

General Christmas resigned a commission as inspector general of the Honduras arguy to offer his sword to the United States.

Another Gripping Page

of War Photographs

Many of them exclusive and all

Absolutely New

Will appear in

Tomorrow's

Evening Medger

"Max America's reulization not be so long

"She is ready to fight a long, long time

rid's democracy demands to safeguard

of things he assured.

hope she will strike quick?

P. R. T. OFFERS CITY NEW CONCESSIONS IN LEASE

STOTESBURY TO **QUIT COMPANY** IF LEASE FAILS

Financier and Associates Will Resign Unless City Ratifies

EXPOUND POSITION AT PUBLIC HEARING

Company Holds to Demand for 5 Per Cent on \$30,-000,000 Capital Stock

BALLARD MAKES PROFFER

Willing to Have City Equip Lines and Will Assume Fixed Charge of Bonds

E. T. Stotesbury said today that he and his associates in the management of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company would resign unless the city accepted the proposed ease of the new system of subway and elevated lines. He made this assertion this afternoon at a public transit hearing before Councils' Joint Committee on Finance and Street Rallways.

Th chairman of the P. R. T. executive committee held firmly to the company's demand for a guarantee of 5 per cent dividends on the \$30,000,000 capital stock of the company-a guarantee that would insure it \$1,580,000 a year above operating

TWO CONCESSIONS OFFERED Ellis Ames Ballard, chief counsel for the traction company, offered two concessions in the matter of the proposed lease of the new high-speed lines to the P. R. T. The concessions met two of the objections submitted by Transit Director Twining and Colonel Sheldon Potter, representing the

The company is willing, Mr. Ballard said. to have the city, instead of the company, equip the lines on a municipal bond issue. and, further, to assume as a fixed charge prior to the company's profits the interest and sinking fund charges on bonds floated for such purpose

Should this first concession be accepted, fr. Ballard stated, the transit company would be willing to modify the clause of the lease which at present permits the company to increase the fare above five cents, if at the end of any six-month period the gross revenue from the system is found to be in-adequate to meet all charges.

Chairman Gaffney, of the joint councilorder at 2:30 o'clock.

TAYLOR ADVISES STOCK BUYING A. Merritt Taylor, former Director of Transit, who was the first speaker, advised that the city buy, at once, P. R. T. stock at its present market value of \$20 a share He pointed but that the stock is paying 5 per cent dividends on a par valuation of \$50 a share, making a net income of 8 per Mr. Stotesbury's defiance to the commit-

tee men was presented in these words:
"If those speaking for the city feel for any reason this contract cannot be accepted and that a contract should be negotiated with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Com-pany on terms that may take away from em that return, I and my associates will resign from the management of the com-

The voting trust then will be dissolved. "The Rapid Transit stockholders through the new board of directors can negotiate a new contract with the city on such terms as may be agreed upon

STOTESBURY'S OUTLINE such event," Mr. Stotesbury cou-

which the city's high-speed lines present, but I would feel that the progress already made had justified my undertaking and the the failure to achieve a solution of these had justified my undertaking and that new problems was due to causes entirely beyond my control." Stotesbury declared that he sincerely

believed that the rapid transit company bad made a "most liberal proposition" to the city of Philadelphia. "As representing the stockholders of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company," be declared, "it seems to me that they ought

not to be asked to make further sacrifices

We have offered not only to give up our entire future, except as we may share to the extent of 10 per cent in the growth of the joint business, but to restrict ourselves to a 5 per cent dividend Jess than the legal rate of interest upon the money actually paid in upon this property, and scarcely more than half its earning power at the Mr. Taylor pointed out in his recommend-

ation that the city buy Rapid Transit Com-pany stock, that there is more than \$600,000 in the fund which has been established and to which regular contribution from the company's earnings (under terms

Continued on Page Seven, Column One

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Partly cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight Baturday fair; not much change in temperature; pentle variable winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises ... 4:42 a.m. Moon rises . 2:47 a.m. Bun sets ... 7:10 p.m. Moon souths 9:49 a.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES

High water 11:31 a.m. High water 11:38 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR 9 10 11 12 1 2 31 4 5 listroit in 16 183 01 01 08 731 70 77 77 70 Allheiten rale.

Clash of Opinions at Transit Hearing

STOTESBURY

1. The new transit system is meant to build up outlying sections of the city, as well as to ac-commodate the public.

2. It is a praisworthy manner 2. project, but not a business The burden should not be 3. The burden should not be placed on the P. R. T.'s shoul-

I sincerely think the company's proposition is liberal. If the city feels that it cannot If the city feels that it cannot be accepted, I and my associ-ates will resign from the P. R. T.

BALLARD

If the city wishes to equip the 1 . If the city wishes to have a new lines, the company will asa fixed charge the interest and sinking fund payments upon the city bonds issued for the equipment. If this is done, the company 2. If this is done, the company will rewrite the lease to vest in the Public Service Commission the determination of how fares

TAYLOR

Efficient transportation can 1. Efficient transported by welding together the new municipal system and the existing P. R. T. system.

2. The city should buy, at from the amortization fund that The city should buy, at once, now amounts to more than \$600,000, P. R. T. stock at its present market value of \$30. Par is \$50.

STATE GUARD GETS CALL FOR JULY 15

Second and Sixth Regiments Here Affected by Official Order

PHILA. BOYS READY

Word was received from Washington this fternoon that the Pennsylvania National Guard will be called into Federal service This means that the Second and Sixth Regiments, of Philadelphia, will probably

be among the first in the trenches in The militia division estimates that from ix weeks to two months of intensive train-

or will suffice to put the guard units in war The entire National Guard will be called nto service in three groups on July 15, 25 and August 5. The orders which will im-mediately mobilize the entire National Juard of the United States and which will into the regular service will be signed by President Wilson immediately after he af

fixes his signature to the draft bill. All increments that are not already in the

The orders to this effect have been sent to the adjutant generals of the various States by the militia branch of the War De-

Two thousand guardsmen of the Second Two thousand guardimen of the Second and Sixth Regiments are getting ready. Recruited up to full peace strength, the regiment has a waiting list of several hundred men who have pained physical tests and who will now be mustered in to raise the command to a war foating.

With six batteries of 125 men cuch, a sup-

ply company, a hospital corps and a head-quarters company, including a band, the regiment numbers 1100 men and officers.

regiment numbers 1100 men and officers. For war purposes the number will be increased to about 2000.

Other States called on July 15 are New York, Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, lowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska.

The following will be called on July 25:

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maskachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Illinois, Montana, Wydming, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, The following will be called on Annual S.

The following will be called on August 5: Indiana, Kentucky, Georgia, Alahama, Muselssippi, Arkanasa, Lodisiana, Oklahoma, Fexus, Missouri, Kansus, Colorado, New Mexico, California, Arizona, Utali.

Mexico, California, Arizona, Utab.

As has been pointed out by the War Department, the general plan which was agreed on at the recent conference of Governors was to bring the guard into active service to act as a first line while the regular army was being extended to war strength through the breaking up of estrain of its regimental units which were to be expanded into additional regiments. This will now be done. is will now be done.

Secretary Baker announced that all Navlong! Guard const artillery organizations till be drafted July 15.

The northeastern department will house the first national army division: the eastern department the second, third, fourth and lifth divisions; the southeastern department, the sixth, seventh and twelfth national army divisions, and the following National Guard divisions. Fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth; central depart, central depart. eventeenth, eighteenth; central depart-ment, eighth, plath, eleventh, thirteenth, fourteenth matlonal army division; south-ern department, fifteenth national army and the following National Guard: ; : Eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth; western department, sixteenth national army and nineteenth and twentieth National Guard.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN . IN BASEBALL TODAY

	NATI	ONAL	LEAGU	6	1
Club	Wen	Lost	P.C.	Win	Lose
Vew York	14	- 5	- 667	.682	,636
Phillies	34	. 9	.009	.625	.583
Se, Lauis	- 13	18	400	419	387
Boston	8	18	.381	.400	364
Brooklyn	1 Z	14	283	345	310
K-112 Million of	10 M		****	Take of	100.00
	AME	HCAN	LEAGE	No.	W HAR
Club	Won	Lost	708	220	Lase
Boston	14	- 9	.640	.654	.615
Chicago	200	122	.625	.636	.000
Cleveland	16	15	,516	143	466
St. Louis	11	12	407	1729	- 393
12 Weiningram	34	17	.ata	,292	.357

RETROACTIVE TAX RETAINED IN HOUSE U. S. BODY BLOW

Increase of a Third in 1916 Income Levy Survives Attacks

MEANS HUNDRED MILLION Asserts Full Force of

The House raday voted 125 to 54 to retain is the war revenue bill the pertion providing for a retenactive levy on incomes for the

for a retroactive beyon incomes for the year 1916. This section provides that in addition to the tax already paid on 1916 in comes the tax already paid on 1916 in amount already paid.

During a brief debate the retroactive feature was availed by Representatives Madden Cannon and others, but the House stood by the Ways and Means Committee. An amendment aftered by Representatives Dill, of Washington, requiring that all income tax returns shall be made public by the Treasury Department was defeated This completed the income tax rection and debate was begin on the excess profits section. After rejecting all proposed amendationals to this section the House approved the tax as recommended by the Ways and Means Committee. The hill carries an additional tax of 8 per sent on excess profits making the total levy under the new bill and the existing law 16 per cont.

"It is had enough. Madden said. "to make the income tax rates for this year extend back to January 1 instead of after the passage of the bill. That is an injustice, but the American people will stand some injustice in the present caregony. A most unheard-of proposition is that contained in this section which goes back to

the income tax which a man has already

paid for last year.

"The American people should have the feeling that their representatives are no least fair. They can have no confidence in their representatives if they are to indulge in retroactive legislation of this sort. Mr. Madden argued that the taxpuyer paid his 1918 tax in the belief that it ended the maxer and he adjusted his business. and s. Ags accordingly. The proposed legislation, he said, would deprive men of their savings and disarrange their busi-

ALEX STOPS THE CUBS' STREAK; PHILS WIN, 3-1

Bert Niehoff's Homer Helps the Great Break Up League Leader's Winning

Cubs Bear Beating

CHICAG	10					
	AB.	H.	и.	O.	1.	1
Zeider, 3h., as	4	0.	1	12	1	
Flack, rf.	4	0	0	-21	.01	
Doyle, 2b.	40	0	0	1	1	
Merkle, 1b.	4	in.	1	3		
Williams, ef.	33	0	0	H		
Mann, If,	3	11	1	71:	49	
William, C.	-2	10	0	2	1	
Deat, 3b.	.0	1	1	11	4	
Wortman, Sb	10:	W.	0	.0		
Douglass, p	1	0	11	11	19	. *
Prendergast, p		49	41	0	1	
*Woller	1	41	0	0	n	
+Reuther	31	0	41	0	43	
Demaree, p	0	0	0	0	1	
		_	_	-		

PHILLIES

	AB	R.	11	O.	Ai	T
Paskert, cf	4	41	1	1	0	
Bancraft, ss	1	10	0	48	4	- j
Sincha, Ab	71	4	10	12	19	- j
Cravath, rf	8	0	1	1	1	
Whitted, If	11	0	0	0	n	ij
Luderus, Ib	18	ii :	n	1.1	1	ı
Siehoff, 2b	9	1	4		13	- j
K Hefre e	22	0	1	ж	11	ij
Alexander, p	並	0	M	1	17	Ì
W. 1.11	-	-	-	=	7	-

Batted for Deal in eighth inning. thatted for Prendergast in eightle linning.
Home run-Nicholf. Sperifice hitsWhitted, Alexander, Cravath. Sperifice
fly-Nichoff. Struck out-fly Vlexander, 1: by Douglas, 1 in two innings; Prendergast, t. Bases on halls-Off Alexander, 1; off Douglas, I in two inning; Prendergast, 4, Double plays—Bancroft and Luderus, Stalen base—Bancroft, Wild pitch—Douglas, Umpires—Orth and Right.

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL PHILLIES BALL PARK, May 18.

Alexander-the great Alex-stopped the Cubs' running streak on their eleventh turn. and the Phillies woo the opening game of the series from the National League War strength of the National Guard is pacemetters. The final score was 5 to 1, thout 440,000. "Bill" Killefer was the feature batter |

of the day. He beat out a bunt, and also connected for a pair of other singles. "Kill" also played a fine defensive game-

nning, and by a quick throw to first Merkle

was doubled.

The Phillies get off into an early lead when Bert Nieheff wrapped his stell around one of Phil Douglan's curves in the second, and the half found a resting place in a fan's pocket in the center-flad bleachers, was left airanded on third when Paskert flied out.

The biggest week-day crowd of the season witnessed the sensational cubs in action, and also the Philis.

Alexander hurled for the Philles, and two bits one of which went to Deal on a mis-

its, one of which went to Deal on a misin the third, and the score was even up.

The Cubs had been wrangling with Umpire Orth for three innings when Douglas was chased from the game and Managor Mitchell also sent to the clubhouse.

FIRST INNING Zeider fouled to Killefer. Flack was called ont on strikes. Dovie fouled to Stock No runs, no hits, no errors.

Paskert went out to Merkie, unassisted.

Bancroft was safe when Doyle fumbled his
easy grounder. Stock filed to Mann. Bancroft stole second. Cravath walked. Whit-

Cauthage on Page Serpateen, Culumn Two

Pictorial Section

LATEST SPORTS

PHILLIES WIN OFENER FROM CHICAGO

0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 42 Benglas, Prendergast, Demarce and Wilson; Alexander and Killeter,

ATHLETICS. Postponed CLEVELAND. Rain

Tree and Mulat: Radelph and Gowdy, COLLYN 1 0 0 0 6 1 0 0 X-1 4 1

3 0 0 1 2 0 2 0 X-S S 1 is itsulut, Salice and McCarty.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

0 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 1-7 12 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0-3 61 Lorrange and Summander, their and Stanage

THE HALL DE 2 1 1 1 1 0 2 . LDUIS ____ 2 0 0 0 0 0 Horper and Henry: Plank and Severeid.

CHICAGO 0 3 2 0 6 3 0 0 X-8 15 2 I me be I Agnew; Russell and Schalk.

OTHER GAMES

"This war will not be over until the full weight of America has been thrown into the scales—her full weight," he emphasized.

Don't let America be misled. Germany's active propagation fight now is directed for the propagation of the letter way possible. Germany is throwing out the idea that the war's end is in sight. Germany would like GITH ACADEMY ... 7 G 0 1 0 0 0 1 EPISCOPAL ACAD. 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 2 1-8 6 5

> MORTHEAST I 1 0 0 3 0 1 0 0-6 9 4 WEST PHILA, H. ... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4-5 11 3

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fourth Windsor trees, handleap, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs-States Ruob, 105, Claver, \$10.00, \$4.10, \$2.90, won; Tiajan, 98, Scherver. 87,30, 83.80, second; Pauzareta, 132, Mott, 82.80, third. Time.

Their Windson race, 3-year-olds and up. 1 mile-Bogart, 114. Mall, 245,36,34,30, 83,20, won; Enterpe, 103, Smith, 80,70, 85,30, seron to Fronty Page, 105, Doyle, 87,40, third, Time, 1,43 4-5.

Truth Window three, claiming, 4 year-olds and up, 1 1-8 miles-Identic Park, 108, Gaugel, \$10.30, \$6.00, \$3.50, won; Flying Feet, 105, Conn. orb. 814.30, 87.20, second; Petit Bleu, 105, Molesworth, \$3.00, third. Time, 1.57 1-5.

fitta Louisville race, 1 mile 70 yards-Jovial, 89, Judy, \$14.90, \$3.00. \$3.00, won; Rapids, 105, Shillings, \$3.50, \$2.50, second; Sun Maid. 105, Louder, \$2.30, third. Time, 1.47 1-5.

Sixth Louisville race, 4.1-2 furlongs-Pinchurst, 104, Murphy, \$5.60, \$2.60, \$2.40, won; Pretty Baby, 107, Goose, \$2.50, \$2.20, second; Saza Namy, 105, Mechan, 82.60, third, Time, .55,

Sixth Jamaica race, maiden 2-year-olds, \$500, 5 furlongs-Em-112. O'Brien, 4 to 1, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, won; Lucullite, 115, Butwell, If to 5, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, second; Ultimathule, 115, Shuttinger, 3 to 1. 6 to 5, 3 to 5, third. Time: 1.01.

Seventh Windsor race, 2-year-olds, selling, 41-2 furlongs-Zudars, 105, Molesworth, \$50.50, \$26.10, \$11.46, wen; Gift, 107, Tay-101, \$25.10 \$15.80, record; Acis, 107, Claver, \$5.20, third. Time,

PHILADELPHIA GIRLS LEAD WELLESLEY "SOLDIERS"

Two Philadelphia girls are leading lights in the spirit of patriotism that has gripped Wellesley College. Miss Emma Barrett, of 2609 North Nineteenth atreet, has been chosen battalion chief of the 1000 students and members of the faculty who have enlisted for military drill. Miss Elizabeth Maris, of Lansdowne, has been chosen to lead the senior company, one of the six companies which comprises the battalion.

COL. GARDNER ASSIGNED TO GOVERNORS ISLAND

WASHINGTON, May 18.-Colonel Augustus 1'. Gardner, Adjutant General's Reserve Corps, who resigned his seat in Congress as Representative from Massachusetts to join the colors, was today assigned to active duly at Governors Island, N. Y. He originally stated he would be sent to the Southeastern Department.

GERMANS FIRE LENS; MAY QUIT PRESENT LINES

British Believe Teutons Are Preparing to Retreat

SEEK TO COVER MOVES BY FIERCE ATTACKS

Retirement to Douai-Cambrai Line Foreseen by Allies

ITALIANS DRIVE AHEAD

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, May 18.

Lens is being set affame. Fires and ex-plosions in France's "coal city" were plainly visible from the British lines throughout last night. The Germans plainly know the danger they are running now of a British aweep that will close the circle about the city and trap them there.

city and trap them there.

It is possible the destruction of buildings in Lens may indicate a withdrawal from the city. The same program of burning and blowing up of buildings has been followed by the Germans in every city and town they have execuated.

Rain for the last two days has turned the battlefield of dust little one of mud. There were only miner operations in progress early today. Around Bullecourt, just taken by the British, it was quiet.

North of the Scarpe the mud was so thick that there were no infantry operations reported carly today.

As this dispatch is filed a small action is in progress near Gayrelle, which is appar-

on the dispatch is the a small action in progress near Gavrelle, which is apparently going well for the British. No details are available yet.

One of the first aeroptanes of the day was bagged low over Gavrelle just before this action began. Machine-gun fire from the trenches brought the German down.

LONDON, May 18. Learning at terrible cost in men that the British and French hold on the Hindenburg outer line at Bullecourt and Craome cannot be shaken, Germany seems to be mailing ready for another "strategic retreat". The weather has been rainy, hampering hig operations, during the last two days, according to British front dispatches today. Field Marshal Haig's official report today bore out this indication of inactivity. He

"Northeast of Armentieres two hostile raiding parties were beaten off early in the No mention was made of further fighting at Bullecourt or chewhere on the Hinden-

burg line.
From the French front today came word that the enemy was adopting precisely the same tactics in "covering". In destroying fowns and villages and in transferring forces as those with preceded the other famous retrer of the Littlemburg line. In view of the latest British success achieved at Bullecourt, strengthening the present grip on the Hindenburg line, mil-itary experts here predicted a German retirement would probably be around the two pivots of the Hindenburg line—at Lens and Laon-possibly starting a complete

Dougi-Cambral permanent section of the long-prepared Hindenburg front Meanwhile the greatest interest outside of its own fighting front was centered here on the grout success which is attending the patches made the Italian victories of the last few days even more brilliant than the official statements have indicated. General Cadorna's forces were today reported a bare twelve miles from Trieste and advanc-ing hour by hour, while inflicting heavy louses on the enemy

PARIS May it + Persistent German attacks on the northeastern slope of the Craonne were repulsed by French grenade fire, today's official statement reported. In Champagne, the War Office said, there was considerable artillery activity. In Lor-raine French reconnoissances penetrated

ITALIANS TAKE ENTIRE AUSTRIAN STRONGHOLD TO THE EAST OF PLAVA

German lines.

ROME, May 18. The entire bastion cast of Playa, one of the most strongly fortified positions on the Austro-Hungarian front, has been captured by the Italians,
News of this important success was given
out by the War Office today.

Violent fighting has raged cast of Plava Continued on Page Eight, Column Three

German-Brazilians Loyal to Republic

German-Brazilians Loyal to Republic WASHINGTON, May 18.— Assurances that the Germans of south Brazil are for the main part loyal to Brazil were given the State Department Ioday by the Brazilian Ambassador Da Gama. His message pointed out that most of the Brazilians of German origin have voluntarily dec ared their fealty to Brazil and he expressly stated that my Government wishes me for rectify falsa reports and cudeavor to modify the current impression in the United States about the concern given us in south Brazil by Germans."

Will Your Friend at Fort Niagara Get TOT S

Evening Ledger He ought to and he will if you say the word. The subscription

price, delivered by mail, is 50c Per Month

A postcard addressed to Circulation Department or a t phone call (Walnut or Main 30 and the last edition of tods Eventso Lenges will be delive to your friend before break tomorrow morning. The bill t be mailed to you later.

Evening Ledger