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# CERMAN CHIEFS HURRY TO BIG WAR COUNCIL

# AISER CALLS POLITICAL AND

schaelis and Others Summoned to Conference at Grand Headquarters

TLL OUTLINE PROGRAM

posing Array of Advisers Expected to Review Empire's Policies

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 9. of the most important conferences in has been called by the Kaiser at

Michaelis has left Berlin for in response to a summons iser, reports received here today pating in the conference will be the

ry, governmental and diplomatic leadme attending furnish one of the most ing arrays of German leaders that come together since the outbreak of

the conference with the Kaiser will be the Crown Prince. Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of

termaster General von Ludendorff, burg's right-hand man. Michaelia. ter von Kuhlmann, the new Foreign

hancellor and Minister of Interior ren Stumm, permanent Secretary of

Foreign Office. bush it is believed the entire military of foreign policies of the empire are to be bushed and a definite program outlined. politics are becoming chaotic, aders and the factional press are ing the new Government, some for ason and some for another. Charges ounter-charges are coming from the mans, the Junkers, the Socialists, bemorats, Liberals and Clericals, nts of politics are coming to the be-the close advisers of the Kaiser are encouraging this domestic turmoil.

on for such action is that it ree attention of the people from the

## fers and the promises of constitu-forms and gives them a tangle of which lead in the end to nothing. S. TAKES UP WORK OF GIVING AID TO RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 fica's work toward rehabilitating is was taken up by officials today, wh re them the extensive reports and ce of the mission headed by Elihu Root. Details of the general report, which holds hopes for the future of Russia, are kept secret. Mr. Root believes nation regarding the mission's should come from President Wilson. white House today had not indicated on to make them public. Other bers of the commission, while refusing uss the report, are anxious that it be thed as quickly as possible, because believe it would be of great aid to the d States in understanding true condi-

#### URORA BOREALIS STOPS WIRE COMMUNICATIONS

ts Out of Commission Nine-Tenths of Telephone and Telegraph Facilties East of Chicago

EW YORK, Aug. 9 .- Nine-tenths of the sphone and telegraph facilities in the med States east of Chicago were out of n early today, it was stated here ds of the Western Union Telegraph The aurora borealis or earth's m was blamed.

about two hours, beginning at 11 m last night, the "earth currents," as hers call them, played hob with deatlon, trouble being reported from ar north as North Sydney, N. S. Newsers and press associations were seriously

#### SHORTEN, OF RED SOX, ENLISTS AS YEOMAN

on American Center Fielder Enrolls in Navy Service of Uncle

Sam Aug. 9 .- Charlie "Chick" orten, Red Sox center fielder, today en-led as a first-class yeoman at the Charles-

Guardsmen Fined at Reading

EADING, Pa., Aug. 9.—Celebrating the ing of their railroad bridge guarding here, eight members of Company p here, eight members of Company I First Pennsylvania infantry, of Phila-ibilia were arrested here on a charge disorderly conduct. They paid their amounting to \$6.15 each.

re of Peace at Irish Convention OUBLIN, Aug. 9.—The dove of peace a still among those present" when the home rule convention met again to-y. Sir Horace Plunkett, the permannt said there was an earnest desire all the delegates to arrive at a soluon of the home rule program at the earliest

## THE WEATHER

FORECAST Philadelphia and vicinity—Prob-thorers this afternoon or tonight, Priday parily cloudy; gentle north-

LENGTH OF DAY \*\*\* 5.05 a.m. | Moon rises. . . 10.28 p.m. . 7:06 p.m. | Moon souths . 5:20 a.m. CRESTNUT STREET

[138 a.m. | Low water. 128 p.m.

# WILL THEY DO SOMETHING OR WILL THEY "JUST TALK"?



The Kaiser has called a conference of his chief advisers at Grand Headquarters and the world is anxiously The Kaiser has called a conference of his chief advisers at Grand Headquarters and the world is anxiously awaiting the result of what may prove to be the most important meeting since the war began. Some critics believe that the German Emperor will make known his intentions for both internal and international peace. Others are equally certain the meeting is nothing more than a "get-together" of the new government. At the top, from left to right, are Dr. Ferdinand von Stumm, Permanent Secretary of the Foreign Office and formerly an attache at the German embassy at Washington; Doctor von Kuhlmann, the new Foreign Secretary; Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, and Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Chief of Staff. Below are Chancellor Michaelis, Quartermaster General von Ludendorff and Vice Chancellor Helfferich, Minister of the Interior.

## MAYOR CAUTIOUS ON PRICE OF GAS

Councils "at Proper Time" to Decide Whether Consumer Shall Pay Less

## POLITICIANS DODGE ISSUE

Mayor Smith said today that Councils "at the question of whether consumers would receive the benefit of a five-cent reduction in gas charges which will be brought about January 1, 1918, when the United Gas Im provement Company is under contract to re duce its price to the city from eighty cents to seventy-five cents per 1000 cubic feet.

"I appreciate," said the Mayor, "that this is a very important question, a question which should engage the attention of every thinking taxpayer, for it concerns the welfare of the city and the pocketbook. It is my purpose at the proper time to give the matter my fullest attention, and whatever stand I take shall be actuated only by a desire to better Philadelphia.

"At the present time there are many other matters demanding my attentionmatters of the utmost importance.

"The five-cent reduction in gas will no take effect until January 1, 1918, and we shall have plenty of time before that date to decide who shall receive the five cents. the consumer or the City Treasury. At the proper time, I imagine that Councils will ave a lot to say concerning the disposition of the five cents Joseph F. Gaffney, chairman of Council

nance Committee, intimated that he ought that the five-cent reduction should Finance go into the City Treasury.
"I have not considered the proposition,"
he said. "and therefore do not feel com-

petent to talk intelligently upon the subect at this time. can say this, however, and that is that because of the abnormal conditions brought about by the war, Philadelphia is

going to need every cent of revenue. The question of revenue is getting to be very serious, and promises to be more so as time

goes on."
Some of the city's leading politicians to-day showed a disposition to sidestep the issue. It was plain that they spotted po ical dynamite back of the five-cent-reduc-tion gas issue and do not care to commit themselves until they are absolutely cer-tain that a path has been blazed through political quagmires.

Asked what his stand would be on the

question of whether the five cents should question of the City Treasury or the consumer in the form of ninety-five-cent gas. State senator Vare said:

"I have not given the question any thought at this time. It is my purpose to, go over the ground carefully from every angle, and then give my opinion."

Interest on the part of thousands

Interest on the part of thousands of householders and taxpayers increased to-day as to the disposition of the five-cent reduction. The sentiment is growing rapidly in favor of giving the five cents to the consumer in the form of cheaper gas next January. Prevailing high prices and prospects of increases in the necessaries of life

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WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY



# FRENCH SMASH BUSH YIELDS TWO **ENEMY'S LINES** AT BIXSCHOOTE

Win Ground in Belgium While Guns Roar on Front Farther South

## HOT FIGHTING ON SERETH

As frequently happens on the eve of important events on the battle fronts, such as were forecast yesterday, the news today from both the west and east war zones is extremely meager.

On the west front new gains by the French to the northwest of Bixschoote, in Belgium, are reported by Field Marshal Haig. On the British front and on the Aisne the activity is still confined to heavy artillery operations and raids.

The most furious fighting on the east front is in progress in the Rumanian province of Moldavia, where Von Mackensen's advancing army is attempting to thrust the Russo-Rumanians back across the Sereth River. On the Galician frontier the Russians are continuing their new offensive in the Chattn sector, and in Bukowina their resistance has been greatly stiffened.

#### FRENCH PLUNGE AHEAD ON BELGIAN FRONT

LONDON, Aug. 9. While the British artillery pounded the defenses of the great German base at Lens in northern France, French troops pressed forward in Flanders during the night, gaining ground near Bixschoote, the

War Office announced today.
Northwest of Bixschoote the Germans were compelled to fall back before the French thrust. The attack was made in rainstorm and over a field deep and

slippery with mud.
(Bixschoote is five miles north of Ypres and lies immediately north of Steenstraate. It is near the Ypres-Staden railway.) North of Roeux an enemy party er ored to approach the British lines, but was

iriven off with losses by British fire. The artillery and airmen have been ac-tive in spite of the thick mist which has accompanied the renewal of the rain-storms over the west Flanders battlefield. Allied aviators, braving the elements and the high-angle guns of the Germans, have

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## OKLAHOMA RESISTERS PLACED IN DEATH CELLS

Officers Seek Evidence With Which to Squelch Anti-Draft Organization

McALESTER, OKLA., Aug. 9. Organizers of the "Working Class Union were placed in death cells in the State peni-tentiary today in the hope of scaring them into confessions which will enable Federal officers to strike at the root of the antiraft organization.
This step was taken, as a new uprisin

## **COUNTS IN FIRST** Fast Base Running Gives St.

Louis Early Jump on the Macks

DAVENPORT FACES A'S

ST, LOUIS Shotten, If. Smith, ef. Sisler, 1b. Pratt, 2b Sloar, rf.	ATHLETICS Junieson, rf. Grover, 2b. Bide, if. aBtes, 3b. Strunk, cf.
Severeld, c. Austin, 3b. Lavan, ss. Davenport, p. Umpires—Connolly Attendance—2500.	McInnis, 1b Meyer, c. Witt, ss. Bush, p. and Hildebrand.

## , By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

SHIBE PARK, Aug. 9 Joe Bush returned to the mound after a veek's absence today and made such an ir pressive showing that St. Louis scored only we rung in the first stanza of the matinee he insisted on taking his regular turn in

Shotten opened with a single and Smith was safe when Meyer had a brainstorm and threw the ball to the wrong base. Pratt's out and Sloan's single brought home the

Big Dave Davenport hurled for the opposition and was effective in the early in nings.

Otis Lawry, Mack's substitute infielder, leaves for Maine tonight to take the physical examination for the army, FIRST INNING

Shotton singled to center. Smith bunted Continued on Page Fourteen, Column Five

## PACIFISTS HEAR YOUTH WHO DID NOT REGISTER

Ask Congress to Sit Throughout War "to Protect Civi! Liberty in the United States"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. Proposals that Congress stay in session throughout this year "in order that civil liberty in the United States may be the etter protected," and that Congress send "democratic commissioners" to the tember conference of the Entente Allies for a reconsideration of their war aims were made to a group of half a dozen Senators and twice as many members of the House of Representatives who attended an informal meeting at the capital today under the auspices of the People's Council of

America Max Eastman, editor of the Masses Professor Paul Dana, grandson of the poet Longfellow; Edward F. Cassidy and Stephen Bircher, labor leaders of New York city Frank Stevens, of Delaware, and Danie J. Kiefer, of Ohio, single taxers and advocates of nonresistance, were among the

Mr. Stevens introduced his only son, who after going to England and witnessing the sentencing and punishment of consciently objectors there, has refused to register and is awaiting trial in the Federal District Court of Delaware. Young Stevens said that he expected to serve a year in prison for this act, but declared that it determination to continue to refuse to take "Do you think that Poland should not

"Do you think that Poland should not have resisted its own subjugation?" asked Senator Hitchcok, of Nebraska.
"I do not think it Christian to resist," answered the objector. "Can you picture Christ standing behind a Gatling gun, defending Poland?"

Senator Gronna and the attorney for the Non-Partisan League declared that the demand for immediate statement of American peace terms was the issue upon which the

# LATEST SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES

ST. LOUIS .... 2 0 0 0 0 ATHLETICS ... 0 0 0 0

Davenport and Severeid; Bush and Meyer. Connolly and Mildebrand.

PHILLIES ..... 1 0. 0 0 PITTSBURGH .2 0 3 0

Alexander and Killefer; Jacobs and Schmidt.

NATIONAL LEAGUE BROOKLYN ..... 1 0 CHICAGO ..... 0 0 Smith and Wheat; Douglas and Elliott. NEW YORK ..... ST. LOUIS ..... 'AMERICAN LEAGUE CLEVELAND ...... 0 0 0 1 NEW YORK ...... 0 0 0 0 Lambeth and O'Neill; Shocker and Walters. CHICAGO ..... 0 0 2

#### WASHINGTON ..... 0 0 2 Benz and Lynn; Gallia and Ainsmith. OTHER MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES POSTPONED

## NAVAL GUNNERS SINK FLOATING MINE AN ATLANTIC PORT. Aug. 9 .- Naval gunners of a merchant

ship which arrived today said they sunk a large floating mine by gunfire on the way from a European port. It is presumed the mine was one of those sown in the steamship lanes by German U-boats or fast raiders.

## LABOR ADJUSTMENT BOARD NAMED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 .- Creation of a "labor adjustment commission" of three representatives each of the Government, employers and labor was officially announced today. The personnel of the commission is not ready to be announced. It is designed to have jurisdiction over all labor disputes concerning wages or employment conditions on Government contracts.

## RAILROADS URGED TO RUN FOOD INSTRUCTION TRAINS

NEW YORK, Aug. 9 .- The American Defense Society today urged every railroad in the United States to run food instruction trains over its lines. Chairman Richard M. Hurd wrote rallroad managers, emphasizing that such trains would be a great help to the food conservation campaign.

## NEGRO UNITS NOT TO BE SENT SOUTH

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 .- The War Department today announced that negro units of the National Guard will not be sent South. They will be utilized in the North to guard bridges, arsenals, etc., replacing other troops now on patrol duty.

## PEORIA DISTILLERS WILL CLOSE PLANTS

PEORIA, Ill., Aug. 9.—Peoria distillers today agreed to close their plants when they heard that the food bill had been passed by the Senate and probably would be approved by President Wilson tomorrow.

## FOOD BILL TO GO TO PRESIDENT SATURDAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The food control bill will be signed by Speaker Clark when the House meets tomorrow. It will be returned to the Senate for the signature of the Vice President, and probably will be ready for the President's signature Saturday. The Hoover food administration is expected to begin its work early

## AMERICAN RED CROSS MISSION TO ITALY IN LONDON

LONDON, Aug. 9.-The American Red Cross Commission to Italy, which arrived vesterday, will leave for Rome early next week, it was announced today. Lieutenant Colonel G. F. Baker is chairman. He is accompanied by Major John R. Morrow, Major Victor Heiser, Major Thomas Huntington and Major Nicholas F. Butler. Lieutenant Colonel Baker said that a thorough study of Italian needs would be made before the erection of hospitals is undertaken.

## VILLA AGAIN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED; HIDES IN MOUNTAINS

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 9.-Francisco Villa, seriously wounded, is hiding in the untains near Durango, according to word brought here today by General Amari. The capture of the bandit chief, whose raid on Columbus, N. M., provoked the American-Mexican crisis, is expected soon.

## PRESIDENT APPROVES TWO BILLS

VASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The White House this afternoon as

## DRAFT BOARDS CUT RED TAPE: TAKE 800 MEN

Proceeding Slowly on Exemption Claims Till Basis Is Definite

ONE-THIRD READY SEPT. 1

Weight and Teeth Standards Reduced for Acceptance of Conscripts

Philadelphia draft boards cut their way through the barbed-wire entanglements of red tape today and put their O. K. on ap-

proximately 800 recruits. Pending definite instructions concerning exemption claims from the War Department virtually all of these men were listed as

members of the new national army. That a big percentage will escape army service is conceded by draft officials, but before the conscripts receive discharges they will have to prove beyond all doubt that they have dependents or that they are es-

sential units in the operation of industrial plants engaged in war work.
Virtually all of the boards devoted the day to the examination of recruits and paid little heed to exemption claims. As the War Department continued to bombard the boards with medifications of the draft rules governing the exemption of conscripts, the draft officials decided to hold off on exemptions until the War Department decides definitely what it has in mind.

FEATURES OF THE DAY

Other outstanding features of the day's activities were these:
First, Provost Marshal General Crowder informed the draft boards that, as the mobilization of the new army is to begin on September 1, they must have at least one-third of their quotas ready for service on that date. Each board was instructed to keep the State military officials informed concerning the progress of the draft and have one-third or approximately 5000 of the Philadelphia conscripts ready for duty

on the first day of mobilization.
Second, General Crowder ordered radical changes to be made in the physical requirements of the conscripts. As many quirements of the conscripts have failed to pass the physical tests owing to defective teeth and the fact that they to defective teeth and the fact that they would weight, new instructions, deare under weight, new instructions, de-

issued.

The main reduction from the standard is in weight. Applicants 5 feet 4 to 4 feet 7 inches tail will be accepted even though five to six pounds below the weight formerly required. The other reductions in minimum weight required, in respect to height, are: 5 feet 7 to 5 feet 2, 7 to 5 pounds; 5 feet 8 to 6 feet 2, 9 to 10 pounds; above 6 feet 2, 12 pounds.

While no official explanation of the reduction in the weight standard was given, it is understood that far more than the expected number of drafted men failed in the scale examination solely on account of weight. The surgeon general of the army decided that this fact alone should not pre-

decided that this fact alone should not prevent acceptance for service, largely because army life, as a rule quickly adds twelve to fifteen pounds to the weight of an under

nourished man. In addition to the weight allowances ordered, a reduction of half an inch in the chest measurement hitherto required tor men over 5 feet 8 inches tall is to be permitted, if there is no disease of the chest Well-fitting artificial dental work will be permitted to take the place eeth, also, it was announced, of the natural teeth are sound and serviceable. It was ruled also that if dentistry will restore the teeth so that proper mastication is possi-ble sufficient time will be permitted for the work to be done, and the candidate accepted if his teeth were the only physical

fault before.

The standard set for required sight and hearing is reduced also by the order. Even providing the hearing reaches a set been insisted upon in the past.

Substantial cuts in the quotas of the fiftyone Philadelphia draft districts will be an-

nounced tomorrow by the Adjutant Gen-eral's office, according to reports from Harrisburg today.

risburg today.

Although the State military officials de-clined to discuss the cuts, they admitted that many of the Philadelphia districts would benefit considerably. They cited the Thirty-fourth District, which comprises two Kensington wards, and others where volun-tary callstments have been brisk. Briefly, each district will be given benefit for the men who have joined the colors.

CREDIT FOR ENLISTMENTS

A careful tabulation of the men who have enlisted from Philadelphia since the begin-ning of the war has been made and each district will be given credit for the num-ber of men it has sent to the army and navy. For instance, a district that has navy. For instance, a district that has given forty men to the national service will not be penalized for its patriotism, but given credit when the new quotas are distributed. If the original quota of this par-ticular district was 350 its credit of forty will reduce the quota to 310.

A revision of the quotas as decided upon two weeks ago, when the State military clair admitted that they had failed to sider the districts separately when giving Philadelphia its credit for the number

oluntary enlistments.
The draft law specifies that each district shall be treated separately in the matter of credits, but the State authorities computed the number of enlistments from the city and distributed the credits on a pro rate

and distributed the credits on a pro rate basis among the fifty-one districts.

Draft boards were particularly active to-day, and hundreds of conscripts underwent physical examinations. The question of exemptions did not occupy such a conspicuous place in the minds of draft officials, for a majority decided to wait definite instructions from Washington before grappling with this problem.

CHESTNUT HILL QUOTA SILLED While the Government is charged with didates for the new national draft army by a member of the Eleventh District board, the Sixteenth District exemption board at the Sixteenth District exemption board Chestnut Hill has not only filled its quota 236, but has one-third more than necessard ends its examinations today, for time being at least.

The Sixth District board is a cloond to the Sixteenth District organifor it concludes its examinations thaving obtained sufficient to make quota. It will seet on Monday, he

Harry E. W. ite