

GERMAN CHIEFS HURRY TO BIG WAR COUNCIL

KAISER CALLS POLITICAL AND ARMY LEADERS

Michaelis and Others Summoned to Conference at Grand Headquarters WILL OUTLINE PROGRAM

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 9. One of the most important conferences in the history of the German Empire has been called by the Kaiser at his headquarters.



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 awaiting the result of what may prove to be the most important meeting since the war began.

MAYOR CAUTIOUS ON PRICE OF GAS

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

U. S. TAKES UP WORK OF GIVING AID TO RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. America's work toward rehabilitating Russia was taken up by officials today, who had before them the extensive reports and advice of the mission headed by Ellhu Root.

AURORA BOREALIS STOPS WIRE COMMUNICATIONS

Out of Commission Nine-Tenths of Telephone and Telegraph Facilities East of Chicago

SHORTEN, OF RED SOX, ENLISTS AS YEOMAN

Boston American Center Fielder Enrolls in Navy Service of Uncle Sam

FRENCH SMASH ENEMY'S LINES AT BIXSCHOOTE

Win Ground in Belgium While Guns Roar on Front Farther South

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.

OKLAHOMA RESISTERS PLACED IN DEATH CELLS

Officers Seek Evidence With Which to Squelch Anti-Draft Organization

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table listing baseball games and scores for the American League and National League.

BUSH YIELDS TWO COUNTS IN FIRST

Fast Base Running Gives St. Louis Early Jump on the Macks

PACIFISTS HEAR YOUTH WHO DID NOT REGISTER

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

AMERICAN RED CROSS MISSION TO ITALY IN LONDON

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The American Red Cross Commission to Italy, which arrived yesterday, will leave for Rome early next week, it was announced today.

VILLA AGAIN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED; HIDES IN MOUNTAINS

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 9.—Francisco Villa, seriously wounded, is hiding in the mountains near Durango, according to word brought here today by General Amari.

LATEST SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES: ST. LOUIS 2 0 0 0 0, ATHLETICS 0 0 0 0 0, PHILLIES 1 0 0 0, PITTSBURGH 2 0 3 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: BROOKLYN 1 0, CHICAGO 0 0, NEW YORK, ST. LOUIS.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: CLEVELAND 0 0 0 1, NEW YORK 0 0 0 0, CHICAGO 0 0 2, WASHINGTON 0 0 2.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

PRESIDENT APPROVES TWO BILLS. WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The White House this afternoon announced that the \$37,000,000 rivers and harbors appropriation bill was signed by the President last evening.

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 approximately 800 recruits.

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.

Second, General Crowder ordered radical changes to be made in the physical requirements of the conscripts. As many have failed to pass the physical tests owing to defective teeth and the fact that they are under weight, new instructions, designed to overcome these difficulties, were issued.

The main reduction from the standard is in weight. Applicants 5 feet 4 to 4 feet 7 inches tall will be accepted even though they weigh only 125 pounds. Other reductions in minimum weight required, in respect to height, are: 5 feet 7 to 5 feet 9, 7 to 5 pounds; 5 feet 9 to 5 feet 10, 7 to 5 pounds; 5 feet 10 to 5 feet 11, 7 to 5 pounds; 5 feet 11 to 6 feet, 7 to 5 pounds.

Well-fitting artificial dental work will be permitted to take the place of natural teeth, also. It was announced, however, that the artificial teeth are required only in cases where the natural teeth are so defective that they cannot be permitted, if there is no disease of the chest.

The standard set for required sight and hearing is reduced also by the order. Even a punctured eardrum will not be a bar, providing the hearing reaches a set technical requirement which is lower than has been insisted upon in the past.

Substantial cuts in the quotas of the fifty-one Philadelphia draft districts will be announced tomorrow by the Adjutant General's office, according to reports from Harrisburg today.

Although the State military officials declined 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 voluntary enlistments have been brisk. Briefly, each district will be given benefit for the men who have joined the colors.

A careful tabulation of the men who have enlisted from Philadelphia since the beginning of the war has been made and each district will be given credit for the number of men it has sent to the army and 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 particular district was 500 its credit of forty will reduce the quota to 460.

A revision of the quotas as decided upon two weeks ago, when the State military officials admitted that they had failed to consider the districts separately when giving Philadelphia its credit for the number of voluntary 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 rata basis among the fifty-one districts.

Draft boards were particularly active today, 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.

Harry E. Walter, member of the board examining today in the Kensington district, which includes the Englewood ward, said that this board is not at all overworked, unless the board is not at all overworked, unless the board is not at all overworked.