ARGENTINA MAY BAR DUTCH SHIPS

German Influence in South American Nations Worries U. S. Authorities

DANGER OF LEGAL TIE-UP

Vessels May Be Forced Into War Zone Trade to Prevent Their Seizure

Washington, March 25.

A new and somewhat disturbing element has entered into the use by the United States of the Dutch ships seized last Wednesday. While, of course, there was no agreement to that effect. it was intended that as many of the vessels as possible should be employed in the South American trade and thus be kept clear of the dangers of the

WAT ZONC. There now has developed the fear that if the ships are sent to Argentine and Chile ports an attempt might be made to intern them and bring on more international complications. Ne more international completions to service solutions are in progress covering this phase of the situation, and unless a satisfactory solution is arranged the United States may be compelled to use **GEN. WEIGLE AROUSES** United states may be compared to use the Dutch tonnage almost exclusively in belligerent waters. The vessels could sail in and out of Brazilian ports without danger of molestation, but they are not needed for coffee.

they are not needed for coffee. The real need is for wheat and meat from the Argentine and for nitrates from Chile. Already the normal sup-ply of nitrates in this country is some 260,000 tons short. It is said, and the consumption is increasing daily. Ni-trates are needed both for manufac-ture of explosives and for fertilizing TROOPS LOOK FOR MOVE

Danger in German Pressure

Brazil is in with the Allies, but the Argentine and Chile remain neutral, with strong German influences at work in each country. It is not ex-pected here that either the Argentine pected here that either the Argentine or Chilean Government would act on its own initiative. The danger would come through German pressure cloaked under proceedings by Dutch subjects. In this way the Dutch hig interminable Admirally Court pro-ceedings. The German influence both in the Argentine and in Chile might simment to duty. He assumed command in the Argentine and in Chile might signment to duty. He assumed command

prove strong enough to keep the liti-ration in progress until the end of the war. The seized ships are too badly needed for any risks of this where during the absence of the combadly needed for any risks of this sort. It had been hoped that some agree-ment could be made with the Dutch owners to cover the vessels against libel actions while in neutral ports, but the temper of the Dutch people appears to be such that great diffi-culty may be experienced in bringing this about. Failing this, the matter may be taken up direct with the Ar-gentine and Chilean Governments, but it is realized their positions as neutrals

gentine and Chilean Governments, but it is realized their positions as neutrals would cause them to hesitate to make any definite promise to the United States guaranteeing the ships against molestation.

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Washington fully expected there washington fully expected there would be something of an uproar in the Dutch Parliament over the seizures, and therefore has not been disturbed over the reports from The Hague. The seizure offered an op-portunity for the pro-Germans to express themselves rather noisily and do a little propaganda work for the Kaiser and his Government. There is the conviction here that the Dutch is the conviction here that the Dutch people, and particularly those holding



These eight smiling "jackies" are all Philadelphians, in training at Newport, R. L. They have been zealously practicing mine laying. It is their earnest hope that some day they will have a chance to tickle the nose of a Hun submarine or destroyer with one of the big, round globes of "canned death." From left to right those in the picture are (seated) C. D. McGlynn, 4233 Sydenham street; R. L. Rodgers, 1403 North Watts street; W. J. Welsh, 2218 Earp street; D. Grimming, 3350 Judson street; and (standing) R. F. Turner, Lincoln University; A. Penza, 1307 Tasker street; E. F. Schweitzer, 200 Wishart street, and J. S. Strozyk, 2730 Edgemont street.

EMBARGO ON PEANUTS CAMP MEADE SOLDIERS GIVES FRANCE WHEAT

CAMP HANCOCK HOPES More Than 1,000,000 Bushels Additional Through Move-U. S. **Buying Turkish Dates**

Washington, March 25.—More than 1.000,000 bushels of wheat may be sent to France as the result of the extra shipping facilities provided in one year by the embargo on peanuts alone. This was pointed out today by the shipping beard in commenting upon the recent embargo list. Feanuts imported by the United States chiefly from Asia used the space of a 500-ton ship in a con-tinuous service. Turkey's debt to Germany was prob-ably being paid in part by the United States, the shipping beard found, in that Americans were paying for about 25,000,000 pounds of dates a year, mostly from Asiatic Turkey.

DRAFTEES TO ENTER

SPECIAL WAR SCHOOLS

Thousands Will Be Assigned way. For weeks they have been looking for Signal Corps and Other **Technical Training**

Washington, March 25.

Drafted men from four States-IIincls, Iowa, Indiana and Minnesotawill be called between April 7 and 28 tion under Provost Marchal General Crowder's plan to greatly increase the number of skilled mechanics in the army The first schools will be for signal corps men. The exact number to be called during the month has not been

has gone on uninterruptedly, but it is thought probable that a readjustment of some description or the other will be made by the new commander. Pittsburghers and western Pennsyl-vanians in the brigade have acclaimed the arrival of the new commander as indicative of an early trip to France.

As long as the brigade was without a leader the boys were of the opinion that "over there" was far, far removed, but with the coming of General Weigle things have changed, and a new hold on life has been taken. The appoint-ment of General Logan's successor has been a watter of discussion ever since sity of Pittsburgh. Illinois—200 to the Lewis Institute, Chicage; 100 to the University of Chi-rago; 100 to the Northwestern Univer-sity, Evanaton: 300 to the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Feoria, la.; 100 to New York University; 400 to the University of Wisconsin; 500 to the Rahe Auto and Tractor School, Kansas City; 500 to the Sweeney Automobile School, Kansas City. Indiana—500 to Purdue University, - "Men desiring to attend these schools in the four States named will apply to the infantrymen, will have to do some root shooting, but they are to beat the artillerymen, will have to do some root shooting, but they are confident. In fact, confidence is the predominating "If enough men are not secured in this way the local boards will select the best been a matter of discussion ever since his retirement, many thinking that a regular army officer would be appointed, others that a division colonel would be b others that a division colonel would be promoted. General Weigle's arrival. however, has settled the matter. Officers and men throughout the length and breadth of Camp Hancock were discussing but one thing yesterday, and that was the general topic of conversation

NOT DOWNHEARTED

News of German Success Only Makes Them More Determined RIGHT WILL PREVAIL Infantry Riflemen Are Out to Beat Score Made by Field Artillery

oncerning the apparent auccena of the and French are much stronger and much better armed new than at Verdun. Therefore, there is no cause for anxiety.

at this camp. Officers and men are not alarmed and view the situation in a matter-of-fact way. For weeks they have been booking forward to just such a move on the weat-ern front, and despite the backward mess taken by the British and French torces the Little Fenn soldiers are con-fident that right will prevail and that 1917.

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Calls Results Mediocre

Calls Results Mediocre To their official communique of this morning the Germans say that the first stage of the great battle has ended. This is a very mediocre result. What will follow we shall see, and I do not choose to be a prophet, but I have a conviction that the beginning of this battle holds nothing that should be disquieting to the Allies. Our gallant and brave comrades of the British army will be able to do now what we have done in Verdun, and, side by side with the British, the French army is ready to render the enemy blow for blow. "As recards the bombardment of Paris

"As regards the bombardment of Parls very foot of ground taken," said of the camp's notable tacticians to-"When he hurled such a hugo mazes fantry at the British line it was natural that it would bend. As a natural that it would bend, and the shell must be such that the grun Allied commanders were compelled to ground, but in doing so they were position to mow down the enemy, in we get complete details I am quite they will disclose that the Humber of shots. We nust they will disclose that the Humber of shots. We nust therefore, maintain the same attitude that the Parisians have held—there must be complete calm. "Enempty and the shell must be such that the grun will not be able to work after a very function to mow down the enemy. They will disclose that the Humber of shots. We nust therefore, maintain the same attitude that the Parisians have held—there must be complete calm.

FRANCE HOLDS FIRM TARDIEU SEES FIGHT **ON ALSACE-LORRAINE** AS ANOTHER VERDUN

provinces.

'Very Mediocre Result" Is Premier Asserts Sword Will Achieved by Germans, Says Commissioner

EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1918

to warrant any disquietude on the part of the American public or any of the national allied against Germany, belives made public here by the Association Generale des Alsaciens-Lorrains d'Amer-Captain Andre Tardieu French high nissioner in the United States. In a statement issued here he counsoled the hartening of preparations in this country to deal the enemy "blow for blow" and the maintenance by Americans at home of the same "calm confidence" in the ultimate issue of the war as has been manifested by the na-

Provinces. "Profoundly touched by your message, I thank you whole-heartedly for once more proclaiming that the memory of German oppression offends your con-sciences heyond the years and beyond the seas," said the Premier's reply. "Your impassioned demand is no longer merely that of thousands of men-torn away from their mother country. The civilized world has made it its own. It has become for the world the symbol iself of right. "Arrayed against a new aggression. tion's troops in France. Germany's long-distance bombardnent of Paris can have no significance from a military viewpoint, Captain Tar-dieu asserted. The damage resulting from this guntire, he said, evidently had been even less than that incidental to an aerial bomb attack.

The British retirement near St. Quen the on the western front, the high com-missioner believed, was a move paral-leting that of the French during the inst two days of the battle of Verdun

Similar to Verdun Fight Captain Tardieu advised that Amer-ana be critics of the war news and arned against the forming of con-lusions until the ust result of the new German move was determined.

itiell of right. "Arrayed against a new aggression, sure of the justice of our cause and con-scious of our strength, we will not sheath the sword until after full reparation for the violence suffered." "The unconditional reintegration in the French mother country of the provinces form away by violence in 1870 is the aim toward which are directed the immense efforts of France and the ardent love of sacrifice which animates her children on the battlefields in this struggle, which has been forced upon them by an im-placable aggression." WANT ITALIAN MINERS

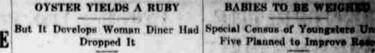
Scranton Board of Trade Asked to Request Return of 16,000

Scranton. Ps., March 25 -- Former Senator E. F. Blewitt, a mining engineer here, has asked the Scranton Board of the Verdun engagement. "Ten days later at Verdun we had ceased to retire and the result was of thethe value to Germany. We have Trade to take up the matter of having 16.000 or more mine workers who were taken from the anthracite field to serve regard to relife and the result was of negligible value to Germany. We have every right to think that the outcome will be the same this time. The Ger-mans may benefit by the increase of power resulting from the Russian trea-son in abandoning the cause of democ-racy. I think the numerical superiority of Germany is six to five, but the British and French are much stronger and the Italian army returned to work in this region

According to Mr. Blewitt the mines the hard-coal field can increase their production from 60.000 to 70.000 tons a day if the former number of workers can be obtained. He says anthracite is needed if the United States is to win can b the war and that the Government chould adopt every possible means to see that the greatest tourage in maintained throughout the year.

McAdoo Thanks P. R. R. Shopmen

Altoona, Pa., March 25. - Director McAdoo has informed 14,000 Altoona McAdeo has informed 14,000 Altoona shopmen that he appreciates their piedge to purchase 256,000 worth of war-sav-ings stamps, made by representatives of the workers at a patriotic labor rally several weeks age. He wired the men: "Fermit me to thank you for your tele-gram of the 10th inst and for the pa-triotic action of the shopmen of the Pennsylvania Rallroad."



New York, March 25 - For a little while last night an anonymous oyster Not Be Sheathed Until **Provinces Are Restored** tained a ruby.

young oyster.

Mrs. Anna N. Case, of Peoria, III., was hostess at a small party at dinner, New York, March 25.—There is noth-ng in the current news from overseas o warrant any disquietude on the part

made. Shortly afterward, Mrs. George Mitchell, wife of Lieutenant George Mitchell,

them when wanted.

New York, March 25 .- The first ture of the Children's Year, which at the Fark Avenue Hotel was regard-ed as a commercial marvel. It conto begin on April 6, the anniversary of many, will be the weighing of all youngsters in the United States under five years of age.

Instructions have been sent out the Child Welfare Department of the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense to its State and local chairmen, who will be resp

These messages, transmitted through these messages, transmitted through High Commissioner Tardieu and Am-baseador Jusserand at Washington, were in reply to cable messages sont ro-entry by the association thanking the Premier and Foreign Minister on behalf of "all the Alsailang and Lorrainers of public addresses the return of the public addresses the return of the provinces.

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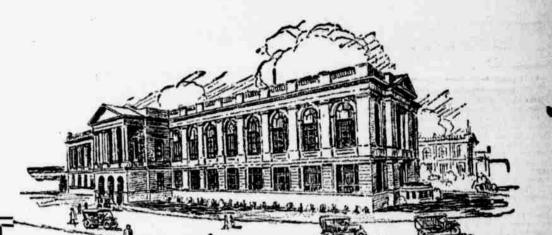
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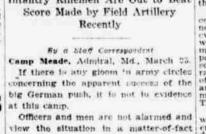
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corps men. The exact number to be called during the month has not been determined. The list of schools and the number of men and the State they will come The list of schools and the number day. "When he hurled such a huge mass of men and the State they will come from were announced as follows: Minnesota—500 men to the Carnegle School of Technology. Pittsburgh: 500 to the University of Cincinnati; 500 to the University of Minnesota; 189 to Penn State College; 320 to the Univer-sity of Pittsburgh. Minnesota—200 to the Lewis Institute, Minnesota—200 to the Lewis Institute, Minnesota—200 to the Lewis Institute, May a decisive victory on the wettern have made another ineffectual effort to Chienge; 100 to the University of Chi-

the Hun will be defeated and very de-

Ranking officers who have been in

pping areas, are delighted to have their ships in service again, earning the big ocean fees that are now the rule, and protected by guarantees of rule, and protected by guarantees of as soon as possible after the war is over.

REPUBLICANS TO FORCE SENATE SUFFRAGE VOTE

Democrats Delaying Action on Proposed Amendment at Critical Time, Leaders Declare

Washington, March 25. — Republican Sepators, pressing for a vote on the serim-bound. To HONOR TUSCANIA VICTIMS The assignment of duty will be a few months at most they will be This set of schools is established to train men as specialists in woodwork and gasoline engines," the statement said. "The assignment of duty will be made according to the ability shown by the students and a large number prob-pledged for the Suffrage amendment. If two-thirds of the Democrats were Machington, March 25. — Representa-the cugines of airplanes." Washington, March 25. - Republican

There are fifty-two Democrats and forty-three Republicans in the Senate. Two-thirds of the Republicans are pledged for the suffrage amendment. If two-thirds of the 'Democrats were lined up behind it it could be passed how, according to suffrage leaders.

Suffrage leaders point out that the country is not acquainted with the im-portance of hasty action in the Senate of there would be a more vigorous pro-fest against the dilatory factics of the ocrats.

A so-called "Democratic suffrage recetd," in which the party is shown as the chief obstruction to suffrage suc-ress ever since it came into power in 1912, has been prepared by the Na-ional Womati's party.

FELINE WAR VETERAN

AIDS RED CROSS FAIR

Atlantic City, Murch 25.-Lacking a k to fan purse-loosening enthusiasm

the war fair, to be held here dur-Easter week, thore Red Cross

workers are going to use Crocket, a full-blooded Persian cast with a war record. The animal is the property of Mrs. George H. Rahton, of Ventnor, wife of Colonel Raiston, of the Canadian army, and a former Philadelphian. Trochet, according to authenticated renches during the battle of the Somme in October, 1916, and was presented to Colonel Raiston by a British officer who was blown to pieces a few minutes later. Khaki-colored instead of the customary fray, Crochet is credited with having perved' through the Somme fighting from October to November. 1916; the battle of Arma, from December. 1916, is February, 1917; Uminy Rides, August, 1917; battle of Hill 70, from August to beptember, 1917; battle of Lens. from spismber to October, 1917; Passchen-dels from December, 1917; Passchen-dels from December, and or the Lens front, from December, and or the Lens from the year. In January the Canadian ocloned decided not to risk the life of the big Persian cat longer, and sent him to Canada in charge of a gumer return-ting home. The colonel's wife took charge of the cat when it landed at kers are going to use Crocket, a

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Washington, March 25.—Representa-tive James, of Michigan, has introduced in the House a resolution that American soldiers and sailors who died in the sinking of the transport Tuscania shall be buried in Arlington Cemetery. The resolution appropriates \$100,000 to bring their bod'es home from Scotland, where they are buried, and to erect a monu-ment in Arlington to their memory. SEES ALIMONY IN DRAFT

Woman Wants Husband Taken So She Can Get Pay

Yonkers, N. Y., March 25 .- Mrs. Jesale Guilfoyle believes she has found a way to force her husband Raymond to pay the alimony he is supposed to. She appeared before the local draft board GENERAL WOOD TO TESTIFY

Will Describe Trip to Western Front Appeared explain her plan. At present Guilfoyle is in Class 4. Mrs. Guilfoyle asked that he be put in Class 1 and taken into the army as soon as possible. Then, as she explained, she would not be able to collect through the Before Senate Commune Washingtes, March 25.—Major Gen-eral Leonard Wood reported to the Sen-ate military committee today that hey was ready to take the stand inimediately to testify regarding his recent trip over the western front. He will appear at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Guilfoyle asaes Guilfoyle asaes Guilfoyle asaes Guilfoyle asaes the Sen-would not be able to collect through the Government, which sees to it that sol-diers' dependents receive part of their pay. Guilfoyle, it is believed, will be sum-money before the board next week for veclassification. Before Senate Committee

No Opposition to Liquor Licenses Norristown, Pa., March 25. - Mont-gomery County License Court will con-vene today. For the first time in many years there will be no opposition to the applications, which number 211, including retail, wholesale and brewers, The anti-liquor people are bending their efforts on behalf of prohibition.

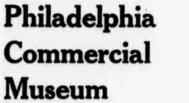
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Aged Emaus Man Dies Alientown, Pa., March 25.—After only a "short lilness, Edwin Marks, twice Burgess of Emaus, died last night of rysipelas, aged sixty-seven. He was till at work last Wednesday as super-nendent of the Donaldson Iron Works, where he was employed for thirty years, the also served two terms in the borough council. A son, Prof. Fred Marks, is rincipal of Nazareth achools.