ITALY DECLINES PEACE PROFFER

Washington, June 17.-The Central Powers recently offered Italy an

At the same time he gave detailed information of the solidarity of Italy

The Premier stated the Czech-Slovak battalions are already fighting

with Italian soldiers at the front and that the Rumanian Jugo-Slavs are be-

BASEBALL SCORES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TWENTY SURVIVORS OF U-BOAT VICTIM REACH PORT

WASHINGTON, June 17 .- Twenty survivors of the U-boat

victim, Kringsjas, reached an Atlantic port today, the Navy De-

partment announced. The vessel was sunk ninety miles off the

SPANISH "GRIP" SPREADS TO BERLIN

broke out in Spain has appeared ni Berlin, according to the Lokal

Anzeiger. It is more serious, however, owing to the weakness of

the people through insufficient food. Publication of the number

ALIEN PROPERTY ORDERED CHECKED UP

owned property was ordered today by the War Trade Board.

Trustees of estates and property owned by enemy subjects must

get War Trade Board licenses before paying interest, dividends

AUSTRIAN MILITARY PRISON SHORT OF FOOD

Red Cross nurses at Kirchendorf have informed the military

authorities that the hospital must close unless food is received

GERMANS TO SEND RETURNED PRISONERS TO FRONT

from Russia must be sent to the front, the Prussian War Minis-

"MSTERDAM, June 17 -All German prisoners returned

ZURICH. June 17 .- Austrian newspapers report that two

" WASHINGTON, June 17 .- Further checking up on enemy-

AMSTERDAM, June 17 .- An epidemic similar to that which

Miller-Schmidt; Mayer-Burns; umpires, O'Day-Byron.

with the oppressed nationalities of Austria.

PITTS'GH. 0 2 0

CINCINNATI..... 1 0 0

NEW YORK 0 0 0

Schneider-Allen; Sallee-Rariden.

CHICAGO..... 0 1 0 0

BROOKLYN..... 0 0 0 0

Tyler-Killefer; Cheney-Miller.

BOSTON..... 0 0

WASHINGTON 1

CHICAGO..... 0

BOSTON.....

ST. LOUIS.....

NEW YORK 2

DETROIT..... 0

Virginia coast.

of victims is forbidden.

Packard-Snyder; Upham-Henry.

ATH'TICS.. 3

CLEVEL'D, 0

ing alliowed to join Italy against the common enemy.

honorable peace," which was refused. Premier Orlando informed the Italian Chamber of Deputies, according to official dispatches today from Rome:

AUSTRIANS' NEW BLOWS

FIRMLY MET BY ALLIES:

FOE TAKES BRIDGEHEAD

Stangeland, Economist, Accused by New York Federal Jury

KNEW OF STEEL OUTPUT

U. S. Agents Believe He Kept Germans Informed Regarding War Work Here

Disclosure to the German General Staff of the statistical record of steel oduction in this country is believed to be behind the arrest here of Charles Emil Stangeland, former American diplomat and holder of many college de-

He was arrested by the Naval Intelligence Service Here and placed under \$5000 ball for a hearing today. Fraving waived a preliminary hearing and signified his willingness to face the Federal authorities in New York, where he has een indicted on a Federal charge. Stangeland left for New York at noon in company with Frank L. Garbarino, chief agent here of the Department of

His hearing in New York was expected to take place late this afternoon or early tomorrow. Details of the indictment, returned several days ago, are withheld by the New York District At-

"Stangeland was arrested for a lation of the espionage act, which deals with trading with the enemy through persons in the party. They boarded the illegitimate channels," was all the intion naval intelligence authorities vould give out today.

Details Withheld

Details of the arrest were not made public, nor was the character of the evidence against him available. It will be brought out at the New York hear-

In his position as satistician of the Bethlehem Steel Company he was in a position to know exactly the status of steel production in all. its different phases in this country. Other features of Stangeland's activities in this country have been under rigid investigation. ave been under rigid investigation Every message he has sent out has been carefully censored. His every action has been watched by an agent of the Government for weeks past.

He is known to have some sympathetic connections with prominent Russians, who in 'urn were friendly to the Kerensky revolution which, it is believed, is now being planned. Stangeland is not thought to be have any sympathy with the Bolsheviki.

Believe Arrest Important

Pederal officials are making no effort to minimize the importance of the arrest of Stangeland. They declare they expect to learn much of the manner in which Germany has been learning of the United States war proparations.

Stangeland, an American citizen, is thirty-seven years old. His prominence at attache of several American legations gave him access to State Department archives and placed him in a posi-tion to gain information of great value to the enemy, it is said. The New York indictment against him incorporates the charge that he, with others, used the United States mails to convey military information to Germany through neutral ntries. His record in "Who's Who in

America" follows:

Stangeland, Charles Emil. political economist; born Sheldahi, Is., May 1, 1881; son of Adolf and Thera Marie (Sigveland); degree A. B., Augeburg Seminary, Minneapolis, 1898; at University of Wisconsin, 1898; 1899; A. M. University of Misconsin, 1898; 1899; A. M. University of Minnesota, 1901; University of Berlin, 1902-03; Ph. D. Columbia, 1904; married Karin Michaellis, February 22, 1912; Instructor and later professor of political economy, State College of Washington, 1905-09; studied and traveled in France, Italy, Russia, etc., 1907-08; expert special agent Bureau of Corporation to January 19, 1912; secretary American Legation at La Pas, Bolivia, January 10, 1912; member of American Economical Association, Die Internationale Vereinigung fur Vergielchande Rechtswissenschaften und Volkswirsechaftsiehre in Herlin and other societies; author Pre-Malthusian Dectrines of Population, 1904; contributor to economic journals; address, Department of State, Washington, Wife is in Copenhagen

Wife is in Copenhagen

Stangeland's wife, Karin Michaelli, Stangeland, a novelist, is now in Copenhagen, according to Special Agent Garmarino, of the Department of Justice, but he was unable to say whether the etters Stangeland is alleged to have written, containing matter of great mili-tary importance, were written to Mrs.

With him for a time in the boarding house was Gustave Ragner Lindgrin, indicted in New York on the same charge as Stangeland, according to the naval intelligence officers. Lindgrin is said to have traveled extensively in Europe since the outbreak of the war on a forged passport, and is alleged to have used the passport to get military information into Germany. He and Stangeland are charged jointly with using the mails to military information to Ger-

many.

A "tip" that Strangeland was in Bethlehem was received several days ago by the Naval Intelligence officers, and the house was watched from that time until Strangeland was arrested. His arrest was made quietly and was kept secret. Even city detectives did not know of it, although the prisoner was lodged in City Hall.

Strangeland was second secretary of the American embassy in London for several months after the European war. Previous to his connection with the Lon-don embassy he was secretary of the

Previous to his connection with the London embassy he was secretary of the American Legation in Bolivia, and was later charge d'affaires.

His connection with the State Department was severed early in 1918, when he left the London embassy. Local Federal agents have no knowledge as to whether his alleged connection with Germany dates back to that time.

MINERS SWEAR FEALTY

Reaffirm Allegiance to U. S. by Oath to Work to Full Capacity Mahanoy City, Pa., June 17.—The Inited Mine Workers of America have saffirmed their allegiance to the United tates and world freedom by pledging he Government to do their part in inning the war by working full time and help produce the maximum amount cost which is a necessary.



WIFE OF SPY SUSPECT Karin Michaelis Stangeland, wife has been arrested under the espion age act, is known as a novelist

TWENTY VICTIMS OF SEA DISASTER TAKEN TO LEWES

Men Who May Have Met Subma-

this afternoon. There were a score of guns drove them back. They fied in dis

The report current in Lewes was that these survivors—all men—were members of the crew of another boat attacked by a German submarine. But naval intelli- ray. gence officers guarded the men so closely that would-be questioners could not get near them.

At the office in this city of the Com-mandant of the Fourth Naval District information on the Inding of the survi-vors was refused. An aide to Captain Van Boskirk was asked if the men were

from a vessel which had been attacked by a submarine.

"I am like George Washington—I cannot tell lie." he replied. "Therefore I will say nothing."

Captin Van Boskirk said today that newspares were publishing "foo much newsppers were publishing "too much stug." "And." he added, "some of them will be punished."

COP IN JAIL DRAWS PAY Patrolman Auerbach Not Taken

Off City Roll

Benjamin Janovitz, a Rumanian restaurant Resper, his wife and a waitress, in
the establishment at 511 South Fourth
street. Janovitz is a witness in the
Fifth Ward murder and conspiracy case.
Lieutenant Daly, of the Third and Delancey street station, this afternoon said:
"Auerbach is still connected with tihs
station house, but I don't know where he
is."

doging bening
to bening
to belid buildings in Alvray, where they
hoped to find a hiding place.

One hundred and fourteen Americans
held Xivray against nearly 200 Germans.
The American barrages did effective
work. Our artillery threw an intense box
barrage around the German attackers,

of their extrements, dodging bening
to be the did buildings in Alvray, where they
hoped to find a hiding place.

One hundred and fourteen Americans
work. Our artillery threw an intense box
barrage around the German attackers,
of their extrements.

And in reply to a further question he added that "Every patrolman, if he is on the books of the station house, is drawing city pay."

CAR EQUIPMENT POOLED

Railroad Director McAdoo Abolishes Per Diem Charge Washington, June 17.—Railroad lines

Washington, June 17.—Railroad lines under Government contral today were further moided into one great system by the pooling of all car equipment.

In a sweeping order the railroad administration abolished the per diem plan of charge for the use of the cars between individual lines. The ruling makes all equipment common property. makes all equipment common property Return of empty cars to their parent roads has taken up much motive power. Urder the new order, any car can be als against the various lines.

OUR TROOPS AMAZE BRITAIN

Rush of Arrivals of Marching Men Eclipse All Records London, June 17.—"Arrivals of American troops in the last few days have eclipsed all records," the Post declared

eclipsed all records, today.

"Considered purely as a shipping feat, it is something hitherto never accomplished in mercantile annals. Week-end scenes at one army post were amaz-

FIRE THREATENS LAWRENCE

Disastrous Blaze Breaks Out in Tenement House Section

Lawrence, Mass., June 17.—The tene-ment house section of Lawrence, near the business district, is threatened with destruction by one of the worst fires in the history of the city, which broke out here this afternoon.

Three alarms were sounded.

Next Thrust of Germans May Be at British Front

Dispatches from the Flanders and Picardy lines, including the War Office reports, indicate that the next German offensive will be hurled at the British front, probably with an ultimate objective in the channel ports.

Marshal Maig's reports lately speak of constant heavy raids, barrages and violent bombardments about Albert, Arras and in the direction of Hazebrouck, an important allied base.

Correspondents report a condition of continuous unrest in these se

AMERICAN TROOPS REPULSE ATTACKS ON TWO SECTORS; WIN FIGHT ON GERMAN SOIL

U. S. Line Is Impregnable,

Washington, June 17.-General

"This morning (Sunday) in the

Woevre, the enemy executed a local

attack against the left of our posi-

"During the attack there was

brisk artillery fighting. The assailants not only failed to penetrate

our line, but were thrown back with

severe losses and left in our hands

several prisoners, of whom one was

"In the region of Chateau-Thierry

two local attacks made by the

enemy during the night on the line

Bouresches-Bois de Belleau were

easily broken up. Artillery on both

sides continues very active in this

DEAD AMERICAN

Yankee Soldier Slain

on German Soil

By EDWIN L. JAMES

June 17.

of the western front.

and Lorraine.

\$50,000,000 VOTED | LAUNCH 13 SHIPS

House Passes Bill, Includ- Delaware District to Help

might attempt to curtail the work of sels will take their first dip on the

right, 1918, by New York Times Co.

American troops are now fighting in

German territory. The first_United

Every one in command, from the gen-

reply to a letter from the Presi-Konenkamp wired:

"I can readily pledge you that if

HERE ON FOURTH

Make Splash Heard

in Berlin

SIXTY-THREE IN NATION

today at Hog Island.

4-"Shiplaunching Day."

The twenty-eighth keel was laid

At least thirteen ships will be

launched on the Delaware River July

This total is a little more than one

fifth of the ships to be launched

throughout the country; sixty-three ves-

No other section of the country has

responded so whole heartedly to the

suggestion that the nation's holiday

this year be made one of the greatest

of July 4th. In this district the earli

est launching was expected in the lat-ter part of July. Here and elsewhere the suggestion was

Here and elsewhere the sugaration was a received with enthusiasm. There was a general speeding up. From reports received this afternoon a greater concentration of energies and quickening of construction took place in the shipyards

Berlin to Hear Splash

Included in the Delaware are cargo unchings along the Delaware are cargo arriers, combination passenger and car-

carriers, combination passenger and car-go carriers and tow torpedoboat de-stroyers. Here is a list of the vessels to be launched from the various shipyards:

Pusey & Jones Shipbuilding Company, Wilmington yards Pusey & Jones Shipbuilding Company, Gloucester yards Karlan & Hollingsworth Shipbuilding Com-pany

shipbuilding history.
At the time the suggestion was made

FRANCE HONORS

region and in Picardy.'

an officer.

Pershing in his communique today

Pershing's Men Smash Two Attacks on Belleau Wood. Enemy Flee in Disorder

Teuton Blood Soaks German Ground as Yankees Win in Fighting Near Xivray

With the American Army in France

Raids attempted by the enemy on two ectors, Bellau Wood and on the Toul front, were beaten off yesterday by the Americans holding these lines. Heavy osses were inflicted on the enemy.

American forces holding Belleau Wood eat off two German attacks within two hours in the morning. They took heavy toll of the enemy and got off without a

The attacks followed a fruitless enemy assault about 10:30 Saturday night. A barrage announced a resumption of the effort about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The boches showed up at the edge of the wood on schedule but were driven off by a withering rifle and machine gun fire. The barrage failed to claim a victim and the enemy infantry did not get close enough to do any damage. The attempt was repeated at 4 o'clock

Foe Flee in Disorder rine on Way Here
Lewes, Del., June 17.
A boatload of survivors of some disaster of the sea was landed at Lewes wood the American rifles and machine

> Three platoons of fighting Americans, standing bravely by their guns under the most terrific bombardment the Toul sec

With our artillery giving wonderful co-operation, the Germans were completely repulsed, as they were on May 26, when

Repulse Picked Troops

As in the attack of May 26, the assault was made by storm troops brought up for this fight and they were under orders to take Americans at any cost. But the boches were compelled to return to their own lines badly cut up and empty-handed as well.

to the gunners to lay down a barrage. Instantly our guns criss-rossed No Man's Land with a line of fire, our barrage being laid down just three minutes before the German barrage

It is certain that the German force can be estimated at 600 men and that they suffered heavy losses, as the Huns lay outside of their barbed wire waiting to fellow up their own barrage with an attack. As the German barrage moved up to the outsidities of Nivay our man

barrage around the German attackers, cutting off their return. Following the enemy back across No Man's Land until stopped by the American box barrage.

FOR WILSON'S USE

ing \$1,250,000 for

Creel's Bureau

PRESIDENT LAUDS WORK

The House today passed an appropria-

tion bill turning over to President Wilson

\$50,000,000 as a personal war fund,

sought by the President to insure con-

inuation of the Creel committee on pub-

In a letter to Representative Sherley the

President indicated he feared Congress

Creel's bureau by denying necessary ap-

for emergency use was quickly granted, but the Creel appropriation of \$1.250,000 gave rise to lively debate.

gave rise to lively debate.

"No man, no matter what his personal opinion of Mr. Creel, can question for a moment the value of the work this committee has done." Chairman Sherley

Insisted.

The President said he had watched the development of the committee's work with great interest, because of his "close personal connection with it."

He stamped it as "admirably done" and

added that possibly no one but himself was aware of the "extent and variety of the committee's work and the useful and economical manner in which it has

been done."

Reviewing his expenditures from the \$100,000,000 fund put at his disposal last year, the President said he had used "considerable sums" for the support of the food and fuel administrations, the war trade board and various agencies having to do with labor adjustments.

ments.

These expenditures he thought would be no longer necessary because the various bureaus now were well established and in a position to submit definite estimates of expenditures which he deemed preferable.

"A very large sum," he said, had been expended in repairing vessels owned by anomies which were deliberately samaged by their crews.

Uther expenditures had been for tem-

ropriations.
The President's request for \$50,000,000

lie information.

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FINAL CARD BY DRIVE ON ITALY

Failure Means Submerging of Hapsburgs in Flood Pershing Report Shows of Revolution

AUSTRIA PLAYS

KAISÉR FORCED BLOW

Impelled by Teuton Will to Desperate Chance to Relieve Revolt

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Washington, June 17.-The results of the Austrian offensive are ambiguous. The drive cannot be said to have been stopped. Neither can it be said that it will certainly go on. Austria, according to these critics, has done in her first day's drive about all that could have been expected of her. And yet it is possible for Italy to thrust her back where she came from in the next

She has crossed the Playe astride of a railroad, which is a good point upon which to base an advance. But she has not swung with the might which Germany has displayed in her recent advances in the west. Her success may be localized; it may develop. The War Cross Awarded to First next few days will tell.

Divided Advantage

On the side of terrain, the advantage is with the enemy. On the human side, the advantage is with Italy OUR UNITS IN ALSACE Austria's last drive stopped at a point projected. Italy stopped her at that time where she could not advance where Specjal Cable to Evening Public Ledger she would. Italy was left in a position not especially defensible, and one from With the American Army in France, which an assault could not safely be launched.

As for men, if reports in the possession of the War Department are border have taken over positions east true. Allied opinion has never done of Belfort in Alsace, near the tip end entire justice to the quality of Italy's eral down, is immensely proud of being the Piave. When they say this they Our artillerymen deserve great credit for their part in defeating the Teutons. Before the attack was made, artillery observers reported what they first thought to be a large German working an example for their comrades to folparty in No Man's Land and signaled low in driving the boche out of Alsace low in driving the boche out of Alsace face the enemy with the pick of her To Private W. J. Guyton has been men. awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French as the first American to die fight-

She has not been in the war as long ing on German soil.

Where the beautiful Younge Mountains slope down to the eastward lies a plain where Alsace begins and behind which where Alsace begins and behind which has those of England and France. Her Every day Patrolman Emanuel Auerbach, 510 South Fourth street, sepnds in attack. As the German barrage with an attack. As the German barrage moved up to the outskirts of Xivray our matter the Third and Delancey street station, was put in jail several days ago in default of \$7500 bail.

He was charged with assault upon Benjamin Janovitz, a Rumanian restaurant Keeper, his wife and a waitress, in the entanglements, dodging behind the entanglements, dodging behind the entanglements of the plain lies a line barbed in the older and physically inferior men into action. Moreover, her people are an outdoor people. Their third and Delancey street station, was put in jail several days ago in department of \$7500 bail.

He was charged with assault upon Benjamin Janovitz, a Rumanian restaurant Keeper, his wife and a waitress. In the edge of the plain lies a line barbed with an attack. As the German barrage with an attack. As the edge of the plain lies a line ferior men into action. Moreover, her people are an outdoor people. Their third and Delancey street station. Weeper here the cut of the property of the plain lies a line of the property of the plain lies a line at the edge of the plain lies at the edge of the plain lie Continued on Page Fifteen. Column Seven had to call her older and physically in-ferior men into action. Moreover, her St. Paul, June 17.—There will be no strike of commercial telegraphers if the commercial companies agree to abide by the rulings of the War Board, President S. J. Konenkamp, of the telegraphers, today wired President Wilson. War Department say that Italy today has the best troops in the field of war except our troops.

On the ambiguous result of the Aus tro-Italian fighting much depends. The parallel between Austria and Russis is inviting. One side would dismem ber and possess Russia : the other would dismember and set free Austria. Austria is the nearest counterpart in the Central Board to what Russia was a year ago in the Entente. Neither is a nation. Neither is modern. Russia is a congeries of villages, of local communities, medieval in their nature. Austria is a congeries of nations. The power of the people to endure modern war seems to depend upon its indus-trial developments. Russia was the least developed of the Entente powers.

Russia Falls; Austria Tottera The present offensive of Austria sug-gests generally the offensive which Kerensky undertook a year ago. Russia's Allies insisted upon Russia's making an Continued on Page Five, Column Eight

LUDERUS HITS HOME **RUN IN FIRST INNING**

Circuit Clout Also Scores Stock-Pirates Tie Count in Second

PHILLIES
Bancroft, as
Williams, cf
Stock, 3b
Luderus, 1b
Cravath, rf
Meusel, lf
McGaffigan, 2b
Burns, c

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Fred Luderus continued his timely hitting against the Pirates in the first inning today. With Stock on first he lifted the ball over the right field fence for the circuit, giving the Moranment a start of two runs. FIRST INNING Caton was called out on strikes

Independence Day will wark the biggest splash ever known in American or any other waters; a splash Director-General Schwab confidently says will be heard in Berlin. At a conservative estimate the sixty-three ships will have an aggregate tonnage of 200,000.

Included in the least of predicted Mollwitz. Stock threw his bai at the says of the property of the property

New York, June 17.—The 7000 men he struck a week ago on subway con-ruction returned to work today at an syance in pay of about fifty cents a

Mollwitz. Stock threw his bai at the ball and knocked a single over second. Luderus lifted a home run over the right field fence, scoring Stock ahead of him. Cracath filed to Carey. Two runs, two hits, no errors. tional Bank. .
Eoward W. Lewis, president of the New York Subway Strike Ends

Italians Tenaciously Resist Savage Hostile Assaults

DIAZ DELIVERS VIOLENT STROKES

Heavy Offensive, Expected, Found Defenders Ready

Battle Continues With Unabated Violence With Entente Sure of Victory

The Austrians have taken 12,000 orisoners in the Italian offensive, the Vienna War Office declared today. The capture of Capo Sile, on the west bank of the Piave River, reported. (This is a bridgehead.) "West of San Dona (on the le

from the enemy, capturing Sile," the statement said. "Our prisoners now total 12,6 (The previous Vienna rep

"On the mountain front the ing was limited considerably terday, owing to the misty we

The Austrian pressure is c strongly on the whole new be between the Asiago and the the greatest force exerted on

It is still possible that the flow backward and for

The enemy, with sixty di (720,000 men), has not succ passing the advanced areas Montello, where they su crossing the Plave in co umbers. There they are ually pushed backward to

The Italian reaction on Piave came more quickly. trians who crossed the rive eral points between Candele attacked and driven back mediately.

trained for this drive. They tacking with light equip opening out in storming One of their objectives was the plains southward of t tains. They also intend Treviso the first day, an fifteen kilometers (about ten

Austrian forces have re-

The flercest fighting various points along the The Italians are paying b nd the enemy is be

BANK MERGER RUMORED DANIELS DEFENDS PADGETT

Report Phila. National and Farmers and Mechanics' Will Unite A persistent rumor was circulated in the Philadelphia National Bank had ab-

or other money to enemy owners.

from British sources for the prisoners there.

te ha announced, it was learned here today.

latter institution said that such a report had been in circulation for a long time. Asked if there were any founda-

Chairman Has Been Help

Enemy Reattacks Violently Against Counter Drive

PRICE TWO CENTS

VIENNA CLAIMS 12,000 PRISONERS

ENEMY CROSSES PIAVE

Vienna (via London), June 17.

Piave) we have wrested more

ued last night, announced the ture of 10,000 prisoners.)

"West of the Brenta we tained the positions we had c the previous day."

With the Italian Armies in the I June 17.

sides of the Brenta.

and San Dona di Piave were The Austrians have be

attack against the Italian. British troops in the Grappa regions, the Italia