French Armies at the Front Placed Under Command of General Petain, Hero of Verdun









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CITY CLERK MILLER JOSEPH H. CHOATE, THEY WILL GREET THE NEW RUSSIAN REPUBLIC **EX-AMBASSADOR**, UNANIMOUSLYVOTED DIES SUDDENLY MAYOR BY COUNCIL Was Lawyer of International Fame and Noted After-Fame and Noted After-Dinner Wit

Life-long Ambition Realized

by Elevation; Widespread Approval Expressed Over City; Sworn in Before noon; Succeeded by R. Ross Seaman; Will Serve Unexpired Term of Dr. Meals Which Runs Until Last of Year; Overwhelmed by Storm of Congratulations

City Clerk Charles A. Miller was unanimously elected Mayor by Council this morning to succeed the late Dr. E. S. Meals. He was sworn into office at once, and R. Ross Seaman. assistant city clerk, who was elevated o succeed Mayor Miller, also took

the satisfield stayer and to solve the sath of office. The election came as the closing action of the morning session. Com-missioner W. H. Lynch made a mo-tion to proceed to nominations for Mayor. Commissioner E. Z. Gross, park superintendent, then took the floor and nominated City Clerk Mil-ler:

ler: "I feel it an honor," Mr. Gross be-gan, "to further honor one of our number who has been faithful be-yond comment and who has the es-teem of the people of Harrisburg. I am sure there is no one better qualified for Mayor and I nominate our beloved friend, Charles A. Mil-ler." The city official who has served that he believed it to be the best of the council and perform to vote for the council and perform to vote for the council who has served that he believed it to be the best of the council who has served that he believed it to be the best of the council who has served that he believed it to be the best of the council best of the council. May a subscription to vote for the council of the council to vote for the council best of the council. May are there are the the the table of the council best of



years Mr. Choate took an active part in the entertainment last week of the French and British war commis

Balfour.

GOVERNOR SIGNS WOMEN DOING \$2,000,000 SAFETY MORE GARDENING **AND DEFENSE BILL** Meeting of Commission to Lay Plans For Co-operation With State Committee

CONGRESS BREAKS GEN. PETAIN IS PUT **ALL RECORDS FOR** APPROPRIATIONS AT HEAD OF FRENCH Bills Carrying Total of \$3,-390,940,000 Approved by Committee

Huge Sums to Be Spent For Heavy Army Ordnance

Washington, May 15 .- All appropriations records of Congress were broken to-day when the Senate Appropriations Committee reported the War, Army and Navy deficiency bill, carrying a total of \$3,390,946,000, including \$400,000,000 for construction and purchase of an American

merchant marine. The committee added \$563,393,000 to the House bill. Among the Sen ate increases was \$500,000 for the council of national defense; \$1,000,-000 for detention of interned Germans; \$26,000,000 for army niachine guns, and \$35,000,000 for heavy

guns, and \$35,000,000 for heavy army ordnarce. May Take Over Plants Legislation authorizing the gov-ernment to take over necessary ship-bilding facilities also was approved. Of the appropriations which will be added to the \$2,800,000,000 army and navy war budget, \$750,000,000 will be authorized for new construc-tion and slightly less than \$150,000,-000 for purchase of ships wherever evailable, including those now being built for the British government and other foreign builders. The remain-der of the \$35,000,000 appropriation for subsequent use will be authorized but not immediately appropriated. The appropriations were requested

MAJOR-GEN. HUGH L. SCOTT. + SAMUEL R. BETRON + CHARLES EDWARD RUSSEL JAMES DUNCAN - ELINU ROOT + PEAR ADMIRAL JAMES H. GLENNO JOHN R. MOTT. + CYRUS MECORMICY, A DMIRAL JAMES H. GLENNO ELINU ROOT + REAR ADMIRAL JAMES H. GLENNON CYRUS MECORMICK + CHARLES R. CRANE

The appropriations were requested General Goethals and Chairman enman, chairman of the shippins ard, in furtherance of the program r an American merchant marine.

Make Preparations Here For Registration of **Conscripts Under Bill**

First preparations for the regis-tration of men in Dauphin county who may be subject to conscription for millitary service were made to-day when Clerk Ed. H. Fisher, of the county commissioners' office, sent out notices to the registrar and registry assessor in each polling dis-trict in the county. The notification follows: **THAN HUSBANDS** Cultivating More Than Half

irici in the county. The notification follows: Office of County Commissioner, Harrisburg, May 15, 1917. The United States Government requests that on the day deter-mined upon for registration of all residents of Dauphin coun-ty, between the ages of 21 and 30 years inclusive, for Selective Military Service, the registrars and registry assessors serve without pay as a matter of pat-riotic duty. Please advise the commissioners without delay whether you will perform this service. ervice

The women of Harrisburg will do more toward increasing the vegeta-ble crop in this city than their hus-bends, according to a report of the Agricultural committee of the Har-risburg Chamber of Commerce on the garden plots under its supervi-sion, made public to-day. Tonsiderable over fifty per cent of the nineteen acres now under cul-tivation is being worked by women, who, sunbonnetted and sweater-clad, heve turned the soil and have plant-ed seeds. The unfriendly winds of a tardy spring have hindered the work to a great extent, but satisfac-tory progress has been made during the past two days. The niketeen acres are exclusive of backyard "farms". A tour of inspection of the city commerce, made yesterday, dis-commerce, made yesterday, disservice. As yet no blanks have been re-ceived by either county or city offi-cials, but as soon as final action is taken in Washington, arrangements will be completed at once for the work in Dauphin county.

Roland S. Morris Former Democratic Chairman, to Be Made Ambassador

By Associated Press Washington, Mey 15.—Roland S. Morris, of Philadelphia, has been virtually decided upon by President Wilson for ambassador to Japan to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George W. Guthrie, of Pittsburgh. It was said to-day that the appointment probably would be made within a few days. Mr. Morris is ex-chairman of the Democratic state committee of Pennsylvania and was selected in recognition of the services of Vance McCormick, chairman of the Demo-cratic national co-mmittee, and in view of the fact that Mr. Guthrie also came from Pennsylvania. By Associated Press

MONEY FOR NEW SHIPS Hero of Verdun, Is Appointed Commander-in-Chief of Field Forces to Succeed General Nivelle Who Is Given Command of Several Groups of Armies; Foch Also Is Honored

RUSSIAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AGAIN GETS THE UPPER HAND

Socialists and Radicals Declare War Against Germany Must Be Continued Until Victory Is Won; Kaiser's Forces Offer a Stronger Resistance to the Allies

Paris, May 15. - General Petain was appointed as commander-in-chief of the French armies operating on the French front at a cabinet meeting to-day. General Nivelle was placed in command of a group of armies. General Foch who played an important role in the battles of the Marne and the Yser succeeds General Petain as chief of staff of the ministry of war.

Although beset with innumerable difficulties the provisional government of Russia is determined to stick to its task. The government will make an effort to amalgamate the di-

rse interest, which by their conflict have made an orderly and efficient government in Russia possible, it announces in a proclamation to-day. It expresses confidence that unity will be reestablished and the country saved if the various representatives of the new democracy take their proper part in the responsible task of the government.

The Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates, comprising mainly the Socialist and extreme radical elements, ap-parently is becoming increasingly willing to consider participa-tion in the formation of a coalition government. It has appointed a committee with the provisional government and it is formulat-ing a program of conditions which would permit Socialist entry upon presentation in the ministry.

PRESIDENT URGES HASTE

Washington, May 15. - President Wilson to-day took steps to speed up Congress on the war program es sential to carry on the conflict with Germany. He planned to see House and Senate leaders to-night

CHANCELLOR MUM ON PEACE

Berlin, May 15. - Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg answered the peace interpellations in the Reichstag to-day by saying that it would not serve the interests of the country to make a declaration.

ITALIANS TAKE OFFENSIVE

Rome, May 15. -- The Italians took the offensive to-day. The war office announces that considerable progress was made in several sectors.

RUSSIAN COMMANDERS RESIGN

asked to be relieved of their commands.

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Petrograd, May 15. - It became known to-day that just before the resignation of Gen. Guchkoff, as minister of war Gen Brussil

Gen. Guerko, commander on the southwestern front,

they continue until further notice the restrictive regula-

TO PROBE RODERICK CHARGES

ing committee to look into the charges made from time

to time against James E. Roderick, chief of the depart.

ment of mines is provided in a resolution presented in

the Senate to-day by Senator James P. McNichol, of

Harrisburg. - Appointment of a joint investigat-



Before Wilson This Week
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[Continued on Page 15] **Army Bill With Provision** For T. R.'s Division to Be **Before Wilson This Week**

Friend of Balfour Mr. Choate was a personal friend of the British foreign secretary and they saw much of each other dur-ing the stay of the British commis-sion. His active participation in the

Friend of Balfour

ACTIVE TO THE LAST

Took Big Part in Reception

of British and French

Missions

By Associated Press

New York, May 16. — Joseph Hodges Choate, former ambassador

to Great Britain and a lawyer of

international fame, died suddenly of

heart disease at his home in this

city last night. Mr. Choate com-plained yesterday morning of feeling

depressed and his physician was

called. Mr. Choate was ordered to remain in bed, but later in the day

he left his room several times to transact pressing business affairs.

About 10.30 o'clock last night he

called his wife and daughter, Miss

cording to Mrs. Choate he said: "I am feeling very ill; I thing this is

Mabel Choate, to his bedside. Ac-

the end." A few minutes later he

Notwithstanding his advanced

the French and British war commis-sioners in New York. He was chair-man of the reception committee that met M. Itene Viviani, Marshal Joffre and other distinguished members of the French mission last Tuesday and acted in a similar capacity when the British mission headed by Arthur James Balfour arrived in New York on Friday. At the reception in City Hall for Mr. Balfour and the British commission, Mayor Mitchell referred to Mr. Choate as the "foremost citi-zen of New York." At the banquet on Friday night for the British and French commissions, Mr. Choate was one of the speakers and on Satur-day evening he entertained with a small dinner at his home for Mr. Balfour. Extend of Balfour These men of all political faiths, including General Scott, chief of the eneral Staff of the United States Army, and Admiral Glennon of the navy, will go to Russia to welcome the new republic. The comm by former Secretary of War and State Elihu Root, but it man in the person of James Duncan, vice-president of the American Fed-eration of Labor, and a Socialist in Charles Edward Russell, of New York.



For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Wednesday, not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night; Wednesday fair, slightly warmer in north por-tion; moderate northwest winds, becoming variable.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will fall slowly. A stage of about 4.9 feet is indi-cated for Harrisburg Wednes-day morning.

day morning. General Conditions Pressure continues low over the northeastern part of the United States and it has decrensed de-cidedly over nearly all the western half of the country. High pressure overlies the cen-tral portion of the country. "Fair weather has prevailed dur-ing the inst twenty-four hours over all the territory represent-vorth Pacifie States and British Columbia, where light to mod-erntely heavy rains have fai-len.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 54 degrees. Sun: Rises, 4:42 a. m. Noon: New moon. May 20. River Stage: 5.2 feet.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 71. Jowest temperature, 52. Mean temperature, 62. Normal temperature, 61.

A. Zimmerman, Chambersburg; S. M. Shunkwiler, Lewistown; Henry of the salisfaction over the choice increased.
A. Zimmerman, Chambersburg; S. W. Shunkwiler, Lewistown; Henry M. Tracy, S. W. Ffoultes, A. E. Pendergast and James K. Trimble have clerk was received and accepted, and R. Ross Seaman, assistant, was unanimously elected Mr. Miller's successor. He too, received many congratulations as he is widely known throughout the city and has been connected officially with municipal affairs for the last eleven years.
Mayor Miller and City Clerk Seaman took the oath of affice at one and took the oath of affice at one cancel adquarters where he went with Commissioner Gorgans to police headquarters where he for the firm of Lescure is the senior member of the firm of Lescure and Snavely, Forlers, and has been identified with the Cumberland Valley Company for a number of years.
THE WEATHEREN

a private in Company D, First Penn-sylvania Infantry, was shot early to-day by a corporal of his company and is dying in a hospital. The shooting is said to have been accl-dental. Paul F. Hine, the corporal charged with the shooting, is under arrest and faces a court martial. The shoot-ing occurred at the entrance of the bunkhouse at the extern end of a Philadelphia and Reading Raflway bridge. Moser had been relieved from duty and was walking ahead of the corporal. As they reached the bunkhouse Moser turned to speak to Hine, who stumbled and dis-charged his rifle in the fall, accord-ing to the police version of the shoot-ing.

NEWSPAPER CONDITIONS

New Cumberland Man Is Motorcycle Victim

ing

Chester Baker, of New Cumber-ind. was found unconscious beside is motorcycle on the Market street iver bridge this morning, and taken o the office of Dr. J. E. Dickinson, here he was treated for an injured rm and bruises about the face and ody. Shreiner's Commission

body. Baker was riding from his home to his work in this city and does not know whether he was struck by an-other machine or whether his motor-cycle fell with him.

German Steamships to Carry U. S. Merchandise

By Associated Press Washington, May 15. — Former German steamships in Philippine ports will be utilized to bring hemp from the islands to the United States for the manufacture of binder twine, sorely needed for farming operations in this country.

 Washington, May 16.
 From the ports will be utilized to bring hemp ports will be utilized to bring hemp from the islands to the United States during the last few months, been obliged to raise their price to two cents. This construction of the Chicago Herald, states and washington, for the the steamers were increased to two cents. Secretary Redfield said the steamers. With the possible increase of the songtion of the States and the possible increase do two cents. With cargoes of hemp. Three other were increased to two cents. Construct and princess of the print paper the condition of the steamers and print paper the condition of the steamers are found. One washer here are being repaired for similar use.
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sion had sole disposal of the ap-propriation through the regular channels and that the State com-mittee would not be aided to pay for what the commission authorized it to do. The scope of this work will be determined at the meeting with the executive committee at which

By Associated Press Philadelphia, Pa., May 15.—Oscar C. Moser, 23 years oid, of this city, a private in Company D, First Penn-sylvania Infantry, was show the press Sylvania Infantry the press Syl

Washington and what the national government desires. May Not Be Used "The State appropriation can not be used to pay for the operation of the selective draft," said the Gover-nor. "The impression has gone abroad that we are to finance that work, but the expense is to be borne by the national government. The registration is in my hands as Gov-erner. I am working on the plan and will proclaim it in due time." When asked as to reports that it was contemplated to name a State military representative at Washing-ton to look after matters and to keep in close touch with the State author-ities here, the Governor said that the plan had been suggested to him by Congressman W. S. Vare and others who had spoken to him. Mr. Vare, said the Governor, stopped off here on his way to Washington to give the Governor first-hand information on matters at the national capital. "There is no necessity for any ap-pointment being made yet. We are in constant touch with Washington." remarked the Governor who further said that he had not neard any plan to appoint any one a colonel in the National Guard to act at Washington. **U-Boats Put Men in Open** Is Signed by Governor Is Digned by Governor Governor Brumbaugh announced to-day that he had commissioned George A. Shreiner, of this city, as superintendent of public stronds and buildings to serve until the end of the present session of the Senate Mr. Shreiner will hile a \$25,000 bond and be sworn in late to-day. When asked about reports that Mr. Shreiner might not be named be yond that period, the Governor satd. "He will stay as long as I do."

haugh used six pens, presenting one to each of the members of the com-mission and to Mr. Ball and keeping one for himself.

to Drill as Home Guard **One Hour Each Morning**

of Nineteen Acres in Gar-

den Plots

Une Hour Each Morning Members of the Legislature were caled out for military training by a resolution introduced in the House by Mr. West, Montour. The resolu-index the rules, recited that not-withstanding the exciption of legis-hators from the draft it is the sense of the House that the lawmakers should fit themselves for the Home duard and met each morning for in-struction from Major Q. O. Reitzel, or of the Lancaster members. The resolution authorizes Major Keitzel to organize squads and appoint offi-ters and invites the Senate to join with the members of the House. Big Bills Reported Out The McVicar antifury tampering House to day. The elections com-mittee reported negatively the Mit-chell bill relative to corrupt practices and establishing a State pamphlet for advertising candidate. The Sproul volunteer police and stern explosive license bills were affirmatively reported.

To Send Out 1917 City

Into Torpedo Range

City Treasurer Harry F. Oves an-nounced to-day that all 1917 city tax statements will be mailed to tax payers next Monday. This is the first time a city treas-urer completed arrangement for sending out the notices before June 1. All persons making payments on or before July 31 will be allowed a one per cent. aba'ement; those pay-ing during August will be charged the regular tax rate of nine mills. Taxes not paid before September 1 will be subject to a thee per cent. penalty. By Associated Press Newport News, Va., May 15. — S. O. S. calls and open boats loaded with men are being used by German submarines to decoy allied ships to their destruction according to Brit-ish shipmasters in port here. So many ships have been destroyed in this manner that the British have or-dered captains to pay no heed to such dered captains to pay no heed to such calls in certain zones as they are pa-trolled by boats sent out to succor ships and men in distress. penalty

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Boats to Decoy Vessels

AGREE WITH KAISER

By desociated Press By desociated Press wh. Pa., May 15. — A rut-rable Pittsburgh Steel Com-tanounced here to-day of the Homewood Ceme-tanounced to invest \$400,000 in complete understanding between the bonds-By Associated Press Pittsburgh, Pa., May 15. — A rub-scription of \$1.000,000 to the Liberty Loan by the Pittsburgh Steel Com-pany was announced here to-day Managers of the Homewood Ceme-

central powers.

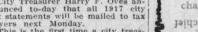
GRAIN SPECULATION STOPPED Chicago, May 15. - Representatives of the leading grain exchanges of the conutry at a meeting here to-day recommended to their respective exchanges that

President to Discuss Food Control With Administration Leaders

By Associated Pres

By Associated Press Washington, May 15.—Food con-tric legislation and the food situation in the United States and the allied countrics will be discussed to-night at a conference between President Wilson. Secretary Houston and mem-bers of the Senate and House com-mittees on agriculture. Adminis-tration leaders are eager to have Congress busy itself with food con-trol measures as soon as possible.

Tax Statements Monday



Philadelphia. The resolution cites particularly the charges recently made in newspapers and by Attorney Roger Deves, for the United Mine Workers that the chief arbitrarily refused to issue certificates to forty appli cants who successfully passed the required examination tion.

tions on trading.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John William Lightey, Harrisburg, Hazel Grayce Prior, Bed Lie

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