

PREPARING FOR IMMEDIATE DRAFT

Conscription Will Begin Within Ten Days After Bill is Signed.

16 BIG CAMPS TO BE FORMED

To Round Up All Subjects To Call, Forms For Draft Already Prepared—Building the Cantonments.

Washington.—With enactment of the Selective Draft Army bill apparently assured, the War Department is preparing to set machinery in motion without delay to produce under the measure within two years a trained army of 2,000,000 men.

Minor differences in the measure as it will pass the two houses probably will necessitate a conference, but the bill is expected to be ready for President Wilson's signature by the middle of the week.

Champions in the House of an amendment designed to permit Colonel Roosevelt to recruit a volunteer force for immediate service in France lost their fight on the first vote taken after the close of general debate.

Within 10 days after the bill is signed every township in the country will be registering its young men for duty, and work will have begun on the 16 training cantonments or camps where preparation of the forces for war will start in August or September.

Wide publicity is planned, so that no man liable for registration will have a good excuse for failing to respond. On a date to be set, every citizen affected by the act will be required, on pain of heavy penalty, to present himself at the nearest registration place, where machinery will be provided for classifying the recruits and eliminating those exempt.

Decentralization of administrative work will be sought by the department in every move it makes. Details will not be disclosed until the bill has passed, but it is known that registration will be carried on through sheriffs and other county officials, aided by postmasters or other Federal agencies where that seems desirable.

NO PROOF OF EDDYSTONE PLOT.

Nor Did Coroner's Jury Get Evidence Explosion Was Accident.

Chester, Pa.—The coroner's jury returned a verdict finding there was no evidence before them to lead to the conclusion that the explosion at the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation plant at Eddystone, Pa., on April 10 was due to a premeditated cause, nor does any of the evidence submitted point definitely to any other cause.

ELIHU ROOT ACCEPTS.

Chairman of the Russian Commission, Missions To Other Allies.

Washington.—America's commission to the new democratic government of Russia will be headed by Elihu Root, secretary of war under McKinley, secretary of state under Roosevelt, and for six years a senator from New York.

15-CENT LOAF IN CLEVELAND.

Increase in Price of Bread Amounts To 20 Per Cent.

Cleveland.—The 15-cent loaf of bread was introduced here by one of the largest baking companies in the city. The change in sizes and prices of loaves amounts to an increase in price of 20 per cent. Other baking companies are planning similar changes.

GERMANS TO GET WAR MEASURE.

300,000 Copies of Wilson's Speech Will Be Dropped By Airman.

Paris.—Upward of 300,000 copies of President Wilson's war address to Congress are to be dropped over the German lines by French and American aviators. The text of the message, translated into German, has been delivered by the printers and is now ready for distribution.

VIVIANI SALUTES U. S. AS ALLY

Expresses Deep Gratitude For Help Extended.

SPEAKS FOR FRENCH NATION

Now All the Forces of Freedom Are Let Loose and Victory of Morality and Right is Assured, He Says.

Washington.—In a statement to the American press, Rene Viviani, France's Vice-Premier and head of the war mission from that country, said the co-operation of the United States would mean not only a military victory, which already was assured, but a victory of morality and right.

"I promised to receive you after having reserved, as elementary courtesy required, my first communication solely for the President.

"I have just had the honor, which I shared with other members of the mission, of being received by him. I am indeed happy to have been chosen to present the greetings of the French republic to the illustrious man whose name is in every French mouth today, whose incomparable message is at this very hour being read and commented upon in all our schools as the most perfect charter of human rights and which so fully expresses the virtues of our race—long-suffering patience before appealing to force, and force to avenge that long-suffering patience when there can be no other means.

"Since you are here to listen to me, I ask you to repeat a thousand fold the expression of our deep gratitude for the enthusiastic reception the American people has granted us in Washington. It is not to us, but to our beloved and heroic France that reception was accorded.

"We have come to this land to salute the American people and its Government, to call to fresh vigor our long friendship, sweet and cordial in the ordinary course of our lives, and which these tragic hours have raised to all the ardor of brotherly love—a brotherly love which in these last years of suffering has multiplied its most touching expressions—you have given help, not only in treasure, in every act of kindness and good will; for us, your children have shed their blood, and the names of your sacred dead are inscribed forever in our hearts.

"Your fellow-countrymen knew that under the savage assault of a nation of prey which has made of war, to quote a famous saying, its national industry, we were upholding with our incomparable allies, faithful and valiant to the death, with all those who are fighting shoulder to shoulder with us on the firing line, the sons of indomitable England, a struggle for the violated rights of man, for that democratic spirit which the forces of autocracy were attempting to crush throughout the world.

"And now as President Wilson has said, the republic of the United States rises in its strength as a champion of right and rallies to the side of France and her allies. Only our descendants, when time has removed events, will be able to measure the full significance, the grandeur of a historic act which has sent a thrill through the whole world. From today on all the forces of freedom are let loose. And not only victory, of which we were already assured, is certain; the true meaning of victory is made manifest; it cannot be merely a fortunate military conclusion to this struggle; it will be the victory of morality and right, and will forever secure the existence of a world in which all our children shall draw free breath in full peace and undisturbed pursuit of their labors.

NO MORE SIX-CENT LOAVES.

Bakers in Eight States Raise Price and Reduce Weight.

Spartansburg, S. C.—Announcement was made here that bakers of the Southeastern Bakers' Association, operating in eight States, would discontinue making loaves of bread to sell for less than 10 cents. The bakers have been making a nine-ounce loaf for sale at 6 cents. Hereafter they will make a 15-ounce loaf for sale at 10 cents.

WOULD STOP FIREWORKS SALE.

New York Fire Commissioner Appeals To Mayors.

New York.—Revocation of permits to sell fireworks for use inside or outside the city and an appeal sent to all Mayors throughout the United States in cities of more than 10,000 population to do likewise were measures taken by Robert Adams, Fire Commissioner, both to conserve ammunition materials and prevent such supplies getting into the hands of persons inimical to this country.

CLEANING HOUSE IN EUROPE



\$400,000,000 FOR ALLIES EACH MONTH

To Aid in Supplying Armies with Supplies.

BIGGEST SUM FOR BRITAIN

All To Be Expended In This Country. McAdoo Contemplating Additional Issues of Treasury Certificates.

Washington.—Preliminary reports to the Treasury Department, upon which Secretary McAdoo will base his recommendations to the President as to the size of the first bond issue under the \$7,000,000,000 war finance law, indicate that the United States will be called upon to finance the Allies to the extent of at least \$400,000,000 and possibly \$500,000,000 a month.

FRENCH MISSION IN WASHINGTON

Visitors Sail Up Bay on President's Yacht.

ARRIVAL IN HAMPTON ROADS

Plans To Be Laid Before War Council—Viviani and Party Given Unlimited Powers By France.

Washington.—France's war commissioners to the United States reached Washington on board the Presidential yacht Mayflower.

GERMANS INTERNED AT HOTEL.

150 in Panama Enjoy Great Comfort At Government Expense.

Washington.—Some 150 Germans who failed to leave Panama and the Canal Zone after the United States entered the war have been interned at the handsome Hotel Aspinwall on Taboga Island, owned by the American Government.

WOULD TRAIN AMERICANS.

Capt. Sweeney, Who Fought in Foreign Legion, Arrives.

New York.—Capt. Charles Sweeney, an American, who has fought in the Foreign Legion in France, arrived here and will go to Washington to offer his services in the training of the American Army.

INCREASE IN NAVY FAVORED.

Committee Will Also Recommend 13,000 More Marines.

Washington.—The Administration bill for increasing the enlisted personnel of the navy from 87,000 to 150,000 men, and the marines from 17,000 to 20,000 men, was ordered favorably reported to the House by unanimous vote of the Naval Committee.

WANTS TO SAVE DAYLIGHT.

New York Committee Also Aims At Economy and Health.

New York.—The New York Daylight Saving Committee adopted a resolution requesting President Wilson and the Council of National Defense to urge Congress to adopt the proposed daylight saving plan as a war measure.

U. S. GUNNERS SINK U-BOAT

Made a Hit Before the German Could Get Into Action.

FIRST ACT OF WAR APRIL 19

Gun Sighted By Lieutenant Bruce Ware—Captain Rice Tells Of Encounter—U-Boat Was Close.

London.—Captain Rice, of the American steamship Mongolia, which has just arrived at a British port, told how the Mongolia had fired the first gun of the war for the United States and sunk a German submarine.

The submarine, Captain Rice said, was about to attack the great liner in British waters on April 19. He declared there was absolutely no doubt that the U-boat was hit and that there was every reason to believe it was destroyed.

The naval gunners on board the Mongolia made a clean hit at 1,000 yards. The periscope was seen to be shattered.

The gunners are under command of Lieut. Bruce Ware, U. S. N., who sighted the gun from which the shot was fired.

Even more pertinent a fact, as regards the ultimate fate of the submarine, was that the shell disappeared immediately after the hit was made. The captain stated that a shell always ricochets on the water and can be seen again unless it finds the mark. Oil also was seen on the water after the submarine disappeared.

The Mongolia was going at full speed and was a long distance away when the spray and foam subsided, but from the bridge the officers observed the spot through their glasses, and they are confident the submarine was sunk.

The periscope was sighted dead ahead on the last afternoon of the voyage. The captain gave the order for full speed ahead with the intention of ramming the submarine. The periscope disappeared and a few moments later reappeared on the ship's broadside. The gunners fired, hitting the periscope squarely and throwing a mountain of water.

It is proposed to discuss the sending of an American expeditionary force to France. Marshal Joffre and other military members will indicate to the American officials with whom they are to confer several important military reasons which they consider renders the sending of such a force advisable. The most important of these reasons is found in the moral effect to be had from the presence of American troops and the American flag on the battlefields of France.

U-BOAT CLOSE AT HAND.

"The submarine was close to us—too close, in fact, for her purposes—and she was submerging again in order to maneuver in a better position for torpedoing us when we sighted her.

"We saw the periscope go down and the swirl of the water. I quickly ordered a man at the wheel to put it to starboard and we swung the nose of the ship toward the spot where the submarine had been seen.

"We were going at full speed ahead and two minutes after we first sighted the U-boat it emerged again about 1,000 yards off. Its intention probably had been to catch us broadside on, but when it appeared we had the stern gun trained full on it.

Big Guns Boom.

"The lieutenant gave the command and the big guns boomed. We saw the periscope shatter and the shell and the submarine disappeared.

"I can't speak too highly of the cool manner in which the lieutenant handled his crew of gunners. It was a fine exhibition of the efficiency of American naval men. The lieutenant knew before the shell struck the submarine that its aim was accurate. There is no guess-work about it, but a case of pure mathematics.

All Over in Two Minutes.

"Taking the speed at which the Mongolia was traveling at the time and the speed which the submarine undoubtedly would make, and computing these figures with the distances we were from the submarine when it was first sighted and when it appeared the second time, it can be shown that the lieutenant had his gun sighted to the inch. And it must be remembered that the whole affair took only two minutes.

"I assure you we didn't stop to reconnoiter after the incident, but steamed away at full speed, for it was not improbable that there was another submarine about. The one I got undoubtedly had been lying on the bottom at this spot waiting for the ship and came up when it heard our propellers. I immediately sent a wireless message stating that a submarine had been seen."

No Comment At Washington. Washington.—The policy of the Government is to make no announcement or comment upon the destruction of a German submarine by the steamer Mongolia at this time.

Keep Driving the Turks. London.—The Turks in Mesopotamia have evacuated the Iztahlat position on the right bank of the Tigris, 10 miles below Samara, the War Office announces. They are now being attacked at a point six miles nearer Samara.

FRANTIC RUSH TO RAISE GARDENS

Club Women Showing Deep Interest in Home Life On Pennsylvania Farms.

FOOD PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN

Cold Storage Houses Are Filled With Poultry—Eggs and Fish, However, Held Only in Small Quantities Throughout State.

Harrisburg.

In all the preparedness and conservation activities that are going forward, possibly no other has a stronger economic value than the Eyre bill, No. 484, that was put into the Appropriations Committee's hands early in the month. This was destined to establish a bureau of homes separate from the State Agricultural Department of Home Economics, and would carry with it an appropriation of \$30,000 for two years. The work is to be conducted throughout the counties, in co-operation with county agents, perhaps, but at any rate directly reaching the farm women and their problems. Efficiency in the farm home will enable the farm woman to live more comfortably, and to raise the efficiency of the farm itself.

A talk on "Gardens," by Dr. Jane Leslie Kift, showed that women are just as busy getting ready for their flower gardens as they are looking up the matter of vegetables. Unfortunately, much money will be wasted this year in the frantic scramble for vegetable gardens put in by people who have never tried any kind of planting before. It was brought out by the questions at the meeting that many of the women are going to give up a portion of their flower-bed patches to vegetables, but most of these women have gardened somewhat every year for several seasons, and will probably be able to bring their work to harvest period. The new gardeners will more likely get discouraged before many weeks are out, and only in a few instances will there be any profit in the work.

The cold storage reports for the first quarter, ending March 31, show that poultry and beef were held in considerable quantities, up to April 1, at least. More poultry than has ever before been known to be in cold storage in Pennsylvania was in the warehouses at the beginning of this month, when there was 7,059,754 pounds, as compared with 2,365,351 pounds on the same date in 1916.

The reports as compiled by James Foust, Dairy and Food Commissioner, show that eggs in storage are at low ebb, but that butter shows an increase over the same period a year ago. The warehouses were virtually cleaned out of eggs during January and February, and the beginning of the month showed only 154,337 dozen on hand, with 267,742 pounds of the product out of the shell. The season for placing eggs in storage is April and May and large quantities are expected to be put away, despite the failure of the price to come down to the former summer standard.

Twenty-seven of the seventy-two cold storage houses in the state did not contain any food products at the beginning of the month and the holdings of eggs and meat were scattered among twenty of the largest concerns. Twenty-nine houses reported butter on storage, while twenty-four were holding poultry.

The approach of the fishing season brought a decided drop in the amount of that food in storage and there were only 1,153,977 pounds, as compared with 3,126,675 pounds three months ago.

Large exports of beef and pork have reduced these holdings and there are reported 554,259 pounds of carcasses of beef and 1,402,570 pounds of parts of carcasses. This is an increase of almost 1,000,000 pounds, as compared with the same time last year, but a decrease over the figures of three months ago.

Pork shows a slight increase, with 26,280 carcasses and 1,827,882 pounds of parts of carcasses. Mutton and veal are below the usual holdings. Seven warehouses are holding mutton, while fifteen contain pork.

Patriotism and preparedness hit Bryn Mawr College with a bang about two weeks ago, and a number of things are being worked out by the students along that line. Now the question of supplying a course in farming is being investigated by the student organization and several alumnae have coupled with that idea a suggestion that a portion of the campus be used to raise crops.

Students Turn Farmers.

Under the direction of Dr. Wilmer F. Burns, assisted by the school teachers of the public schools, the pupils of Gloucester City have established more than 100 gardens, and additional plots will be planted. At the Jersey avenue public school the pupils have transformed the yard into a large garden in which they are growing onions, tomatoes, radishes and corn. City Superintendent Burns has announced that all school children who desire to work on farms in compliance with the call of Governor Edge, may do so, and they will be graduated.

Prisoners Plant Potatoes.

Short-term prisoners from the Bucks County jail have planted nearly 14 bushels of seed potatoes on a tract offered by Joseph Rich. Well-known women of the Doylestown section, affiliated with the Red Cross, put on old garments and gloves and prepared the seed potatoes for planting, and following agreement with the Board of County Commissioners, that "trust-ed, short-term prisoners could be used to do the work of planting, under proper guards," the big pile of seed potatoes were all planted.

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

Physicians and dentists of Lancaster county are enrolling and ready to respond when called first one to sign. Dr. J. W. H. 83 years old, is in active practice and was a surgeon in the army.

When neighbors entered the home of Mrs. Anthony Garber, of Marshall City, to inform her that her husband had been killed in a mine explosion they found the woman starving.

War with Germany has postponed the unveiling of the statue of Daniel Pastorius, the first farmer Germantown.

The School Board of Latrobe increase the wages of teachers 8 to 9 per cent.

Bakers at Ringtown have raised prices of bread, formerly 5 cents, to 6 and 12 cents.

Owners of the Crystal Ridge wood and Cranberry collection cash prizes to miners for the gardens.

Buyers for big cold storage are scouring Blair and Bedford counties for eggs at 30 cents a dozen.

C. A. Brown, of Lewisburg, announced his candidacy for state Judge on the no-license ticket.

"Street loafers and vagrants serve their country in no way or go to jail," is the slogan of Police E. F. Fram, of Lewisburg.

The Westmoreland County has ordered the Sheriff to draw farmers drawn for jury duty the week of May 7 that they are engaged in farming is paramount.

Miss Helen L. Cope, for years assistant principal of the burg's schools, has been elected supervising principal, to succeed B. Moyer.

A Scranton citizen suggests the Court House Square in the be planted with potatoes. Enough potatoes can be grown the plot to supply 50 families.

At Lancaster, Annie Smiley, than three years old, while in the of her father, who was operating a gasoline engine, got too close shafting. Her dress was caught she was whirled around. He held the shaft from revolving as cause of the stoppage and was relieved at seeing his child's head attached to the shafting.

The bill providing for the medical and other institutions vivisection purposes of unclaimed in public pounds was before the Senate at Harrisburg. It received 23 affirmative votes, less than a constitutional majority. There were 10 votes cast against.

Nearly 100 students in the natural school at State College in their textbooks and without college to work on farms. A of them were seniors, who had completed their four-year scientific agriculture. Diplomas be awarded them.

Bakers at Girardville have bread to 12 cents a loaf.

Red Lion school director to miss bus students earlier to get time to assist in farm work.

Bread at Milltown has risen to 12 cents a loaf, and consumers insist upon a 16-ounce loaf.

Reserve militia force is plan bill introduced in Pennsylvania, this new body to take National Guard when in Pele-vice.

Steps have been taken by the Lebanon township School Board the erection of a \$50,000 school, to consolidate nine schools.

Electric and searchlights have placed on the Rockville bridge Pennsylvania Railroad as a measure.

County game warden and his lets are puzzled by a disease they have observed among the Maryville and which is making inroads into their ranks. They found sluggish and scarcely fly. Examination has revealed to be blind in one eye, which swollen as to protrude.

"Good-by, mother," showed W. Vanglier, 51 years old, his mother, as he walked upstairs home in Sunbury. A second he heard a shot and he was with a bullet in his head. The due to ill health, is given as a scan.

A Reading Railway man found of dynamite under the Reading vert at Gandy's one mile from Lewisburg.

For years a pile of waste medium a material used in diamond-pointed fountain pens thought worthless by the Wirt Fountain Pen Company factories at Bloomsburg. A dropped in on Mr. Wirt and him \$75 a pound, or more than for it. It is used in the industry.

After an offended Guardsman Hoffman had knocked down Christian, of Milton, "Square Sunbury, fined Christian \$100 costs.

At a meeting of the general branch of the Public Health Committee at Scranton, it was decided to plow up the three-acre house square, in the heart of the and establish gardens. It was decided to perfect arrangements supplying nearby farmers with Reading will have its streets at two cents for every one-foot on to the square yard.

United Mine Workers, Local 1376, with 1,500 members, has a co-operative buy- society of the county, the third in the district at Shepton and Drif on have lished similar associations.

Residents of Abington are line with the "plant a garden" Mrs. Mary B. Swain, of Abington, Washington, D. C., who was in Bucks county, has sent a \$25 to President I. J. Vanantwerp, the Doylestown Chamber of Commerce, to head a subscription farmers who are unable to their production.