HOUSTON URGES CONTROL OF FOOD

Census of Supplies Needed, Says Sec. of Agriculture

RESOURCES ARE UNKNOWN

While Shortage of Wheat and Potatoes Has Raised Their Cost, Prices on Other Foodstuffs Have Soared.

A thorough census of America's food supply was urged before the senate committee on agriculture by Secretary David F. Houston, speaking both in his capacity as the administration and a member of the council of defense.

The fact that we have no way to weigh with any degree of accuracy, America's food recurces, caused Sec-retary Houston to my stress upon the need of immediate action upon the immediate necessity of appropriating \$25,000,000 to create a bureau of food

census now.
"We have neither the authority, the machinery nor the means immediately at hand," said the secretary, "with which to assemble and digest these statistics, as order that we might ob-tain the most ad a basis for federal conood situation as a war

The terrino advances in the cost of the necessities of life, Secretary Hous-ton blames on the alarming shortage

of wheat and potatoes.

"The prices have soared when the supply was entirely adequate in many lines of production," said Secretary Houston. "We are unable to figure Houston. We are unable to lighter the economical reasons for such price advances. Seemingly, it is a combination of circumstances."
"Might it not be a combination of individuals?" questioned Senator Ken-

"Possibly," answered the cabinet of-

Secretary Houston told the commit tee that he thought it would be well to have the enactment of a law per-mitting, for the period of the war, the fixing of prices of foodstuffs by the fixing of prices of foodstuffs by the federal government. The navy having tried out the fixing of the prices for munitions and other neces-sities of the sea fighting force with genuine success, he thought this showed a way in which the food situ-ation might be met. He expressed the opinion that the application of drastic measures, once or twice, to the detri-ment of the control of food grafters, and betterment of the conditions of and betterment of the conditions of the common people's larder, would probably arrest the disposition of the people who control the national supply of food to boost prices.

The suggestion of a federal license

the suggestion of a rederal incense to purveyors of foodstuffs as a wir measure also met with Secretary Houston's approbation. Senator Norris presented the question of the alleged wastage of materials needed for food in the manufacture of grain alcohol.

On this point Secretary Houston told the committee that he was not in told the committee that he was not in possession of the complete facts. He said that last year about 145,000,000 bushels of grain found their way to the distilleries, but what amount came out for use in munition manufacture and what for drinkables he was un

"It is estimated that the flour sup-"It is estimated that the flour sup-ply," said Secretary Houston, "on the basis of a normal crop, could be in-creased 18,000,000 barrels a year through the milling of wheat so as to make 81 per cent of the kernel into flour instead of 75 per cent, as at present. The problem, however, has many sides and various important is-sues are involved." sues are involved

By a vote of 43 to 33 the senate de By a vote of 43 to 33 the senate defeated a motion to strike the entire press censorship clause from the espionage bill. It also rejected, 40 to 34, a substitute by Senator Cummins of Iowa, designed to modify the pro-

The amendments adopted leaves the clause only prehibiting "publication" of information regarding the movement, numbers, description, condition of disposition of the armed forces. O motion of Senator Smith of Georgians and the senator series of the senator series are senator series. drastic language which woul prohibit "collection, recording or tempts to elicit such informatic was struck out. As it remained w out having been finally adopted and incorporated into the bill, the prohi bition regulations wouly apply mer-ly to "publication."

STRIKES IN BERLIN

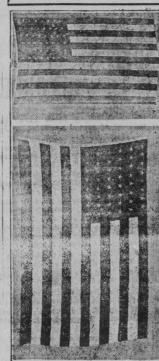
Chancellor Von Hollweg Will Not Act

as Arbitrator.
According to the Berlin Vorwaerts, the strike of munitions workers continues everywhere in Berlin, and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's assume the task of arbitrator.

Strikes have broken out in various munitions factories in Germany, including the Krupps, the Telegraaf says is has learned from German sources The Berliner Tageblatt was quote

stimated that from 125,000 to 130,000 promised to return to work despite the otests of their leaders.

RIGHT WAY TO HANG THE FLAG UNDER ARMY CUSTOM



U. S. DAY IN FRANCE

marked the opening of the of "United States day" in

The French tri-color and the Star-Spangled banner were at the same hour unfurled together from the residence of William G. Sharp, the American ambassador, in the Avenue D'Eylau: from the American embassy, from the city hall and from other municipal and government buildings. The stream boulevards were jammed w cheering crowds.

Guard Rules Modified.

Discharges from the national guard will not be granted enlisted men solely because they are married, according to instructions sent out b he militia bureau of the departmen family from becoming a charge upon the government, he will not be mus-

U-Boat Problem Not Solved. America, our sea supplies are in such patriotic societies let there be held

the U-boat problem. New Fighter Launched.
The new superdreadnought New Mexico was launched in the Brooklyn navy yard Monday.

WILSON INSISTS ON DRAFT BILL

No Other Plan For Raising Army Will Do, He Says

FIGHTS VOLUNTEER SYSTEM

Only by Selective Conscription Can Active and Productive Power of Nation Be Mobilized, Chief Declares.

President Wilson has issued a public appeal for the support of the principle of "selective conscription.

The president's argument is contained in a letter to Representative Helvering of Kansas, a Democrat member who favors the administration bill ,the selective conscription feature of which has been subordinat-

Only by selective conscription, cor tends the president, can the full man power of the nation be marshaled effi-ciently, and those best fitted for mili-tary service be separated from those who are more urgently needed on farms, in the mines and factories. He points out that there already is room for 600,000 volunteers in the regular army and national guard.

"The process of the draft is, I think,

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KANSAS WHEAT FAILURE

55 Per Cent of Sown Area Abandoned;
Weather Against Grain.

Fifty-five per cent of the 1917 wheat crop in Kansas is a failure, leaving the smallest acreage since 1897 and one of the poorest conditions the state has ever known, according to the office and the only part, and perhaps, all means the only part, and perhaps, all one of the poorest conditions the state has ever known, according to the official crop report just issued by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture. The report covers every acre of wheat-producing land in Kansas.

Prospects for a crop from the remaining 45 per cent of the last fall sowing is shown as 60.13 per cent. The report does not give the bushel estimate, but it was explained by experts that the figures would indicate a probable crop of 48,000,000 bushels less than last year and more than 133,000,000 "The volunteer system does not do"

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The volunteer system does not do this. When men choose themselves they sometimes choose without during and the blowing of the soil by the wind.

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U. S. ENTRY CELEBRATED

England Pays Distinguished Honors to America.

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There was a great display of American figs in London and other English towns and a popular demonstration by the crowds which surrounded the cathedral. The Stars and Stripes floated from the highest tower of the parliament buildings at Westminster, the first time a foreign flag was ever displayed on that eminence, and flew above all government buildings in the British capital.

The services in the historic cathedral, where the most momentous occasions of national rejoicing have been solemnized, was unprecedented in being the commemoration of an act and decision of another nation.

Il S DAY IN FRANCE

there wide open."

The administration bill to create a big war army by selective draft is under debate in both houses of congress.

The real interest centers in the America's Entry into War is Fittingly Celebrated.

America's Entry into War is Fittingly bouse because the opponents of the general staff plan have a fighting The Stars and Stripes were flung to the breeze from Elffel tower in France on Sunday afternoon and saluted by twenty-one guns. This marked the opening of the ceremonies foregone conclusion

TO HONOR FRANCE IN PENNA

Governor Brumbaugh Sets Aside April 26 as Day of Commemoration. Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh issued the following request to the peo-

ple of Pennsylvania:
"This country must never forget the invaluable assistance given us in the Revolutionary war by France. He greatest gift was the services of Laf ayette. He is as much an American patriot as he is a French patriot. It services to this republic were of t most heroic and valuable character. "That the services of France a

particularly of the great Lafavett may be kept vividly in mind, I earned by request that we set aside April the anniversary of the embarkation Lafayette from Bordeaux to America as France day.

as to jeopardize the whole exercises suited to the occasion and campaign," says Arthur Pollen, British naval expert, in the newspaper, Land and Water. He adds that the British admiralty has failed to solve ideals of liberty, fraternity and equal-

ity." Berlin Denies U-Boats Her It is officially announced in Berlin that there is no submarines as yet in the western part of the Atlantic

HEIR TO MILLIONS JOINS ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD



MARSHALL FIELD III.

Young Mr. Field, who is a grandson of the late Marshall Field, first Chi-cago merchant prince, will join the First Illinois cavalry as a private. He thinks it the duty of all young men

A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE WAR

German torpedo boat destroyers fired 100 shells in the region of Calais. Some civilians were killed. Twelve persons were wounded.

Calais is the western terminal of the main railroad artery that supplies the British armies on the Lens-Arras the British armies on the Lens-Arras battlefront in northwestern France, and lies directly opposite the British channel port of Dover, near which place five German destroyers attempted a raid on British shipping Friday night with the result that two German ships, and possibly three, were sunk by British patrol vessels.

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It is believed the object of the raid was to interrupt the voyage of the British premier, Lloyd George, across the channel from the continent, where he had been in conference with the French and Italian prime ministers.

It is believed the German deströyers were the ones which escaped in the darkness from the Dover battle, directing their shells on this town while skirting the coast on their return to

skirting the coast on their return to the naval bases at Zeebrugge, Bel-

gium.

Hard fighting continues between the French and the Germans all along the southern front in France. The French war office, in its latest com-munication, records further progress for the forces of General Nivelle north of the Aisne, in Champagne and in the Argonne forest.

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More than 19,000 Germans have been made prisoners and guns in excess of 100 have been captured by the French since the offensive began last Monday.

British troops made further progress in the region of Lens, where the fighting continues to go in their favor, says the official statement issued by the British war office. Three German counter attacks were repulsed by the British, who captured a number of British, who captured a number of prisoners and machine guns.

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The late British official communication announces that the prisoners
taken in the offensive begun last week
now aggregate more than 14,000. Guns
to the number of 228 also have been

right strong positions still held by the enemy are falling one by one. All this work could only have been done at a heavy cost in life under former war conditions. It is being carried out with comparatively small loss

forced a passage of the Shatt-El-Ad hem, attacked the Turkish main posi tions and completely routed the Turkish forces, says an official statement issued by the British war department. So far 1,244 Turks have been taken

The British hospital ships Donegal and Lanfranc with many wounder aboard have been torpedoed withou warning. They were sunk on April 17 Of those on the Donegal twenty-nine wounded men and twelve of the crew are missing. The Lafranc carried Ger-man wounded as well as British. Of those aboard nineteen British and fif-Germans are believed to have

BRAZILIAN RIOTS SERIOUS

Big Masses of German Munitions Found In Country. Rio de Janeiro dispatches stated fed-

ammunition. Other evidence had been brought to light, it was declared, tending to show that the Germans had planned action long ago.

Serious rioting occurred in Porto

Alegre, where manifestations against Alegre, where manifestations against the German colony have been in prog-ress several days. As a street car crowded with passengers passed a German hotel shots were fired from the building. Several persons were children Cry for Fletcher's

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No man," writes Mrs. Alec-Tweedie Why He Balked at Being a Witness on the reminiscences, "My Tablecloths," the Side of Truth.

"had stranger admirers or keener Colonel E. M. House—"Silent" House, haters than W. S. Gilbert. Successful as he is often called—told at a dinner people always have, but then, added toin Washington a significant parable: his success, he had a pompous manner "They who expect the men in authorand a sarcastic tongue.

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Sarah Bernhardt's new play, which I dinner, and one of the guests told of a had just seen in Paris, and I said it bear hunt that he had once shared in was a poor play sipendidly acted.

"It it's a poor play it's sure to succable hunt. The bear had been killed ceed," he retorted. 'No good play is under almost incredible difficulties ever a success. Fine writing and high Although his auditors looked skeptical, morals are hopeless on the stage."

"That is severe."

"Not any too severe. I have been host, you see, for corroboration. scribbling twaddle for thirty-five years "Then," when he had finished his to suit the public taste and ought to strange but perfectly true tale, he said know. And, after all, look at the the "There, that's the story, and, genater. It contains some 1,500 persons tlemen, our host will corroborate every, for the gallery it offends the stalls; if "No, George,' he said, I don't reyou dish up sweetbreads and truffles member anything of the sort at all.' for the stalls it disgusts the pit. There "Tableau! for plain leg of mutton and bolled po-"Maddened by this tableau, the guest tato is the most suitable fare for all at the end of the dinner took his host Light flippery and amusing nonsense aside and hissed:

are what I have endeavored to write. "Yes, said the famous hunter—'yes, shouldn't

A Letter From His Wife Always Made Hawthorne Wash His Hands.

Keats liked red pepper on his toest. In what are called "looming miDickens was fond of wearing jewelry, rages" distant objects show an apparJoaquin Miller nailed all his chairs ent extravagant increase in height

unrise or sunset, as he said his sublimest moods came upon him at these

in Egypt describes a man who had lost is way, wandering about for days of Shakespeare's works."

without water, and finally came staggering into his camp. The man's eyes "a complete set."

were bloodshot, his lips swollen to "his mouth. To allow such a man had a glossary, too, I presume?"

'his mouth. To allow such a man Age-Herald.

'Higher Authority.

Higher Authority.

Willis—The Highflers are going

Joaquin Miller nailed all his chairs ent extravagant increase in height to the wall.

Edgar Allan Poe slept with his cat and was inordinately proud of his feet into immense towers or tail, jagged mountains, and a ship thus reflected from far out at sea may appear to be the passed the house in which he long. Rocks and trees are also shown in abnormal shapes and positions. Alexandre Dumas the younger bought while houses, animal and human be a new painting every time he had a new pook published.

Robert Louis Stevenson's favorite western states and territories were recreation was playing the flute, in or converted into verdant fields by the der, as he said, to tune his ideas. ingenuity and tireless energy of man der, as he said, to tune his ideas.

Robert Browning could not sit still mirages were very common in those with the constant shuffling of his feet regions, the Indians regarding the pheholes were worn in the carpet.

Longfellow enjoyed walking only at spirits.

A Russian National Dish. One of the national dishes of Rus-Hawthorne always washed his hands sia is known as the pashka. It is a before reading a letter from his wife sort of cake that stands one and a half He delighted in poring over old adver-feet high and is always put on a tall determines in the newspaper files. base. It is usually surmounted by a Oliver Wendell Holmes used to carry sugar cross and is placed in the center a horse chestnut in one pocket and a of the table when the Russians hold

Horrors of Thirst.

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The thirst—no physical suffering comparable to it. A traveler over the desert in Egypt describes a man who had lost "I understand without water, and finally of days are taste.

man required to be held forcibly by four men in his eagerness to get at drinking water, while a fifth man allowed a few drops to trickle down the throat of the sufferer at long intervals. He had to be cooled off little by fittle. Willis—Well, I was talking with Mrs. Highfiler only yesterday. Willis—Well, I was talking with Mrs. Highfiler only yesterday. Willis—Well, I was talking with the mortgagee only this morning.—Puck.