Representative's Speech on Floor of House Results in Amendment.

UNANIMOUS VOTE IS GIVEN

Successful Effort Made to Have Members of Her Sex Included in Officials Who Will Make Food Supply Survey.

WASHINGTON, May 28 .- Representative Rankin, of Montana, made her malden speech on the floor of the House today and incidentally won her nitial fight. She succeeded in amending, by a unanimous vote in the com-inittee of the whole, the food bill so as to provide that in making the proposed food survey the services of wom-en shall be used insofar as practicable. "Women must take an intelligent

and responsible share in the world's work if we are to see that all the peo-ple are fed all the time," declared Miss Rankin. Tremendous applause greeted Miss Rankin when she arose to speak and when she concluded. Members poured from the cloakrooms and lobbies to hear the maiden speech of the first Congresswoman, and she had the lar-gest audience that has attended any acasion on the food bill.

Women Declared Well Fitted.

'The work, such as gathering information and preventing waste, includes activities that we have been accustomed to seeing women engaged in," said Miss Rankin. "And when these activities are so closely related to the home as is the food question, women are especially well fitted by their training and experience to do this work. It is self-evident that women are going to fill many positions that have been filled by men in the past, and this is one of the places where they can be used effectively."

Women officials, with their understanding and sympathy for home problems, will inspire a confidence in the home woman and will encourage her to co-operate with the Government in this emergency. Women as house-keepers must learn to think of food in carload lots, in transit, in storage, in the Board of Trade and in the National markets, as well as in these small portions of the family table. Women Declared Well Fitted.

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Many Are Highly Trained. "By using women officials to aid in this work we will concentrate the attention of all women on the larger bearings of the food problem. It will bring the home woman into closer co-operation with the Government.

operation with the Government.

"Our high educational institutions have been turning out a large body of women who are trained to deal with fundamentals from a scientific standpoint. We have in these women a new source of service which we should not waste at this time. I feel sure that these women will be capable and faithful in doing this constructive work. It would be to the advantage of the Government to utilize the services of trained women in the place where they would count the most for the country during this present crisis and also in the future.

"We know that with our unparal-leled resources and improved methods of production, there is no need that any one should go hungry. Women must take an intelligent and responsible share in the world's work if we are

PROPERTY LOSS AT OSAKA IS ABOUT \$6,000,000.

Conflagration Follows Explosion in Warehouse and Causes Widespread Panic.

OSAKA, Japan, May 6.—(Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Seventy persons were killed and 200 injured in persons were killed and 200 injured in a series of terrific explosions and a fire which occurred in the warehouse district of Osaka yesterday. The damage to property is estimated at about \$6,000,000. The whole of Osaka and its neighboring towns and villages were thrown into a panic. The sound of the explosions was heard for 50 lace the circular was heard servitude! No slavery!" and was signed by the "Seattle Branch No-Conscription League, Postoffice Box 225." It counseled mutiny, defiance and death before conscription. In another place the circular was heard in the conscription of the explosions was heard for 50 lace the circular was heard in the alleged seditious circular was headed:

"No conscription! No involuntary servitude! No slavery!" and was signed by the "Seattle Branch No-Conscription League, Postoffice Box 225."

of the explosions was heard for 50 miles.

The first explosion, which occurred in the Tokio Warehouse Company's storehouse, is believed to have been due to the spontaneous combustion of chemicals. Firemen and fire engines rushed to the scene and tried to combat the fire, but the men and women, dying from their wounds, and countless people rushing in all directions crying for help, prevented effective firefightling. The fire raged for nearly five hours unchecked.

Not a person who happened to be

Not a person who happened to be passing in the neighborhood escaped injury. Heavy pieces of burning concrete and red-hot iron bars and other debris fell upon the heads of pedes-

trians.

The Ashiwaki bridge, about a mile from the scene of the fire, was cut in two by the shock of the explosion and 20 persons who were crossing it were thrown into the river and drowned.

Rear-Admiral Sims Promoted.

WASHINGTON, May '8 .- Rear-Admiral Sims, in charge of American naval operations in European waters, was formally appointed today a viceadmiral by President Wilson.



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SEATTLE LABOR LEADER AND SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR ARRESTED IN ANTI-DRAFT CONSPIRACY.



H. M. WELLS.

H. M. Wells Charged With Plot to Prevent Enlistments.

MANY PAPERS ARE SEIZED

Socialist Candidate for Mayor Is Ac- demands. cused in Connection With Circulars Urging Mutiny Against National Draft Measure.

(Continued From First Page.) their utterances that the police found no reason to interfere.

Papers Considered Proof. "The Government's proof against

Wells is absolute," United States At-

cular was reached about three weeks ago at a secret meeting between Wells and his associates in the Socialist hall. The men and women attending this meeting, officials said, were cautioned to enter and leave the hall one at a without being sacrilegious, 'God damn the Sultan of Turkey saying: 'God bless you, my friend.'

"If I were a layman I should say, without being sacrilegious, 'God damn the Sultan of Turkey saying: 'God damn the Sultan of and his associates in the Socialist hall.

time and to make sure they were not the Sultan." "All the arrangements for the 'no conscription' propaganda were made at this and subsequent meetings," Captain Foster said. "The circular was written, printed and distributed with the greatest possible secrecy, those concerned working only under cover of darkness or early in the morning."

Mutiny Is Urged.

The alleged seditious circular was

SOCIALIST EDITOR ARRESTED

for Detroit Newspaperman.

been seized.

Six other men were arrested, charged with circulating the paper, yesterday.

RUSSIA UPON ABYSS RUIN

(Continued From First Page.) of raw materials and with bank-

NUXATED IRON

Not only have the prices of products not met the advance in wages, but payment has been so slow that industry is nurgent need of working capital. The of delicate, nervous, rundown people 100 per cent in 10 days in many instances, in the banks naturally are not eager to extend credit to factories which are in control of temporary workmen's committees. As a result some of the factories, according to this saw your doctor or always carry it in stock.

BELL-ARS

Absolutely Removes
Indigestion, Onepackage proves it. 25catall druggists.

Socialists would End War.

Pat Connell and Frank Monahan, well-known sheepmen of Morrow County, have just closed a deal with John Curran, administrator of the estate of the late Patrick Curran, for the purchase which are no control of temporary. The wool clip from the band, estimated at 4000 pounds, has been sold to Portland parties at 45 cents a pound.

PANAMA PROPOSES ROADS advance of \$10,000,000 for Canal labinents, owing to threats of bodily and material vengeance. The power of the workmen's committees so far has superseded the authority of the owners. No man in a factory can be dismissed without the consent of the committees.

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Socialists Would End War. Santiseptic Cures Poison Oak or Ivy
Druggists refund it it falls. Instantly relieves itching, smarting and inflammation. Delightfully coelling and soothing. Soc. All druggists.

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the profits which the concern could hope to realize, and that the factories could operate under present conditions only for a limited time. The Socialist Ministers who were present declared that the only policy they saw of settling the question was winding up the war first of all

The demands in the Southern Russia factories amount to \$60,000,000 rubles. If these demands are met iron and coal would have to rise to unheard In the Urals the increase in wages demanded reaches 30,000,000 rubles, while the annual business does not exceed 200,000,000.

DR. HILLIS DAMNS SULTAN

Kaiser's Blessing Improvised in Thrilling Address by Preacher.

EL PASO, Texas, May 28 .- Hundreds of business men wept today when Dr. take an intelligent and responsible share in the world's work if we are to see that all the people are fed all the time."

Captain Thomas B. Foster, of the Secret Service, said that the plan to distribute the "ne, conscription" circular was reached about three weeks man rule, and cheered wildly when Dr. Hillis said:

Captain Thomas B. Foster, of the Newell Dwight Hillis, of Brooklyn, N. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Brooklyn, N. Northern France and Serbia under Gercular was reached about three weeks man rule, and cheered wildly when Dr. Colonel Dent. Corps of Engineers, at the Custom-House.

25,000 IN NAVAL RESERVE anticipation. Force Is Nearly Half as Great as Regulars at Opening of War.

WASHINGTON, May 28 .- Enlistments in the Naval Reserve forces since the in the Naval Reserve forces since the war began have brought the personnel of all branches up to about 25,000, or almost haif the size of the regular Navy a year ago. This includes the fleet reserve, the naval auxiliary, volunteer coast defense and flying corps reserves and women enlisted for special duty.

Boston New York Philadelphia and Harseld Young.

in enlistments. COLUMBIA RISES RAPIDLY

River Up Two Feet Since Saturday at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., May 28 .- (Special.)—The Columbia River is rapidly rising, due to the warm weather extoday was at the 30%-foot mark and still rising. A rise of more than two feet was recorded last night from Sat-

DETROIT, May 28.—Nathan L. Weich, of Detroit, editor of the Michigan Socialist, was rested by Federal officials today after copies of Welch's paper containing anti-draft articles had A few more feet and the business

BIG SHEEP SALE IS MADE

Morrow County Men Buy 2069 Ewes and 1200 Lambs at Big Price.

HEPPNER, Or., May 28 .- (Special.)-Pat Connell and Frank Monahan, well-known sheepmen of Morrow County,

war. The sum would in effect be an ad-

DEMOCRACY STAKE OF BRITISH ÉMPIRE

Moral Power of Common Aims of Dominions Great Factor, Says Balfour.

OTTAWA SPEECH STIRRING

No Greater Miracle Than Way in Which Colonies Have Worked Together in Self-Sacrifice," Declares British Statesman.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 28.—Arthur James Balfour, British Minister of For-eign Affairs and head of the mission eign Affairs and head of the mission sent to America, in an address late today before the two houses of the Canadian Parliament, declared that the British Empire "had staked its last dollar on democracy" and that if democracy failed, England and her possessions would be "bankrupt indeed." Mr. Balfour added, however, that he knew democracy would not fail.

"I know the democracies of the old world and the new will come out of this struggle not merely triumphant in

this struggle not merely triumphant in the military sense, but strengthened in their own inner life, more firmly con-vinced that the path of freedom is the only path to national greatness," as-serted Mr. Balfour.
"I do not believe," he continued, "that anything more unexpected to the

outside world ever occurred than the enthusiastic self-sacrifice with which the great self-governing British dominions have thrown themselves into the great contest at the side of the motherland. Foreign speculators about the British Empire, before the war began, said to themselves that this loosely said to themselves that this loosely constructed state resembled nothing that ever existed in history before; that it was held together by no coercive power; that the mother country could not raise a corporal's guard in Canada. Australia. New Zealand, or wherever you will; that she could not raise a shilling by taxation. She had no power except the power which a certain class of politician never remembers—the moral power of affection, sentiment, common aims and common ideals.

"Even those of us who believed the

"Even those of us who believed the the question was winding up the war first of all.

M. Kutler said that in 18 metal establishments in the Donets district with facility that so vast an empire, so loose-a capitalization of 195,000,000 rubles and annual profits of 75,000,000, the or that the indirect thrill of common workmen had demanded an increase of 240,000,000 rubles. The owners had agreed to 64,000,000 but the workmen had refused to accept this.

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In some of the works, according to the statement of a representative of the union, the owners decided to cede all the profits to the workmen, but even this did not meet their exorbitant demands.

In which co-ordinated British demochance worked together with a uniform spirit of self-sacrifice in the cause in which they believed not merely their own individual security, but the safety of the empire and the progress of civilization and liberty itself were at stake."

COLONEL DENT, CORPS OF ENGI-NEERS, TO BE RELIEVED.

Man Who Joined General Pershing's Expedition in Mexico Last July to Take Up Work in Portland.

Colonel George A. Zinn, late in com-

Eventually Colonel Zinn expects to take over the work of Major Jewett, Corps of Engineers, and Colonel Cava-naugh, now in command of the Eighth Engineers. In this capacity he will have charge of Government river and harbor projects in this district and looks forward to the work with ready

Colonel Zinn joined the General Persh ing expedition in Mexico last July, with the Second Engineers, and has since been stationed at El Paso. "Of course my duties for the present

are largely those of war-time," said Colonel Zinn at the Multnomah yes-terday, "but the improvement of these

Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Hauser and Harold Young.
Norfolk, in the order named, have led

at Various Colleges.

WASHINGTON, May '8 .- The second ot of 150 student aviators for the Army went into training today at the six colleges which are aiding the Government in building up the corps. '4-0 plan is to turn out 150 aviation Reserve corps officers each week after the first class finishes its course, the number at the school being kept at 600.

The War Department issued a statement today saying that men are still needed for this work.

Merchants Favor Bonds for Roads. WARRENTON, Or, May 28.—(Special.)—"Our large membership will cast a heavy percentage of its vote in favor of the \$5,900,000 road bond

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ally popular Wash Sports Skirts, made of plain and striped Jap crepe—all new models. Make an early selection.

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mendment June 4." is the statement of G. Clifford Barlow, president of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association. "Merchants generally have determined that the increased trade obtained from tourists in communities now blessed with good roads is of great value."

SPANIARDS FAVOR BREAK

Mass Meeting at Madrid Urges Action Against Germany. MADRID, via Paris, May 28 .- Resolu-

tions adopted at the great mass meet-ing in favor of the entente allies held in Madrid yesterday were presented to the Spanish Minister of the Interior The resolutions were to the effect that "Spain should break diplomatic relations with Germany and should ac-cept all the consequences from the action which she is compelled to adopt for the defense of her dignity."

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