THE WEATHER

Tonight and tomorrow, rain; warmer tonight; southerly winds. Humidity, 70.

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ON TRAINS AND NEWS PRICE TWO CENTS.

Baldwin Locomotive Factory at Eddystone,

mate 101 Dead, Mostly Women and Girls.

**AUTHORITIES BEGIN INVESTIGATION** 

Girl Had Reard Bumors

Philadelphia, Pa., April 10 .-

(I. N. S.)-Rumors have been

persistent since last Friday that the Eddystone plant was to

be blown up. Mary Rivard, a girl ammunition plant worker,

announced late today at Chester

that she resigned yesterday along with several other girls

Late this afternoon federal

authorities had arrested 20 sus-

pects in connection with the

"I am working along big lines," said Frank L. Gar-barino, head of the Philadelphia

bureau of the department of

time clock for a big bomb that

101 Known to Be Dead.

An official statement late this after-

Although this number of dead was

officially reported, it was impossible

to secure the names pecause the bodies

were all so badly charred it was im-

possible to ascertain in many cases

even whether they were men or wo-

Coroner White stated that there was

only one woman who had taken from

he wreckage that could ever possibly

Hospitals Filled With Injured.

Two hospitals were filled with in-ured. The list will reach nearly 200.

Many cannot live. Their bodies were

torn and twisted by the heavy explos-

ons or burned by the terrific heat,

their features blackeded and well nigh

Anguishing scenes occurred around

the iste of the explosion, Armed

guards, inspired by wild rumors of German plots and determined to

searc hout the truth of such rumors,

coldly flung back weeping relatives of

those known to have been employed

in the plant where the explosion oc-

curred. The cries of the sorrowing ones rose all afternoon about the sound of intermittent popping of

Occasionally guards would bring out black bits of flesh of the dead or

e identified.

inrecognizable,

caused the explosions."

"It might have been a

because of these rumors.

Manufacturing Shells for Russian Govern-

ment, Is Scene of Terrific Explosion-Esti-

ON THEORY IT WAS NOT ACCIDENT

Nine Buildings Completely Shattered by Force

of Three Shocks-Minor Explosions Follow-

By Night Every Indication Is They Will Have 15,000 tween 50 and 100 Guns to territories. Show for Drive.

FALL OF VIMY RIDGE IS **BLOW TO THE GERMANS** 

ish Will Place Them in Position to Turn German Flank and Menace Strong Hindenburg Position.

London, April 10.—(U. P.)—King George today sent this message to Field Marshal Haig: joice at the news of yesterday's successful operations. "Canada will be proud that taking of the coveted Vimy Ridge has fallen to the lot of

"I heartily congratulate you nd all who have taken part in splendid achievement."

By William Philip Simms. the British Armies Afield, April 10 .- (U. P.) -There is every rea son to believe that by tonight the great British smash will have yielded Field Marshal Haig 15,000 prisoners and between 50 and 100 guns. The driving force of the great offensive was un-diminished today, even with bitter opposition from the enemy. While these figures are unofficial

they are based on careful estimates and calculations. The British have advanced to a point four miles to the east of Arras, and have stormed four systems of tranches along the north bank of the Scarpe to nd, which were famous for their

boasted strength.

To the south of the Scarpe today the British were facing the last system of the German line, which is nearly opposite the famous "Hinden-burg line." From this point the fighting front runs by Feuchy Chapelle to the east to Neuville Vitasse and southward. All along in this section the (Continued on Page Two, Column Two)

# CIVIL POPULATION OF RHEIMS IS ORDERED TO EVACUATE TOWN

French Evidently Expect Ger-City in Marne Sector.

Paris, April 10 .- (U. P.) -- French authorities today ordered evacuation of Rheims by the civil population. have been waging a powerful offensive northeast of Rheims. Order for civil evacuation of the city may be due to a desire to save needless sacrifice in the bombardment of the town by the Germans, or because of unusual military steps about to be taken there

Paris, April 10.-(I, N. S.)-An advance by the French between the Coucy forest and the Aisne river and the repulse of a German attack in Champagne, southeast of Rheims, were reported by the war office today. There were heavy artillery duels. The text of the official communique follows:

"German artillery north of the Oise was less active last night. There were numerous patrol encounters. South of the Oise the French advanced near Coucy forest. Near La Faux, north of ns, there was heavy cannonading. We repulsed a German attack southeast of Rheims and north of Sillery. There was grenade fighting near Maissons De Champagne farm."

## Indian Enlists for **Aviation Service**

Ernest Cloquet, an Indian of Kelso, section of the United States Army Signal Corps, last week, through Cap-tain Huebscher's recruiting station in the Worcester building. The Indian was well versed in gas engine work, it was claimed, which fact qualified him for the branch of

## Carleton Swift Is Licensed to Wed

Chicago, April ' 10.—Carleton B. Swift of the Portland Cattle Loan Co., is licensed to wed Miss Eliza Leonard, of Chicago,

Mr. Swift has made Portland his ridely known family of packers.

# Free Russia Does Not Seek Dardanelles

Provisional Government Relinquishes Claim on Constantinople as Part of Price of Peace.

Petrograd, April 10.—(U. P.)—The provisional government today announced relinquishment of its claim for Russia of Constantinople as part of the price of peace, as previously stated by the bureaucratic regime. The proclamation specifically ex-

The government deems it a duty to declare that free Russia does not German Prisoners and Be- aim at domination of other nations, or the occupation by force of foreign Russia does not lust for strength

ening of her power abroad at the expense of other nations. "The government does not aim to subjugate or humiliate anyone. "These principles constitute th basis of its foreign policy."

Kaiser Sends Peace Emissary.

Amsterdam, April 10.—(I. N. S.)— The kaiser is bending all efforts to-Little More Advance by Brit- ward obtaining a separate peace with ward obtaining a separate peace with Russia, Philip Scheidemann, noted Socialist leader, has left Berlin on a secret mission, according to a dis-patch received here Monday night. It is intimated freely that Scheldeman's mission is to get in touch with leaders of the Socialists in Russia, many of whom are known to favor peace.

Tell Truth, Says Russia. Petrograd, April 10.—(U. H)—"The government has no right to hide the truth when the state is in danger and every effort must be made to save it,

declared an official proclamation is-

# WAR IS DECLARED BY BRAZIL ON GERMANY STATES RIO DISPATCH

South American Power Fo lows Example of U. S. After Ships Are Sunk,

Bio Janeiro, April 10,-(I. N S)-Brazil declared war on Germany today.

The text of the government's declaration will be given out late tonight.

Brazil's action makes it the first South American country to enter the world conflict. Its action followed the sinking of the Brazilian steamer Parana by a German submarine. Passports have been issued for the

German minister and consuls throughout Brazil and they will depart immediately for Spain. The government officials plan seize all German ships in Brazilian

By H. B. Robertson. Rio de Janeiro, April 10 .- (U. P.)-War loomed as more likely than mere diplomatic rupture between Brazil and lemand for instant hostilities. Foreign Minister Muller was reported to have council.

It was understood passports for the German minister and the German consul had already been signed, ready for President Braz' decision to take this

man Attack on Famous of the Brazilian steamer Parana as to that vessel by a German U-bcat. Every detail of the original story, including the unwarned attack, the firing of shells on the sinking vessel, the deaths of three Brazilians by the explosion of the torpedo and the 12 hours of suffering in open boats endured by the survivors-many of them woundedwas said to have been fully confirmed It was expected that Switzerland

would assume charge of Brazilian interests in Berlin. Minister of Marine Alencar today ordered a speeding up in Brazil's naval preparations, and great activity in naional defense was otherwise indicated But the official, governmental hope is that there need not be an actual war declaration following the diplomatic rupture, unless Germany gives addi-

tional provocation. The public, on the other hand, to-The public, on the other hand, to-day apparently regarded the diplomatic Enterprise, Elgin, La Grande and Baker. break as purely a preliminary step to

Washington Not Informed. Washington, April 10 .- (I. N. S.)-No word of Brazil's action in declaring war on Germany had reached the Brazilian embassy here at a late hour this afternoon. In the absence of advices, officials declined to talk.

## Six Inch Gun Keeps Diver at Distance

New York, April 10 .- (I. N. S.) -A away a German submarine as the as a result of a special conference be-steamship was passing through the tween the Interstate Commerce comof Ireland. Twenty minutes afterward railroads of the country called to con-the same submarine torpedoed and sider urgent needs of the railroads for

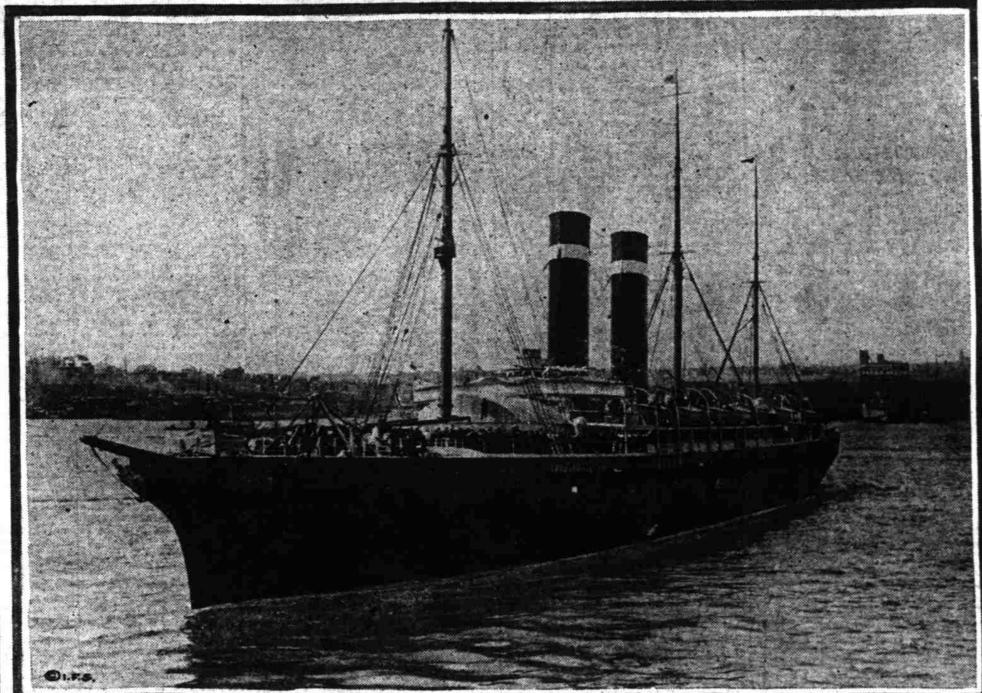
sunk a British tramp steamer.

The story was told by passengers on the Ansonia which docked here today. The passengers were unanimous in declaring that a submarine dare not attack armed ships in daylight. The liner's gun crew easily could have destroyed the U-boat. As soon as the U-boat's officers saw that the Ansonia's gun was being trained in their direction they turned their boat

southward and disappeared.

Meanwhile a British tramp steamer was observed five miles away. Paseened the destruction of the Christian The Burroughs will be christened by

DIG AMERICAN LINER NEW YORK, which hit floating mine near Liverpool last night and was towed into port. Cables say she was damaged in only one water-tight compartment and that all of her passengers were landed safely in Liverpool. The captain and crew of the tramp steamer that strung the mines were taken and executed, it is reported.



# STATE-WIDE APPEAL SENT OUT TO GROW MORE FOODSTUFFS

hamber of Commerce Asks Cooperation of Grange and All Other Organizations,

Letters asking cooperation in a state vide campaign to increase the food supply are going from the Chamber other organizations. The action is takon in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Chamber of Commerce,

The purpose is to secure a general organization and by means of it bring of land planted to crops this year, to encourage the cultivation of back yards step followed a formal report from and vacant lots, to see what can be "The captain reports that all of the the Brazilian minister in Paris corrob- done to secure seeds at reasonable passengers excepting four, who elected orating in full the story of the captain prices and labor when needed, and to to remain on board, were transferred facilitate transportation.

Active Cooperation Urged. Some organizations have difficulty in working together. The resolution adopted Monday pleads, "that reasons which ordinarily keep organizations from cooperating be ignored in this campaign at least during stress of

The "food preparedness" train dis-patched over lines of the O-W. R. & N. Monday under direction of the extension division of Oregon Agricultural college will be made an aid in the campaign. The agricultural college faculty members in attendance will give instruction in vegetable gardening, poultry keeping and the economical use of foods. Organization of clubs to aid the effort to increase the food supply will be undertaken in Hood River, The Dalles, Bend, Redmond, Wasco, Her-

R. D. Retzel Will Speak. R. D. Hetzel, director of the extension division of the agricultural college, will come to Portland Wednesday after two days spent with the "food before the Portland Ad club at noon will be an appeal to the advertising men of the organization to join the general organization.

### Freight Rates Will Be Increased Soon

Washington, April 10. — (U. P.) — Immediate increases in the general the Cunard liner Ansonia frightened freight rates are being prepared today "barred zone" 100 miles off the coast mission and representatives of the additional revenue on account of the

# Brownsville Glove **Factory Destroyed**

Albany, Or., April 10 .- Fire break Chicago.

Mr. Swift has made Portland his ome since late last fall. He is a smber of the Boston branch of the Boston branch of the submarine again disappeared in the destruction of the Christian church and other property. The factory building, which was unoccupied, was destroyed, the church caught fire several times, and was only saved after the most diligent kind of work idely known family of packers.

The Burroughs will be christened by service, You can call it conscription if the destruction of the Christian church and other property. The factory building, which was unoccupied, the Union Meat company. It was larged to building, which was unoccupied, the Union Meat company. It was larged to building, which was only saved to raise would be raised exclusively others to follow were placed here by the bucket brigade.

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# American Liner New York Hits Floating Mine Five Miles Off Liverpool, But Reaches Port

Big Passenger Steamer Damaged by German-Set Mine, But Bulkhead System Works and All on Board are Saved; Minelayer is Captured.

There were 112 Americans in the

Bulkheads Save Craft.

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WITH WILSON; STRONG

Says He Is "Heart and Soul"

Military Training.

in Favor of Obligatory

Washington, April 10.—(U. P.)—Ex-pressing himself as "heart and soul"

in favor of obligatory military train-ing, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt held

Wilson today.

He wanted to outline in detail his plans for sending a division of 20,000 men to France, and upon leaving the

White House, expressed the opinion that President Wilson would render a

out and dictated the following state-

dent to reiterate personally what I

have sald about his message and lay

before him and explain in detail what

I desired in the case of the division

and why it was my earnest hope and

belief that I should have the authori-

zation to raise such a division to be

sent as a part of an expeditionary

"The division and myself of course

would be put under command of who-ever was at the head of the expedi-tionary force. As I have said I wish to lay the plans for the division some-

what in detail before the president.
"The president received me with ut-most courtesy and consideration and

doubtless in his own due time will

come to a decision,

"I came desiring to see the presi-

'war conference" with President

ROOSEVELT CONFERS

New York, April 10 .- (U. P.) -Offi-

ort of New York.

Washington, April 10 .- (I, N. S.) - 1 had been strewing the entrance to Liv-The American liner New York struck a erpool harbor with floating mines.

The New York carried seven American mine at 7:40 o'clock last night. while five miles off Liverpool bar. All f her passengers with the exception first, 22 second and 21 third class of four who refused to leave the ship passengers. were transferred to patrol boats. The of Commerce today to the Oregon Ag- liner, under her own steam, successfulricultural college, the state grange and y negotiated the passage into Liverpool harbor and will be docked at once. There were no casualties.

The report of the accident to New York was sent to the state department by Consul Washington at

The text of the message was made ublic today. It was as follows: "The American liner New York truck a floating mine last night at of Liverpool bar.
"The captain reports that all of the

to patrol boats which were in the vi-"There were no casualties, "The vessel under her own steam

fully docked." The New York was armed and carried an armed guard detailed for her protection. Officials here said that they were hopeful that the damage resulting from the mine could be quickly

repaired. Mine Strewer Taken.

The St. Louis, a sister ship of the New York, which reached an American port yesterday, following a successful oyage, reported that just before she rossed Liverpool bar on her outwardbound trip, a merchant vessel, flying neutral flag, was captured, which

# NEW MOTORSHIP TO TAKE DIP IN RIVER, WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

W. F. Burroughs, Building at decision on the question "in his own due time." After talking with the president 30 minutes, Roosevelt came Standifer-Clarkson Yards, ment to the newspaper men: Awaits Launching.

Launching of the motorship W. F. Burroughs, building at the Standifer-Clarkson yards in North Pertland, is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'elock The launching has been awaiting the rising of the river and with the Wil-lamette showing 10.3 feet on the

gauges, it was decided to put her in the water tomorrow. Owing to the accident which he suffered when his machine skidded into a pillar on the Broadway bridge two weeks ago, James Clarkson, builder cathe craft, will not see her launched He lies in the hospital recovering from a fractured knee cap. Guy Standifer

# ON CONSCRIPTION FOR

teer Plan, He Says,

WILSON WILL INSIST

By John Edwin Nevin. Washington, April 10 .- (I. N. S.)-Efforts of advocates of the "volunteer exact death list." will nullify the selective conscription The disabled liner is commanded by Captain W. J. Roberts, one of the most feature of the new army plan will fail. experienced navigators of the line's President Wilson let it be known today through administration leaders The New York is a steel screw that he cannot approve any action teamer of 10,798 tons, built in 1838 which will "slow up" the war preparaby J. and G. Thompson of Glasgow and tions of the nation. He has made up wned by the International Mercantile Marine company (The American Line). The vessel is 517 feet in length and 53 his mind, his advisers say, that the volunteer system will not furnish the eet beam. She is registered at the number or quality of men that this nation must have at once to be a real

factor in the world war. Wilson Begins Conferences. It is understood to be the intention of the president to endeavor to win over the opposition through a series of personal conferences. He held the first of these yesterday with Chairman Dent of the house military affairs and today talked things over with Representative Anthony of Kansas and other advocates of the volunteer plan. Administration leaders who have canvassed both houses of congress are (Concluded on Page Two Column One)

# FOR EXPEDITION PLAN Some Opposition to J. Herbert Anderson

Medford, Or., April 10.-Some local feeling has developed unfavorable to J. Herbert Anderson, who was yesterday appointed an appraiser of the federal loan bank at Spokane. Mr. Anderson, though owner of large property interests here, and a former resident, is declared now to be a resident of Porterville, Cal., where he is developng a number of interests. Mr. Anderson has been chairman of the Republican central committee of Jackson county and Democratic leaders are also finding fault with his ap-pointment on this score.

#### Boys Fire an Old Cannon; "Boom" Is before the full mass of the deadly ma Carried 18 Miles

Walla Walla Wash., April 10, -Dayton, Wash., held a patriotic celebration last Friday and in one of the events was to have be been the firing of an old Civil was war cannon, standing in the courthouse yard. The powder to charge failed to ignite for some reason, however, so that part to of the program was omitted.

Early Monday morning sev-Early Monday morning sev-

and "pulled the trigger." "I am heart and soul for the proposal of the administration for universal obligatory military training and service. You can call it conscription if you like. I am not afraid. I would courthouse and business houses a along Main street of Dayton was destroyed by the concus-

#### Nearby Towns Rush Aid Quick as Possible. officials of the company in running down numerous clues to the origin of the explosions. One report, which is not verified, said that a man who was under suspicion was shot when he tried to escape from the scene. Great secrecy, however, involved the activity of the officials and details were

The ground near the plant was so badly torn up that ambulances could not approach. A heavy pall of smoke hung over the whole district and intermittent explosions were still occur-ring after 1 o'clock this afternoon. Cadet Corps Acts as Guard.

The cadet corps at Pennsylvania Military academy at Chester, under command of Captain Louis S. Morey, Tenth United States cavalry, arrived upon the scene this afternoon and im mediately took up guard duty about the plant at the request of Eddyston authorities. The boys were armed with rifles.

Captain Walter Wilhelm, manager and vice president of the Eddystone plant, this afternoon sail: Chester, Pa., April 10 .- (U. P.)-

THE AMERICAN ARMY

Thousands of pounds of explosives intended to maim Europe's soldiers today were touched off in some unknown fashion and reaped a horrible harvest of death among young girls and works.

War Preparations Must Not Be Slowed Up by Volun
Be Slowed Up by Volun
Chester, Pa., April 10.—(U. P.)

Thousands of pounds of explosives intended to maim Europe's soldiers today were touched off in some unknown fashion and reaped a horrible harvest of death among young girls and work of the Baldwin Locomotive Works' munitions tomorrow morning with the exception of the box, packing and base charging dopartments.

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Be Slowed Up by Volun- plant, mainly girls employed in fill-ing shrapnel cases, were missing late afternoon. Everyone who approached this afternoon. Bits of charred boides was subjected to examination and only scattered over an inclosure of great representatives of the companies were extent and resembling a European batpermitted to pass freely. All photogtlefield in the great craters torn out raphers were immediately arrested, efof the earth by the heavy explosions forts being made to prevent any photographs being taken. Relatives made it difficult to ascertain the were not even permitted to enter the morgues. There was evidence of continued excitement on the part of the officials during the afternoon. Con-stant rumors of arrests among the oon from Coroner White of Chester said 101 were known to be dead. All cores of foreigners were affoat. the bodies had then been taken from

Confusion Pollows Explosion. In the excitement and confusion folowing the explosions, which occurred shortly after 10 o'clock, it was utterly impossible to get definite facts as to the number killed or hurt, or the full-extent of the damage. One report from the fire department headquarters at Eddystone stated that more than 100 men had been sent to the hospital at Chester and that many of hem were believed to be so critically injured that they could not recover.

Reports direct from the scene said that "many must have been killed out-

The nearby buildings were literally shattered to pieces by the force of the Fire departments were called from nearby towns to fight the blazes which

After the three big shocks, minor and at times sounded like the firing of a Gatling gun battery. For this reason it was impossible for rescuers (Continued on Page Two, Column Three)

#### U. S. Steel Scores Another Record

New York, April 10.—(U. P.)—The record business of the United States steel corporation scored another high mark today when the monthly report of unfilled orders listed unfilled tonnage as 11,711,644 on March 31, an increase of 134,947 tons. This figure compared with 9,331,001 tons on March

#### Early Rose Spuds-Piano for Ford

WILL swap Schilling piano in excellent condition for Ford machine. For Sale Miscellaneous 18
EARLY Rose seed polatoes for sale. Phonograph to trade for

Motorcycles Bicycles 55
TWIN Excelsior, fully equipped, in good condition; \$100; terms.

the handlest, most economical little combination roadster and delivery car you can buy.

Morses, Vehicles, Etc.—18
TEAM of horses, 7 and 16 years
old, weight 2700; good workers
single and double, good heavy
harness and wagon. Price \$210.

The vitally interesting "Wants" that reflect the urgent needs of households, business and individuals are each day brimful of opportunities that, turned to account, may result in many gainful transactions.

#### terribly injured survivors. Red Cross Societies Mobilized. The Red Cross societies of Wilmington, Del.; Philadelphia, Chester, Wallingford and other nearby cities, already mobilized by the German-American war, turned at once to the aid of

the stricken city, all nurses and physicians volunteering at once. The explosion was the most violent and the most horrible of any of the munitions satastrophes that have orcurred in America. Philadelphia was shaken as if by an

Plames Engulf Fleeing Workers. Three distinct explosions occurred

terials began popping off. A fire started at once, its flames engulfing the few that survived the stunning shock of the explosions. So many of the victims who survived are unconscious or delirious from their injuries and so many of the dead were literally burned crisp that it may be several days before a complete list is available. For a time the authorities forcibly

refused admission of frenzied relative and friends to the morgue. The horfor was the more heart-gripping since most of the victims were women meral boys added six or seven and partment of justice. The government agents are proceeding on the theory that the explosions were not accime rammed it home with wet paper to dental.

Detectives from this city joined with

machinery worth millions of dollars, were completely shattered by the ter like an earthquake. Practically every building in the entire plant wa The origin of the explosions is being investigated this afternoon by a de