

ontinued several minute Mason bitterly attacked the general Shorter hours, increased wages and staff's selective draft plan. He said more food have been promised to workothing would please the kaiser more men in many of the big munitions than to see an army of conscription- plants. ists go to Europe to fight.

Would See Roosevelt Go. "They call it the bill of the general staff," he said: "before they get through they will call it 'general debility and general red tape.' The general staff does not want Rocsevelt to enlist. He applied at the White House.

"The president, I suppose, stamped his application with red ink and referred it to the secretary of war. The secretary referred it to the assistant' quotations. (Concluded on Page Two Column One)

BLACKLIST AGAINST **AMERICAN BUSINESS** Nevada First With FIRMS WITHDRAWN Full Quota for Army

London Foreign Office Issues Formal Announcement of Decision.

London, April, 26 .- (U. P.)-The foreign office announced this afternoon that the "blacklist" against American firms had been withdrawn. New York fourth with 107.

Raising of the blacklist will remove the principal issue that threatened illfeeling between England and the United States. The original blacklist covered 85 business firms. Several have Coal Miners Secure

Great Britain announced her blacklist in July, 1916. It was a formal listing of certain firms all over the world with whom British citizens were for-

bidden to trade. Nearly a hundred American firms were included in this prescribed catalogue. On July 26, Acting Secretary of State today confident that the wage increase Polk registered America's emphatic secured will relieve the tense situation

protest at this discrimination in a note between operators and workmen. The addressed to Sir Edward Grey. The agreement signed here last night in-blacklist, this note said, "had been re- sures them a wage increase averaging blacklist, this note said, had been term a wage increase averaging ceived with most painful surprise" by the United States, and the government was "constrained to regard • • • it • • • as inconsistent with true justice • • • to a maximum of 35 per cent. The and sincere amity and impartial fair- agreement signed was for 11 months.

ness which should characterize the dealings of friendly governments with ne another."

In the diplomatic interchange which followed England refused to relax the blacklist on the Americans mentioned and the matter remained still an issue. In raising the embargo today, Engand thus gives fresh proof of complete unity with her new ally, leaving t completely to the United States government to make certain that enemy

firms do not trade. The foreign office emphasized that the blacklist remains operative against

neutrals. The sole change is exemption instructor. of all American firms. **Red Cross Protests** Cholera and Typhus

Sinking of Vessel Independent Poland Raging in Turkey Washington, April 26 .- (I. N. S.)-Petrograd, April 26.—(I. N. S.)— Epidemics of cholerar and typhus are raging throughout Turkey, say dis-tion is made more serious by the ex-cessive shortage of food and medicine. Washington, April 26.—(I. N. S.)— Epidemics of the fact that a gen-raging throughout Turkey, say dis-tente hospital ships have been made that this country would use every en-tente the shipting the committee of the signs reading "Do, not attack. We

ubles, with a strong hand day. It was stated that "the strike of 250,000 laborers in Berlin shows the growth of the desire for peace." Moreover, this, traveler declared.

Government to Pay Germany has reduced the bread rations from 1900 to 1500 grams a week. As a result of the "continual strike" Low Price for Steel at Ebling, the department of state is informed, orders were issued by the at Ebling, the department of state ommander-in-chief of that district

that all striking munition workers New York, April 26 .- (U. P.)-Steel who have been withdrawn from the manufacturers of the country will fill front in order to do munition work the government's war orders at prices would have to report immediately to anging from 33 1-3 per cent to 51 military headquarters, if they did not -3 per cent below the present market resume work before April 20. As a result of this, work was immediately At a meeting of heads of the United

resumed. States Steel corporation, Republic Steel and Midvale Steel companies

Military Controls Germany. today, it was decided to fill the Paris, April 26 .- (I. N. S.)-Appargovernment's orders for bars at \$2.50 ent efforts of Austria-Hungary to break away from German domination case per hundred pounds, for plates at \$2.90, and for structural shapes at are meeting with greater obstacles than at any other time since the war \$2.50. Today's Pittsburg prices for these materials are \$3.75 for bars, \$6 for plates and \$4 for shapes.

Frontier advices reaching here today said the military party in Germany is obviously in complete control now and that the recent latitude alowed the Socialists is being cut down. Peace Hope Is Expressed.

Amsterdam, April 26.-(U. P.)-Thanks to the heroes of Arras and the Washington, April 26.-(U. P.)-The state of Nevada is the first state Aisne hope of an early peace was exto furnish her full quota of recruits to the United States army, the war pressed in a telegram sent by the

main reichstag committee today to Field Marshal Hindenburg. department announced today. With 20 enlistments yesterday Ne-Dispatches from Berlin said the message promised the entire German vada's total reached 137-eleven more people would devote all their strength than her pro rata share of recruits. Pennsylvania led in recruiting yesto the country's defense until peace, which, it is hoped, would come soon. terday with 181 men; Illinois was next with 167: Michigan third with 116, and

Chicago Wheat Goes Illinois is still leading with a total of 3192 recruits since April 1. To \$2.60; Declines

Chicago, April 26.-(U. P.) - May wheat soared to \$2.60, the highest

price since just after the Civil war. To-

Increase in Wages

ward the close, however, speculators, scared by the highest prices, toox New York, April 26 .- (I. N. S.)-Representatives of the anthracite coal

their profits and May went back to \$2.54%, just 3% cents above last miners are returning to their homes night's close Other wheat months, after almost as violent gains, registered loss over the opening. Corn and oats followed wheat. Cash grains kept their advance. No.

No. 2 white corn at \$1.64; standard



Copenhagen, April 26 .- (I. N. S.)-The Russian government has begun

San Francisco, April 26 .- (U. P.)the preparation of a note for presenta Lieutenant Colonel Otho W. Farr, Sevtion to the other entente governmen's enth field artillery, was named today commandant of the officers' reserve setting forth the new war aims of Russia, says a dispatch from Petrograd corps training school, to be held at the today. It is understood that the re-Presidio, beginning May 8. Lieutenant publican government will reaffirm the Colonel F. W. Sladen will be senior previous declaration that Russia will not make a separate peace.

England in Favor of

London, April 26 .- (I. N. S.)-Eng

Plan Bearing Fruit.

Portland headquarters for the big Oregon "food drive" were opened at room 513, Oregon building, today. W. H. Crawford, secretary of the Oregon can commission which is going to Development bureau of the Chamber of Russia. Commerce, will be in charge.

President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college, under whose auspices the food preparedness camposes of the commission, and then paign will be waged, visited Portland would not discuss in any way the comtoday to launch the undertaking. R. mission's plans-in fact, would say D. Hetzel, director of extension serv- nothing whatever as to his connection ice of the O. A. C., is aiding in arranging details.

The proposed state-wide fostering of agricultural pursuits has already obtained results. News comes from

tions will perform valuable aid.

worthy farmers.

objects.

Eastern Oregon that potato acreage will be increased 20 per cent over previous years. Heavy increase in the acreage in beans is reported.

All Agencies to Be Used.

very soon. Realizing the need of immediately In carrying out its plans the central exerting assistance of all kinds to the organization will utilize all existing agencies and coordination of efforts Russian government, it is the purpose of the president to send the commiswill be accomplished. sion abroad as quickly as the business County agents will scour the agri-

former premier,

Lansing

affairs of the members can be set cultural districts, preaching the gospel of food preparedness and giving farm-However, the same secrecy as to deers every available assistance.

tails of leaving and route will be main-Agricultural college experiment sta tained as was practiced concerning the French and British commissions sent The department of agriculture is cohere. operating with the state agencies. Root's selection and his acceptance

Political Unity in U. S.

Washington, April 26.—Eithu Root, former secretary of state, today ac-

cepted the chairmanship of the Ameri-

Root conferred with President Wil-

son today for an hour as to the pur-

with it, preferring to let Secretary

the public. The full personel of the commission,

which, in addition to Root, is to in-

clude railroad experts, financial au-

make any anouncements to

Seed sources will be located and the was taken as the final sign of a comnames of those in need of seeds will plete American political unity for the be listed. Financial help will be given war, Root having been one of the president's political critics and Roosevelt's Labor problems will be studied and

French Stop Two Attacks.

every aid given farmers in the har-vesting of their crops. Minimum wages for this class of workers will Daylight Saving to be fixed, according to present aims. Marketing problems, one of the most important phases of the campaign. Be Voted on Friday will, in due time, receive attention. Follow-up work will form one of the The city council probably Friday

will consider the resolution suggested by Will H. Daly, commissioner of Portland's railroad companies are

lending valuable aid. Demonstration public utilities, calling upon business trains have already been doing good men and other Portlanders to cotrains have already been doing good operate in a plan to save daylight by work on the lines of the O-W. R. & N. moving the clock an hour ahead. The Co. Other roads, including the Southern Pacific, will join. Vegetable raisresolution is being drafted by the ing, poultry raising and canning, form city's legal bureau.

The plan is meeting with approval the three chief object lessons. - Food generally in the Pacific coast cities. economy will also be emphasized, and In Seattle and Tacoma all organizacommittees to carry on the work will tions are cooperating in the move-

looms as, a serious obstacle. It likely that the drying process may have to be resorted to in many cases. In-struction in these lines will be furnished.

Railroads Lending Aid.

Portland school officials have prom-ised to enlist the eight paid people. They will give advice and assistance

Local managers will meet each morning to discuss problems arising. These conferences will include leaders in the various organizations devoted ing. etc.

ress, scope and purposes of the cam-

oner of war.

Captains of merchantmen sunk by submarines are usually taken prisonto vacant lot and acreage garden- ers by Germany, and this dispatch may mean that an American ship has been

sunk. Sinking of 55 Ships Arouses Criticism

Notes on Firing Line London, April 26 .- (I. N. S.)-An-

of the Scarpe river today, where the after wave of the attack. The last British fought shead almost inch by and most violent caught full in the will involve the organization of an that suffered by the enemy since the dead and twisted shapes. The British the head of the commission. held the line. war started.

Front dispatches today carried the dea that the Germans, realizing no progress at a score of places on the trench works could stand against the British front today, but it had abated just a trifle from the ferocity of the evelling fire of the British artillery, night attacks. There has been no time talked with Secretary Lansing. He were seeking to make a wall of living for the most part to bury the dead. numan beings against the advance. The Germans, particularly, have been

Fire Mows Down Troops.

Into the closely packed troops opposing divisions and in trying to launch ing the British fire did terrific work. counter attacks, to take care of their Thousands of mangled bodies are flung now useless fragments. Everywhere over the battlefield along the Scarpe, they littered the fields today. mostly Germans. The British losses Despite these tremendous counter

have been exceedingly low, considerattacks which the enemy, prodigal of ing the ferocity of the fighting. his men, is hurling all along the line, thorities and two or three prominent That the terrible moriality of the representatives of America's business German troops is undermining their That the terrible mortality of the the British are holding their most important gains.

and scientific life, will be announced morale is apparent by statements of prisoners. The German troops-all of The fighting today for the most them picked divisions-are literally part is along the Scarpe. The enemy is losing not only in thousands by driven into the fighting line now.

Many Glad to Surrender. counter attacks, but everywhere the Those who survive the deadly ac deadly accuracy of the British artilcuracy of the British artillery fire and lery is adding to the toll. the pounding of the British infantry Cold, wintry weather, with lowering attacks are exceedingly glad to be tak

clouds, lessened the air fighting from en prisoners. the tremendous scale on which the warfare of the skies has been waged Today it appeared that the British and the enemy were deadlocked to the during the past few days of clear, sun north of the Scarpe. The drive toward shiny weather. Doual along this line was being op-

posed with the Germans' every re source. To the south, however, the British pressure could not be resisted and they were slowly moving forward.

front of more than a mile and a half

Publishers Oppose Press Censorship Paris, April 26 .- (U., P.)-Two tre-New York, April 26 .- (I. N. S.)mendous German attacks made on a Strong protest against war news cen-

Air Fighting Lessens.

as a paper conservation measure.

Wild-Game Eggs-

\$10, or trade.

a matter for the public to decide.

Ponitry, Pigeons and Pet Stock 37 WILD game eggs by mail, Golden, Silver, China pheasants and wild mallard duck; cheap.

Knitting Machine

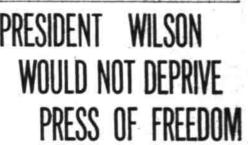
face the tremendous fire of the de- inter-ally food commission, comprisinch in the face of great masses of fenders' machine guns, halted, wavered ing a director general of food for each men, the carnage was greater than and literally melted into heaps of nation with the American dictator as This, it was officially pointed out. has been the allies' method of handling all its problems. England dominates Perocity Abates a Trifle. The same sort of fighting was in

war finance. Other phases, which it is desired shall not be discussed, as they are not generally known, are under the respective direction of someone or other of the other allies. Domination of war divisions other

than food may be allotted to the Unittoo occupied in reinforcing their bleeded States, but food will be the most important. The real crux of the conferences

going on here today is the international reorganization of the war since

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Chief Executive Expresses Himself Opposed to Muzzling Papers During War.

Washington, April 26 .- (I. N. S.)-President Wilson, in replying today to sorship featured the meeting Wednesa letter from Arthur Brisbane, editor day of the American Newspaper Pubof the New York Evening Journal, delishers' association at its annual conpermit the clared he would never vention in the Waldorf-Astoria, Hop- espionage law, now awaiting enactwell L. Rodgers, president of the assoment in congress, to prevent honest

ciation, sald American editors can be criticism of the administration. trusted not to publish the whereabouts "I shall not expect or permit any of our armies or fleets or give any part of this law to apply to me or any other information helpful to the enemy of my official acts, or in any way to Newspaper "funnies" are threatened be used as a shield against criticism. by the shortage of print paper. It wrote the president. "While exerciswas a serious topic of discussion at ing the great power of the office I hold. I would regret, in a crisis like the one through which we are now passing, to lose the benefit of patri-Members generally conceded the otic and intelligent criticism The text of the president's letter question of eliminating the comics was

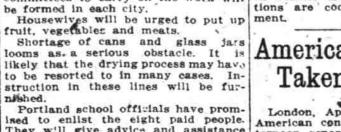
follows "My Dear Mr. Brisbane-I sincerely appreciate the frankness of your interesting letter of April 20, with reference to the so-called espionage bill now awaiting action of congress.

"I approve of this legislation, but I need not assure you and those inter-ested in it that whatever action the congress may decide upon, so far as I am personally concerned, I shall not expect or permit any part of this law to apply to me or any of my official acts, or in any way to be used as a shield against criticism.

"I can imagine no greater disservice to the country than to establish a system of censorship that would deny to the people of a free republic like our own their indisputable right to criticize their own public officials. While exercising the great powers of the office I hold, I would regret in a crisis like the one through which we are now passing to lose the benefit of

patriotic and intelligent criticism. "In these trying times, one can feel certain only of his motives, which he must strive to purge of selfishness of every kind, and await with patience for the judgment, of a calmer day to vindicate the wisdom of the course he has tried conscientiously to follow.

"Thanking you for having written to me, cordially and sincerely yours, "WOODROW WILSON."



to amateur gardeners.

Bulletins will be issued keeping the people informed on the general prog-

paign.

Soldiers Exchange

ships by German submarines led to eastern boundary.

west of Cerny were smashed unavail-ingly against French lines and re-pulsed amid heavy losses to the cnemy, today's French official statement declared. Powerful German counter attacks at two other places on the French front were likewise repelled. The war office statement indicated

that all along the French front the Germans were making violent attempts to loosen the grip of French troops on their new positions. Some today's session as to the advisability bitter fighting was reported from half of cutting out "features" and "comics"

a dozen different points. "On the shores of the Oise," the statement said, "a German patrol was

easily repulsed. "North of the Aisne several German attempts to eject our troops from the plateau and the Ladies' Highway

were unsuccessful, "Two powerful attacks on a front of two kilometers west of Cerny were smashed on the French lines, the Germans losing heavily. One other attempt at Hurtebise farm also failed

LOST-Female pit terrier, brindle with white breast; reward, "In the Champagne, in the region of Pompelle, in front of Navaria and Wanted-Miscellaneous 5 WANTED to buy 1000 cords 4 ft. cordwood. Money advanced. Tahure, several German attacks only resulted in our capture of prisoners."

Swap Column 25 WOMAN wants Guernsey, Jersey or grade fresh cow in good con-lition. Will give old-style high grade piano in good condition, rosewood case, steel sounding board: will not become tinpanny. Terrific Fighting, Says Berlin, Berlin, via London, April 26 .- (U)-Terrific fighting in which British attacks were repulsed and by which German troops won their way to the eastern boundary of Gavrelle, was de-For Sale-Miscellaneous 19 KNITTING machine, almost new, \$15. Blick typewriter and case.

tailed in today's official report. Around Arras, the statement said, there were only local attacks, but south of the Scarpe there were waves of attack, always without artillerying, which in some sections teached considerable violence. At Gavrelle Ger nouncement of the sinking of 55 more man troops are now situated on the

If your most urgent need is not met in today's wants—send, bring or phone your Want Ad to The Journal. Wants cost but a trifle and are far reaching in their in-fluence.

American Prisoner · Taken by Germany London, April 26.-(I. N. S.)-The American consul at Gasgow this af-

ternoon reported that the Germans had taken their first American pris-