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THE WEATHER Tonight and tomorrow, partly cloudy; northwesterly winds.

Humidity, 69.

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OF TRAINS AND NEWS

M. Gutchkoff Announces Resignation, Made Necessary Because of Conditions Over Which He Has No Control.

REFUSES TO LONGER SHARE RESPONSIBILITY

Disappointed Official Prominently Identified With Overthrow of Czar.

East Front Supplies West Front. Germany has withdrawn 40 divisions (approximately 600,000 men) from the Russian east front and hurried them to France to oppose the Franco-British offensive, according to information from Russian headquarters, featured today in Petrograd newspapers

Petrograd, May 14,-(I. N. S.)-Reports that Russia has sought an armistice with Germany were denied by the semi-official news agency to-

Petrograd, May 14.—(U. P.)—Minister of War and Marine Gutchkoff announced his resignation today in a dramatic statement to soldiers' delegates from the front, asserting that Russia's existence was menaced by dual control plans for the army and His resignation, he said, was neces-

sary, "in view of conditions in which the power of the government, and especially the authority of the minister of war and marine, has been placed, and which I am powerless to alter." These conditions, the minister said, "threaten consequences fatal to the defense, liberty, and even the existence of Russia. "I can no longer share responsibility

grave m against the country," he concluded.

M. Gutchkoff was formerly a member of the council of the empire, a president of the third duma and prominent in the zemstvo movement in Russia. He was known as a liberal of General Korniloff, commander of

the Petrograd garrison, resigned that post yesterday for that reason.

treme liberalism. He decreed, after there should be complete equality between officers and enlisted men; that enlisted men need not salute their suspensions. He decreed, after the decreed, after the second Lieutenant Toward Norman (Captain Raymond D. Hoyt, Portland. Second Lieutenant Nelson Barnes Hunt, Olympia, Wash. Second Lieutenant Paul S. Jones, eriors; that the servile "sir" need not be used, and that corporal punishment be utterly abolished.

U. S. Censorship Criticised. Petrograd, May 14.-(U, P.)-Germany's propaganda is now seeking to distort America's position in the eyes

What to an American are some astonishingly patent falsehoods of the position which the United States has assumed are being given daily publication in Russian newspapers. Today all Petrograd newspapers featured a report from Paris" that the Washington government is "censoring all press reports from Stockholm relating to the June Socialists' peace meet-

Censorship Is Attacked. Heretofore newspapers have printed

similar "reports" including a statement that the American government is forbidding all Socialists to leave the United States to attend the Stockholm The animus behind such "reports" is

Germany plainly pro-German. oringing every effort to make the Stockholm pro-German conference of Socialists a success to achieve formidable movement for a separate peace between Russia and Germany. Maxim Gorky in Line.

The propaganda is the more insidious because the "reports" in the guise of news in such shape that Russian papers are impelled to display them prominently.

Even Maxim Gorky, who is well acquainted with America, has apparently been deceived by such reports. His newspaper today contained an editorial bitterly criticizing America for 'eensorship" on news of the Stockholm conference.

London Deeply Impressed.

latest developments in Russia, par- with his representative, Captain Ally. ticularly those affecting the morale will be present at the launching. of the Russian army, have created a deep impression in London. The resignation of General Korniloff, commander of the l'etrograd garrison, coming immediately after General Brusilofi's speech deploring conditions on the southwestern front, is giving rise to anxiety that even more depressing news will follow.

A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Milan today said that 280 additional Russian agitators have left Zurich for Petrograd, traveling under German patronage.

Guardsman Kills Unknown Foreigner Philadelphia Youth

Des Moines, Iowa, May 14.—(U. P.) -In a gun duel near the Great Western railroad bridge, southwest of here this afternoon, Sergeant Cordell of the

Exemption of Ministers as Class Opposed

Berkeley Unitarian Pastor Hopes for General, Organized Protest From Preachers.

Berkeley, Cal., May 14.-(U. P.)-Declaring that there is no reason for ministers and theological students be-E. Speight of the First Unitarian has issued a statement protesting against this exemption clause of the conscription bill. "I believe the vast majority of the

ministers will deplore it," he said referring to the exemption. "Those minsters and students who have not yet abandoned their work to enlist have efrained from that step for no different reasons, I am sure, than those which hold men of other callings. tope there will be a general and organized protest by the ministers throughout the country on the ground hat only sufficient reason for any man's exemption should be one which applies universally to all occupations."

ENGINEERING RESERVE TRAINING ARE NAMED

Colonel Heuer, Division Engineer, Makes Public List of 149 to Attend Camp.

San Francisco, May 14.—(P. N. S.)olonel W. II. Heuer, division engineer. has made public the names of 149 officers of the engineering reserve corps who will attend the training camp at the Presidio. Places at the camp have been held for these men, 34 of whom have already reported for service. Among them are:

Captain Clarence B. Lamont, Seattle, Major William F. Allison, Seattle, Captain Harold J. M. Baker, Seattle, Second Lieutenant S. J. Benedict,

First Lieutenant Benjamin Burton Bessessen, Seattle, First Lieutenant Clarence E. Boggs, Captain George R. Campbell, Olyma. Wash. Captain Clifford E. Chase, Brewster, later in the summer or fall. Lieutenant J. G. Collins,

Seattle.
Second Lieutenant R. F. Dean, Pomeroy, Wash. First Lieutenant John T. Dovey, Se-Second Lieutenant Garrett A. Fra-

zer, Seattle. First Lieutenant G. F. Goodspeed First Lieutenant J. P. Growdon, Portland. the Russian army indicated his ex- Wash.

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Hermiston, Or Captain Alfred D. Lewis, Seattle. Second Lieutenant Frank A. Lewis,

Captain Henry Laughlin McGillis, North Seattle Captain Henry M. Parks, Corvallis, Or. First Lieutenant Edgar F. Pearson, Captain W. D. Peaslee, Portland, Second Lieutenant Edgar R. Perry, Seattle. Second Lieutenant Lester D. Picker

ing, Seattle.
Captain Oscar A. Piper, Seattle.
Second Lieutenant C. E. Putnam. Captain Carl M. Reeves, Seattle. First Lieutenant Walter C. Sadler,

Seattle.
Captain William A. Schoel, Chehalis, Wash.
Captain Vernon C. Suckow, Seattle.
Second Lieutenant Walter McEwen Tomkins, Seattle. First Lieutenant George Tripple,
North Seattle.
Captain Ralston T. Wilbur, Spokane.
First Lieutenant Charles Herbert Portland. First Lieutenant K. J. Zinck, Port-

Launching Set for Tuesday Afternoon

Motorship Juanacosta Ready for Dip Except Few Slight Jobs-Miss Callwell to Christen Vessel.

Unless plans go awry the motorship Juanacosta, first of the Columbia Engineering Works wooden craft, will be launched late Tuesday afternoon. The vessel is ready for the dip except for a few slight jobs which it is believed can be finished on time. Miss E. E. Callwell will christen the eraft, using a bottle of Loju. The Juanacosta is being built for London, May 14.-(I. N. S.)-The M. T. Snyder of New Orleans, who.

Eleven Die in Auto Mishaps in Chicago

Chicago, May 1f .- (I. N. S.)-An investigation was started today of a series of automobile accidents in the Chicago district yesterday that cost accidents three men and three women were hurled to their death by the collision of their automobile and a Rock Island train traveling at 40 miles an

Now French Aviator

Paris, May 14 .- (U. P.) - J. A. Drex-

Chancellor Is Said to Have Threatened Resignation if Reichstag Session Were Terminated as Desired.

SPEECH IS EXPECTED IN REICHSTAG TOMORROW

Central Powers' Peace Terms or Statement of German Situation Expected.

London, May 14 .- (U. P.) -Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg probably Edward Carson amounced to the house, will make announcement of the central "is to free the naval staff from adpowers' peace terms in a speech to the ministrative work and, secondly, to eichstag tomorrow, an Exchange Tel- strengthen the shipbuilding departdispatch from Amsterdam asserted today. The German chancellor has just returned to Berlin from a seman great headquarters for a confer-

Other information from Germany, received today via Holland, indicated that Beatty, commander-in-chief of the the chancellor on Tuesday would make main battle fleet. a speech in the reichstag, outlining the general military and political situation. but not covering German's peace alms, Such a statement will be withheld until July, when the reichstag is to be reconyened, according to German newspa-

Hindenburg Opposes Hollweg. That section of the German press which is hostile to Von Bethmann-Hollweg declared today that the chan- was charged the number of merchant cellor recently went to the front to present his resignation to the kaiser. The most circumstantial of these down the undersea craft; thirdly, bestories insisted that Field Marshal von cause of lack of any comprehensive Hindenburg raised a storm of objection shipbuilding plan fathered by official to the reform recommended by the sources. constitution committee, which would grant the reichstag control over the army, and that he and his junker friends conceived the plan of nullifying the committee's recommendations by terminating the reichstag sitting, rather than recessing the body until Such procedure would mean auto-

essary reapp ment and repetition of its work-Captain Bertram Dodd Dean, South would avert another issue between the reichstag and the army for several Hollweg refused to take such course, insisting German liberals could not be held in check if such a trick were played upon them. He was said

have announced an ultimatum to the kaiser that he would resign if such a scheme were attempted and to have won out over Hindenburg. (Concluded on Page Two, Column Six)

ROBBERS KILL TWO

BANK OFFICIALS AND **WOUND POSSE MEN**

One of Bandits Is Killled and Another Wounded During | *

Pittsburg, Pa., May 14.—(U. P.)— Three dead and several others wounded was the toll of two gun battles ********* today marking a robbery at the First National bank of Castle Shannon, a suburb, and a fight between a posse and the robbers at Bridgeville. The dead:

Frank Erbe, assistant cashier of he bank, and one of the bandits. D. H. McLain, cashier of the bank. George Beltzhoover, justice of peace, Castle Shannon,

Nick Yost, dispatcher, Pittsburg Railways company, Castle Shannon. A third employe of the bank and bandits, whose names are not The former of these is yet known. said to be dying.

Both actions occurred, as well as running fight through the streets ports is growing greater. of Castle Shannon, within an hour aft-The robbers escaped from he bank with a small sum of money but were quickly overtaken by offi cers and citizens in automobiles. A quickly organized posse in automobiles took up the chase and caught them at Bridgeville, where another hot fight occurred when the robbers made a stand.

Bandit Killed by Own Men. *Pittsburg, Pa. May 14.—(U. P.)— The bandit slain in the fight between a posse and bank robbers who raided the First National bank of Castle Shannon this afternoon, was killed by to 35 feet. Our channel is permanent. his own men, it was learned here late this afternoon. At the height of the have every advantage of strategic lo- today to a suggestion that the British engagement he grabbed one of two cation and water grade to vast, probags containing \$5000 each taken from the bank and tried to escape across His companions turned their fire upon him and he fell dead with several bullets through his body. Only to do not a facilities the chancellor said. "No blow would be so fatal to Germany as that if one the golf links at Bridgeville with it. eral bullets through his body. Only to do so and are going backward." Mr. one of the bags of money was recov- Hegardt's address, illustrated with ered. The police think the other was slides showing port conditions here tossed to a confederate along the road, and throughout the world, constituted

French Mail Boat Sunk; 423 Lives Lost Mr. Smith clinched his assertions with the declaration that analysis of

Up Follows Clamor NIIRING PRESENT Carson Retains His Portfolio

Staff-Is Freed From Administrative Work; Shipbuilding Department Stronger.

London, May 14 .- (U. P.) -Britain's ation wide clamor for a shake up in the admiralty and greater energy in combating the submarine menace resulted in announcement of numerous naval changes in the house of commons today by Sir Edward Carson. Carson apparently has weathered the storm of criticism and retains his cabinet place as first lord of the ad-

Foremost in the changes announced s the appointment of Sir John Jellicoe, first lord, as chief of the naval staff. The new post is in addition to his command as first sea lord. Sir Henry Oliver was named deputy chief. Purposes Are Announced.

"The purpose of the changes," Sir ment of the admiralty." Sir John Jellicoe was the main figure in the last admiralty shake up

conferences with officials in by which Admiral Sir Henry Jackson Vienna. This followed a visit to Ger- was retired from the post of first sea The cry then was for young blood in the navy. Jellicoe first sea lord and Admiral Sir David Criticism Has Been Strong.

Of recent weeks a storm of critiism of the admiralty has been brewing of such size as to lead to the belief that Sir Edward Carson's retirement would be forced. The naval administration was attacked first because of concealment of exact losses of allied merchantmen in the submarine warfare; secondly because ! men sunk indicated lack of initiative and energy by the navy

Northcliffe papers pounded away continually against the admiralty and in the house of commons there were numerous exceedingly pointed criticisms of the naval administration Another complaint was against the frequency with which German cruisers and desirovers .namaged to clude Brit ish patrols and bombard various Brit matic death of the constitution com- ish coast cities.

DEVELOPMENT WEEK BEGINS WITH A MEETING AT CHAMBER

Earnest Body of Business Men Listen to Pointed Arguments for Terminal Bonds.

ond day of the "Port Develop-ment Week" campaign in support of the proposed \$3,000.000 freight and grain terminal bonds will be the address by L. B. Smith, chairman of the business men's port development committee, before the Rotary club Tuesday noon. The club has invited those desirous of learning the serious facts of Portland's port situation to at-

"Port Development week" opened before a large and earnest body of business men in attendance at the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon.

"Put the port in Portland," pleaded L. B. Smith, chairman of the business Mrs. Wilson were all but run down by men's port development committee, repeating the slogan of the campaign for the \$3,000,000 in freight and grain terminal bonds, which the people are asked to authorize at the election, June 4.

port is retrograding, while "Our others make progress," said G. B. Hegardt, chief engineer of the commis-"Our commerce sion of public docks. is waning, while that of cempetitive

Channel Is Deep One. "What is the reason? Is it because we lack satisfactory channel at the mouth of the Columbia? Is it because the channel from Portland to the sea is not deep enough? Is it because the channel is not permanent? Is it because of natural conditions which prevent our taking a place with world ports? "None of these reasons hold.

have a 40-foot channel at the mouth of the Columbia which in a few years will be increased to 45 or even 50 feet We have a 30-foot channel from Portland to the sea which can be deepened Our channel problems are solved. We ductive hinterland. Port Pacilities Lacking.

an unanswerable argument favoring the terminal plan and bonds which has

been submitted by the dock commis-

sion to the voters. the facts shows with ominous finality low a National Guard, shot and killed a foreigner. The unidentified man, ber of the La Fayette escadrille, the was wounded in the first exchange of shots, but, lying on the ground, kept up the fight until Cordell fired a builet through the man's brain.

Buenos Aires, May 14.—(I. M. S.)—

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In a running battle with a submarine the fighting on the growth of German propaganda in Rusting that "Portland must act and act now division of American aviators fighting on the western front.

Drexel, until Saturday, was attached to the fight until Cordell fired a builet through the man's ber of the La Fayette escadrille, the ber of the La Fayette esc



GREATER LOSSES HAVE BEEN SUFFERED SINCE

Front Placed at 200,000.

Scientific Calculations Confirmed by Special Information Obtained.

> With the French Armies in the Field, May 14. - (U. P.) -Between April 9 and May 12, the French and English troops in the great allied offensive captured a total of 49,579 Included in this number were 976 officers. Other captures comprised 444 heavy and field

cannon, 943 machine guns and 386 trench cannon. This vast number of prisoners is being added to hourly. Raids all along the front last night brought in dozens, the French troops harrying German lines and seizing prisoners so that they could ascertain from the German soldiers' stories and their regimental insignia how Hindenburg's troops are now disposed against them,

By Henry Wood.

Sir John Jellicoe.

Every Effort to Be Bent To-

Factor in World, War.

By John Edwin Nevin.

of the members of America's diplo-

Russia were in conference with Presi-

Root, former American secretary of

inal instructions from the president.

All of the problems with which the

mission will have to deal upon its ar-rival in Petrograd were discussed at

length and the prospect was that the

mission would get started on its long

The United States intends to bend

every energy to make Russia a force-

ful factor in the world war. To that

end the Root committee will become

active as soon as it reaches Petro-

grad. It is expected that it "will lay

down the law" insofar as organization

of a permanent government with the

consent of the people is concerned.

Wilsons Narrowly

Hem of Mrs. Wilson's Skirt.

Washington, May 14 .- (I. N.

a trolley car in the business section

of the capital late this afternoon,

while taking a stroll. As they crossed

reached the middle of the way.

The president took Mrs. Wilson by

danger. It was not until he had

The incident was witnessed by hun-

Peace Is Kept Open

London, May 14 .- (U. P.) - Chancel-

lor of the Exchequer Bonar Law re-

fused assent in the house of commons

government should declare it has no

intention of making a separate peace

Germans in U.S. to

with any of the central powers.

until the president had passed.

Door for Separate

dreds of late afternoon shoppers.

ourney very soon.

skirt.

ward Making Russia Big

With the French Armies in the Field, May 14.—(U. P.)—Germany lost 200,000 men in killed, wounded and captured in the period from April 16 to May 1, on the French front In the two weeks since May 1 it was estimated today, her additional losses have been proportionately greater even than this staggering The figures on which this estimate are based are those of headquarters.

They are conservative. The totals may be much more. known, the Germans were forced on acount of losses to withdraw 20 divisions (approximately 300,000 men) from the front, replacing them with fresh reserves. Since that date more than a dozen additional divisions have

Washington, May 14 .- (I. N. S.) -All been similarly replaced. Many German divisions have been practically wiped out. The Ninth (Concluded on Page Two, Column Eight)

Root, former American secretary of WAR TAX MEASURE went to the White House to receive went to the White House to receive DISCUSSION BRINGS OUT VARIOUS VIEWS

Some Senators Contend That Movies, Cabarets Should Be Liberally Taxed.

Washington, May 14.—(U. P.)—
"Passing the buck of war taxation,"
was the title of a three-act comedy
drama, staged before the senate Escape Accident finance committee when it reopened Trolley Car Is Stopped by Mighty hearings on the revenue bill today. Effort, But Not Before It Brushes The principals in the show were representatives of the movies, cabarets and legitimate theatricals.

Before the curtain descended almost Blinded by the sun, President and all those interested directly or indirectly in the business of entertainment came in for denunciation of one kind or mother. Senator Thomas, from the wings scored the large hotels for charging the street a trolley swung around \$5 for theatre tickets ordinarily sold

the corner of Fifteenth street and for \$2. Scalpers were assailed by the New York avenue just as the presi- whole cast. Johnson Lignon represented The motorman with a mighty effort legitimate stage and appeared first, his stopped the car, but the fender lines, somewhat censored, running as brushed the hem of Mrs. Wilson's follows: "We who have visited cabarets soon find out they are not giving their en-

tertainments for nothing. the arm and pulled her back out of "We all know that a common, stopped the car that the motorman nary 15-cent drink in a cabaret costs recognized the president. He waited about 50 to 60 cents and they make the recognized the president. He waited public pay in various other ways for And then, addressing the movies, Lignon continued:

"Any industry that can afford to pay a slapstick comedian as much as the combined salaries of the United States senate and to a girl scarcely out of her 'teens more than is paid the president, his cabinet and the supreme court all together, might well be called upon for copious contributions in this

British Rulers Are On Inspection Tour London, May 14 .- (U. P.)-King

George and Queen Mary today began a tour of northwestern England, inspectng factories and other war work. Their visit today was to one of the largest British munition factories. Be Kept From Russia

Unmasked Burglars Rob Postoffice Washington, May 14 .- (I. N. S.) -The alarm of the United States over the

Spokane, Wash., May 14.—(P. N. S.) Two unmasked men broke into the one in Denmark, one in Saloniki and store and postoffice at Deep Creek,

Preacher Held Charged With Slaying Eight

tinerant Minister Murdered Victims With Ax at Villisca, Iowa, in 1912, Charge.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 14.—(U. P.) -Rev. Lyn George J. Kelly, aged 25, an itinerant minister of Sutton, Neand Captured From April braska, is in jail at Red Oak, Iowa, 16 to May 1 on French in Villisca, Iowa, in 1912. State Attorney General H. M. Havner, who made this announcement here his afternoon, stated that with Kelly's indictment and arrest, the mystery of the famous Villisca ax murders 1

Kelly surrendered himself in Red Oak, according to Attorney General Havner. He was indicted by the Montgomery county grand jury severs eeks ago, Havner declared. Evidence on which the indictment was based, said Havner, included e statement Kelly is reported to have made on the morning following the crime, that he had "heard the thud of the ax as it cleaved the skulls of eight persons murdered in the home of

oe Moore at Villisca,' Other evidence, which Havner said made his case "air-tight," will be made public tomorrow by the attorney gen-

183,000 MEN ADDED TO REGULAR ARMY BY ORDER OF PRESIDENT

Vancouver Barracks to Get Regiment; Trained Regulars to Be Used as Basis.

Washington, May 14 .- (U, P.) -The president today authorized four additional increments for the regular army approximating 183,000 men The new regiments, each of which will have a nucleus of trained regu-

lars, will be raised as fellows: Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth reginents of infantry at Syracuse, N. Y. Twelfth field artillery at Fort Myer Va.: Forty-seventh to Fiftieth (inclusive) regiments of infantry at Syra-) infantry, Gettysburg artillery at Montauk Point, L. L. Fifty-first to Fifty-sixth (inclusive) infantry, Chickamauga Park, Ga.; Twenty-second and Twenty-third cavalry Chickamauga, Ga.; Fortieth and Forty first infantry, Fort Snelling, Minn. Forty-second and Forty-third infantry Fort Douglas, Utah; Tenth and Eleventh field artillery, Fort Riley; Twentieth and Twenty-first cavalry, For Riley: Sixteenth and Seventeenth field artillery, Sparta, Wis.; Thirteenth and Fourteenth field artillery, Fort Sfil. Okla.; Fifty-seventh infantry, Sixty fourth infantry and Eighteenth and Twenty-first field artillery, not yet

designated; Forty-fourth Vancouver barracks, Wash.; Sixty-second and Sixty-third infantry, Presidio. San Francisco; Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth cavalry, Fort D. A. Rus-In most cases one regiment of aleady trained regulars will be used as the basis for the formation of two

regiments of recruits. Under the order issued today, the regular army will be filled to its full war quota of nearly 300,000 men. More than 65,000 of the troops authorized in the four increments have already been recruited since April 1. Orders were given the quartermaster general to prepare shelter for the troops at the points designated for

Labor's Part in War Is to Be Discussed

each regiment.

Leaders From All Parts of Canada and U. S. Gather in Washington to Confer With British Labor, Washington, May 14.-(I. N. S.)-

Labor leaders from all parts of the Inited States and Canada were congregating in Washington today for one f the most momentous workers' meetngs ever held in this country. Tonorrow they will meet with representatives of British labor here to formuate and discuss plans for the mobilization of the workers everywhere to meet new exigencies. One of the biggest problems to come

before the labor men is that of se-iective conscription for the military and naval arms of the mation without seriously impairing the industries. It is realized that able-bodied men are indispensable to many industries, and t will be the task of the labor leaders, in conjunction with government officials, to weed out and select those o go and those to stay at home. The British representatives will lay before the conference the result of the United Kingdom's experience with the problem. England's mistakes, which cost her dearly in the coal fields and munitions plants in the early days of the war, will be explained.

Another Zeppelin Is Reported Lost

man Zeppelin L-22 was destroyed in the North sea early this morning by British naval forces, the admiralty an nounced today. The Zeppelin destroyed today brings the total number reported destroyed

London, May 14 .- (U. P.) -The Ger-

and lost since the beginning of the war up to 39. Reports of all but two have been confirmed. Of these six were brought down during raids over London, seven in Belgium, five in France, six in Russia, six over the North Sea, one in Norway,

six on German territory.

Thomas of Colorado Proposes Amendment Giving Authority to Suspend Boards of Trade or Other Exchanges.

PROMPT ACTION URGED TO PREVENT HOARDING

Censorship Provision of Espionage Bill May Come Up Again.

Washington, May 14.—(I. M. S.)-The senate late this afternoon passed the espionage bill by a vote of 77 to 6. It carries no press censorship clause, nor was war prohibition pro-

Washington, May 14 .- (I. N. S.)-By a vote of 49 to 24 the senate this afternoon rejected the Thomas amendment to the espionage bill authorizing the president to suspend boards of rade, chambers of commerce, stock exchanges and other organizations spec ulating in foodstuffs. The administration's effort to restore

the censorship provision in the espionage bill was defeated this afternoon by a vote of 48 to 34, Reversing its action of Saturday the senate, by a vote of 47 to 37 struck out the Cummins prohibition amendment from the bill. Senator Thomas of Colorado pro

posed an amendment which provides that all boards of trade, chambers of commerce, stock exchanges or other bodies or associations engaged in or permitting speculations in food products of any character in the form of what are known as futures, or in any other form or character, are hereby suspended until the president by proclamation shall declare the existing war to have been ended, and all agree ments, wages and contracts for wages regarding food products of this character and hereafter made in or upor ouse; Fifteenth field artillery, Syra-cuse; Fifty-eighth to Sixty-first (in-chambers of commerce or other bodies

MAY CORN AND OATS TRADING IS BARRED BY CHICAGO BOARD ORDER

(Continued on Page Two Column Three)

July and September Wheat Purchases Also Curtailed for Two-Day Period.

Chicago, May 14.—(U. P.)—Follow-ng the action of the Chicago Board of Frade in setting a maximum price for July and September wheat, prices tumbled today in the pits. July at noon was off 20 cents from Saturday's closing — the maximum — at \$2.55 and September was off 18 cents at \$2.28. July wheat closed at \$2.59, 11 cents under the opening price, while September was down 12 cents at \$2.28. The speculators evidently turned heir attention to corn, sending July up 4%c to \$1.56%, and September up %c to \$1.50%.

Oats were boosted %c on July to Chicago, May 14.— (I. N. S.) — J. P. Griffin, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, announced today that a special meeting of the board of directors had determined to discontinue all trading in May corn and oats. It was further decided that for a period of two days no purchases of wheat will be permitted except where necessary to fill existing contracts.

omatically debars individuals, firms, corporations and governments from bidding up the price of wheat. The action of the directors on Saturday lixed a maximum price for the settlement of existing contracts on May wheat. Contracts on other futures will be closed on a basis of Saturday's losing prices, Situation Pully Investigated.

The action of the board on wheat au-

The directors of the Board rade acted only after going over the entire situation with representatives of he allied governments and every step (Concluded on Page Two, Column One.)

Lake Steamers Sink As Collision Result

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., May 14,-(U. P.)-The steamers Pentecost Mitchell. owned by the Pittsburg Steamship company, and the Saxonia, owned by the Tomlinson company of Duluth, are at the bottom of the lake at Pipe island, Detour, Mich., today, following a head-on collision. Crews of both were saved. The steamers sank in 40 feet of water.

Italians Increase Activity on Plateau

Rome, May 14.—(I. N. S.)—Increased aerial and artillery activity on the Austro-Italian front, especially on the Carso plateau, indicates that the real spring campaign is about to open.
Dispatches from the front today sale that no enemy aliens (Germans) be per-mitted to leave the United States on gagged Alfred Erickson and secured any vessels bound for Russian ports. about \$300 in cash and stamps.

Of the six destroyed in Germany, four were wrecked by allied aviators and two destroyed by storms.