APOLOGY IS MADE BY GEORGE CREEL TO CONGRESSMEN

Admits His "Indiscretion" and

LETTER SENT CHAIRMAN POU

Despite Apology, All Members of Tokto

Washington, May 17.—(U. P.)—Admit- Predicts Another ting his "indiscretion," George Creel, chairman of committee on public information, today wrote Chairman Pou of the house rules committee, expressing regret for his remarks calling congress a 'slum," saying they were misconstrued. Creel made an appeal for "coordination" between congress and his committee, and said that his work was open to inspection by any committee or member of congress.

The letter follows: "My Dear Mr. Pou: While the rules have not yet indicated any course of action with respect to the resolution of Mr. Treadway. I cannot permit myself to remain under the imputation of having passed public and insulting criticism on the congress of the United States.

Regrets His Indiscretion "My estimate of your honorable body is expressed in a pamphlet issued by the committee on public information in October, 1917, under the title, 'First Session of the War Congress.' So remarkable did the record of achievement appear to me that I had it summarized for general distribution and in the signed preface I tried to bear testimony to the courage and patriotism of the men behind the record.

"Even were it not the case that I am so committed by the frank and uncompelled expression of an honest conviction, I beg you to believe that I am not cording to a dispatch from Constantiso lost to the proprieties as to indulge in nople today. attack on the legislative branch while I am myself in the service of the govtake shame to myself if I attempted to about 550 miles east of Batum. weaken in any degree the public confidence in any legislative body, much

less the great executive body of our "At the Church of the Ascension I had spoken for an hour and for more than an hour had answered questions bearing on every phase of public misunderstanding. The question under discussion seemed so utterly silly and its silliness was so well understood by the audience that I made a quick and thoughtless answer that lent itself to exaggeration and distortion.

Wants to Cooperate "I admit the indiscretion and regret it

deeply.
"I have given my thought so thoroughly to the service of the war that I have, perhaps, been careless in the matter of guarding every word of my utterances against the possibility of misconstruction. But I have the feeling that sincere men see down to the heart of intent and will appreciate my desire at all times to avoid anything that fusion so dangerous to our necessary

"Please let me take this opportunity to assure you of my willingness at all times to coordinate the work of this committee with the wish and thought of congress. What we have done and are doing is always open to the inspection of the individual member or committee and I cannot but feel that our task here would be wisely strengthened by more intimate contact and cooperation. Be lieve me, sir, with assurances of deep consideration. Very respectfully, "GEORGE CREEL."

All But Pou Vote to Oust A determined attempt to force the president to remove Creel was made by a majority of the house rules committee Although Chairman Pou stated Creel was ready to apologize publicly for his New York characterization of congress as a "slum," the demand of Representative Treadway, Massachusetts, that congress pass a resolution asking the president to remove creel as a "person unfit to hold public office," was today approved by all committee members ex-

Attacks on Creel came from both Democrats and Republicans at the committee meeting today.

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Japan and China Unite Against Hun

By Ralph H. Turner Tokio. May. 17.-(U. P.) - "Negotiations now being conducted between Expresses Regret for Having China and Japan are aimed only at mil-Called Congress a "Slum." Itary cooperation of the two nations for protection against German aggression in Eastern Asia," Foreign Minister Goto said today in a memorandum presented to a committee of Japanese representing the interests of Chinese students of

Rules Committee With Excep- was the first intimation the Japanese public had that such negotiations are of Pou Vote to Oust, under way. A rigid censorant has been enforced during the past two months. under way. A rigid censorship has been

Czar for Russia

Copenhagen, May 17. - (I. N. S.)-Sven Hedin, war correspondent and explorer, who has just returned from Germany makes the prediction that another czar will occupy the Russian

Divorces Based on Cruelty Eleanor Hurd began suit for divorce Thursday against Edmund Hurd, alleging cruelty. He spent her earnings for the past five or six years for liquor she alleges. They were married in Portland in 1908 and have one son. She asks for his custody and \$50 a month for his support.

Mabel Clara Haines asks for a divorce from Gardner Haines because of alleged cruelty. They were married at Vancouver, Wash., in 1908. She asks

Bolsheviki Capture Baku Amsterdam, May 17 .- (U. P.)-Bolshevik forces are reported to have capoil producing district in the world, ac-

The Bolsheviki are said to have crossed the Caspian sea in gunboats. ernment. At a time like this I would Raku is on the west coast of that sea,

·FAVORABLE TIME FOR U. S. OFFENSIVE, VIEW

Use of Americans Without Full Training Held Possible but Dangerous.

By J. W. T. Mason New York, May 17.-(U. P.) - Expectation that there will be 1,150,000 American soldiers in France at the end of the present year indicate that the most favorable time for America's great offensive against Von Hindenburg will

be next spring. The decision of the military authorities to train the Americans in actual conditions of warfare by brigading them with French and British veterans before sending them to fight as separate units, means that a considerable period must elapse after American forces arrive in France before they are used for an independent offensive. If a sudden crisis arises anywhere along the west front, it may then become necessary to employ Americans for major operations, regards less of their period of training; but not

Premature Use Dangerous

Since General Foch has shown an' inlexible determination not to be tempted into wasting his man power by minor assaults, it is to be expected that he will do everything possible to prevent a premature use of the American armies. Pressure, however, will probably be exerted very soon for the organization of an American offensive in an effort to end the war by a military decision this year. This pressure will be due to certain impatience with long periods of preparatory training, which exists in every country

Should General Foch be forced to submit to so dangerous an influence, an for the restoration of her maiden name American offensive will occur this summer. Otherwise, it is reasonable to expect that only limited operations will be conducted by the allies during the summer months, principally for the purpose of training the Americans and keeping the Germans in a state of nervous expectancy

Spring Drive Held Best Whether by the autumn enough troops will be in France to warrant the complete assumption of the initiative by General Foch cannot now be definitely foretold. A strong reason

against autumn offensives is that they may be interrupted by winter weather at critical times.

But there is no doubt that next spring the American troops in France will be equal to accepting the responsibility for conducting a sustained offensive on a gigantic scale. By next spring, the central powers will have gone through another devastating winter under re-duced food rations. Their morale unoubtedly will be lower than it is now. They will thus be subjected to the greater reaction from the effect of an American advance into German territory toward the Rhine.

Hoover Stands for Voluntary Saving

Washington, May 17 .- (I. N. S.)-Herbert C. Hoover became United States food administrator one year ago today. The beginning of his second, year of conserving the food supply of this country was marked by his flat declaration that he was strongly opposed to rationing system and more than ever in favor of voluntary saving to prevent

Former Russian Premier Said to Be Aboard Swedish Ship Bound for U. S.

New York, May 17 .- (U. P.)-Reports that Alexander F. Kerensky, former Russian/premier, would arrive in America soon were circulated here to-

The statement originated at a meeting of Russian social revolutionists at Cooper Union. When General Constantin M. Oberoucheff, commander of Kiev district under the Kerensky regime, was asked about it, he said he understood Kerensky would reach here within two weeks. It was stated that Kerensky was coming on a Swedish steamer from Sweden, where he has been in hiding



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Kerensky's mission here was said to coast for the purpose of joining Keren-by Mme, Breshkovskaya, the revolu-tionist, and several former officials of the Bolsheviki. The recent arrival at ington, where they would meet Ambas-

since the Bolsheviki revolt. General a Pacific port of the commander of the Russian "Battalion of Death" was linked with the Kerensky story, it being reported that a Russian mission

came here from Sweden.

Original by W. B. Finney Adv. Agey., K. C.

By Maginel Wright Enright

heard that he would reach here Mon-

had in fact arrived on the Pacific day and that he would be accompanied

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