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Germany's Fine Hand Seen in Dis trust and Impatience of Common Russian People

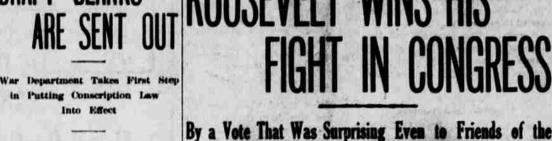
Petrograd, May 12 - Anxiety of the plain people of Russia instantly The cards contain blanks for four to bridge the chasm between the au- teen questions-every detail the gov tocracy that was and the democracy ernment wishes to know about its pothat is to be-without careful testing out the bridge-menaces Russia today.

The friction between the duma soldiers and workmen has long been apparent. Today, however, came word of an equally menacing point of difference.

Russia's peasants are takins things in their own hands. Pleas by duma representatives sent broadeast throughout Russia to preach the doctrines of the new plan of government and tell the ignorant' peasants to wait for complete organization, are apparently falling on deaf ears.

Word indicated today that nearly 150,000,000 acres of land have been seized by the peasants throughout Russia. The peasants could not wait for the promised breaking up of vast estates under pledges that such a distribution would come soon after the constituent assembly had definitely mapped out Russia's future.

Confiscation and distribution of lands have in many sections been formally decided upon by vote of the popular assemblies. The movement has become so general throughout Russia that the German agents have succeeded in stirring up great dissatisfaction among soldiers along the front, by insinuating that unless the soldiers deserted and went home SENATE GRANTS A to participate in the confiscation, they would lose their share. Numer-



Washington, May 12 .--- The government today took its first preliminary step toward putting into effect the selective conscription system for raising an army of one million men Certain of speedy action by congress on the army bill, which will come up for final debate in the house at 10:30, the war department began distribution of 10,000,000 registration blanks through which all males of the nation between the ages of 21 blanks will be sent to sheriffs and mayors of hundreds of communities.

tential soldiers-and a query whether exemption is claimed. Men who are absent from their

home states will be required to proleaders and representatives of the cure a card wherever he bay be and mail it to the county clerk at his home. Distribution of the cards is expected to be completed within a few days.

According to estimates compiled by the bureau of census, New York City alone should register 624,700 men of between 21 and 30 years inclusive: Chicago, 300,800; Philadelphia, 171,800; St. Louis, 84,900; Boston, 77,800; Cleveland, 82,600; Roosevelt men. Baltinfore, 57,600 and Pittsburg, 67,-200

The figures given by the bureau are based upon the average age of the numerical increase in population for the different cities and states since 1910, when the last accurate census was compiled.

New York state leads the country with approximately 1.068,000 men subject to selective service. Pennsylvania is next with 874,000 and Illinois third with 639,500.

The possibilities for the three Pacific coast states, compiled by the bureau, are as follows: California, 362,000; Oregon, 108,100; Washington, 217,400.

Colonel. The House Army Bill Back Into Conference to Include Provision for Roosevelt Division Washington, May 12 .- Supporters voted "no," as was Majority Leader of Colonel Roosevelt won an up-hill Mann, who voted the same. fight in the house today, when, by a vote of 215 to 178, the house re-

committed a conference report on the selective draft army bill with involunteer division plans.

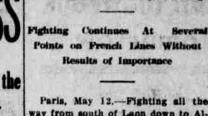
The slight democratic majority in the house was overcome by a sprinkling of democrats from all over the country who voted for the bill.

back to conference between house and senate. House conferees are instructed to stand for the Roosevelt amid laughter. "I voted against plan to the last. The senate orig- him in 1912. I do not believe he is inally adopted the Roosevelt plan. a candidate for president. I never The house originally rejected it. expect to vote for him again. But The margin of 37 votes, by which the if you are afraid of him, it is more

Clark announced the vote. For the late today. Senator Chamberlain first time in many years many in- asked unanimous consent to withdividuals were applended as they draw his report to the senate on the voted. Speaker Clark, the last to bill, which was granted, and the vote, was wildly cheered when he army bill was again in conference.



London, May 12 .- Word received guns, machine guns, rifle fire, -all late today from Haig, announces vio- concentrated in a fury of attack. All opportunity for concerted mass lent attack on Bullecourt which he attack has passed at these points, according to descriptions of the deadoccupies,-and carries German lines lock received here. The struggle has over front of mile and half. developed into hand-to-hand bits of



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way from south of Laon down to Al ace-Lorraine was detailed in today's French official statement. Gains were achieved by General Nievelle's forces in penetrating the German lines north of Besonvaux, as well as at several points in the Ammertswiller sector of Alsance, the war office said.

Around Chemin des Dames, the artillery combat showed a slight slackening, the statement said. The French blew up a munitions depot when he voted for the Roosevelt in this section. In the regions south of Pargny and in the Champagne,

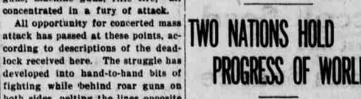
Fitzgerald, New York, said Genwest of the Cornillet wods, the same eral Pershing's brigade should be style of fighting prevailed. To send four volunteer divi-Arcund Verdun there way an ar-

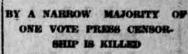
sions, he said, "would be to send tille y battle in the region of Avo-80,000 men to be slaughtered." court, but without infantry actions "I'm not a political friend of "French detachments penetrated Roosevelt," Uncle Joe Cannon said the German lines north of Beson vaux, as well as at several points in the Ammertzwiller sector of Alsace." the war office statement concluded.



a day instructions, lectures in the evenings, with the remainder of the the appointees to the camp are at protect Haelf. the presidio with 580 scheduled to

enroll during the day. Colonel Sladen, commandant of the school, today emphasized the fact ly "make good" basis, no fraternizing between officers, instructors and students will be permitted.





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ESPIONAGE BILL STILL STRONG

the Principal of soch Is Maintained the Print

Washington, May 12 .- By a tight majority of one vote, the senate today struck from the Gregory esplonage bill the censorship prov that would authorize power to control the press in any and all criticism of the government's conduct of the way and the administration's international policies. The vote was 39 to 38. Fifteen democrats lined up with 24 republicans to defeat the objectional provision, which caused a storm of criticism from all over the country and on the floor of both house and senate.

Senator Martin, democratic floor leader, was one of the democrats who voted against provision which Attorney General Gregory promulgated.

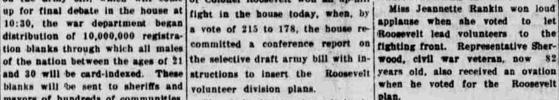
osition of the censorship fea-Disp San Francisco, May 12 .- Ten hours ture leaves the president with specific control over the press. Other sections of the espionage bill cover waking hours devoted to study chief- treasonable atterances and it was the ly, is the program mapped out for contention of those opposed to the the student officers at the presidio comorship that those sections will training camp. Today about half of give the government ample powers to

It is possible that later an effort will be made by the administration to secure adoption of a much-modified censorship provision, but the that because the camp is on a strict- temper of the senate is such as to absolutely prohibit any drastic regulation of the press or interfere with the rights of free speech.

Even as it stands, it gives the president powers such as are hardly exceeded by any ruler in the world. He is authorized to issue proclamations governing the movements of PROGRESS OF WORLD all American vessels and to take possession of such vessels, if neces-



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sent.

By the house action, the bill goes

Roosevelt amendment carried, was dangerous to leave him at home." surprising even to the colonel's supporters. No advantage for either side could be found until the roll decision on the army bill, referring call was almost completed, when it back to conference with instructhere was a strong trend to the tions that the so-called Roosevelt di-

vision amendment be embodied in The house cheered when Speaker the bill, was reported to the senate

ous desertions have come from this report.

The Russian workmen, too, are taking matters into their own hands. Throughout Russia workmen are placing representative officers of their organizations with various manufacturing companies, and refusing permission for any shipments without their official vise.

Minister of War Gutchkoff today issued this proclamation to the army:

"People who hate Russia are counteracting the work of the army, clamoring for the end of the war. An active campaign is progressing against discipline and obedience. Do not lis-

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Washington, May 12 .-- Demands for war prohibition broke out afresh in the senate today when Senator Cummins, introduced an amendment to the espionage bill to prohibit the use of grains, cereals or

of intoxicants.

root on American commission to Russia

Tolstoy regrets appointment of elihu

Late evening report: Washington, May 12 .- By a vote of 38 to 32, the senate amends the Gregory espion-

age bill providing partial prohibition during the war.

ers."

London, May 12.-Hundreds o oth sides, pelting the lines opposite prisoners were taken by British

forces in further advances today around Bullecourt on the Arras-Scarpe river, Field Marshal Haig re-

ported. "At night and early this morning," he said, "we made attacks on the British grip on the coal city has been Hindenburg line in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and also astride the Arras-Cambrai road and to the north of the Scarpe. We gained our objective and took hundreds of prison- extraordinary losses-to weaken the

Crown Prince Rupprecht is trying with almost every sort of weapon other edible things in the production known to military science to dislodge the British grip on German positions around Fresnoy and Bullecourt. Front dispatches told of hand gretrench mortars, liquid nades. (Greek) fire, boiling oil, nauseating gases, bayonets, big guns, little

with vast quantities of shells. It is not only at Fresnoy and Bulle-

mass offensive assaults at Arleux.

and other points around Lens. The increasingly strong of late and Field reserve force at his command, is endeavoring-vainly, so far-and with

circle of British trenches about the town.

Dispatches from the Macedonian the fighting there incident to the allied advance that is equalling anything seen on the western front. Despite a terrain highly unfavorable to ly.

the attacking forces, General Ser-(Continued on Page 5)

court that the Germans were striv- to determine the answer upon which in American waters; to prevent w Japan last night in honor of the in- ports about the military and naval

Marshal von Hindenburg, with every auguration of Field Marshal Ter- forces of the country. It provides auchi as premier.

entrance of the United States into the who harbors any one whom he susworld war had greatly strengthened pects of being a conspirator.

and peoples be combined more close- jeopardize the interests of the United States.

sary. He is authorized to empl Tokio, May 12 .- It lies in the land and naval forces to prevent power of Japan and the United States destruction or injury of any ver Cambrai road and north of the ing today to stop all movement of the future happiness and progress of sels, as resort for any one conspirthe British. Official reports detailed the world will depend, Foreign Min- ing against the United States. A ister Motono declared in an unusual- penalty of not more than 25 years ly frank address at the banquet imprisonment for any one fomentgiven by the American Society of ing trouble or conveying false re-

heavy penalties for any one conspir-Premier Terauchi declared that the ing against the United States, or

the ties between Japan and America. The president may restrain It is imperative now, he added, that port any armed vessel owned wholly front today showed a desperation in these relations be cemented more or in part by American citizens unstrongly than ever, and the efforts til adequate proof is given that sailfor progress by both governments ing of the vessel will in no way

> SOCIALISTS CABLE GERMAN COMRADES THAT WAR MUST SWEEP KAISERISM FROM EARTH

stoy, son of the great Russian phil- | badly received by the Russian demo- + osopher, today denounced the ap- crats, and instead of uniting Russia + ed as he tried to pass an armed pointment of Elibu Root as chair- and America, I think it will have + guard near his factory here. + + way was brought home to a man of the United States commis- just the opposite effect." sion to new Russia.

chairman, America makes herself ap- sian government. , pear a plutocracy, instead of a dem- "I would like to escape that fate." + a commission. The idea of sending sible." the commission was good, but it is Tolstoy will leave immediately for + submarine problem, he had not

Seattle, May 12 .- Count liya Tol- Root as its head. He will be very

"I disapprove of the appointment his journey homeward, where he + ing to oversee the work of fight- + + Cross home here this afternoon. of Mr. Root on the Russian commis- says, he expects to be "drawn into" + ing the flames. sion," he said. "In sending him as the work of reconstructing the Rus- +

ocracy. That is true, but I should he said, with a shrug of his shoul- + the guard replied. not think it well to show it on such ders, "but I feel it will be impos- + Edison has been so busy

annihilated by the selection of Mr. Vancouver, B. C.

East Orange, N. J., May 12 + -Thomas A. Edison was halt-+ Part of the factory was burn- + Tolstoy is here on the last lap of + ing, and the wizard was hasten- + + the dedication of the new Red

"But I'm Edison." exclaim-

+ ed the inventor.

+ working on a solution of the + taken time to shave.

- - Water

Washington, May 12 .--- What + the war that America is in will + mean in heartaches and in every + great audience that witnessed President Wilson and former

+ + president Taft both emphasized + that American homes are to be "Not with those whiskers." + + bereft of loved ones, but that + + Americans must be real Ameri-+ + cans in bravely standing the + + coming sacrifices in the inter- + + + est of "freedom and democ-+ + raoy." -

socialists sent word to their colleag- the messages-including Charles Edues of Germany today that the kainer | ward Russell, J. G. Phelps-Stokes, and kaiserism must go; that the war Wm. English Walling, Rose Pastoragainst Germany must be continued Stokes, and others.

by the democratic people of the world until this result is achieved. The message was cabled by the na- that a nation-wide rupture in the tional executive committee of social- socialist ranks is imminent came toists of America to socialists in Stock- day when Victor L. Berger, men holm. Copenhagen, The Hague and of the national committee, declared Berne, with request that its text be socialists who today sent a m forwarded to German socialists. to European socialists were not rep-

New York, May 12 .- America's prominent socialists were affixed to

Milwaukee, May 12 .--- Indications The names of America's most resentatives of the party.

