

STRONG TALK IN THE REICHSTAG OF A GERMAN REPUBLIC

month with allowances and extras for service, bringing it up to \$21 per month. Under the latest vote of the House the private's pay will range from \$20 to \$25 per month.

SENATE TAKES UP BIG WAR BUDGET IN SECRET

Discussion of \$3,390,000,000 Appropriation Said to Entail Confidential Information.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—When the Senate today took up the great \$3,390,000,000 war budget it closed the doors and discussed it privately, because, many Senators said, it entailed discussion of confidential information on prosecuting the war.

The House passed the bill in executive session upon suggestion of Senator Weeks, Republican of Massachusetts.

The Senate first took up the appropriation for the Council of National Defense and then the \$400,000,000 appropriation to start construction and purchase of a fleet of merchant ships.

T. R. TO HEAD STATE FORCE IF HE LOSES IN CONGRESS

Announces Provisional Acceptance of Whitman's Offer of Major General's Commission.

ALBANY, May 16.—At the conclusion of a two-hour conference with Governor Whitman today, Col. Theodore Roosevelt announced that he would accept the Governor's offer of a Major General's Commission in the State Service if the federal army bill were passed without the provision to permit him to go to Europe with an expeditionary force.

Colonel Roosevelt said: "The Commission would authorize me to raise one or more divisions in New York State, but the members would not necessarily come from this State."

The former President was greeted at the station by a crowd of nearly 1,000 persons. As he stepped from the train he received a cheer which he acknowledged with a wave of the hat and a smile.

At luncheon the Colonel met Adj. Gen. E. H. Stotsbury, Gen. W. W. Waterspoon, State Superintendent of Public Work, and George F. Chandler, Superintendent of the State Police.

NEW FRENCH WAR LOAN.

Nearly \$2,000,000,000 for Third Quarter of Year—\$10,000,000,000 So Far.

PARIS, May 16.—A budget calling for \$2,000,000,000 francs (\$3,198,600,000) for war expenses of the third quarter of 1917 was introduced in the Chamber of Deputies by Minister of Finance Thierry today.

With this sum, France's total expenditure in the war since Sept. 26, 1914, will have reached \$10,000,000,000 francs (approximately \$15,000,000,000).

HOW TO GET RELIEF FROM CATARRH

If you have catarrh, catarrhal discharges or head aches, go to your drug store and get 1 oz. of Permut. Permut is a natural remedy for all catarrhs. It is a natural remedy for all catarrhs. It is a natural remedy for all catarrhs.

HOLLWEG OFFERS SEPARATE PEACE WITH RUSSIANS

Hints of Revolution in the Reichstag, but No Arrests Are Made.

BERLIN, May 16.—Political circles are discussing to-day the significant fact that members of the Reichstag, at yesterday's stormy session, were permitted to mention the possibility of a republican form of government in Germany and were not arrested.

This phase of the debate is looming larger than Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's blunt refusal to discuss Germany's war aims, or his frank offer of a separate peace to Russia if she asks it.

A significant feature of the session was the introduction into their remarks by Philipp Scheidemann, the Social-Democratic leader, and George Ledebour, the Independent Socialist leader, of references to a possible revolution in Germany.

Scheidemann intimated that if the British and French renounced the idea of annexation and Germany insisted on annexing territory, there would be a revolution.

This resulted in indignant repudiation by a large section of the house, and Scheidemann hastened to say it has not gone so far as that yet.

Ledebour declared that a republic must soon be established in Germany and that his party will propose that a Constitution Committee take preparatory steps in that direction.

"These interpellations demand from me a definite statement on the question of our war aims," said the Chancellor. "To make such a statement at the present moment would not serve the country's interests. I must therefore decline to make it."

"I thoroughly and fully understood the passionate interest of the people in the war aims and peace conditions. I understood the call for clearness which to-day is addressed to me from the Right and the Left. But in the discussion of our war aims the only guiding line for me is the early and satisfactory conclusion of the war."

"Beyond that I cannot do or say anything."

"For a month past unparalleled battles have been waging on the west front. The entire people, with all its thoughts and sorrows and feelings, is with its souls up there, who with unexampled tenacity and defiance of death, resist the daily renewed attacks of the English and French."

"Even to-day I see no readiness for peace on the part of England or France, nothing of the abandonment of their excessive aims of conquest and economic destruction."

"If, however, Russia wants to prevent further bloodshed and renounces all violent plans of conquest for herself, if she wishes to restore durable relations of peaceful life side by side with us, then surely it is a matter of course that we, as we share this wish, will not disturb the permanent relationship in the future and will not render its development impossible by demands which, indeed, do not accord with the freedom of nations and would deposit in the Russian nation the germ of enmity. (Thunderous applause.)"

Scheidemann, in introducing the Social-Democratic interpellation, said: "We adhere to the same point of view as contained in the demand of Aug. 4—the territorial integrity of Germany and her economic independence and development. But to-day we still refuse to oppress foreign peoples. On both sides the nations are being put off with the promise of an imminent final decision. It is our task to expose this playing with the life of peoples, and we cry to all Governments: 'It is enough.'"

"We are convinced that the Central Powers will stand firm in repelling intentions of annihilation, but also that the wishes of the French, English and American nations shall not be realized. Thus think the Socialists, and millions are with us."

"The supporters of conquest shout for increase of power, increase of ter-

GIRL OF SEVEN AIDS IN GETTING RECRUITS

Wants Burden Distributed More Equitably to Avoid Disturbing Business.



ELIZABETH WHALEN.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Representing mercantile, manufacturing and business interests of Chicago and the Middle West, a delegation appeared to-day before the Senate Finance Committee and afterward visited Secretary McAdoo to protest against raising \$1,600,000,000 by taxation, as proposed in the War Tax bill, and to suggest that the amount be reduced to \$1,250,000,000.

"The committee did not come to oppose taxation," says a statement issued on its behalf, "but came to offer suggestions that might tend to distribute the burden more equitably with the least disturbance to business."

They avoided discussing details of the bill, but confined their discussion to three features.

First, they expressed unqualified opposition to the retroactive features of the bill; second, they suggested the repeal of the present excess profits tax and the substitution of a flat tax of five per cent. upon net profits, with an exemption of \$5,000; third, they did not oppose the proposed increase in customs duties, but suggested that the date upon which such an increase should become effective should be placed far enough in advance to give business an opportunity to adjust itself to meet the new conditions.

The delegation included representatives of the National Retail Goods Association, the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, Armour & Co., Sears, Roebuck & Co., Marshall Field & Co. and approximately four thousand business concerns in the Middle West.

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PLAN FOR SOLVING IRISH QUESTION OUT TO-MORROW

Bonar Law Tells John Redmond in Commons It Will Be Published as a White Paper.

LONDON, May 16.—John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, today made his first appearance in the House of Commons since his illness, and said he had not received the Government's proposals for solution of the Irish question.

Chancellor Bonar Law replied that they would be forwarded to Redmond, and that they would be put to all members in the form of a white paper to be published to-morrow.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 16.—A resolution urging the President and Congress to exert every possible influence to effect the granting of home rule to Ireland and Poland was adopted by the House to-day with only three dissenting votes. The resolution previously had been adopted by the House.

1,000 DRESSMAKERS ON STRIKE IN PARIS

PARIS, May 16.—More than 1,000 striking dressmakers paraded the boulevards leading to the labor headquarters today. They were employees of three leading dressmaking concerns which had sought to impose upon them a Saturday half holiday without pay. The strikers refused to accept the change and demanded an increase in pay of twenty cents a day, of account of the high cost of living. A strike committee was appointed to induce dressmakers of other concerns to unite in a general movement.

TURKS CHECK RUSSIANS.

Retreating Russian Troops Fall Back After Again Crossing Dniester.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 16 (via London).—Russian troops have again crossed a crossing of the Dniester river, on the Constantinople front, northeast of Baghdad. They met with strong opposition on advancing from the river, however, and were compelled to withdraw, says today's War Office statement.

PIMLICO WINNERS.

FIRST RATE—Cloning. Two-year-old colt and a half brother, Pimplico, 102 (Knappland), straight 114 lb. place \$20.00, show \$2.00. Direct descendant, 119 (Knappland), 102 lb. place \$2.00. See also Hill Livingston, 105 lb. Colting, show \$2.75, third time 21 seconds. W. W. W. show \$2.00. W. W. W. show \$2.00. Sweet Marguerite, Old Home, show \$2.00.

Striking British Engineers Returning to Work.

LONDON, May 16.—Striking engineers are returning to work in great numbers, according to dispatches received from Manchester and other strike affected localities to-day. The strike in London is unchanged, however.

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SIX KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF FIREWORKS IN RUBBISH

Fish Hatchery and Other Buildings Near Fort Brady Badly Damaged by Blast.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., May 16.—Six men were killed and several others seriously injured in an explosion which occurred at the end of the Fort Brady pier. Most of the victims were laborers.

The fish hatchery and adjoining buildings were badly damaged. Soldiers stationed at Fort Brady were ordered to patrol the area swept by the explosion.

One of the men killed was George Cook, a member of the United States Coast Guard cutter Mackinac. The Mackinac was some distance from her moorings when the explosion took place. This fact probably saved her from destruction.

Investigation revealed that the explosion resulted from the ignition of fireworks and dynamite caps in rubbish being hauled by teamsters from the basement of a local store to a dumping place. Presence of the explosives in the rubbish was not known previous to the explosion.

GERMAN CAPTIVES MAY BE HELD HERE

WASHINGTON, May 16.—It was admitted at the State Department today that there had been "discussions in a general way" relating to the proposal that prisoners of war in France and England be brought to the United States for the remainder of the war.

The burden thus lifted from those countries would be tremendous, and it would relieve the British and French Governments, as well as the United States, of the necessity of employing a considerable number of men to guard the great quantities of tonnage now demanded for guarding and feeding them.

An act of Congress would not be necessary to carry out this plan, but it is considered likely that action will be requested before such a policy is put into execution.

French and American Army Teachers Made Faculty Members.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 16.—Six French and two United States army officers, who are instructing the Harvard Reserve Officers' Training Corps, have been made members of the faculty.

The French officers are Major P. J. J. A. Dupont, Capt. De Jarry, Lieut. A. Maurice and Lieut. Jean Giraudoux. The American officers are Capt. James A. Shannon and Capt. William S. Bowen.

N. Y. & N. H. Freight Clerks Organized.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 16.—The fifty or more freight clerks of the New Haven road in this city have received orders to strike at 4 o'clock this afternoon following the failure of negotiations for increased pay. The men have the option of remaining at work until 6 o'clock to finish their day.

Lord Northcliffe's Paper Mill Forced to Shut Down.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., May 16.—Inability to obtain steamers to transport their product to England has resulted in the decision of Lord Northcliffe and his associates to shut down their large paper mill at Grand Falls. The single steamer which allowed the company has been commandeered by the Government.

STATEN ISLAND "DRY" EVERY COMING SUNDAY, IS PLEDGE OF LEAGUE

Enforcement Body, Working With Bonding Companies, Has Fifty Cases Pending.

All Staten Island was as dry and law abiding last Sunday as the primate county in Kansas. Not a saloon was open, no one could buy a drink anywhere, and there was not one drunken man in sight. All of which was due to the crusade begun last winter by the Law Enforcement League of Staten Island, which promises to keep its myriad eyes open for any future violations of the law, and is backed up by the Excise Department of the State and all the security companies that furnish bonds for saloons in the metropolitan district.

The League has pending in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn fifty cases against saloonkeepers who persisted in breaking the law in spite of ample warning. Evidence in these cases was obtained by the inspectors of the State Excise Department. Of the fifty cases thirty-six are actions to forfeit bonds of from \$500 to \$800, and in most of these the defendants have already forfeited rather than go to trial. The other fourteen cases are actions to revoke licenses. Agents of the League and Excise inspectors are watching every place complained of every Sunday and promise to do so all summer.

John E. Flisner, a New York business man, is President of the League; W. E. Sharrot, a real estate operator, vice president; and the Rev. W. E. Compton, chaplain of Sailors' Snug Harbor, Secretary, and George W. Cole, a business man, Treasurer. Among the directors are Alonzo B. Pouch, who owns the big docks and warehouses at St. George; C. D. Durkee, manufacturer of marine hardware; F. P. Danalis, Superintendent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and Walter W. Price, Republican leader of Staten Island.

"We have cleaned up an intolerable situation, thanks to the aid of the State Excise Department and the united bonding companies represented by Albert E. Sheridan of No. 141 Broadway," said Dr. Robert G. Davey, county vice president, at his office, No. 203 Broadway. "We have more than 500 saloons on Staten Island, from a population of 100,000. Among 25,000 to 30,000 visitors came to our island every Sunday from New York and New Jersey, many of them in gangs. Conditions in and near many of the saloons were unbearable."

"One hundred citizens formed this league, joining in a covenant to 'purge our community from every institution and source of lawlessness, disorder and vice. We sent letters to every saloonkeeper, owner of property and bonding company last November feeling them of the nuisances existing. The offenders were decent for a few weeks and then relapsed. Then we obtained the evidence to dispose of fifty of the law-breakers. If there are any others we shall get them, too."

CHICAGO WHEAT AND CORN MARKET.

WHEAT. Tuesday. Open. High. Low. Close. 242 1/2. 245. 240. 242 1/2. 221. 223 1/2. CORN. Tuesday. Open. High. Low. Close. 102 1/2. 103. 102. 102 1/2. 147. 148 1/2. 145. 147 1/2.

ITEMS FOR INVESTORS.

Republic Iron and Steel Company.—Regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on common and 2 per cent. on preferred stocks. Common is payable Aug. 1 to stock record July 16 and preferred payable July 2 to stock record June 15.

Mergenthaler Linotype Company.—Regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. payable June 20 to stock record June 2.

Oklahoma Producing and Refining Company.—Report for three months to March 31 shows net earnings \$455,747 or at annual rate of 36.50 per cent. on the \$1,250,000 capital stock.

Texas and Pacific Railway Company.—Yearly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. per share earned on \$7,628,000 shares of stock after allowing 5 per cent. on total of \$22,000,000 second mortgage income bonds. No interest has been paid on these income bonds since 1908.

Cuban-American Sugar Company.—Regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on common and 1 1/2 per cent. on preferred stock, both payable July 2 to stock record June 15.

Flour Down \$1.20 a Barrel at Minneapolis. MINNEAPOLIS, May 16.—Decline in price of flour is reported in four places where registered in the Minneapolis market to-day. Price patterns dropped from 120 to 118 1/2 while first clears were quoted at \$130 a barrel, \$1.10 under Saturday's price.

KEPT HIS ELEVATOR RUNNING AS FIRE SWEPT FLOOR HOUSE

All Tenants Saved in Harlem Apartments—Three Firemen Overcome.

A thirty families in the Rochambeau, a six-story apartment house at West One Hundred and Thirtieth Street and Manhattan Avenue, received a scare this afternoon when fire was discovered in the bedroom of Mrs. Norma Crawford, a widow, who occupied rooms on the top floor. All reached the street in safety as a result of the coolness of Richard Steritt, an elevator man, who, after notifying the tenants of the fire, kept his car going until all had been brought downstairs.

Three firemen, Alec McGill, George Offenberger and John Casey of Engine Company No. 58 were overcome by smoke, McGill's condition necessitating his removal to Knickerbocker Hospital. Thomas Vivian, sixty years old, a well known newspaper man, whose apartment adjoins that of Mrs. Crawford, was overcome by the smoke, but revived on reaching the street.

The fire ate its way to the roof of the building before it was placed under control.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns for various stocks and their closing prices. Includes Alaska Gold Mines, Am. Beet Sugar, Am. Car & Foundry, etc.

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[The Berlin War Office claims the capture of a French trench nearly 700 yards long.] Surprise attacks undertaken by the Germans in the regions of Aubervicq, Avoncourt and Barnekopf were broken up by French fire. In upper Alsace one of the French light detachments penetrated the enemy trenches and brought back prisoners after having wrecked defensive positions of the enemy.

LAWYER DENIES STORY OF GRAFT TO SWANN'S ACCUSER

Wilson Didn't Tell Follette About Giving Money to Breckinridge.

Before the defense opened to-day at the hearing of the charges against District Attorney Swann, former Deputy Assistant District Attorney J. Ward Follette was called by counsel for the City Club, Mr. Follette was counsel for George Louis Wilson, who has been mentioned as the aid to former Assistant District Attorney Breckinridge when he handed the labor union cases.

Follette told of an occasion when Wilson was summoned to the office of District Attorney Swann. "The District Attorney said he would hold Wilson as a material witness."

Follette said he told Mr. Swann he had no right to do that, but he finally let Assistant District Attorney Deering have Wilson for some time. A commitment and an accusation was made against Wilson, who was held in \$1,000 bail.

Mr. Follette was asked if he had any knowledge of who kidnapped Wilson and if he sanctioned or had any part in it and he answered "No."

He was asked if Wilson had ever told him about collecting graft for Mr. Breckinridge and denied that he had.

Wilson had sworn he did tell his attorney about the alleged collections, and the alleged payments to Breckinridge.

The defense then began calling witnesses to controvert the testimony previously given.

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