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WAR BRIEFS BY WIRE
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Boston.—Janitor Bill McLaughlin of Faneuil hall stopped Italian parade on its way in until it added stars and stripes to the flag of Italy.

New York.—Merchants' ass'n, since several civilians have been shot by bridge and armory sentries, issued big "halt when the sentry calls" posters.

New York.—Four bull-headed pedestrians ducked in New York bay by naval militiamen for crossing steel submarine net off Fort Hamilton against orders.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Got a buffalo nickel? Ink an upturned mustache on the Indian. Conceal back part of head with a sheet of paper laid perpendicularly across the ear. There's the kaiser.

St. Paul.—Bohemians in St. Paul today offered services to Pres. Wilson. "We cheerfully make any sacrifice which righteous war against German military autocracy may demand," telegram read.

Kansas City.—10,000 foreign-born Americans, in enthusiastic mass meeting, cheer flag and indorse the words of Rev. Andreas Bard, German: "We will back the president to the limit. We raise the stars and stripes and shout to the world: 'America for all; all for America!'"

Washington.—Marine corps officially adopts Lewis machine gun and ordered 2,000.

Petrograd.—Gen. Michael V. Alexieff definitely appointed commander of Russian armies.

Washington.—Six scientists on way to Europe to co-operate with scientists there is studying war problems.

Washington.—Young men who have married since April 2 will be first called to military service if resolution sponsored by Rep. Britten, Illinois, is passed by congress.

Minneapolis.—Minnesota State Fed. of Labor adopts resolutions

pledging loyalty to U. S. during war and endorsing similar stand of A. F. of L.

Mexico City.—Mexico will remain neutral, Gen. Carranza said in address to new congress.

Amsterdam.—American guard ship Scorpion interned at Constantinople by Turkish government.

Washington.—Wage earners will be given full legal protection "in interest of both maximum production and human conservation" during war, Sec'y Daniels promises.

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**LOWDEN PLEADS FOR WORKERS
TO RAISE GREAT CROPS**

Springfield, April 16.—Illinois, according to a proclamation issued by Gov. Lowden, may, by its corn, save America from a shortage of food nutrients during next winter's war time, if there is still war then.

Lowden pleads for a 100 per cent corn crop for Illinois, every acre planted and every acre producing its maximum bushels. To gain this there must be greater care in selection and screening of seed corn and there must be volunteers—by thousands—ready to work through the summer behind the plow.

Country schools will excuse every child over 14 years of age from studies that they may aid in planting, and with no loss of credits in school standing.

The governor pleads for intensive "municipal farming" to turn every city and village lot into a garden.

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WEEDS IN WHEAT SEED

Minneapolis, April 16.—Danger to wheat crop this year lies in fact that much of seed wheat is low in germination and contains weed seeds. W. L. Oswald of state seed laboratory said today. Samples recently tested contained only \$1.09 per cent wheat and germinated only 78 per cent.

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Chicago art students will draw recruiting posters.