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ALL MALE VOTERS FF M 21 TO 30 YEARS OF AGE, INCLUSIVE, WILL BE SUBJECT TO SERVICE IN ARMY

Deadlock and Reach Agreement on Draft Bill

COMPROMISE IS EFFECTED

Provision for Roosevelt Division Killed-Prohibition at Army Posts is Accepted

QUICK APPROVAL EXPECTED

Registration May Begin in Little More Than Two Weeks

deadlock of Senate and House conferees on the selective draft military bill was broken today with agreement on a compromise measare under which a great war army would be raised by selective conscription of men from 21 to 30 years of age, inclusive.

Colonel Roosevelt's proposed volunteer division for service in FOOD CONTROL S Senate, finally was thrown out on the insistence of House conferees. In return, the House yielded to the Senate's proposal for prohibition at military posts.

Early Approval Expected.

The conference report is expected to be approved by both Senate and House in a few days, and within two weeks after the President has affixed his signature registration of those eligible for out the country. The War Department has erected a vast and intricate war machine for assigning and organizing it training camps in September.

The compromise bill is understood to e generally satisfactory to the adminstration and to the army general staff. The most important change made in longress was in the age limits, fixed ly the staff at 19 and 25, inclusive. The Senate made them 21 and 27, and the the conference agreement makes the draft applicable to all male voters un-

olunteers could have been enlisted for

service on the Mexican border. Exemption Applications. The section dealing with exemptions

m draft was re-written in part by he conference committee, and provision as made for hearings in exemption applications before local civil tribunals with the right to appeal to a second tribunal and finally to the President. Republicans in the Senate who have fored giving Colonel Roosevelt auos to France, declared tonight that effort would be made on the floor have the Senate insist on the retenof this feature. The general exectation, however, is that the confere decision will prevail.

The prohibition provision as agreed excludes liquor, beer and wines from military post, but does not forbid ng or giving these beverages to ders except when in uniform. The conferees put into the bill an endment giving the President power

rganize and equip for each infantry d cavalry brigade three machine gun panies, and for each division of se services, four machine gun comanies in addition to those comprised each organization of these units. He

pany for each division.

Those Absolutely Exempt. Exemptions from the selective draft ere left virtually as originally sugested by the general staff. Those abutely exempt include officers of the ted States and any state or territoalty or theological schools and abers of "any well recognized religs school, or organization at present anized" whose "existing creed" forparticipation in war. The last are not exempt from non-comba-

haddition, the President is authorto exclude or discharge from draft following: County and municipal ofers, customs house clerks, postal emworkmen in navy yards or arsearmories, others in the Federal ment's employ whom the Presihay designate; pilots and marimaintenance of the military estabency, those having persons dependent n them for support; and those found be physically or morally deficient.

Tribunals in Each County. section relating to tribunals to \$25,000. pleas for exemptions provided that te he civil and not military hearings. (Continued on Page Two).

Senate and House Conferees Break Must Be No Favoritism In Administering Draft System

Made Virtually Impossible by Explicit Terms in Which Act is Drawn. Registration Officials Warned That Such Practice Could Easily be Detected and Severe Penalty Inflicted

any fear that county and city registration boards will exercise favoritism in enrolling soldiers under the selective draft act, Provost Marshal General Crowder issued a statement tonight declaring such practices would be virtually impossible because of the explicit terms in which the act is drawn. He warned registration officials that Washington, May 10 .- The long favoritism easily could be detected and would be punished with heavy penalty.

"Every precaution," said the statement, "will be taken to make it certain that the registration will be conducted with exact justice.

"The law is specific and allows no latitude to the boards, either in the matter of registration or in the later matter of exemption from service. In fact, the law is self-executing. Every man within the age limits fixed by the selective service act must reg-Authorization for recruiting evasion of registration will fall, not are ample."

Washington, May 10 .- To dispose of only on the man who fails to appear, but on any member of a registration board who may be shown to be in collusion with the person who attempts

> "Further from this, the registration boards will never act as exemption boards except in certain specific cases, such as where a young man who has registered shall claim to be employed in a Federal, state or local office, and thereby does not come within the exemption clause of the statute. In cases like this the facts must be entered offi-

"So far as the other reasons for exauthority will lie higher jurisdiction.

URGED BY HOOVER OF HEAVY BATTLES

Flour Can be Reduced Forty

the conscripts. They will be assembled Declares That Even Now There - is Germans Still Holding On To Fresnoy Abundant Surplus of Wheat-Without Federal Control

Prices Will Soar.

New York, May 10 .- Herbert C. House 21 and 40. The ages named in Hoover, who recently came from Eu-With the Roosevelt proposal, the con- out control we may see flour at \$20 Entente allies the aggressors. ferees also threw out a Senate amend- a barrel before the war is over, but

> treated in a liberal manner." Mr. Hoover thus outlined food con- gained, despite counter attacks. ditions in a statement to the Associated

Outraegous Prices Unjustified. "There is absolutely no occasion for food panic in this country nor any Russians have captured several enemy justification for outrageous prices unless the opposition of special interests valley of the Moglenico river the Serbdefeats the President in obtaining the lians have taken two points of support necessary powers to control the na- and many prisoners. tion's food fully and adequately. America's problem is not one of famine, for we have now and will have next year a large surplus. Our problem is, ish around Fresnoy and to the east of after the proper protection of our own people, to give to the allies the last ounce of surplus of which we are cap- lage of Fresnoy apparently remains in

"Therefore, the nation needs a food control for two purposes: to regulate prices and increase the surplus. After providing for our normal consumption, we will have, together with Canada, a surplus for our allies equal (Continued on Page Two)

o was given authority to organize armoved motor car machine gun IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

ministers, students of recognized Historic Structure Threatened Coastwise Lines Say 15 Per Cent With Destruction

> Flames Started in Clock Tower and Raged For About An Hour Before Being Checked-Loss About \$25,000.

New York, May 10 .- New York's historic City Hall, built more than 100 actually employed in sea service; years ago, constructed mostly of marons engaged in industries, including ble and considered architecturally one the West, appeared before the Intermaintane found to be necessary to of the most beautiful buildings in the hment or the effective operation of country, was threatened with destrucmilitary forces or the maintenance tion by fire today. Flames broke out national interest during the emer- in its wooden clock tower, after an hour's work by the firemen they were paid during the coming year. under control and later were extin-

dunals are to be established in each sion by the city and was brilliantly cerns faced a deficit of more than American ministery. In time of war newspathe duration of the wars Former Presi- comes dangerously near to lending aid
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to escape his duty.

cially and attested.

emptions under the law are concerned, exemptions for men engaged in pursuits in which their work is more valuable at home than in the service, the

"The law provides the penalty of imprisonment with no alternative of a fine for any official or any registered man who shall make a false return or connive at such a practice. The safeister, and the penalty of the law for guards against favoritism or evasion

With It, He Declares, Price of Expected Offensive Along the Front There Apparently to Fifty Per Cent Started With Vigor

tonscription will be under way through- NO OCCASION FOR PANIC ALLIES SCORE SUCCESSES

But Have Failed to Drive British Back-Marshal Haig's Men

a Step Nearer Lens

The expected general offensive along the Macedonian front apparently has rope to advise the government on food been started with full vigor Numerous conditions in Europe, says that with- big battles are in progress, with the

Southwest of Lake Doiran the Britment under which three regiments of that with control "the present price of ish have captured Bulgarian trenches flour can be reduced 40 to 50 per cent at one point on a front of two miles and at the same time the producer be to a depth of about five hundred yards and held and consolidated the ground

> Northwest of Monastir, and on various other sectors the Entente forces are carrying out heavy operations. In the famous Cerna river bend the trench elements, while in the upper

Germans Continue Offensive. The Germans continue with great intensity their offensive against the Brit-Bullecourt, but are being hard held by Field Marshal Haig's forces. The vil-German hands after its re-capture Tuesday, but the Canadians and South Englanders are still holding vantage points around it, from which the Germans are endeavoring to expel them and put an end to their harassing fire. To the east of Bullecourt, where the (Continued on Page Two).

STEAMSHIP COMPANIES URGE RATE INCREASE

Advance is Necessary

Representatives of Western Railroads Also Second the Plea of Carriers From Other Sections of the

Washington, May 10.-Spokesmen for steamship companies operating along the Atlantic, and railroads in state Commerce Commission today and seconded the plea of carriers in other sections of the country that an increase of 15 per cent in freight tariffs is absolutely necessary if bills are to be Statistics presented to the commisguished. The loss was estimated at sion on behalf of seven coastwise steamship companies, purported to their plan. City hall was the scene yesterday of show that because of the rise in the the reception to the French commis- price of material and labor the con-(Continued on Page Two).

COFFIN OF GRANT

There is Impressive Stillness as the Hero of the Marne Walks Slowly to the Tomb

Until Alsace and Lorraine Are Restored

vents which will become historic in the annals of New York marked the activities of the French war mission here today. In their chronological or-

The address of Rene president of the council of ministers and head of the mission, at a luncheon declared France never would cease fighting until Alsace and Lorraine were restored to her, and when he proclaimed that the Stars and Stripes never would attain their full significance until they floated from the trenches in

The placing by Marshal Joffre of wreath upon the sarcophagus of General Grant.

of the city at the public library to night, when Joffre, Viviani and their colleagues greeted their compatriots. including several hundred blue-jackets from French warships.

An Impressive Spectacle. spectacle which appealed most to the popular imagination was that nate among those still to be determinenacted at Grant's tomb. There was an impressive stillness among the many thousands of spectators as Marshal Joffre walked slowly along the wide pavement leading to the tomb. The memorable words of the man whose a grateful nation gave him, seemed once again to echo their solemn admo-

nition: "Let us have peace." That this thought, although possibly remote of achievement, was in the mind of the gallant French soldier whose to his own men that they revere him as a father, was evidenced by the tears | Palestine. that glistened in his kind eyes.

Here, if ever in the nation's great bustling metropolis, silence was more truly expressive than words. Here also was a tribute of one of the world's great heroes to the memory of another, which was unmistakably genuine and

The thousands who had paused in their daily duties to honor the victor of the Marne and his colleagues, apparently realized the significance of the moment. Where there had been a veritable canopy of small flags fluttering above them, now were bared heads. Where there had been a remarkable manifestation of a great city's joy in welcoming the living, now there was honor for the dead.

Joffre, the soldier; Viviani, statesman; Chocheprat, the admiral; de Chambrun, the nobleman, descendant of LaFayette, all were visibly affected.

Salutes the Dead. Passing into the dimly lighted rotunda of the tomb, Marshal Joffre doffed his cap and advanced silently toward the stairway leading to the sarcophagus. He clambered over the stone balustrade, mounted a step ladder and, with one hand resting on the huge cofhis other hand the evergreen wreath, with the tri-color entwining it. Then standing erect, he saluted, while the hundred or more others who had been permitted to enter the tomb, looked on, heads uncovered, from the balustrade

Then followed a review of the Seventh regiment, New York National Guard, in front - of the tomb, after interned German sallors and alien de- been completed, it is believed the Presiwhich the visitors were taken through tained by the immigration service. A dent will name one man to be directly Riverside Drive to the Joan of Arc commission of immigration officials will responsible for carrying out emergency All along the route, extending several miles, were great throngs of men, wo- partment held up by wire 200 aliens governing distribution and price flxing, men and children, cheering the city's who were to start to the colony today leaving to the Agricultural Department

At the Joan of Arc statue, a delegation from the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Marshal Jof-fre with a check for 28,000 francs to be used at his discretion for charitable used at his discretion for charitable purposes.

A wreath of white laurel was handed Marshal Joffre and he placed it reverently at the base of the statue while he crowd stood silent.

MAPS AND FORTIFICATION Lieut. Wolf, of U. S. Aviation Corps, Arrested and Interned.

San Francisco, May 10 .- Lieut. Frank . Wolf, alleged deserter from the United States aviation corps at San Diego and said to have been a lieutenant in the German aviation corps early in the war, was arrested and interned here today by Federal authorities.

In Wolf's effects Federal authorities aid were found maps of roads and highways about San Francisco and the cations on San Francisco Bay.

BOMB ALSO INTENDED FOR U. S. MINISTER GONZALES.

Calling on Cuban President.

made last night to assassinate President Rogers made this statement: Menocal, of Cuba ,by means of a bomb

in the place with the president

Will Leave Today for New York to Join the Frenchmen for Big Reception There

THREE DRAMATIC EVENTS VISIT MIDDLE WEST LATER

Viviani Declares France Will Fight Military and Trade Problems Are Dominating Questions Still to be Discussed

> Washington, May 10 .- The British var mission, its conferences here about concluded, will leave tomorrow for New York to join the French mission for the joint reception to be given them by America's financial capital. Practically the whole body of British statesmen will make the trip in a special train placed at their disposal by the Federal government.

The distinguished visitors are looking forward to the remainder of their stay in the United States as largely a period of relaxation. They will return to Washington Sunday night and later vill visit the Middle West and Canada, Some of the British officials may remain in this country after Foreign Secretary Balfour and the other leaders have returned to England, while some members apparently are preparing to stay permanently.

Diplomatic and financial questions are understood to have been pretty well threshed out, while naval subjects are mostly under negotiation in London. Military and trade problems predomi-

The mission today met with the Council of National Defense, Mr. Balfour and J. H. Thomas, a British labor leader, explaining the relationship between union labor and the government ashes have long reposed within, carved in England during the war. Mr. Thomin the granite above the kingly tomb as discussed the methods taken to prevent disputes, to stimulate labor's interest in war work, to secure priority o war manufacturers and to unite the patriotic efforts of capital and labor.

Mr. Balfour talked this afternoon fullness of heart has so endeared him court, who is interested in the movement to establish a Zionist republic in

RUSSIAN COMMISSION IS

COMING TO THIS COUNTRY Washington, May 10 .- Official announcement was made tonight of the coming of a commission from Russia, the personnel of which will be announced later. It was announced that mission to Russia, will go with the distinction of being a special ambassador. The American commission will depart very soon.

FATAL WRECK ON SOUTHERN WAS CAUSED BY A BULL

Asheville, N. C., May 10 .- Lloyd K. Enloe, a fireman on the Murphy divison of the Southern, was killed, and three other-trainmen were injured were derailed near Junaluska by a bull, one engine turning over. Enloe was caught in his cab and was crushed so that he died a few mintes after being removed. He was in the second engine E. Enloe, who was engineer, was uninjured, save for a few bruises. Engineer C. Burke and Fireman O. H. fin of General Grant, placed there with Bradshaw, on the first engine, were Haugen, a Republican member of the also slightly bruised.

> PLANS FOR BRINGING GERMANS TO N. CAROLINA ARE HELD UP

Washington, May 10 .- A dispute over property rights halted today the Labor Department's plan for establishing a colony at Kanuga Lake, N. C., or statue, where a brief stop was made. go to North Carolina tomorrow to try provisions. This man would administo straighten out the tangle. The defrom New York.

FOR FAIR TREATMENT

PLANS FOUND ON DESERTER. War Tax Provision Would Mean Is Form d for Purpose of Direct-Disaster to Some

> With Advertising Taxed and Increased Postage Rates, In Addition to High Cost of Paper, Many Would Have to Suspend

Chicago, May 10 .- Many newspaper bay cities, and complete plans of fortifi- publishers are en route to Washington to attempt to procure fair treatment Hopewell L. Rogers, president of the Was to be Exploded Wafle He Was American Newspaper Publishers Association. In connection with the pro-

"It is difficult to understand the pol- manity and democracy." explosion. Nine arrests were made be- icy of the government in placing so fore the conspirators could carry out heavy a tax on the newspaper busi- P. Davison, of J. P. Morgan & Company, who makes a wild guess as to what is The bomb, it is officially stated, was severely affected in the last year the vast facilities of the Morgan firm would be of masterful assistance to the to be timed so as to explode when the through increased prices than any oth- would stand behind the Red Cross for enemy. The discussion of such matters (Continued on Page Two).

IS HE A GERMAN SPY?



New Bern ,N. C., May 10 .- Pacing his cell from early morning until late at night and crouching into a corner when a visitor is heard approaching, J. M. Hall, alleged German spy, who was taken into custody here several days ago after he had been acting in a most suspicious manner, is being held on a technical charge of larceny while the authorities are endeavoring to find someone who can identify the man.

"For God's sake don't have my picture printed in the newspapers," he to Sheriff R. B. Lane when the photographer was carried into his cell to make a photograph of him. "I am not a German spy but if that picture is they will hang on my trail until I am

a telegram from Port Richmond, Cal. stating that he was convicted of grand larceny at that place in 1906 and sent to the State prison for five years and that he served his time.

Hall is apparently, of German parentage, in fact he doesn't deny that.

That Such a Post is Planned by the Administration

FOOD SITUATION DISCUSSED

Elihu Root, heading the American com- President Confers With Secretary Houston and Representatives Lever and Haugen-Prompt Passage of Bill Urged.

> Washington, May 10.-Suggestions that Herbert C. Hoover may be made American food controller were given weight today by definite indications that the administration plans the creation of an emergency food organization to direct food distribution during

> Chairman Lever, of the House agriculture committee, and Representative committee. He urged immediate passage of the administration's food bills, one of which would empower the President to take drastic measures to deal with the food situation.

While plans for an emergency agenter regulatory features of the laws (Continued on Page Two).

RED CROSS COUNCIL OF WAR IS CREATED

ing Relief Work

President Appeals to All Those Who Can Contribute Large or Small Sums-Henry P. Davison Heads Council.

son created a "War Council of the Red ace as "dangerously near to lending aid "for their business under the proposed | Cross" today to direct relief work dur- Thomas Robbins, secretary and official war tax," it was announced tonight by ing the war and made a public appeal spokesman of the Naval Consulting for Red Cross contributions from "All Board. those who can contribute either great sary," Mr. Robbins said, "to call the atsums or small to the alleviation of the tention of newspapers to the fact that Havana. May 10 .- An attempt was posed increase in postage, President suffering and distress which may in- the publication of either facts or sup-

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TAKEN UP AMIDST

Committee Members Kept Busy Explaining Intricacies of Income Tax Provision

STRIKES MUCH OPPOSITION

Kitchin to Shut His Eyes and Vote for It Because "Government Needs the Money'

Washington, May 10 .- The \$1,800,000,-000 tax bill carrying war time assessments on a multitude of every day necessities and luxuries, was taken up in the House today with leaders of both parties behind it, but with scores of members objecting vigorously to indi-

vidual sections. Democratic Leader Kitchin, in a four hour speech urging prompt passage, said that while some items seemed unjust and excessive when considered'saparately the only answer was that "the government needs the money." For his seen and recognized by a certain party part, he said, he was willing even to swallow his life-long tariff convictions in the emergency and support the bill's

> "I am going to shut my eyes and vote for it," Mr. Kitchin declared. The debate developed a dearth of expert information on the question of just out the day there was a rapid fire of questions from perplexed members. The income tax section raised a cloud of confusion and members of the Ways and Means committee were kept busy expounding the intricate workings of the proposed schedule of percentages

and super-percentages. More Taxes May Follow.

Mr. Kitchin said the bill would raise nore additional taxes than any "that has ever been presented to any legisla. tive body in the history of the world," with Justice Brandels, of the Supreme There Are Definite Indications low. He estimated that all told the war expenditures to the end of the next fiscal year would total \$5,000,000,000. "The men who must sustain the government by a tax," he said, "must understand that they must enduse these

> the others are enduring the hardships in tears, stress and blood." Referring to the petition o fthe railroads for a general 15 per cent freight rate advance, Mr. Kitchin continued: "We will have plenty of chances to get some of that back for the American people in the way of taxes. We will have other bills coming along. If the commission or any other board permits

> hardships in dollars and cents while

the railroads to raise their freight rates 15 per cent of their gross receipts, I am willing to come in here with a tax bill and tell them to pay some of that to help support the government."

Defends Postal Increase. Defending the bill's proposal to advance postal rates, Mr. Kitchin declared that it costs the government \$100,-000,000 a year to carry and handle second-class matter, and it gets back only \$11,000,000. The proposed increase, he President Wilson went over the food said, will bring in \$31,000,000. Repreof a double-header, and his cousin, A. situation fully with Secretary Houston, sentative Chandler, of New York, opposed the increase, declaring a number of magazines would be put out of bus-

Representative Reavis, of Nebraska, interrupted Mr. Kitchin with several quest'ons about the income tax schedules, and finally launched into a general attack on the section because the levy on big incomes was not made greater "You are taking a creat deal so far as actual dollars and cents are concerned." cy to handle food problems have not ate sacrifice that the men who pay will make, you are taking a gerat deal more from the married man with \$2,000 who has a family to support, than you are fro mthe \$10,000,000 man.

Sacrifices Out of Proportion.

"The man whom you tax with an income of \$2,000 has to pay this tax from the very necessities of life, while the man with the income of \$10,000,000 is paying that income out of funds that he can use only in the way of investment. The relative sacrifice is not to

Mr. Kitchin replied that the commitee d'd not go over 50 per cent in taxing incomes because "if we tax these nen of wealth exhorbitantly in their ndustry and income they would no doubt put money into the rural credit bonds and get 4 per cent and not pay the government any war tax."

"The committee thinks in reference to the income tax," said the Democratic leader, "that it has put on about all the traffic will bear."

NEWSPAPERS ARE WARNED,

Speculation as to U-Boat Destroying Devices "Doubtful Propriety."

New York, May 10 .- A statement haracterizing reports of inventions de-Washington, May 10 .- President Wil- signed to combat the submarine mento the enemy." was issued tonight by

"I think it ought not to be necesevitably arise out of this fight for hu- pos'tions in connection with the plans of the navy to defeat the submarine is The head of the war council is Henry very doubtful propriety. A reporter ness, which probably has been more who said in accepting the post that all being done may convey a hint that to the enemy,"