LEGISLATION ON **WAR QUESTIONS IS BEFORE CONGRESS**

Measures Are Designed to Make Nation's Powers More Effective

SEDITION BILL HAS ROAD IN THE SENATE

Military Bills Have Right of Way in House, Beginning Today

WASHINGTON, April 7 .- With the nation entering the second year of war, congress works this week on important legislation designed to make Its powers more effective at the of the ps. battle front and at home

While the house gives right of way to bills extending the draft law, and schedule includes final disposition of President Wilson's authority to reorganize government de-

Sedition Bill.

The sedition bill, penalizing pro-German utterances and attempts to obstruct the army draft and Liberty bend sales, temporarily has right of way in the senate, which will resume

debate tomorrow. Its passage is expected within a few days.

Other bills, which probably will go to the president early this week, are the measures extending esplonage laws to enemy allen women, and providing \$10,000 fine and think years. viding \$10,000 fine and thirty years' imprisonment for destruction of war material or acts of propaganda curtailing its production. Conference reports on both bills were approved yesterday by the house and now await action in the senate.

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Draft Quota Fight,
he pracipal fight is scheduled for
Thursday over the bill changing
iraft quota from state populato the number of men in class nother senate bill to follow, i there is less opposition, is equiring registration of youths ing twenty-one years of age June 5, 1917.

vote by the house on the senate ment to the agricultural ment to the agricultural ap-iation bill increasing to \$2.50 busiel the government minimum arantee for wheat also is expected during the week. A close vote is

... man Baruch, of the war industries board, will confer tomorrow w.th the senate military committee rogarding problems of war material production, and especially the housing

RECOMMENDS A PUBLIC INVESTIGATION OF THE SALE OF WOOL TO HUNS

Germans Buying Wool Through Dummies for Hoarding, Is Declared

PROBE IS THROUGH

NEW YORK, April 7.—A public investigation to determine whether any of the wool purchasing operations of the Deutches bank of Berlin, were such as to cast doubt upon the present loyalty of the American and British firms and individuals concerned was recommended by Alfred L. Becker, deputy state attorney-general in a report made public tonight on the results of the inquiry recently conduct ed hero. The report will be submit ted to the department of justice and the war trade board.

While most of the transactions dealt with in the report occurred before the United States entered the war, German interests within the last war, German interests within the last year, according to the report have een secretly buying wool through dummies' and hoarding it. No esti-mate, it was said, could be made of the amount of wool stored in this country and the British colonies but it was believed to be considerable. Wool valued at \$2,000,000 reached Germany through the persons in-volved in the alleged conspiracy, the

The investigation conducted by the attorney general's office concerned al-leged dealings of the bank through Forstmann-Huffmann company and the Botany Worsted mills of Passate, the Botany Worsted mills of Passaic, N. J.; Charles J. Webb and company, Philadelphia: Alfred Everett, Cape Colony; Ernesthausen, Ltd., Calcutta and F. S. Smith and Son, New York. Julius Forstmann, president and organizer of the Forstmann-Huffman company, wrote in December, 1916, according to Mr. Becker, that through Privy Councillor Albert, commercial attache of the German embassy, he had received an additional order for 2,500,000 pounds of wool for, account of a German stock corporation known as the Wolf-Kriege-Bedarf.

GENERAL FOCH PATIENTLY WAITING RIGHT MOMENT TO ATTACK GERMAN FORCES

Brilliant Leader Will Not Be Drawn Into Any False Move Where Moves Mean So Much-Will Strike With His Reserves at Moment Selected by Him.

The second phase of the great battle along the Somme, which the Germans began on Thursday last, has died down. It lasted less than three days, and the fighting has resolved itself into more or less isolated engagements in which the French and British allies have more than held

The attention of the Germans for the present is mainly directed at the lower end of the battle zone, which apparently they are attempting to enlarge for the purpose of getting elbow room in which to move their vast masses

Biding His Time.

Meanwhile General Foch, the commander-in-chief of other army legislation, the senate's the allies is biding his time, meeting the German assaults several bills aimed at German spies with powerful resistance, and here and there conforming Further consideration his lines to the necessities of the battle. It is confidently also will be given the Overman bill, stated at Paris that Foch will not be drawn into any false move-where each move is of such vital importance-but will strike with his reserves at the moment chosen by

> There may be some significance in the report that the German emperor, after a conference on the western front on Saturday with his chiefs, Von Hindenburg and Ludenthe great German offensive, when it was sweeping the allied forces before it, notwithstanding their tenacious resistance, Emepror William, it was announced officially from Berlin was in supreme command. That announcement was regarded at the time as evidence that the emperor expected a complete and decisive victory. Since then, however, British and French and American reinforcements have come up.

Sharp Local Fighting.

The British on Sunday engaged in sharp local fighting at various points and repulsed German counter-attacks. They also drove off by artillery fire two German attacks launched in the neighborhood of Bucquoy.

West of Noyon, a German detachments which had gained a foothold in the French lines was forced out by a counter-attack. Another attack at Grivesnes was repulsed, but the German efforts along the Oise to enlarge their previous gains were continued in the sector between the American troops reported hurry-chaunv and Barisis. Here the French commander deemed it advisable to withdraw to positions previously prepared, and they are being held strongly.

The official communication from German head-The military committee now plans quarters deals with the events of Saturday, when strong high command contemplated rictually committee now plans overvirtually continuous inquiry into British infantry forces stormed the German positions wheming the British at the outset various war problems.

Many members of both branches of around Beaumont-Hamel and Albert, and French didriving a wedge into the Francovisions"brought up from other fronts" attacked the Ger- British forces. mans on the western bank of the Avre. These engagements, according to the German report resulted in failure for the allies.

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Attack Repulsed.

On the other hand, Field Marshal Haig's report says that a German attack on the British lines opposite Albert, Saturday, was repulsed and that British counter-attacks

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NEW YORK DISTRICT WILL TRY TO SELL BILLION AND HALF OF LIBERTY BONDS

Aviator Will Fly Across Will Be Central Directing State "Bombing" Various Cities En Route

OTHER FEATURES

NEW YORK, April 7.—With the third Liberty loan campaign well on its way under the impetus of the spectacular features of the opening day, the loan committee for the New down today to its task of selling \$1,500,000,000 worth of bonds, \$600,-000,000 in excess of its official quota-An army of 2,200 speakers, in-cluding bankers, laborers, club/ wo-men, farmers, politicians, actresses and clergymen, addressed meetings today throughout the district, speak-

today throughout the district, speaking in thirty-four languages.

A twenty-day alrelane flight across the state will be made by Lieutenant Joseph C. Stehlin, the youngest American member of the LaFayette escaffille. Starting Thursday he will "bomb" the state with loan leaflets. The committees in New York and other cities are planning for April 27 a parade of mothers, wives, sisters a parade of mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of soldiers and sailors, who will carry their service flags. Women entitled to display the largest number of stars will be made captains and leaders of platoons.

Ensign J. E. Fisher, U. S. N. R., and who now is doing duty in foreign waters, has sent in a subscription for \$100,000 worth of bonds, the loan committee announced. Last year he

of a German stock corporation known as the Woll-Kriege-Bedarf.

"It has not been possible" said Mr. Becker, "to ascertain just what the function of the Woll-Kriege-Bedarf war. Literally translated, the name tatione dollar a month.

"Wool Supply for War." It may be perhaps inferred safely that this is a kind of sami-official syndicate designed to control the wool supply of Germany through the war."

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WAR INDUSTRIES BOARD ANNOUNCES CONTROL OF **ALL WAR COMMODITIES**

Bureau for Advising the Chairmen

PREPARING POLICY

WASHINGTON, April 7 .- Formal announcement was made today by the war industries board of its functions and policy under which the board York federal reserve district buckled and its chairman, Bernard M. Baruch, virtually will control the production and distribution of every commodity essential to the prosecution of the

war.
The recently created requirements division will be the central directing agency through which the policies of the chairman are to be carried out. Through this division the various purchasing agencies of the government and the allied purchasing commission will fill their wants of raw materials and finished products. These agencies will submit statements of their respective products as far in advance as spective needs as far in advance as possible. The task of filing orders

will be delegated to special commodu-ties divisions of the boards. Where no shortage exists the re-quirements division will recommend the affected department purchase in accord with established practices. It will let alone what is being successfully done and interfere as little as possible with the present normal processes of purchase and delivery.

Through information gathered by

Yes, Father's Getting His Exercise. But—



FRENCH AND BRITISH TENACITY HAVE **UPSET AMBITIOUS PLANS OF GERMAN** HIGH COMMAND IN BATTLE OF PICARDY

dorff, intends to proceed to Roumania. At the outset of Now The Enemy, Determined to Gain Some Sort of Success at Any Cost, Is Hurling Masses of Men Forward in Attempt to Capture Limited Objectives-General Improvement in Strategic Position of the Allies Is Noted.

> WASHINGTON, April 7.- French British front and advance so rapidly rious attempts to encircle Arras. and British tenacity have upset the ambitious plans of the German high command for the battle of Picardy, says the war department's weekly military review tonight, and now the enemy, determined to gain some sort of success at any cost, is throwing fresh forces into the battle in an effort to secure limited objectives. Be-cause of this, the sluation is expect-ed to remain uncertain for some time

General improvement in the stra-tegic position of the allies is noted and the review decisies that under General Foch the allied military machine is working smoothly and offi

"At the opening of the third week of the German offensive, we find that the enemy is still far short of atlaining his principal objectives," says the review in part!

"It is now evident that the German The enemy fully expected

that neither the French nor the Brit ish reserves could come up in time to

Hoped For Quick Victory.

"Evidence of prisoners tends to confirm that the enemy hoped to gain the line of the Somme by the even ing of the first day of the offensive As a matter of fact it took the Ger mans ten days to cover the ground they expected to overrun within forty-eight hours.

"The German high command is

now throwing fresh forces into battle in an effort to secure some of its most limited objectives.

"The German offensive "The German offensive has not spent itself and owing to the determination displayed by the enemy to gain some sort of a success at no matter what cost, the situation will continue uncertain for sometime to come. However, the general strategic and tactical position of the allies is becoming more favorable. Fierce fighting continues and hostile Fierce fighting continues and hostile units have penetrated westward to within five miles of the main line of the Paris Amiens railway,

Allied Forces Massed.

"Allied forces are massed to check the invaders in this area. The French

only in maintaining superiority in the air and keeping the skies clear of hostile craft, but more especially in

bombing enemy dumps, convoys, trains and rail heads. British escadrilles did fine work in dispersing German units going into action with machine guns.
"A number of American transport sections have taken an active part in the battle and the American aviation service is co-operating with the British.

"Our own forces have been rela-vely busy. Under the cover of a

heavy barrage, the enemy raided one of our outposts in the Woevre area and the increase of artillery activity is noted in this sector.

"Our troop units have taken up a new position in the line and are oc-cupying well prepared entrenchments along the Meuse hills south of Verdun. "In the Italian theatre there has

been an increase in hostility. "Reports continue to be received indicating that the enemy contemplates launching an offensive thrust. The Austrian armies with the exception of the contemplate of t

cal conflicts took place."

GOVERNMENT RAILROAD HEADQUARTERS IN CAR

Secretary McAdoo Will Direct Railroads and Talk For Liberty Bonds.

WASHINGTON, April 7 .- The main WASHINGTON. April 7.—The main headquarters of the government rall-road administration for the next few weeks will be "Car 302," traveling over thousands of miles of main tracks and shunting from siding to siding. It is the office car of Director. General McAdoo, who while touring the country as secretary of the treasury speaking on behalf of the third Liberty loan, will continue active supervision over railway operation.

Arrangements have been made to ratiroad telegraph wires to keep Mr. McAdoo in constant long distance touch with general headquarters in Washington. "Car 302" is fitted up as an office, with desks, typewriter stands and a dictaphone. Inside, Mr. McAdoo will be railways manager on the platform outside, speaking for the loan, he will be secretary of the

PRESIDENT REPLIES TO KING.

LONDON, April 7.—Replying to greetings on the occasion of the anni-versary of the entry of the United States into the war, President Wilson has telegraphed the following mesage to King George:

"Permit me to express my warm gratification. Your generous message has been received and I assure you to is with the greatest satisfaction that the people of the United States find themselves side by side in this final war for free self-government with such steadfast and indomitable asso-clates.

MAY MOVE CZAR.

ALLEGED BANK ROBBER CAPTURED AT CHARLOTTE

Police Declare That Frazier No Contest Either Over the Has Confessed - Recognized From Photograph.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 7.— Thomas Frazier, alleged to have robbed a bank in San Francisco re-cently, getting away with over \$10,000, was arrested while walking along one of the principal streets of Charlotte late today by Detective Bradley, of the city police depart-ment, who recognized the man from photographs sent out from the Call-fornia city. Frazier had been stop-ping at a leading, hotel here, with his wife and two children. Detective Bradley said tonight that Frazier had made a confession to him, admitting that he was the man wanted in San Francisco and telling him where a majority of the \$10,000 could be found. The police officer did not divulge the alleged location of the money. Frazier's wife and children expressed great surprise that he was

mplicated in any crime. San Francisco officers were advised of the arrest, and Frazier is being held in jail pending instructions from them. Data in the hands of the police concerning the robbery shows that a reward of \$250 was offered for the apprehension of Frazier and ten per cent of whatever part of stolen money might be recovered.

ROME CELEBRATES. ROME, Ga., April 7 .- The for-

mal demonstration planned for today in behalf of the third Lib-"Permit me also to assure your terty loan having been abandon to a serve that we shall continue to do everything possible to put the whole to because of opposition of the everything possible to put the whole the Rome Ministers' association to a sunday rally, a thousand citizens areat strugie." this afternoon marched in a driving rain in a parade of protest.
A band was secured and a largecrowd quickly gathered for the
demonstration. Following the
paraded a meeting was held at
an auditorium and the ministers

NO CONTEST OF CODICIL OF MRS. BINGHAM'S WILL

Collection of Inheritance Tax by Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 7.—There will be no contest of the codicil to the will of Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, formerly Mrs. Henry M. Flagler in which she bequeathed to her hus-band Judge Robert Worth Bingham. of Louisville, \$5,000,000, it was an-nounced today by a Louisville attor-ney connected with the disposition to the estate who refused however to be quoted by name. The attorney also said there would be no contest over the collection by Kentucky of the inheritance tax of from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 or enough to liquidate the state debt.

Whether there will be a contest by Judge Bingham of the will itself which left the bulk of an estate approximating \$60,000.000 to Mrs. Bingham's niece Mrs. Louise Wies Lewis, is not known. It is not believed, however, by those familiar with the situation. tion that he will institute any action of the kind

STATE OF SIEGE.

MOSCOW, Saturday, April 6 .- (By the Associated Press.)—A state of siege has been proclaimed at Kharkov, capital of the province of Kharkov, capital of the province of Kharkov, 424 miles southwest of Moscow. German forces are approaching Kharkov.

A proclamation issued by the Belshevik government says the soldiers of the first revolutionary detachment at Orel are outlaws and are to be kept under arrest as traitors to the revoluunder arrest as traitors to the revolu tion on account of their dishonorable

VOLUNTEERS REACH ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 7 .- The first con tlingent of American volunteers for the Jewish regiment of the British army have arrived in England. They were entertained today by the Very Rev. Joseph H. Hertz, chief rabbi of the British empire. They also will meet the Zlonist leaders. They also will

LANDING FIELDS SELECTED. WASHINGTON, April 7.—Landing fields have been selected for the New York-Philadelphis-Washington aero mail service, and the postoffice de-partment announced tonight that the and probably earlier. May has fallen short of the entents's ex-

DIED YESTERDAY AT NEW YORK CITY

Noted Tuberculosis Specialist Succumbs to Pneumonia After Short Illness

FOR MANY YEARS DIRECTOR AT WINYAH

Deceased Physician Enjoyed International and National Reputation

Relatives and friends throughout his section were painfully shocked yesterday morning when it was announced that Dr. Silvio Von Ruck, for many years the director of the Winyah sanitarium, this city, and a prominent specialist in tubercular research work, had died at the Me-Alpine hotel, New York city, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, after an iliness of only four days, his death re-Ruck, his wife, and his daughter, Miss Silvia Von Ruck, the only child, were with Dr. Von Ruck when he died. In addition to these the de-ceased is survived by his father, Dr. Karl Von Ruck, and his mother.

Dr. Von Ruck, and his mother.
Dr. Von Ruck left Asheville for Elmira, N. Y., a week ago Saturday,
where he was called on professional
business. Two days later he went to
New York city, where he was joined
by his wife and daughter. The first
intimation of liness came in letter intimation of illness came in a letter received by the deceased's father las Thursday, when it was announced that the son was suffering with pneu-

For many years Dr. Silvio Von Ruck was associated with his father, Dr. Karl Von Ruck, in the manageof the Winyah sanitarium which the father founded here in 1888. He was born at Kent, Ohio 1888. He was born at Kent, Onio, forty-two years ago, and came with his father and mother to Asheville at the age of thirteen. He received his medical education at Ann Harbor, Mich., where he graduated, and later went to Berlin and Vienna for a post-"Allied aircraft has been particu-larly active throughout the week not graduate course. In collaboration with his father Dr. Silvio Von Ruck compiled and published several volumes dealing with tubercular research, the last of these being "Studies in Immunization Against Tuberculosis." He shared with his country as wide reputation in this country as well as the country country as well as abroad.

country as well as abroad. When he took complete charge of the Winyah about six or seven years ago Dr. Silvio Von Ruck more than doubled the capacity of the institution, and its laboratories were equipped by him with every scientific facility. He was an earnest and enthusiastic student, and his untimely death interrupts a mission which had a most promising future.

Though of a somewhat retiring disposition, the deceased's friends were legion, and he was ever popular with all classes of citizenship. He was always a generous donor to public and

ways a generous donor to public and charitable movements, no worthy ap-peal being presented to him in vain. tion of a few units operating in the Ukraine or in the western area, are now in the Italian theatre. It is possible that the enemy will initiate an offensive.

"In the eastern theatre various lohands, one United States sanator some years ago publicly testifying on the floor of the senate chamber to the merit of the young doctor's work. Much sympathy was expressed for the deceased's parents and family in local circles yesterday when the news of Dr. Silvio Von Ruck's death became

known here. deceased was a member of several fraternal orders. No funeral ar rangements have yet been

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS DISCUSS ANNIVERSARY OF U. S. ENTRY INTO WAR

Devote Long Articles to Various Opinions as to Results

BLAME PRES. WILSON

AMSTERDAM, Saturday, April 6. Nearly all the German newspapers received here contain long articles devoted to the anniversary of the entry of the United States into the

war.

The Taeglische Rundschau says
Germany lost her last chance to keep
the United States out when she
failed to prevent President Wilson's
re-election because of his antiGerman leanings." "But," says the
payranger "it is well to remember newspaper, "it is well to remember that Mr. Wilson will soon come for-ward with another peace proposi-

The Kreuse Zeitung says:

"The U-boat was a useful pretext for America to enter the war and we supplied it. It enabled President Wilson eeffectually to conceal his true war motives. We thoroughly mis-

read American sentiment."
The Berliner Tageblatt refuses to believe American help can bring victory to the entente. Continuing, it

"America's economic assistance now has passed its zenith. The seizures of German, Austro-Hungarian, Dutch and Swedish shipping aggregating 2,000,000 tons constitute the entente's last reserves, which in three months probably will be disposed of by our U-Boats. Then the entente will be faced with the final question whether new construction can keep pace with losses by U-boats."

The Weser Zeitung says America "America's

The Weser Zeltung says America