

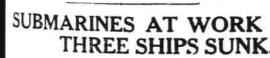
Congress—The Department & German Insur Trying to Bulldoze The People, He Says.

Washington, April 24.-Speaker lark opposed the selective draft and dicted it never would pass Coness, today in receiving a delegation rom the National Security League. Several hundred petitions bearing a million names, asking Congress to adopt the administration plan, were id before the Speaker. Conscription never will pass, in

opinion," he said. "I am for leting the flower of youth of this counry volunteer before we fasten the isgrace of a draft upon them. The War Department is jumping around rying to bulldoze people into passng this bill, and I don't think they tre goin to do it."

STRIKERS THREATEN TO BLOW UP PLANT pletely unimportant.

(By Associated Press.) Staunton, Va., April 24 .- Failing to of terrain, such as trenches, villages eceive wages demanded, nearly one and borders of woods, no longer plays undred laborers in the Augusta a decisive role in deeply echeloned Veod Products Company at Deerfield, and fortified zones. The aim of the Va. eight miles south of here, threat-|German defense is, even at the cost ened to blow up the plant yesterday of abandoning the dead, together with afternoon. The sheriff and magis- war materials and portions of posibing the peace and inciting riot, his strategical aim, which is to break nightfall the trouble was appar-



ally quelled.

(By Associated Press.) News dispatch from Christiania that the enemy fire. he Norwegian steamer Reice has been unk by a German submarine in the

## Torpedoed.

London, April 24.-Dispatches from rograd today state that the Rusan Socialists are greatly exercised ver the sinking by a German submatine of the steamer Zara, which was aking home a number of Russian refu- Head of British Board Holds ees. The Zara sailed on April 11 and s torpedoed in Northern waters two lays later.

Among those on board the Zara were Peter Karpovich, leader of the Proressive movement among the studliepoff, Russian minister of Public in-veloped.

truction. He escaped from prison and Officials of all the American adminin 1913 made his way to London. listrative departments having to do with conduct of the war have indicated U. S. STEEL DECLARES to the British information which would be of value and Mr. Balfour personally EXTRA DIVIDEND. is trying to work out the means of securing and distributing the results of (By Associated Press.) England's experience to the best ad-New York, April 24.—The United vantage. States Steel Corporation today de-tlared an extra dividend of 3 per with Henry White, former ambassador cent. On the common in addition to to France and an acquaintance of the recular quarterly dividend of 11-4 many years standing, and passed the per cent. Per cent, afternoon making and receiving official calls. This evening will come the formal dinners by Secretaries Lansing, Baker and Daniels to the ANOTHER AMERICAN \* diplomatic, military and naval officials, ED IN FRANCE. \* respectively, and afterward the Pan-\* American reception. (By Associated Press). Paris, April 24.—Corporal Ron- + Representatives of 175,000 anthra-Hoskier, of South Orange, N. \* cite miners yesterday formerly pre-One of the stars of the Amer- + sented to a committee of operators a can flying corps, has been killed & request for an increase of 20 per cent in an aerial combat in the offen- \* in wages "proportioned in such manner sive that is now in progress. \* and way as to be helpful and construc-\* + + + + + + + + + + + + + tive."

of Terrain and Capture of Booty By Allies. (By Associated Press.)

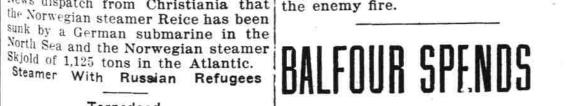
ON FRENCH LINE

Zeitung, says that the results of the French offensive are hitherto com-

Major Moraht writes: "The possession of single portions

thes summoned militiamen, who are tions, to maintain our own strength counter attack delivered this morning w on guard at the lumber · mill. while destroying that of the enemy on the village of Gavrelle, on the Arenty-five strikers, accused of dis- and preventing him from attaining ras-Douai road, captured yesterday, ere taken by automobile from Deer- through. For this purpose it is neces- stood. All the German counter.

> ing at some points the Germans may losses," says the British report. force their opponents to fight without



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Conferences-Pan-American Reception Tonight.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 24.—Arthur hts in Petrograd University, who lost James Balfour, British foreign secrelife and M. Jensen, leader of the tary, spent today consulting other Social Democratic Committee members of the British commission on London. Karpovitch was sentenced means to dispose of the enormous <sup>0</sup> Siberia in 1901 for shooting M. Bogo- amount of work which has already de-

\* ing the important waterway between respective ships. St. Quentin and Cambrai, the St.

The special train bearing the mis-🔹 🔹 🔹 Quentin canal. The canal was cut at a point east of Epehy, near Vendhuille. In reach- morning, observed only by a few seing it here the British pressed to cret service agents and railway men. into the German positions, forming

Quentin. Pushing along the Peronne-Cambrai

and Villers-Plouich, which looked at the great commander with issue for a time in doubt. camp Explanation of Recent Gains places a bare three miles from Mara respect approaching veneration. coing, another important railway cen-

ter, 31-2 miles southwest of Cambrai. stood solemnly with heads bared un the use of the great howitzers, these . On the main line of the Arras battil his car had passed from view. tle front, extending 12 miles from Croiselles to north of Gavrelle the and there along the route, not in rec- permanent defenses. Amsterdam, April 24 (Via London).) British have not only maintained their ognition of the party going to Amer--Major Moraht, writing in the Tages positions against the desperate coun- ica, but because every town and vil- with machine guns and field artillery, mission reported to the Senate today,

> against them at this vital spot, but showing the American colors. have made additional progress east of (Continued on Page Eight).

Monchy-Le-Breux, and near Roeux. More than 1,500 prisoners were tak-

en in yesterday's operations and many more are coming in. The solid nature of the British ASHEVILLE WANTS gains, despite the violent German efforts to nullify them, is shown in the report of another particularly heavy which the British successfully with-

eld to Millboro in the afternoon and sary to keep the fighting line mobile." strokes were delivered "with great The writer considers that by yield-determination and regardless of

Along the Aisne and in the Chamthe support of their heavy artillery, pagne the French are playing their and consequently expose them to de- part in the great battle by keeping a conference yesterday with officials The only news from Austria in THREE SHIPS SUNK. struction by the German infantry and up a heavy artillery fire while prepar- of the War Department, in regard to some days is to the effect that the the Standard companies are domiartillery fire. These tactics, he claims, ing for their next infantry move. In- the establishment of a military train- Pan-German leaders have emerged as nant.

London, April 24.—It is officially an-man counter attacks with German improved their positions at some leather, commissioner of public works the government. This news is vague, maintained a distribution of territory nounced in Norway, says a Central reserves who are outside the range of points, notably on the Chemin-Des- at Asheville, and Dr. F. J. Clemen- however, and comes by a roundabout Dames plateau.

arations.

In Mesopotamia the British are con- lina militia, left for New York this conditions in the dual monarchy is tinuing their victorious progress of afternoon to confer with Major-Gen- absolutely lacking. the Tigris Valley. After fighting a eral Leonard Wood, commander of hot battle , with the Turks south of the Eastern Division, in charge of all Samara, 70 miles northwest of Bag-'military movements for points east \*

making important captures, including Messrs. Strikeleather and Clemen- \* 16 locomotives and 224 railway ger are making an effort to have a \* trucks. The pursuit of the Turks is military training camp for officers and \* best continued northward on the Ti- men established on a site offered by \* Washington, April 24.-Presi- \*

gris. Sofia reports the repulse by the Bul- tate. War Department officials, while | \* war bond bill, authorizing the \* garians of a British attack in Mace- expressing their sympathy with the \* sale of \$5,000,000,000 in govern- \* with other branches of the industry donia, between the Vardar and Lake plans, said the decision in the matter \* ment bonds and \$2,000,000,000 \* has tended to establish and perpetu-Doiran, which followed drum fire prep-lis entirely in the hands of General \* in treasury certificates.

i Wood.



French sailors lined the rails on their | tion of their defenses, the crumbling of which would expose Douai and

Cambrai, and bring into prospect ansion slipped out of Paris in the early other great retreat. The British have driven two wedges

The hour of leaving was known no- sharp salients in the region of the Le Catelet, a railway junction point, where in advance and when the train Scarpe river and north of the Baon the canal to the south towards St. stopped at cities along the way to paume-Cambrai road. The head of the port of departure Marshal Joffre the first salient has been thrust with-

walked up and down the station plat- in four miles of Vitry, the most imform, acknowledging pleasantly the portant point on the Wotan line, but railway further north, Geenral Haig's salutation of the few persons who the tenacity and power with which roops captured the villages of Beau- happened to be in the stations. They the Germans are fighting leaves the

The semi-open character of the When the train pulled away men fighting affords little opportunity for monstrous engines of destruction be-The American flag was flying here ing best adapted for the smashing of

The battle is being waged largely Oil interests, the Federal Trade Com- + later."

bious and uncertain.

TRAINING CAMP method of militarizing the munition mission's findings have been trans-

Making Strong Move to Have into the fighting ranks. definitely crushed the startling storm, parts of the country. of discontent which has swept over

Washington, D. C., April 24.-After the German empire.

give repeated opportunities for Ger- cidentally, in local operations, they ing camp at Asheville, J. E. Strike- victors in the struggle for control of ger, connected with the North Caro- route. Reliable information as to

WILSON SIGNS WAR BOND BILL.

· (By Associated Press.)

ate monopoly.

dissolution decree.

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By Course of Action of

That Company—Synop-

sis of the Report.

(By Associated Press.)

Steamship Convoyed Report of Federal Trade Com-War Vessels — Met mission to Senate on the American Destroyers. Subject.



WILL REACH WASHINGTON TOMORROW.

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Accounted For to Great Extent \* (By Associated Press). Washington, D. C., April 24 .--+ Later the State Department issu- + • ed this further statement: "The Department of State is advised that the French commission + + will reach- Washington tomorrow F Washington, April 24 .- Domination \* morning. The precise time and \* of the gasoline industry by Standard \* place of arrival will be announced \*

ter attacks the Germans are deliver- lage in France, both by government and the meagre reports from the has been largely responsible for high \* \* \* \* \* ing in an effort to stem the tide request and personal sentiment, is fighting line indicate heavy losses on gasoline prices of the last two years. Washington, April 24.-The French both sides, although the British claim; The report declares interlocking commission has landed in the United that their casualties are moderate stock ownership prevents any real States. This official statement (was compared with those of the enemy. competition among the various Stand- made early today by the government: The situation behind the German and Oil companies, and the Commis-| "The Department of State is advislines, fraught as it is with far more sion recommends legislation to perd of the safe arrival of the French tremendous possibilities than those mit reopening of the oil trust case to commission."

presented by any battle, remains du- obtain modifications of the Supreme The commission, which includes Court's dissolution decree. Marshal Joffre, and former Premier The little news that trickles across No conclusive evidence was found, Viviani, arrived early this morning, on he German frontier indicates that it is stated, that collusion exists board a speedy steamship of the he authorities have gained the upper among the Standard companies in French line, which was convoyed hand over the strikers by the drastic violation of the decree, but the com- across the Atlantic.

The vessels were met off the coast industry and forcing strike leaders mitted to the Attorney-General. by American torpedo boat destroyers Prices are declared to have been and escorted to a port. The distin-It is too early, and information is raised arbitrarily, although natural guished commission was welcomed too meagre, to say whether these causes contributed. Pronounced price with salutes as the French vessels stern measures of repression have inequalities were found in different dropped anchor. The naval and military attaches of

The principal findings of the comthe French embassy at Washington mission are: and American naval and military of-That in most marketing territories ficers, together with a representative of the State Department, immediately boarded the French vessels and ex-

That the Standard companies have tended a welcome to American shores. in marketing gasoline, and that no substantial competition in the chief petroleum products exists among the Standard companies.

ident of the Council of Ministers, who That the absence of competition is due to a community of stock owner- democracy. He is a progressive in That the facts disclose advances in every sense, belonging to the Indeship.

prices of gasoline and differences in pendent Socialist party, which inprice, corresponding to Standard cludes such men as Painleve, Briand marketing territories, which could not and Millerand. As Minister of Labor, be explained except under conditions in the Clemenceau Cabinet, he passed

That the combination of pipe lines liament.

the workers pension law through Par-Other members of the party are: Marshal Joseph Jacques Cesaire Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French arm-

Among the most notable figures in

France are the members of the French

commission. At its head is Rene Viv-

iani, Minister of Justice and Vice Pres-

lies until last December, now military That there is no conclusive evidence of collusion among the Stand-adviser of the government; Vice Adard companies in violation of the miral P. L. A. Chocheprat, dean of French admirals, and an expert on Commission recommended submarine problems; Marquis Pierre

these measures as necessary to rem- De Chambrun, member of the Chamber of Deputies and a student of Inedy conditions: A law providing for the reopening ternational affairs; M. Simon, inspectof anti-trust cases on the application or of finances; M. Hovelasque, inspectof the Attorney-General by a bill of or-general of public instruction; and

review for the purpose of obtaining Surgeon Major Dreyfus. such modifications of decrees as are required by new conditions. Viviani was born at Sidi-Bel-Abbes, in Algeria, November 8, 1862, and was quired by new conditions. Legislation to abolish in certain admitted to practice before the Court cases common stock ownership in of Appeals at Paris in 1887. His Socorporations formerly members of cialistic tendencies early manifested combinations dissolved under the themselves and he became counsel of the railway workmen and employes. Sherman law. Effective limitation of common Elected to the Chamber of Deputies in ownership of stock in potentially com- 1893 and again in 1898, he retired tempetitive corporations by withdrawing porarily from politics to become a the power of voting and control. French citizen, practicing law in the Legislation, which, while recogniz- provinces. He was re-elected to the ing common ownership, would fix Chamber in 1906, however, and has upon such common owners the re- maintained his membership ever since. sponsibility for the acts of each of He has the reputation of being one of the several subsidiary companies the most fervent and eloquent of French orators, and also has attained which prevent competition. Segregation of ownership of pipe distinction as a journalist, writing lines from the other branches of the many articles for the great French dailies. On June 14, 1914, Viviani petroleum industry. Congressional enactment to fix succeeded Gaston Roumerque as president of the Council of Ministers, and standards for gasoline. Federal collection and publication Minister for Foreign Affairs. In that of accurate statistics and information dual capacity he accompanied President Poincare on a special mission to concerning the industry. Conditions in the gasoline industry Russia, and only four days after the (Continued on Page Three). (Continued on Page Eight).

dad, they occupied Samara station, of the Mississippi.

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