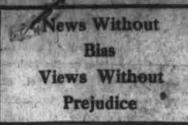
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Stray Shot Hit's FRENCH PROPOSA

THE WHITE HOUSE AND CON-GRESS BOTH THINKING OVER PROPOSITION OF SENDING NATIONAL GUARDS TO FRANCE SOON

(By Infled Press)

Washington, May 1 .- The French argumet that troops, possibly the national guard, be sent within six weeks to Europe, is having its effect in the White House, it is generally believed. Officials are still canny when the subject is mentioned, but some of them are known to favor the plan strongly while others, once actively hostile, are now only passively opposed to the meas/ ure. The idea is spreading to Congress also.

The question of the sending of troops to Europe quickly remains one of the biggest yet to be settled. An announcement of the policy determined upon is expected within a few days. Before any such announce ment can be made, however, the stumbling block of the unsettled conscription issue must be removed. The conscription oill was re-introduced for final passage in the senate today.

City Will Have Band

Chamber of Comerce, for a municiga! band in Elizabeth City came to successful close Monday night when the land organization was effected at'T. ". Zeigler's on South Road street. The officers are as follows: Business Manager, C. R. Puzh Leader F. H. Zeigler; Director, Larry Ennis Skinner. The band is to be known as the J. H. Zeigler Band. named in honor of the late J. H. Zeigler, who was first to undertake the prorvition of a band in Elizabeth City.

Negro Woman Bedlam broke loose Tuesday morn ing at about ten o'clock in the back

yard of Noah Overton, colored, when his wife was struck in the top of the head by a number 6 shot from a gun in the hands of Rev. J. A. Shaw who lives on Church street. Mr. Shaw is raising chickens and gardening in his back yard this year to keep down the high cost of living. He had lost a number of young chicks lately and when he saw the cat that was eating them on the back yard fence just getting ready for another meal, he picked up a neighbors gun, which he had borrowed for the occasion, and let fly at the marauder. He got pussy all right and put her where she will trouble no more young chickens. But a stray shot glanced from the fence and struck Annie Overton on the top of her head as she was bending over her wash-pot kindling a fire. She

saw the blood and began to scream and kept on screaming until Dr. Hoffer, a colored physician arri and administered an oplate.

The home of Noah Overton is not directly back of Rev. Mr. Shaw's house, and not only a high board fence but a number of outbuildings interpose almost a solid wall between the two back lots. The shot must have glanced upward and sideways and struck the woman on its downward sweep. The incident created considerable excitement among the colored people living on the Dunstan's lane.

Mr. Shaw says he will continue his gardening and chicken raising, The camarian, engineered by the but that he will do no more gunning





FOOD COMMISSION URGES CUL-TIVATION OF EVERY IDLE LOT. IN AND NEAR TOWNS AND CITIES

Raleigh, April 30 .- The cities and towns of the State are being called upon to "do their bit" in the campaign for increased food and feed production being energetically pushed by the State Food Conservation Commission. Governor Bickett's proclamation in the interest of more home gardens was effective to a marked degree, but the Food Commission is now going a step further and calling upon the cities and towns of the State to undertake the cultivation in food and feed crops of all vacant land in and adjoining them

"The farme:s are rallying to the call." declared Executive Secretary John Paul Lucas of the Commission "but many of them are handicapped because of the short ge of workstock and labor. It is evident to me already that, while practically all of our farmers are going to be wise enough to raise sufficient food and feedstuffs for their own establishments, and many of them a surplus that will be available to feed our cities and towns and mill communities, we are still going to be short. It is going to require a tremendously increased acreage to produce sufficient stuff to take the place of the \$80,000,000 of food and feedctuffs our State has been importing. To prevent want and hunger our clifes and towns must rally to the cause. "There is vacant and idle land in

and near to every town and city in North Carolina. There is in every city and town some workstock and jabor that con be temporarily diverted from other less vital activities to the more important work of tilling these lands. We are calling upon the mayors, the commercial organizations and the progressive citizens of our towns and cities to act promptly in getting all of their idle lands into food and feed crops, such as corn, soy beans, peas and potatoes. In Raleigh the Rotary Club, which recently purchased garden seed for 100 poor families, has volunteered Washington, May 1 .- The Govern- to assist in this important work. "Our towns and cities can and must be a factor in increasing our acreaze and production of food and feedstuffs. They will be the greatest sufferers if the stuff is not preduced and they are in a position to render service to the Nation and to themselves in the same measure as the farmer who has the workstock. the labor and the land necessary to increase his usual acrease. This work can be undertaken by indivimale, syndicates, by the municipal in the Revista today. Chile is thus authorities or otherwise as local con- held powerless, it is stated, to exditions may determine, but our peo- press sympathy with either Brazil ple, to get the results demanded by necessity, should act promptly." In order to relieve the labor situation with the farmer to some extent Big Plot Is if possible the Food Conservation Commission is calling upon the mayor of every city and town in North Carolina to rigidly enforce the vegrancy statute and force the loafers to the farm or factories.

ANCE HAS BEEN IMMOVABLE AND UNSHAKEN ON WESTERN FRONT

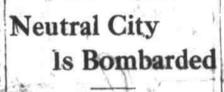
From William Phillip Simms, Uniled Press Correspondent at the British Front. May 1 .- British and German forces alke took breathing space today.

Worn out and cut to pieces by their retreats and reckless counter attacks of the last few days, the German infantry quieted down. The British for their part settled down to attillery firing. Their guns all day roared a never ending chorus. The German cannon replying in hunderous echoes

Guemappe was shelled all day Monday. Arleu was likewise a target for German projectiles.

The Germans were jalpably ner yous, fearing an attack, south of Oppy and for this reason kept the of liberty. It reads: line from Oppy to Cavelle sprayed with shne'ls

London, May 1 .- A deadlock is apparent along the Br'tist, front today. Sield Marshall Haig's only report of fibting is of a successful raid during diers themselves. They provide: to the British advance from Arleux south of Monchy.



T (By United Press) The Hague, May 1 .- An aeroplane of unknown nationality bomburded the Dutch city of Zienkee, near the Belgian frontier, Sunday night, killing three persons and damaging several houses.



BUSSIANS GET

(By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD)

(United Press Staff Correspondent) Petrograd, May 1 .- From the Czar's winter palace, until recently the seat of the most autocratic of all modern governments, a huge sign today procalimed the rising tide of world democracy.

On the eve of May Day, minister of War Gutchkoff issued an order striking the last bonds from the army of the new Russia. It is with this new spirit of freedom that Russia will celebrate tomorrow. The keynote of the day is struck by the sign stretching across the front of the palace, familoned by the hand of workmen now knowing the meaning

"The Proletariate of All Counties Unite."

Gutchkoff today were put forth at the suggestion of the private sola the night north of Ypres. This is the | Hereafter all soldiers, are to be second day of apparent immovability considered citizens of Russia. (Under autocracy's ru'e they sere not even supposed to be units of the nation they were suposed to die for.)

Complete religious freedom. Free speech guaranteed. Attendance at church serv'ces not

compulsory. Mail from trenches shall not be censored.

All mail, including pamphlets,shall be delivered to soldiers at the front. The servile "sir" abolished in replies by private soldiers to officers. Hereafter privates sha'l say "yes" or "no"-without the "sir" in an tional help, especially on la after need not salute their office" with the Secretary of Agriculture, unless the soldier wishes." Privates, however must come to "attention" when comanded to do so.

CONGRESSMAN SMALL SENDS SIGNED STATEMENT APPEAL ING TO WORKERS TO REG POND TO THE GOVERNMENT'S NEED 8-D/8/ Cheve.

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101211-018980-Congressman John H. Small sent this paper the following signed state ment for publication: "The Government, through the U. S. Shipping Board, is preparing to construct about one" thousand wooden ships and the Department of Labor has undertaken to aid the Board in securing workers in this line. They need experienced ship carpenters, shipwrights, bridge builders, dock workers, joiners, caulkers and also men who can use an adze, and all other men who feel that they can quickly learn the work of a shipyard. If there are any who wish employment in this line I advise them to write at once Honorable W. B. Wilson, Secretary, Deprirtment of The orders issued by minister Labor, Washington, D. C., stating their experience in any particular

line of shipbuilding work and the Secretary will at once give them datiled information. I may further state that the Dee

partment of Labor has undertaken to assist the Department of Agriculture in the work of securing farm laborers. Under this cooperative plan the Department of Agriculture is to ascertain where such workers, are most needed and the Department of habor will undertake to find the workers. In this time of , national crisis when it is so necessary to produce the maximum of farm products, photoentrie the food supplies, it is mose essential to bring together the demand and supply for farm workers. Farmers who need addiswering officers. A'so so'diers here- farms, should at once communicate

About twenty members were present Monday night when the organization was effected.

SCARPE IS A DFATH VALLEY

SCENE OF RECENT BRITISH OF-FENSIVE VIVIDLY DESCRIBED BY WAR CORRESPONDENT

(By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS) (United Press Staff Correspondent) With The British Arimes Afield -May 1 .- The Scarpe is fast becoming a valley o death for the Prus-814138.

The slaugniered energy lies thick emong the dandelions on the valley's yellowing slopes.

In terms of locses the Scarpe is a year's defeat for the Germans.

with that part of the Ziegfried line known as, the "Wotan front "already melling away at its northern end and the Informat to Queant system of German defenses threatened Hindengurg is throwing division af ter division into the struggle, with orders to hold at all costs.

As the Britsh day by day bite for ward-a bit here and a bit therethe Germans counter attack repeatedly, Always they come in close masses, where British guns reap a horrible harvest in the open country.

Sunday, I watched the heavy fighting about Oppy and south to Gavrelle. There the Germans attempted to retake trenches which the British won early Sunday morning.

After three years of warfare between forces hidden from each other behind trenches, the sight of combatants maneuvering in the open is most spectacular. On Suday 1 could

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APPLIES TO TELEGRAPHS, TELE-PHONE, AND CABLES BUT EF-FECTS TELEGRAPH AND TELE PHONE LINES ONLY ALONG MEXIGAN BORDER

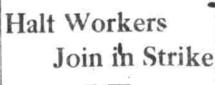
(By United Press) ment doday put into effect a censorship of cables, telegraphs and telephones, applying the cable prohibi-

ions to all lines but operating gainst telegraph and telephone lines on'y along the Mexican border. The President ordered the censorship by proclamation.

The War and Nivy Departments are also at work compiling regulations for the censorship of newspapers and press associations. These chiefly involve messages of incoming and outgoing of merican business concerns and individuals. It's object is to prevent military information from reaching the enemy and the spreading of information prejudicial to the interests of the United States or favorable to the interests of Ger-

many, the circualtion of false reports or reports prejudicial either to military operations or to relations with foreign powers.

So goes into effect America's first fronclad censorship.



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London, May 1-Half of all the the Rhine, Germany, joined in the here from The Hague.

Tight German censorship has covered most of the developments of May Day,-the date set for a general strike in protest to food conditions in Germany.

Full-information concerning the Government War Loan can be obtained at The First National Bank | tained at The First National Bank hir and cooler tonight. Wednes- which will handle individual, sugwhich will haudle individual sub

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Bill to Include **Other Nations**

(Ry United Press)

Washington, May 1. - That war | vice. with other nations than Germany munition workers in the province of may threaten the United States was indicated when Senator Chamberlain general strike today ,according to a Hoday offered an amendment to the special agency dispatch received Conscription bill, asking that the word "emergency" he substituted for the word "war." He said that he had been informed by the Judge Ad-

vocate that the general bill may be construed to apply only to the war with Germany.

Full information concerning the Coverement War Long can be obintio an Hhour charge.



AUTHORITY ON SOUTH AMERI-CAN RELATIONS OFFERS THIS AS EXPLANATION FOR SOUTH-ERN REPUBLIC'S ATTITUDE -----

(By CHARLES P STEWART) Buenos Aires, May 1- Germany and Chile negotiated a secret treaty. guaranteeing Chile a foothold in South America when Frince Henry of Prussia visited this country. This is the statement made in an

artic'e Jose Molins, authority on South American relations, published or the United States.

Unearthed

(By United Press

New York, May 1 .- Details of a plot to blow up an important Wall Street office, presumagly Morgan's to be followed by tapping of wires and the spreading false reports of Wilson's assassination and of submarine rilds was revealed today by the police following the questioning of Wolf Hirsch, formerly netty officer in the German submatine service

Rumors of New Peace Offer

(By United Press)

The Hague, May 1 .- The Imperial-German Reichstag Thursday, the Perliner Tageblatt announced today. which will handle individual sub- culated in Europe in the hope, it is uld, of coun acting the

Corporal punishment in the army completely agolished.

It is in this spirit of complete freedom that Free Russia celebrated May Day.

Under czardom, a few trave spirits used to meet in remote forests on May 1 and in costont dread of secret police, would go through the forms o a parade under the red f of liberalism.

oday the government lise'f joins. The Russian celendar is more than two weeks behind that in use everywhere on the globe But in order that new Russia's idea, of a w brotherhood-a "prolstariat of all countries"-'t was decided to advance May Day in Russia to coincide with the rest of the world.

A parade such as Russia never saw before will be the principle feature of the celebration here in the capital.

But while Russia is celebrating her freedom, her people, jubliant at throwing off of their sheetles, are not forcetting that Russia's liberty must be fought for.

Soldiers who girited their homes from the front hamediately after the revolution are returning to fight by the thousands. A'l over Russia women of the villages are shaming them into returning to their duty. demanding they fight and held new. Russin in her proud place in the world's democracles.

Strange stories are told by Russian soldiers back from the front of how the enemy reectived the news of Russia's overthrow of autocracy. One soldier told me today of the trangest_sight he ever saw."

"We have discovered now that to 'attend the exercises. . . the Gormans on our front don't like to attack ust" he said. "Under a red climbed out of their tranches. The German soldiers followed. We "fildn" Chancellor, Von Bethman Holweg, fire, But we likewise holsted our red will make a new peace offer in the flag, When the Germans saw we were deliberately withoho'ding our turned back to their own trenches. abandored "o'r effiger. The

stating their needs, and also with the Secretary of Labor, addressing both at Washington, D. O."

Difficulty in **Drawing Jury**

(By United Pres-Christiansburg, Va., May 1 .-There are indications of difficulty in drawing the jury for the Vawter case and there is even talk of change in venue.

Moyock Briefs

Moyock, May 1 .-- Miss Leola Lane spent Sunday with her friend, Mrs. N. B. Evans of Tulls, N. C. Mr. Halsey Sears was the guest of friends in Meyock, Sunday. Mr. Frank Bryant, of Norfolk, was in town Sunday.

Miss Nellie Forbes of Indiantown. and Miss Sarah Walker, of Norfolk, spent the week end with teh misses" Aydlette.

Mrs. C. E. Morrisette and daughe ter, Dorot of Norfolk, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. We Sanderlin

The school commencement will be Hold May 8'h, afternoon and night, instead of May fourth, as previousl; annunced.

We consider ourselves very fortunate in securing Mr. J. G. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Inscruction, for the day. He will probably deliver his address in the forenoon. The public is cordially invited

Ing last Monday German officers alone, uring them to attack, but with out vaail." Finally they, too. went back-disqustedly. Not a shot bad been fired; not a German soldier harmed in that death territory."How over we mistrust red flags borne by fire from their ranks, under the same | Germans and Austrians. Now we For more than a month rumors of red flag as our own forces, the sol-another peace feeler have been dir-diers themselves stopped still, and approaching enemy forces. "We have proved our right to the noores "o's officers, "he red flag-new los the Germans and