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Maximum Efficiency United States Government Wiil Pool Purchasing.

TEN BILLION YEARLY

Russia Will Take Practically Everything That America Can Send.

Washington, May 23. - A pregram inder which the American government virtually would pool its purchasing for the sake of maintaining maximum efficiency, with that of all the allies, construct a buying machin is a which hundreds of experts in many lines would fit as cogwheels and place one man in charge of the whole gigantic enterprise, is undeconsideration, and fast assuming definite outline.

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This man would be the world's super-buyer. Into his hands the nations at war with Germany would place approximately, \$10,000,000,000; year, a store of money exceeding the fabled fortunes of the ancient Incar and with no parallel in modern history. The purchases for the American army and navy are estimated a approximately \$3,500,000,000 for the first year of the war.

So far has the program progressed that the officials already have a definite idea as to whom they will choose as no final decision has been reached as to whether one man or a small commission will be chosen, indication are that it will be one man and his selection will be made probably withing the next fortnight.

Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Japan, Belgium—virtually all the national state of the war.

gainst Prussian autocracy—have greed to the essentials of the scheme ad will sign an agreement making it effective as soon as the tremendous report of detail involved can be adamount of detail involved can be adjusted. At present the program hinges on the extent to which the United States will participate in the pooling

To assist this bureau head ther would be an army of expert buyer familiar with American markets, an selected for their ability.

Munitions Bureaus.

Of great import would be the muni-tions bureau. To this sub-div si would fal Ithe work of co-ordinating the allies' demands for munitions an demands of the American arm and navy. Experts from the army an may probably would play an important part in the work of this buleau would be assisted by a large field they would be assisted by a large field force to keep a close record of output ucing ability of American mum tions plants and the needs of military and naval establishments which, of course, would take precedence over the needs of the allies. The world's have charge of another sub-division; a sepbureau for coal, another to rail

way equipment and others to many groups of the things needed by the nations at war.

Russia's demands are revealed as suremely heavy. The report of the British commission, headed by Loru Milner which went to Russia early in Milner, which went to Russia early in the year and made an exhaustive study of her requirements, has been p.aced. verbatim, before the American off. cials. hTe report is understood to re veal that Russia is in a position to utilize virtually al the supplies, man. of a non-military nature, for

portation facilities can be found. King George Spends Afternoons Cultivating His Potato Patch

Windsor, Eng., May 23.—King George can be seen most afternoons in Windsor Park cultivating a potato atch, which he started himse'f when the general allotment scheme was begun. Princess Mary is also owner of an allotment adjoining her father's, and one of the young princes puts in a good deal of time on a small patch of vegetables.

Canadian Officers Receive

Honors at Buckingham vice Order: Lieut.-Col. C. Bent, in-lantry; Lieut.-Col. F. Gascoyne. in-lantry; Major C. Stewart, infantry. Royal Red Cross (second class): Sis-ler Lieut. Major C. Stewart, infantry. ter Janet Macciona'd.

Rockefeller Makes Big Gift And Raises Price of Gasoline

New York, May 23 .- A new donaton by John D. Rockefeller of \$25,-200,000 to the endowment of the Rockefeller fund was announced to-the This gift increases the total

New York, May 30 .- The Standard price of gasoline two cents a gallon.

ALLIES BEAT U-BOATS SEVERELY DEFEAT FOE

Entente Navies Gain Important Victory Over Submarines-Foil German Expectations of Winning by June First,

"The American destroyers are playno over sunk by mine or submarine.
18: under 1600 tons, 9.

British merchantment unsuccessfully attacked, 9.

"British fishing vessels sunk, 2."

This week's figures of vessels sunk
by submarines show that the allied
ravies are keeping up the good work
of the previous fortnight, and the
American unit, altho still a small
one, snares the credit for excellent
work. Not only are the sinkings being kept at a fairly low figure, but the
ournsive against U-boats also cuntimes to show favorable results. The
actual figures in this respect, however,
are not known.

The British admiraty this week
years a peased smile at the mention
of the submarine campaign, for the
essults of the naval work in the past
wo weeks are regarded as really inlicating an important victory over the
essentiant of the submarine campaign, for the
remans. The German naval people
hrout the early months of the ruthiess submarine war freely predicted
hat England would be "on her knees"
y June 1, and gloomy pictures were
ainted of grim famine certain by that
at for the people of Great Britain
and France. June 1 is almost here
had German victory in the submarine
varfare seems as far distant as ever.
There has been a constant improveent in the mathods of the allies in
pposing and suppressing U-bcat acvicty, and these methods have become more and more successful with
longer days and finer weather and increasing familiarity on the part, of the

VANCOUVER LAWYER

London, May 23.—The admiral, skippers of merchantmen with the nethods of naval control. An admiatty official, speaking to the Associated Press, said:

"Arriva.s, nationalities, 2664; sailings, 2759.

"British merchantmen of 1600 tons or over sunk by mine or submarine. 18; under 1600 tons, 9.

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This week's figures of vessels sunk, 3, with which the American doctrine of keeping everlastingly at it.

New Attorney-

Victoria, BC., May 23.-J. W. de l

Faris, a young Vancouver lawyer, was this afternoon sworn in as attuncy-general to succeed Hon. M. A. MacDonald, who recently resigned. To

Mr. Farris was also attached the

depa. t.nent created at the recent sit-

a former cabinet minister in New Brunswick and has lived in Van-

Couver for more than ten years.

The hy-election created by his en

try into the cabinet will be held on

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Limited Offensive Near

Coulotte.

QUEBEC MEN WIN OUT

Inflict Cascualties on Ger-

mans at Rate of Four

to One.

Canadian Corps Headquarters

of a limited offensive" against a posi-tion near Coulotte strongly held by the enemy and under his observation

has again brought honor to Canada The fighting lasted several days, dur-

supremacyfi forced them to give

ground. Troops from a Quebec regi-ment gained their objective, inflicting

casualties on the enemy at the rate of

the higrer command.

The officers and men here are very

much interested in conscription for Canada and favor it very much as

Amsterdam, via London, May 23.

The Canadian front is quiet,

GERMAN RADICALS TO

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Taradian Associated Press Cable.

FURTHER HONORS

CANADIANS EARN

General.

VANCOUVER LAWYER **ADVICE TO KAISER** TO HOLD BELGIUM J. W. deB. Farris Is Sworn in

Von Bissing Urged Preparation of New War Against

"IRON HAND" REQUIRED

Neutralized Belgium Would, Like Limburg, Be Thorn in Side.

London, May 23 .- A memorandum ritten by the late General von Bising, governor-general in Be glum, vhich it is assumed was prepared for submission to Emperor William, repesents the possibility of a reconcilia-ion between Germany and Belgium as llusory and argues the absolute ne-essity of the annexation of Be.glum is a preparation for another wat igainst Great Britain. The memorindum declares that no treaty guar intees, however strong, would preven Belgium from being swept into the enemy camp and that therefore Bel rium must be conquered, the Beigian lynasty abolished, and the country eld with an iron hand, so as not to epeat the mistake made in Alsace-corraine and in German Poland in at-

mpts at conciliation. Pointing out how the province or imburg, in southeast Holland, is horn in the side of the present Gercan offensive, the memorandum con-ends that the same would happen vith a neutralized Belgium and that he advantages Germany gained would occue to her enemies in the next war their possession of the whole of

Four Hundred U. S. Woodsmen Will See Service in France

Belgium.

Washington, May 23.-An agreement with the British war office under which the six New England states soon will send ten portable sawmill units, comorising four hundred expert woodsnen, to aid the British armies France, was announced tonight by the merican Forestry Association. The members of the expedition will George: Col. J. ations. The plan is understood to Michael and St. George: Col. J. lations. The plan is understood to Leckie, infantry. Distinguished Ser-have the approval of the war departin- listing a regiment of foresters to serve

> Balfour Will Speak Monday Before Houses of Parliament

Ottawa, May 23. - Right Hon. A. . Balfour will address the two houses of the Canadian Parliament in the commons chamber on Monday afternoon next, Sir James Lougheed announced in the senate this afternoon. Several senators stated that they that recently been refused admission to the commons chamber and asked in provision would be made for their accommodation. Sir James Lougheed Company today advanced the of gasoline two cents a gallon.

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German inscription nailed to the ruins of the city hall at Peronne: Nicht argen, nur wun dern! "Do not be angry, only surprised."

GIVEN DISMISSAL

President Takes Action to End Deadlock on Question of War.

TO JOIN ALLIES SOON

Rebuke to Military Governors is Likely to Remove Obstacles.

Peking, IMay 23.—President Li Yuan Hung has issued a mandate lismissing Premier Tuan Chi Jiu from office and naming Dr. Wu Tingrang, former ambassador to the Mr. Farris was elected from Van-couver at the last election. He was nited States, as acting premier and empowering him to form a new cabi-

i his action probably will end the assible a declaration of war by bina against Germany.

The provisional military governors who were attempting to disband pariament left leking before the president took action against Tuan Chi-us; as the president had positively announced that he would disregard their demand for a dissolution of the egisative body. The president de-ciared that parliament must not be coelced in any way, and announced his intention to conduct the govern-

inent in accordance with the provisional constitution at any cost.

Feeling for War.

The disgruntled military governors probably will instigate protests in the provinces against President Li Yuan ower, but the president's firm stand s inspiring admiration in unexpected

of May 10, when after a riotous secret ession in which the house of representtives refused to pass a resolu-ion declaring war on Germany, the France, via London. May 23. - Am parliament building was surrounded operation described as the "best king by a large crowd, which demanded var and made threats of violence.
General Wang Shih Chen, chief of the general staff, has been made ommander of the emergency troops guarding the Peking Tientsin Railing which time the Huns fought vio-lently, using every instrument of war including "flammenwerfer," but our tary leaders from seizing the line.

LABOR TROUBLES ARE

four to one. The performance drew strongly appreciative messages from Sorel Dispute Settled, But Ofher Cases Are Still Pending.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, May 23.—The labor trouble at Sorel where seven hundred government employes engaged in, the **FACE TREASON CHARGE** shipyards had gone on strike for higher wages, has been settled. The men were receiving \$2 per day and de-Proceedings against some of the bold-est and most prominent German radimanded 25 cents increase. The case ca's on the charge of high treason are was referred by the marine department to the minister of labor who adof Berlin says. An investigation is under way of the participation in the meetings in Berlin in connection with vised that the demand be granted which was done at once.

Labor troubles are developing all over the country. Men are demanding more wages to meet the growing the munitions strike of George Ledeand Herr Wittmann, Independent So-

KERENSKY OFF TO FRONT.

Petrograd, May 23, via London, Thursday, May 24.—War Minister Kerensky has started on his tour of inspection of all the military fronts. Left Petrograd today by special train.

NEST OF SPIES IN GENEVA.

Geneva, via Paris, May 23.—The police have discovered in one of the principal hotels of Geneva a nest of German and Austrian spies. Eight arrests have been made thus far, including the correspondent of The Frankfurter Zeitung. A number of compromising documents have been seized.

DUTCH GRAIN FLEET COMING.

The Hague, via London, May 23.—The minister of agriculture has requisitioned under the shipping law twenty-two Dutch vessels, which will proceed to the United States by way of Halifax, in ballast, to bring back 100,000 tons of grain.

AUSTRIA'S NEW PEACE MOVE.

Amsterdam, May 23, via London.—The Roman Catholic newspaper Tyd says it understands on good authority that in accordance with the wishes of Pope Benedict the Austrian court is initiating a new peace effort.

FRANCHISE REFORM IN BRITAIN.

London, May 23 .- After ten days of debate, which was devoted mo ly to the question of woman suffrage, the house of commons tonight passed the second reading of the franchise reform, or, as it is officially known, "The Representation of the People Bill." The vote was 329 in favor of, as against 40 in opposition to the measure.

Allays Anxieties of

GERMANS FALL DOWN

ence Fails to Gain Upper

German influence, might get the up-per hand and seek to make Russia ar-

to naught, as M. Tereschtenko has in-dicated that Russia , while repudiating

for unlimited conquest, conceives that a victory of the liberalists in Russia is

terested in the coming of the Ameri-

added. "Their reception will be equa.

M. Joffre and M. Viviani by the Ameri-

he alliance.

✓ Hand.

TO BRITISH WAR AIMS RUSSIA TO RESUME RUSSIA IS NOT HOSTILE

Lord Cecil Says Russian Criticisms Were Based on Misconception.

London, May 23.—Replying in the The indications are that the mili-ary leaders, headed by Tuan Chi Jui, lost public sympathy thru the iemonstrations of the mob the night 16. Lord Robert Cecil, minister on blockade, said they were based on an entire misconception of what he said. "I laid stress," he explained, "on vie fact that our aims and aspirations were dictated solely by our declaration to secure peace founded on national liberty and international amity and that all imperialistic aims based uron force or conquest were completely absent from our purpose. The most recent declaration of the reconstituted government of Russ'a is in complete rmony with this policy."

BECOMING NUMEROUS POINCARE SENDS KING EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE

Warm Wishes Conveyed for Prosperity of the British

London. May 23 .- (via Reuter's Otawa agency.)-Pres'dent Poincare has telegraphed the king, on the occasion of Empire Day, renewing the warm wishes which the French people stare with him for the "prosperity of the dicated that Russia while repudiating United Kingdom, the British dominine the traditional policy of Peter the lons, colonies and India, whose sons Great, and of the Empress Catherine are united with the children of France, her colonies and protectorates, val-lantiv fighting for the noblest cause." The king, rephring, reciprocates these cover Germany. All our anxieties on cordial wishes and expresses his own this subject, therefore, are greatly dinaming them. His majesty's magnification of them. them. His majesty's message con-

French Army Order Confers Fifth Palm on Flag of Regiment. FIGHTS IN CHAMPAGNE

Dozen Men Capture Auberive in Brilliant Five Days'

Advance. (By a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press).

Grand Headquarters of the French Armies in France, May 23.—Evening,—'A marvelous regiment, animated by hatred of the enemy and the highest spirit of sacrifice."

These words are used in a French army order conferring the fifth palm

These words are used in a French army order conferring the fifth palm on the flag of the famous foreign legion for gal'antry in the recent fighting in Champagne. The regiment is unique in the number of times mentioned and decorated.

The staif correspondent of the Associated Press visited the legionaries in their rest camp, where they were recupe ating and filling their ranks and heard personal narratives from of icers and men whose conduct is so in ghry praised. No matter what the men's nationality—and citizens of no fower than 51 nations are represented among the legionaries— after joining they immediately became imbued with the regiment's glorious traditions. They have been always where the fighting was hottest.

Three Battalions Remain.

When the war started six battations, forming two regiments, were sent to the front. Now only three battations remain, fused into one regiment. Among them are still Ameri-

as well as from all the republics of central and south America. There are men from every British colony, from all the countries in Europe. Asia and Africa, and also a number of Frenchmen who have been attracted to the legion on account of its adventurous career. Many Russians, Begians, British, Italians and Rumanians have recently been transformed to their own armies, reducing turred to their own armies, reducing the legion's strength, but Spaniards, Swiss and South Americans are join-

The legion's task, for the successful tchievement of which it was honored today, was the most difficult in the resent French offensive. Its front tretched west from Auberive. For ive days and nights the legionaries live days and nights the legionaries Sought continuously without a moment's sleep. They accomplished the task set them, but at the cost of the life of their colonel, and many other gaps in their ranks. At the end their commander was Major D—. Auberive was entered and carried by a leutenant with a non-commissioned officer and ten men with unbelievable laring. The non-commissioned officer single handed, attacked a machine gun emplacement and killed twelve German gunners.

Outflank Position.

The advance of the battallon operating to the west of Auberive was retarded for some time by the opposi-**ACTIVITY AT ONCE** tion of an unknown series of German entrenchments formidably armed in what is known as the gulf. It was im-Message to Premier of France possible to attack frontally across the half-mile of open ground, but the le-glonaries succeeded in outflanking the position and made their way fighting for every foot, along a communication trench until they had carried the whole position. They threw fifty thousand of their own hand grenades in the course of the five days, besides many thousands of German grenades they dis-Party Under Kaiser's Influ-

When the fighting was over, many

they stood.

The brigadier-general told the correspondent that so many of the legionaries were entitled to decorations that he was unable to give to all. Several Americans, however, obtained the war cross. Sergt. Edgar Bouligny, of New Orleans, who was wounded, has already been awarded the war cross for bravery. He has served since the beginning of the war. Paris, May 23.-Jules Cambon, general secretary of the ministry of foraign affairs, referring to the Russian situation in the light of the assurances situation in the light of the assurances given by the Russian foreign minister. M. Tereschtenko, which were read in part in the chamber of deputies Tuesfay, by Premier Ribot, said today:

"The despatch is notable for the enthasiasm with which it sees Russia's immediate resumption of military activities in the war. There were tears that the revolutionary element, under German influence, might get the up-

MAGRATH OR EVANS AS FOOD CONTROLLER

An Ottawa despatch to The Toronto News says: A food controller for Can-ada will be appointed by the governnent tomorrow. The choice apparently lies between C. A. Magrath, chairnan of the international waterways commission, and W. Sanford Evans, chairman of the Georgian Bay Canal

These are the two names most proninently mentioned. Both men are well qualified for the position and would create public confidence. The 'anadian food controller would work n co-operation with Herbert C. loover, who President Wilson announced will be appointed American food dictator.