STATE FOOD PRICES.

TRATION ASKS ABSO. LUTE POWER TO CONTROL FOOD SUPPLIES.

id Regulate Production and Distion of Food Supply During -Would Fix Maximum and gum Prices-Applies to All

Washington, May 3.--Absolute auto regulate in its discretion the and other necessities during the war was asked of congress today by administration.

In a sweeping bill introduced with abstration approval by Chairittee it is proposed to empower president to take these measures never in his opinion the national gency shall require:

to fix maximum and minimum for food, clothing, fuel and her necessities, and the articles required for their production.

To prescribe regulations to govern the production of these commodities and if necessary to requisition the ducing factories, mines or other tablishments.

To compel holders of necessities to quitable distribution.

To regulate exchange in such a way To compel railroads to give preference to the movement of necessities.

To levy such import duties as he finds necessary to prevent excessive To impose limitations or prohibiupon the use of grain in the ufacture of !'quor.

In addition the secretary of agriculture would be empowered to estabish standard food grades, to license and control the manufacture, storage and distribution of foods; to preod rom wheat and to regulate the mixing of wheat flour with other

Mr. Lever declared there was nothing in the measure to disturb legitibusiness activities because "it is for borrowing this money. soped that the mere conferring of the nore extreme new powers will be ufficient without its becoming necesary to exercise them."

mme view.

The bill is supplemental to the administration food measure introduced in the house earlier in the week providing for a survey of the counecrtain powers to prevent food specufavorably reported from the agricul- directed to stop this practice. tural committee today after the committee had reduced the appropriation carried from \$25,000,000 to approximately \$20,000,000 and had eliminated a section authorizing the disposed of it will become unfit for use. The section will be incorporated in a coming third measure which is to confer broad powers on the council of national defense.

next week.

"The new bill," said Mr. Lever, "deals with all the necessaries of life, including foods, feeds, shoes, clothing, fuel and articles required for their production. The measure is intended only to meet the present emerthe war and a sufficient time there- ferred to the county pension board. after for readjustment. It is based on the war clauses of the constitution and is applicable throughout the country, irrespective of State lines.

"The purposes are to stimulate production and to reduce waste, to clear the channels of distribution, to prevent boarding, to assure fair prices, to eliminate injurious speculation, to prohibit evil practices on exchanges and to protect the public against extortion.

"Power is granted to compel holders to disgorge and put on the market necessaries held by them in ex cess of amounts reasonably needed to supply their legitimate individual or buiness requirement for a reasonable time. The president may regulate exchanges including the prices, quotations and like so as to avoid their employment as instrumentalities to injurious speculation and undue en-

hancement of prices. "The president is empowered to fix minimum prices, assuring fair and as to defeat the practical operation of just returns to producers or owners. whenever in an emergency he finds such action essential in order to encourage greater production. In such diate effect. case the government will guarantee United States, who act in reliance upon the guarantee, that they will re- fix maximum prices of necessities, if ceive not less than the minimum price essential, in order to prevent extor-

DISCONTENT IN RUSSIA.

SOLDIERS AND WORKMEN DE-MAND RESIGNATION OF MILUKOFF.

Situation Seems to Be Serious as Discontent is Said to be Due to Foreign Minister's Pledge to Allies to Carry Out all Engagements as to Continuing War.

Petrograd, May 4.-Detachments of soldiers gathered today before the ction, distribution and prices of headquarters of the provisional government demanding the resignation of attacks along the various parts of the Foreign Minister Milukoff. The resigsoldiers and workmen who marched nearby positions which were capturthe streets yesterday and last night. an Lever of the house agriculture Discontent has been smouldering for some time on account of the belief that M. Milukoff is not fully in sympathy with the viewpoint of the worknen and soldiers. The present outbreak is the direct result of the foreign office's announcement to the allies that Russia will not slacken her efforts in the common struggle against the central powers and would strictly observe her engagements with the allies. The soldiers and workmen declared they should have been consult- Bullecourt. It said the Germans caped before the communication was sent. At the meeting of the council French announced additional prolease them in amounts insuring of soldiers and workmen's delegates the formation of a coalition cabinet dun front. Reactionaries in Germany was favored. There were also demto eliminate market manipulation. onstrations in favor of the govern-

COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

mp' of foreign products; and Committee Appointed to Make Arrangements to Borrow Money County Will Need.

The regular monthly meeting of the county board of commissioners was held on Tuesday with all of the members present. There were a number of matters acted on, but nothing ribe the percentage of flour to be of general interest received attention save the appointment of Messrs, J. J. Britton, H. J. McLaurin and Clerk C. ur in the making of bread and other M. Hurst on a committee to make an estimate of the amount of money the county will need until taxes come in next fall and to make arrangements in the Somme offensive last year. proceedings on behalf of a number of

Machinery Company were present to and the fact that men are not allowshow the advantages of a tractor ed to outrun the guns. which they had on the market and to It is known that officials hold the try to induce the board to purchase one for Sumter county. No action was taken

Dr. Burgess, the county physician, explained the excessive bills for medicine were due to the fact that patry's food resources and conferring tients at the alms house were allowed to refill prescriptions without his lation. This measure was ordered authorizing them to do so. He was

A letter was received from Capt. R. T. Brown of Company L, N. G. S. C. requesting the county to make the ed at a meeting of the vestry last usual appropriation for the company. night, to take eeffct July 1. In a let-This request was refused by the board ter to the vestry Mr. Thomas makes cretary of agriculture to authorize on the ground that the company was it plain that he has determined to acthe immediate sale of any food in in the federal service and would not cept the call, and the vestry feels such condition that unless promptly be here to render aid in case of emergency. A home guard may have to be formed and, if so, the fund would be needed for such a body.

Charities and Corrections relating to Mr. Lever expects to get both of conditions at the county alms house the bills up for action in the house was received and read. Mr. White stated that he had made some of the improvements suggested, such as screening the privies, and making repairs to houses, A bid of T. B. Kenfused and new bids were called for.

An application from H. P. Rauton gency. It is limited to the period of for a Confederate pension was re-

Messrs. Britton and McLaurin with the clerk were appointed on a committee to borrow money which the

county may need before taxes come in. Mr. White reported that the telephone line to the county alms house had been connected with other homes by the Sumter Telephone Company and, as this line belonged to the county, Mr. White was directed to have the telephone company pay for such service as was received on this

HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

Berlin, May 4,-It is officially announced that a million city children will be placed on farms this summer. Farmers will pay fifty pfennings a

duty on the importations of necessaeffect unjust market manipulations, ries, for which minimum prices have been prescribed, are required to prevent flooding of the American market with such excessive importations the minimum price plan. When he determines these rates, by force of the statute itself they go into imme-

producers of necessaries within the that an emergency exists requiring day. such action he is also empowered to

BRITISH MAKE PROGRESS.

BATTLE OF ARRAS CONTINUES WITH UNABATED FURY DUR-ING NIGHT.

German Attacks Succeeded at Points on Arras-Cambrai Road, but British Advance at St. Quentin.

Throughout the night and today guns continued to boom without intermission on the Arras battle field. Frequent bursts of machine gun and rifle fire told of attacks and counterfront of British offensive. The British nation was demanded by thousands of today hold the village of Fresnoy and ed yesterday.

Germans delivered severe The counter attacks here and also near Cherisy and on the Arras-Cambrai States and Canada, he declared. road from both of which the British British made additional progress northwest of St. Quentin during the night and also northeast of Harcourt.

Germany announced the British yes-Fresnoy and small portions of the foremost of the German trenches near tured a thousand prisoners. The gress in Champagne also on the Verare alarmed by the apparent dominance of the Socialists with their program of peace with annexations and indemnities. They presented an interpollation to Chancellor Bethmann-Hellweg demanding him to clarify his

BRITISH FORCES SUCCEED.

Are Ahead of Attacking Schedule and Expected.

on the western front are a fortnight sociate Justice T. B. Fraser was heard ahead of their attacking schedule. yesterday in Columbia by Justice Fra-Their losses are much smaller than ser and resulted in his giving a ruling expected, according to a cablegram in favor of the city and dismissing from the foreign office to Minister the habeas corpus proceedings which Balfour. The losses are said to be had been taken out. Mr. Merrimon, only half as large proportionately as Members of the commission attribut- his clients who had been arrested on Representatives of the Good Roads ed this to the incomparable artillery the charge of selling whiskey and

GOES TO CHARLESTON.

Rev. Harold Thomas, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Accepts Call to St. Luke's.

Florence, May 3.—The Rev. Harold Thomas, who for nearly 15 years has all of the cases within the twentychurch, has resigned his charge here Mr. J. H. Clifton, who has been prosto accept a call to St. Luke's, Charleston. The resignation was presentthat it would be in vain to urge him there were more than one case against to remain. Mr. Thomas has been one them, tried separately. This was not of the hardest working ministers who done in the first twenty-four hours. has ever been in this section of the A letter from the State Board of country. He was always at some work, and he never spared himself habeas corpus proceedings were then nor heeded the earnest solicitations brought for the release of the prisonof his family and friends to lessen ers. his service to his fellow men and to the community. His missionary and philanthropic spirit never knew any dividing line of sectarianism or creed nedy for repairs on the jail was re- or even race and condition. He was everywhere that people needed comfort and consolation and the ministration of the gospel.

BRITISH LABOR LEADERS AR-RIVE.

Labor Union.

New York, May 4 .- Right Hon. Chas. W. Bowerman, J. H. Thomas, members of the British parliament; H. W. Garrod, labor representative in the munitions bureau, appointed by the British government as official advisers to American labor in the conduct of the war, have arrived. They came at the invitation of the American Federation of Labor.

PILLOW CASES FOR FRANCE.

100 Going Tomorrow From Women of South Carolina,

Columbia, May 3.-Miss Jane Evans, of Florence, wired Mrs. Richard I. Manning last night that the National Red Cross wants 400 pillow cases from the National League for Women's Service by Saturday, to send with the hospital corps at France. a call to the different units and the response was prompt, and that she "Whenever the president shall find will send the 400 pillow cases Satur-

MORE MEN JOIN ARMY.

Washington, May 3 .- Regular army the service since April 1.

TO REDUCE PRICES OF WHEAT

UNITED STATES AND CANADA WORKING TOGETHER.

Dominion Minister of Finance Tells of House and Senate Committeemen Need for Joint Action by Govern-

Ottawa, May 3.-Announcement was made in parliament today by Sir Thomas White, the minister of finance, that plans are under way for joint action by Canada and the United States to reduce the price of

Sir Thomas said the price of flour, wheat or any other necessity could in addition to the allowances for not be regulated by the Canadian government alone. To be successful the regulation of food prices must be the simultaneous action of the United

He stated that Sir George Foster, were compelled to fall back. The the Canadian minister of trade and commerce, now in Washington, is dis cussing with the American authorities the fixing of maximum prices for Nearly all Companies Recruited to wheat on the whole of the North terday only succeeded in taking American continent, Sir Thomas will leave for Washington at the end of this week to relieve Sir George Foster, who is representing Canada in the conference between the representatives of the United States, France and England.

HABEAS CORPUS DISMISSED.

Hearing Before Associate Justice Fraser Yesterday Results in Victory for City.

est to the city of Sumter, as it conthe recorder's court, brought by A. S. thorized to accept recruits. Merrimon, attorney for eight of the Losses Have Been Lighter Than alleged blind tigers who are now in the guard house awaiting trial on the Washington, May 4.—British forces charges of selling whiskey, before Asas stated, brought the habeas corpus longer than twenty-four hours without trial. Chief J. R. Sumter, as the prosecutor in the cases against the alleged blind tigers, stated in his answer to the writ of habeas corpus that it was a physical impossibility to try been rector of St. John's Episcopal four hours. He was represented by ecuting the cases against the defendants on behalf of the city. Recorder Harby was also present at the hearing, as a very interested spectator.

The eight defendants represented by Mr. Merrimon demanded to be tried by juries and have each case, where after the alleged tigers had been arrested and lodged in jail, and the

Justice Fraser in his ruling held that it was a physical impossibility to try all of the cases within the twentyfour hours and that the defendants should be given trial as speedily as possible. He held that the provision of the city charter applied to cases where arrests had been made by the police without any warrant issued which had to be tried within twentyfour hours, but in the case in question where warrants had been issued Represent Labor Party in United and the defendants arrested on these State to Advise With American warrants that the provision as to twenty-four hours did not hold.

The ruling is a very important one to the city, as if it were held that trial had to be given all prisoners within twenty-four hours, it is probable that a number of them would have to be released without trial or bail, as in case of the arrest of a number of prisoners, if they wanted los and silage. jury trials, it would be impossible to try them all within the specified time

DOCTORS TO FRANCE.

United States Will Send Six Hospital Units.

Baltimore, May 3 .- The United

States government after a conference has decided to send the Johns Hopkins base hospital unit, in addition to five similar units, immediately to Mrs. Manning advises that she made France and England for service near the firing lines.

Dentists are also to be included in the proportion of one dentist to each 20 surgeons.

Rio Janeiro, May 4.-Nilo Pecanha, wanted no friction present.

PAY FOR TRAINING CAMPS.

CONFEREES ON ARMY BILL AGREE UPON \$100 FOR MEN.

Deem Service Without Pay Hardly Democratic-Get Allowances Also.

Washington, May 3 .- The conferees on the army appropriation bill today authorizing the secretary of war to pay to men designated by him for training as officers in the army \$100 a month during the period of their training. They will receive this sum transportation, subsistence, uniforms, etc. They must agree, however, to accept appointment in the officers' re-

serve corps, if a commission is offered them, in such grade as may be tendered by the secretary of war.

FIRST'S RANKS FILLING.

Maximum Peace Strength.

Columbia, May 3 .- Nearly all of the companies of the First regiment have been recruited up to maximum peace strength, stated Col. P. K. McCully this afternoon. There are still a few vacancies which the colonel expects to be filled by Friday or Saturday if the present rate of recruiting keeps up. The regiment is in need of a few teamsters for the supply company and would be glad to get two blacksmiths on the rolls of the unit.

Lieut, L. M. Massey is in charge of A legal proceeding of much inter- the recruiting at the fair grounds headquarters. All of the detachments cerns very vitally the trial of cases in on duty throughout the State are au-

Col. McCully stated today that the Major Rees Tells Why Germans Have chances for becoming commissioned officers were, in his opinion, just as good in the National Guard as in the training camp at Fort Oglethorpe. The rush of men to the training camps means that only a small percentage can be chosen, said Col. Mc-Cully, who pointed out that any young man who entered the National Guard and applied himself seriously and studiously to its duties stood a very good chance of promotion. Men who recruit at detachments of

were in the guard house awaiting the regiment on service in the State ducted almost entirely beyond the trial under a provision of the city are furnished transportation to Co- German lines, the major said, the charter which states that a prisoner lumbia. If they are rejected here on German machines now cross over the shall not be kept in the guard house account of physical examination they are given transportation home.

No official report of the exchange of shots between soldiers and persons machines. The lowest are the artilon a bridge near Abbeville had been received this afternoon.

MATERIALS FOR BUILDING SILOS

Proper Time Now to Begin Making Preparations for Constructing Silos. Clemson College, May 2.-"If you have not already begun, now is the time to start getting together the materials for your silo. For the best results the silo should be completed one month before time for filling.

"Experiments have been carried out where dairy cattle produced onethird more milk at one-third less cost when silage replaced the hulls in the ration. Considering this fact, can you afford to be without a silo?

"Silage makes excellent feed for both dairy and beef cattle. A corn crop planted after oats have been cut will mature sufficiently to make good silage.

"A silo is one of the first and very important steps in the solution of the feeding problem in this State and any one having as many as ten head of cattle cannot afford to be without a silo.

"Both stave and concrete silos have given excellent results in this State and either may be erected with farm labor. We are prepared to furnish bills of material for either of these silos.

"Last year several men put off building their silos until such a late date that the corn was too dry for first class silage before the silo was completed.

"We will be glad to furnish you additional information regarding si-

COUNT TARNOW SAILS,

Advises Austrians in United States to Honor Land Where They Live.

New York, May 4.-Count Tarnowski von Tarnow, who came to succeed Dr. Dumba as Austrian ambassador, but who never was received, has sailed for Holland with members of the embassy, Austrian consuls and others.

Count Tarnow before sailing issued greetings to his countrymen here and advised them "to honor the land whose hospitality they enjoy and in which they earn a livelihood."

MISSING BOAT LANDED.

PECANHA SUCCEEDS MULLER. | Fourteen Men of Rockingham's Crew | Rescued Admiralty Reports.

rescued.

RAILWAY EXPERTS LENT.

AMERICA WILL HELP FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

Skilled Employes and Surplus of Material Will be Dispatched to Europe,

Washington, May 3 .- Immediate assistance to Russia and France in strengthening their railroad systems inserted in that measure a provision is planned by the American government. The first step will be the dispatch of a commission of four railroad experts, including John F. Stevens, a consulting engineer, who was chief engineer of the Panama canal commission before Gen. Goethals.

The plans for aiding France in solving her railroad problems, which have been drawn up in detail by the council of national defense, will be made public within a few days.

President Wilson had planned to make Mr. Stevens a member of the political and economic commission headed by Elihu Root, which is to leave for Russia soon, but at the request of the council Mr. Stevens was released for service on the special railroad mission. Other members will be John C. Greiner of Baltimore and Henry Miller, former president of the Wabash railroad and an official of the Purlington road

The plans of the defense council call for sending the entire American surplus of rolling stock and expert employes abroad. American railroad schedules will be altered so as to run only necessary passenger trains to free equipment for the movement of freight and leave as large a surplus as possible.

ALLIES CONTROL THE AIR.

Lost Reconnaissance Power.

Washington, May 2.-How the British and French are maintaining practical control of the air over the western battlefront was graphically described here by Major L. W. B. Rees, of the British flying corps. who himself once routed single-hande a squadron of ten German raiders and is one of the few Englishmen to receive both the Victoria cross and the Military cross.

While the Allied operations are con-Allied lines only rarely in raiding parties. The British fly on three levels, he explained, with three kinds of lery directors, who circle about hi vig figure eights about 6,000 feet above the enemy trenches and flash back didirections to the British gunners by wireless. Above them, at 10,000 feet are the heavy fighters with two men to a machine and able to keep the air for hours at a speed of 110 miles per hour. At a height of 15,000 feet are the single-man light fighters capable of 130 miles an hour and of ascending the first 10,000 feet in ten

minutes. The Germans, Major Rees said, have given up all attempts to guide their artillery by airplane and seek only to smash up the Allied reconnaissances over their lines. Their machines are largely of one class, therefore, fast, heavy fighters, generally biplanes which are continually seeming to swoop down upon the British artillery observers and send them to the ground before the British fighting patrols can reach them. Recently, however, he said, the Germans had developed another light fighting machine, which by climbing to 20,000 feet, seeks to overtop the British light

fighters and clear them out. British losses have been running recently as high as 30 to 40 machines a day because of the extraordinary chances taken over the enemy's lines. according to the major. As a result they go out in squadrons of six, divided into three pairs and prepared to swoop down in unison on any German machines that may come up.

Major Rees gave it as his opinion that the British had defeated the Germans in every way in the air and deprived them of invaluable reconnaissance power. The Zeppelin, he said. is now practically useless as a military weapon.

Germany's whole artillery observation, Major Rees declared, is conducted by means of captive balloons.

SEND HOSPITAL TO FRANCE.

Army Base Station to Be Supplied at Once by United States.

Washington, May 4.-Definite plans have been completed for sending United States army base hospitals to the fighting front in France. Details will be withheld.

GERMAN CENSORSHIP RELAXED.

Mail Communication From Germany to Holland Resumed.

Copenhagen, May 4.-Full newspaper and postal service from Germany tion. If a maximum price for any recruiting again showed good results under secretary of State, has been ap- London, May 4.—The admiralty has been resumed. The newspapers "The bill also contains an anti- particular necessaries be established yesterday with a total of 2,665 men pointed foreign minister to succeed has reported one of the missing indicate that previous reports of the dumping clause. This vests power in it is made unlawful therefore to deal accepted, making 45,540 brought into Dr. Muller, who resigned, saying he Rockingham boats with fourteen men failure of the May Day strike were virtually correct.