O'NEILL.

Very few people are aware that the royal house of Britain was established and continued by grawing lots—a distinct form of lottery. At Celle, in 1502, William the Pious, of Hanover, had seven eens like the man in the fairy tale, and they agreed, in accordance with the wishes of their father, and for the interests of the house, that only one of them should marry to continue the succession. Six silver balls and a gold one were placed in the reputed helmet of their ancestor, William the Lion, and drawn for. The prize fell to George, the youngest but one of the seven sons, who became the grand-father of George I of England, and the great - great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-greatroyal house of Britain was established great - great-great-great-great-great-grandfather of our present king, George

Though the use of tally sticks in public offices was abolished by act of parliament in 1783, they continued to be used at the exchequer until 1834, be used at the exchequer until 1834, giving Charles Dickens cause to com-plain in a speech at the inaugural meeting of the Administrative Reform association that the national accounts were kept very much as Robinson Cru-soe kept his calendar on the desert island. In 1834 orders were issued to destroy all the tally sticks in the ex-chequer, whereupon two cartloads were set fire to one morning in the basement of the house of lords, and, as though by way of revenge, overheated the flues and burned the whole building to the

That the Hittites were in constant communications with other nations, is shown by the fact that Egyption scarabs and amulets, Phœncian pottery and Greek terra cotta figures are found in the tombs of different periods. Bronze daggers and jewelry are fairly common, and a safety pin, 3,000 years old, has been found, that would still work. Some stone age pottery, with the very ancient emblem of thunder or of the weather god, was found in the original kiln.

The United States flag always is hoisted over the Senate or House of Representatives when in session. The flag floats from the flagstaff of the White House while the president is in Washington, and its absence indicates the absence of the president from the capital. It is displayed over the department buildings in Washington from 9 o'clock a. m. to 4:30 p. m. every week day.

The safest way to guard against spontaneous combustion in large piles of coal, according to the British fire prevention committee, is to insert ver-tically in the fuel heaps, at the time they are built, iron or earthenware pipes, about four inches in diameter. A ventilator should be provided for every 300 square feet and the ends should be at various depths.

The salary of the president remained at \$25,000 from the administration of Washington to President Grant's second term in 1873. At that time it was increased to \$60,000, and in the administration of President Taft to \$75,000, where it remained. He has, besides, an allowance of \$25,000 a year for traveling expenses, which he does not have to account for.

Charles Frey, famous as the "rat catcher philosopher," proposes to do his bit to make the world safe for democracy but extremely unsafe for rats. He has sent a letter to President Wilson offering his services in the work of ridding the trenches and training camps of rats. He has made a lifelong study of the extermination of pests.

The American eagle is shricking at Camp Custer. Western friends of the 310th engineers selected a full grown baidheaded American eagle as mascot for the fighters and the bird was received, not a bit disturbed from its long crated journey from the Rockies. The headquarters company of the regi-ment is taking care of the bird.

A rate often recommended for calculating interest for short periods is as follows: To find the interest of any given sum for any number of days, multiply the principal by the number of days and divide as follows: At 5 per cent, by by 72; at 6 per cent, by 60; at 7 per cent, by 52; at 8 per cent, by 45; and at 9 per cent, by 40.

The Jewell County Republican tells how dogs belonging to J. E. Shrove, near Burr Oak, ran a coyote on to his inclosed porch. Hearing the noise Mrs. Shrove got out of bed, ran out with a gun and shot the coyote. The Republican adds: "By the time her husband got home for breakfast she had the hide off."

Peter X. Senger, of Danville, III., president of the Eastern Illinois Druggists' association, will either drop his middle initial or spell the name Xaviar in full in the future. A document he sent to to Washington was returned with the question as to why he had made his "mark" and not signed his

The citizens of Albany, N. Y., experienced a thrill on February 28, 1795, when 500 emigrants sleighs passed through that city on their way to the distant and little known Genesee country of western New York. The Genesee valley was then considered the "far west."

While cutting up felled timber Frank Thelle, a farmer of Lena, Ill., discov-ered in a hickory tree an almost exact replica of the famous Liberty bell. The timber, having been seasoned, had cracked open on one side, duplicating the crack in the old bell. the crack in the old bell.

The lowly peanut has developed into The lowly peanut has developed into an industry of some importance. The 1917 crop in the United States is valued at \$225,000,000. Besides still being the standard circus delicacy, the peanut is now turned into vast quantities of oil, butter and flour.

Crime in England is now showing an upward tendency, after a remarkable and continued fall since the beginning of the war. The annual report of the British constabulary attributes this to restriction of street lighting and shortage of salice

All the public swimming pools and some of the public baths in London are being used for communal kitchens. With their steam plants and heating appliances they are very adaptable.

Fully 90 per cent of the moving pic-ture films now shown in large English cities are American made. The Ameri-can serial feature play is constantly growing more popular with British movie fans.

The Boston Latin school is the oldest school in the United States and was founded April 23, 1635, a year before Harvard university was founded and three years before it was opened.

A great number of Portuguese laborers are working in the munition factories of France and England to relieve man needed at the front.

WIDE RANGE GIVEN IN LEAGUE HEARING

Attorney For Nonpartisan Organization Is Rigidly Cross Examined.

Lincoln, Neb., July 8.-What amounts in fact to a joint trial of the Non-partisan league on the charge of dis-loyalty and of the state council of deloyalty and of the state council of defense on the charge of having unjustly lodged that charge against the league was resumed before three district judges today. In general outlines it is the disloyalty trial of university professors by the state board of regents. In each the state council of defense is the complainant and in each the widest latitude in the introduction of testilatitude in the introduction of testi-mony is allowed. Apparently any-thing that tends to throw light on the subject is permitted with the rules of evidence suspended for the time being.

The lawsuit began as an injunction against the state council of defense to prevent it from interfering with league meetings, but the league attorneys frankly say they do not care whether

frankly say they do not care whether they get an injunction or not. What they desire is a showdown by the council of defense, and a court decree defining what the constitutional rights of citizens are in war time.

Unless the council refuses to introduce any evidence and permits the case to be submitted on the question raised by its attorneys that law courts have no power to interfere with the discretion of coordinate branches of the government, especially when only a political right is involved, the case will be long drawn out.

long drawn out.

Arthur LeSueur, executive secretary of the national Nonpartison league, occupied the stand a whole day in the hearing on the injunction suit. Under cross-examination he admitted that he had appeared as an attorney for the I.

W. W. on a number of occasions, but that he connection was nursely profesthat his connection was purely profes-sional and that he was not in sympathy

with their philosophies.

He declared that the league had no connection with either the I. W. W. or the socialist party. He had been a socialist, he said, but was not now. He declared that most of the uproar the said that heep cognitive the league had been occasioned. against the league had been occasioned by the profiteers whose continuance in business the program of the league menaced. H. E. Gooch, of Lincoln, a member of the state council of defense, member of the state council of defense, is a miller, and the inquiry squinted in his direction when LeSueur testified that because the league intended to force government ownership of flouring mills, the millers were absolutely hostile to it, and formed part of the big business campaign organized to describe the league.

feat the league.

Mr. LeSueur said that the national league was governed by a self appointed committee that would remain in power until the first national convention is held. On cross examination the whole story of the recent Minnesta primary campaign was gone over. sota primary campaign was gone over. The witness denounced many of the statements of Governor Burnquist as lies and insinuations, and when con-fronted by extracts from a book Can-didate Lindbergh, of the league, in that didate Lindbergh, of the league, in that campaign, had written about the war, he said that they did not represent the position of the league. They said that the farmers of Minnesota forced the nomination of Lindbergh over the judgment of the executive committee, and that this endorsement was in spite of the anti-war sentiments in his book rather than because they endorsed them.

QUESTION RIGHT TO

HOLD CONVENTION NOW Lincoln, Neb., July 8.—Some question has been raised whether the state convention of the Nonpartisan league, called for next Wednesday, can lawfully endorse any candidates. There is a section of the direct primary law that provides for the holding by political parties of platform conventions tical parties of platform conventions on the last Tuesday of July, but which forbids them to take any action for or against anybody who is or may become a candidate. The Nonpartisan leaguers say that this does not apply leaguers say that this does not apply to them because theirs is not a political party, but an organization that enters the primary of one or the other of the dominant parties, and that even if it were there can be no bar placed against any meeting of citizens to endorse candidates.

The political experts are beginning to bet that the league will enter the democratic primary as the most available method of defeating Neville, who as governor appointed the state council

as governor appointed the state council of defense that the league claims has of defense that the league claims has prosecuted it. One reason advanced is that in the registration areas the union labor and the German vote is largely registered as democrats. There is nothing to prevent a farmer choosing his primary when he goes to get his ballot, but under the law the previous registration in cities determines what primary a voter therein may enter.

RICH NEBRASKAN IS

UNDER U. S. INDICTMENT Lincoln, Neb., July 8 .- Federal Dis-Lincoln, Neb., July 8.—Federal District Attorney Allen has announced that the federal grand, jury has indicted Tom Kerl, one of the richest and in past years a very influential citizen of Burt county, under the espionage act. Kerl's home at Oakdale is one of the finest in that section. His father was private secretary to Secretary of War Stanton in the cabinet of President Lincoln. Kerl is a man of education, a graduate of two American universities and also of the University of Heidleberg. He is at present in California.

Kerl is reputed to have been very bitter in his denunciation of the war and the authorities. He is charged with having told Red Cross workers that he would give them nothing but was saving his money to give to the German windows and orphans after the war. He is also charged with having war. He is also charged with having tried to discourage enlistment by tell-ing men of draft age that if they want-ed to wade in blood they should go down to a packing house and stick

LINCOLN—The republicans of the state of Nebraska are called to meet in the city of Lincoln on Tuesday, July 30, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of adopting a platform and selecting a state central committee and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

THREE INMATES OF HOME FOR AGED DEAD

West Point, Neb., July 6 .- Three deaths occurred during the week at St. Joseph's Home for the Aged at West Point? The first was that of Carl Bloemer, aged 87. The next inmate to pass away was Mrs. Augusta Reiks, formerly of Carroll, ia., aged 85. She was followed by Benjamin Powley, a former residen of Pender, aged 62. In each of these of ses the remains were sent to the former homes of the deceased for burist. Bloemer, aged 87. The next inmate to

FATHER BEING HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

J. S. Commissioner at Omaha Fixes Bond of Alleged White Slaver at \$7,500.

Omaha, Neb., July 12.—Charged with "white slavery," his own 15-year old daughter being the alleged victim, Henry Howard Biggerstaff, of Madison, S. D., was held in \$7,500 bond by United States Commissioner Neeley, before whom he had a hearing.

The decision of the court to bind Biggerstaff on a heavy bail met with the hearty applause of a court room

the hearty applause of a court room crowded with women. After court was adjourned the women all gathered around the girl, shook hands with her and assured her of their sympathy and support.

"This is one of the most revolting stories to which I have ever listened," said Commissioner Neeley from the bench, "and, if true, this defendant will not want to face trial. I will fix his bail at \$7,500."

bail at \$7,500."

Biggerstaff, the defendant, is well connected in Nebraska. He formerly lived in Sarpy county, and has a host of relatives and friends in that section. His father is Samuel Biggerstaff, retired, and now living in Lincoln, but formerly of Ashland. He sat in the court room and listened to the testimony, but did not speak to his son during the hearing. Later, the father and son arranged bail.

Senator Burkett and E. W. Brown, of Lincoln, represented Biggerstaff at the hearing.

"Biggerstaff" Not Known There. Madison, S. D., July 12 .- The name of Henry Howard Biggerstaff is not known in Madison, but it is thought the man named in the Omaha dispatches was known here as Bob Baker who came here from Iowa and farmed near Wentworth about six years ago. He later moved into Wentworth and still later, about three years ago, came to Madison with his wife and stepdaugh-ter who then was about 12 years old. ter who then was about 12 years old. He ran a lunch counter for a time and it is said was ordered out of town because it was alleged he solicited for a disorderly house which it was claimed was operated by his wife. He has been heard from since in Wisconsin and Minnesota and is said to have done time in the penitentiary at Stillwater on a white slavery charge sworn to by the stepdaughter.

FREMONT TO HAVE NO RACES THIS YEAR

Fremont, Neb., July 12.-For the first time in 20 years Fremont will have no race meet this year owing to the war and lack of interest on the part of those who usually support the game. Secretary N. J. Ronin today announced that the races scheduled for next week had been cancelled.

Fremont is the oldest race town in the state, from the standpoint of continuous sessions. Nebraska City and Beatrice both have cancelled their summer schedule. West Point is having races this week.

GIRL SUCCUMBS TO BURNS THREE MONTHS OLD

Allen, Neb., July 12.—Mabel Anderson, 19-year-old daughter of Charles Anderson, of this place, died at her home Monday morning after three months' illness resulting from burns received on April 6, when a can of shoe polish exploded and set fire to her clothes. At the time of the burning it was doubted if she would live, as very nearly all the skin was burned from her body, but she came out of it in such shape that the doctors began skin grafting a couple of months ago. On June 30 she was brought to Allen from the Samaritan hospital at Sioux City in such critical condition that the doctors there had given up all hopes doctors there had given up all hopes of her recovery. The funeral was held from the Methodist church of this place this morning at 10 o'clock.

REFORM SCHOOL BOYS' SENSATIONAL ESCAPE

Kearney, Neb., July 12.-Nine boys made a spectacular escape from the State Industrial school among them four juvenile auto thieves sentenced to the institution from Omaha, and considered among the worst specimens

housed there. Those who made their getaway are: Lester Moore, John Evans, Donald Comstock, Elmer Smith, Robert Brown (colored), Albin Buskus, all of Omaha; Bert Moore of Lincoln, John

Omaha; Bert Moore of Lincoln, John Hull of Casper, Wyo., and John Mazkie of Lead, S. D.

Lester Moore, trusty, acted as night guard of the dormitory in the absence of a guard, none being now so employed by the state.

He cut the gratings over one of the windows with some steel nippers and escaped with the eight boys so released. Four of these stole an automobile near this city and proceeded westward.

At Elm Creek they abandoned the machine and stole the George Knobel car and proceeded on their journey. They were seen there and several shots They were seen there and several shots fired at them. At Lexington a posse had gathered, but the boys stormed through amid rifle and shotgun bullets. But near Darr their machine broke down and they took flight in the underbrush along the river, where, according to word received by Super-intendent Clark, the quartet was surpused. They were entured and two rounded. Two were captured and two escaped. No trace had been found of the other five boys up to a late hour today.

LEAGUE WOULD KEEP MEMBERSHIP SECRET

Lincoln, Neb., July 12.—Conjecture as to the sudden turn in the injunction suit brought by the Nonpartisan league against the Nebraska state council of defense, wherein the league asked for a dismissal of the action after bringing its chief counsel from St. Paul, has given rise to the view here that the or-

ganization did not care to make its membership list public.

The three judges hearing the case had directed that the membership lists be brought into court over the most vigorous protests of the counsel for the league. When the lists were finally brought into court, the attorneys for the league protested against the at-torneys for the council of defense be-ing allowed to examine them, and the court had not ruled upon that point.

LINCOLN-The state of Nebraska has iost its suit against former County Treasurer William Ure, of Douglas county, to compel the latter to pay to the state interest on funds held bac't by Ure after State Treasurer George Hall had ordered him to pay over the funds. The state supreme court this afternoon hander

down its opinion adversely to the state OMAHA-A car of new Necraska w ter wheat has already been ripped the market, according to the Bi. Tele weekly crep and soil report. 2. criginated at Byron, in the Wymore sion, putheast part of the vate, and that station last Weslnesday.

ALLIES GAIN 15 MILES IN **GREAT DRIVE**

Austrians Falling Back on the Skumbi River 25 Miles North of Berat, Objective of Italians.

BULGAR LINES MENACED

Germany's Smaller Ally May Be Forced Out of War-Uprising of Southern Slaves May Result.

London, July 12 .-- Italians on their offensive in Albania continue to advance, says a dispatch from Rome to the Central News agency. The Austro-Hungarians are falling back on the Skumbi river, 25 miles north of Berat.

Washington, D. C., July 12 .-- An of-Mashington, D. C., July 12.—An official dispatch from Rome today reports unchanged advance of Italian troops in Albania with Berat as an objective. From the Voyusa the Italians have carried all positions to the Semeni in an advance of approximately 15 miles over a 50-mile front.

BY ED L. KEEN, United Press Staff Correspondent.

London, July 12 .- Italian forces, aid-London, July 12.—Italian forces, aided by French and Albanians, together with British naval units, are sweeping northward across practically the entire width of Albania in what may be one of the most important military and political offensives of the war.

According to the latest dispatches received here the allied troops, in addition to making important gains condition to making important gains condition.

dition to making important gains on the 60-mile front between the Adriatic and the Devoli river, are threatening the Bulgarian right wing in the vi-cinity of Monastir, 115 miles from the

Strike for Old Highway.

The main military objective of the allies evidently is the old Roman road connecting Monastir with the sea, at Durazze, possession of which would permit free movement of troops and of the occupied areas of that

Starting at the Vojutza river, the Italians, with the aid of British monitors have advanced to the Semeni river, a maximum gain of 15 miles. The nearest portion of the old Roman nighway lies just the same distance northward along the Skhumbi river, west of Eibasan. west of Elbasan.

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But the offensive also has far reaching political aspects. Already, considerable forces of Albanians, under Essad Pasha, are fighting with the allies and are rendering valuable assistance. Any considerable advance by the French in the Monastir region will have its effect on Bulgaria, which is reported to be low in morale, both militarily and economically.

May Fire Slav Races.

The most significant angle however.

The most significant angle, however, is the probable effect on the southern Slav nations of Austria, already on the verge of active revolt. A decisive allied victory in Albania may prove the torch that will ignite the whole of the discontented elements of the dual managery.

monarchy.

One of the significant phases of the Italian advance is the frank admission of reverses by the Austrian war office. The latest official statement from Vienna said the Austrians "in the face of pressure from strong enemy forces" of pressure from strong enemy forces" had withdrawn across the Berat-Fieri line. Fieri already is in the hands of the Italians and Berat, the most important city in southern Albina appears about to fall.

LOCAL GAINS FOR BRITISH. London, July 12.—In a local opera-tion carried on last night south of the Somme east of Villers-Bretonneux, the British positions were improved, says today's war office announcement. The Germans bombarded somewhat heavily the British positions east of Amiens on both sides of the Somme

FRENCH ENLARGE GAINS. Paris, July 12.—French troops enlarged their gains between the Aisne and the Marne, taking the village of Corcy, the war office announced to-

day.
"On the borders of the Rettz forest,

today.
"In the Brenta valley there was artillery fighting."

SOLDIER IS EXECUTED FOR ASSAULTING GIRL

Waco, Tex., July 11.—Nat Hoffman, a white soldier was executed today at Camp McArthur. He attacked a school girl last April.

Hoffman was 25 years old and from Pennsylvania.

One evening last April Hoffman met the 11-year-old girl in company with a boy about her age in a lonely wooded typot near Camp McArthur. The boy was assaulted and ran away, after which the girl was attacked. The boy reported the affair to the military police. Hoffman's only utterance was that he deserved his fate.

And the fire department of the city. Friends of the former mayor followed—all afoot. Three carriages were in line, in addition to the vehicle which carried the body.

The aviator who had been wheeling overhead while preparations were made to start the cortege, followed the line up Fifth avenue, scattering flow-lers as he went.

OFFICIAL CHECK SHOWS

87 PERSONS MET DEATH

COFFEE PLANTATIONS DAMAGED BY FREEZE

Washington, July 12.—Tremendous damage from frost in Brazil was reported today in official dispatches. Unusual freezing temperatures in Sao Paulo have ruined the young coffee plantations and reduced the production of old plantations to an estimated 50 per cent of normal until 1921. A majority of the plantations of sugar cane jority of the plantations of sugar cane, castor beans and fruits are destroyed.

112 DEATHS IN CAMPS.

Washington, D. C., July 11.—The weekly army health report issued to-day lists denths this week in home camps at 112, last week 81.

Defenders of Barleycorn Rallying in Last Trench To Block Vote in Senate

BY L. C. MARTIN.

United Press Staff Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., July 12.—In a final desperate effort to stave off wartime prohibition, Senate "wets" today planned to call up the wire control resolution. By keeping this before the Senate continuously until disposed of they hope to persuade Senate leaders to recess for the summer, leaving prohibition undisposed of.

A second move, counted on to be more effective, is the sounding of a warning that wartime prohibition, suddenly imposed will ruin banks holding liquor obligations and seriously interfere with the raising of war revenues under the new tax bill.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee is to present figures showing that more than \$500,000,000 would be required to get out of the bond 170,000,000 gailons of whisky now on hand. The tax on this is \$3.20 a gallon.

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bond 170,000,000 gailons of whisky now on hand. The tax on this is \$3.20 a gallon.

Can't Get Money, Claim.

Simmons will argue that it would be impossible to get the money necessary for withdrawal of the liquor. He will point out that many banks are heavily loaded with warehouse receipts and notes against which they have loaned large sums to distillers, wholesale grocers and druggists to pay taxes.

Unless the banks are given time to relieve themselves of this paper they will fail, Simmons will warn.

He will submit figures showing how prohibition will reduce the national revenues at a time when the need is for every dollar that can be raised, even at the expense of people's clothing. Upon the showing thus made Simmons is being urged to ask that the Senate

allow the finance committee to work out a plan for gradual reduction of the revenues and for safeguarding banks. If this is agreed to, it would mean postponement of prohibition for a period considerable longer than the five months provided for in the amendment now pending.

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If proponents of the telegraph resolution are able to force consideration of that measure Simmons will hold his arguments and figures in reserve, for use when needed.

"Drys" Are Confident.

"Drys" claimed today that all doubt that prohibition is certain so far as the Senate is concerned was revoked by the vote late yesterday on the ruling of Senator Saulsbury that the prohibition amendment was out of order.

How They Voted. The vote sustaining the chair on the point of order follows:

Allies' Plans Held Up Pending Future Developments in Russia

PEER'S KIN WEDS. **ENTERS WAR WORK**



Lady Blanche Somerset.

Lady Blanche Somerset recently married the Earl of St. Germains at St. Margaret, Westminister France St. Margaret, Westminister, England. Immediately after the ceremony Lady Somerset left for France to continue her work in the hospitals at the front.

THOUSANDS PAY FINAL TRIBUTE TO MITCHEL

New York, July 12 .- The body of Major John Purroy Mitchel, former officers and armed citizens were trymayor of New York, was borne to its grave today as lines of silent thousands stood uncovered along the route of the impressive procession which escented the brance cofficers. In the brance cofficers and armed citizens were trying to surround them. A battle was expected.

Paola, Kan., July 12.—A posse together the brance cofficers and armed citizens were trying to surround them. A battle was expected.

corted the bronze coffin.

The bell in the tower of the city hall, silent since the memorable day when "On the borders of the Rettz forest, the French enlarged their gains taking the village of Corcy, the station and castle and St. Paul farm," the communique said. "We captured 50 prisoners, including one officer."

"Two raids in the region of Maison Champagne and Mont Sansnom netted 10 prisoners."

STOP ENEMY DRIVE.

Rome, July 12.—"An enemy attack on Canove, on the Asiago plateau, was repulsed," the war office announced today.

silent since the memorable day when Mitchel, then chief executive of the city, welcomed Marshal Joffre and his party, tolled slowly as the parade wound past. The subway hummed underneath, an airplane droned overhead, the scuff of marching feet sounded, sparrows twittered, but there was no sound from the throng which stood until the last man of that long procession had passed the coffin which rested on its black gun caisson at the entrance to the historic edifice.

Former President Roosevelt fell into line as the first man to follow the

Former President Roosevelt fell into line as the first man to follow the black caparisoned horse of the dead aviator. With him were others of renown. Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, was in line as was Lieutenant General Bridges, of the British army.

Then came sallors, soldiers, police and the fire department of the city.

and the fire department of the city. Friends of the former mayor followed—all afoot. Three carriages were in

Péoria, Ill., July 11.—An official check compieted this morning shows that 87 persons perished in the steamer Columbia disaster. So far 84 bodies have been recovered and identified.
All 84 bodies recovered, but one show bruises indicating, officials say, they were struck by the pieces of flying wreckage as the boat collapsed.

SUSPENDS DRAFT RULE.

Washington, D. C., July 11.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today issued an order temporarily suspending in-duction into military service of all sub-jects or citizens of neutral countries pending regulations under an ament-ment to the draft act, which forever debars from citizenship neutral sub-jects who, having declared their in-tention of becoming a citizen, seek relief from military service.

BY ROBERT J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., July 12.-A sudden awakening of Russians-thus far is cited-to the dangers of German invasion, is adding zest to the American allied plans for aid to Russia.

It is admitted that much of the success of the economic mission plus a. "police propaganda" force of soldiers depends upon how the Russians rally to its standard. Successes of the Czecho-Slovaks in Siberia and the welcome tendered them by the populace there, the revolt of Ukraine against there, the revolt of Ukraine against German oppression, reported today and the cooperation of Russians on the Murman coast with the allies are re-

Murman coast with the allies are regarded as most encouraging by officials here.

Should the Czecho-Slovaks forces meet with defeat, however, the whole problem would be seriously affected. For upon that force the allies are counting for "emergency aid."

These changing events with their possibilities merely emphasize the difficulty confronting the allies in figuring out a definite course of action.

In his recent conferences with Lord Reading, Viscount Ishii and other allied statesmen, the president discussed

Reading, Viscount Ishii and other aliled statesmen, the president discussed the general program.

The president, it is said, is holding up discussion of the military feature until a decision has been reached with American military experts. After this country has determined the part it will take, that phase of the question will be laid before the allies.

POSSE PURSUES BAND OF KANSAS ROBBERS

Three Persons Shot in "Katy" Train Hold Up-Express and Mail Cars Looted.

Paola, Kan., July 12.—Bandits who held up the M., K. & T. "Texas special" at Koch, Kan., last night were reported today to be hiding in a wood 10 miles south of Paolo. Nearly 200

Paola, Kan., July 12.—A posse to-day patrolled the banks of the Marais De Cygne river near here in search of a dozen men who late last night held up a south bound Missouri, Kansas &

up a south bound Missourl, Kansas & Texas passenger train south of Paola, shot three persons and looted the express and mail cars.

Details of the robbery as related by railway employes indicated the robbers "shot up" the train to terrorize the passengers and crew.

No attempt was made to rob the passengers. The train was flagged and the bandits forced the engineer and fireman into the smoking car.

Detaching the mail and express cars, the bandits ran them ahead and rifled them. The amount of the loot is not known.

Known.

Those wounded are:
Fireman R. E. Carter and Auditor
C. T. Witcher, both of Parsons, Kan.,
and Mrs. L. D. Williams of Achille,
Okla. None of the wounds is con-

police is dered serious.

According to one of the mail clerks the robbers secured but little money from the mails and American express agents declare that jewelry valued at \$50 was the most valuable shipment the express car contained.

SAYS RUSSIAN HEIR HAS BEEN MURDERED

Report Circulated Alexis Romanoff Was Slain By Bolshevist By Means of Bomb.

London, July 12.—Swedish newspapers publish a statement by a Swede just returned from Moscow that Alexis Romanoff, son of the former Russian emperor has been killed by a bolshevist soldier by means of a bomb, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today.

TRAWLER IS SUNK.

Roston, Mass., July 11.—The steam trawler Georgia, of Boston, was sunk of this harbor today in a collision with the steamship Bristol, bound from New York for this pert.