THE WEATHER . Cloudy

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BELGIAN DEATH RATE TRIPLED; CROSS HINDENBURG LINE TWICE

PEOPLE STARVE **BECAUSE GRAIN** SHIPS ARE SUNK

Enormous Increase in Mortality Follows Cutting Off Part of Food Supply by U-Boats.

HOOVER REACHES GOTHAM

Goes to Washington to Take Charge of U. S. Food Control Program.

CHILDREN ARE FED FIRST

BULLETIN.

London, May 3.—The British transport Arcadian was sunk by a submarine April 15. It is believed 279 men were drowned.

"The Arcadian was torpedoed in the eastern Mediterranian. It

in the eastern Mediterranian. It went down five minutes afterward," said the admiralty report.

"Nineteen officers, ten men with naval ratings, thirty-four members of the crew and two civilians are among the missing, whom it is presumed were drowned."

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The Arcadian, 8,939 tons gross, was owned by the Royal Mail Steam Backet company of Liverpool. It was 500 feet long, was built at Barrow in 1899, was withdrawn from the passenger cookies act in the war and taken

service early in the war and taken over by the admirality. New York, May 3.-The German

U-boat menace has made the food situation in Belgium and northern France one of extreme gravity. The mortality among adults in the

industrial districts has been multiplied by three during March and April, according to Herbert C. Hoover, who arrived here today from Europe on au American ship.

Mr. Hoover said he would go im mediately to Washington to take charge of the government's food con-

trol program. Comes to Do His Bit.

"Like every good American I have come over to do my share," Mr. Hoover said. "My new duty is too big a proposition to discuss at this time."

"The food situation in Belgium and northern France requires every effort we can make," said Mr. Hoover, who does not intend to relinquish his po-sition as head of the Belgian com-

"At present it is one of extreme gravity on account of the U-boat menace, which has increased alarmingly during the last eight weeks. Wheat and corn are needed badly and also pork and beef.

Five Loaded Boats Sunk.

"The commission by March 1 had struggled to its feet again after receiving the knockout blow of the submarine decree of February I. Since March 1 we have lost five loaded hoats, but in March and April 60,000 tons of food stuffs were landed. But this 60,000 was 220,000 tons less than we actually required.

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The country's systems are hauling more freight than ever before, but they cannot carry all that is in sight, and it will be necessary for the general railroad board to decide what classes of freight shall have preference.

These six trains are followed by two more leaving between 7:30 and 1 and

by three. The children, however, did not suffer. They are always looked "At this time we have only thirty

boats. We need seventy America to End It.

Paris, May 3.—Jules Cambon, general secretary to the minister of foreign affairs, in the course of a talk, said there is no occasion to be pessimistic over the submarine menace

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The Weather

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Weather Man Hands Out Words

Of Cheer; Brighter Days Ahead

Don't grumble about this weather, for it points to bounteous crops. This is the word that Colonel Welsh of the United States weather bureau

"Our records show," he said, "that in years when we have unusually wet weather in April and May we never have hot winds in the summer. And when we don't have hot winds we have good crops. We can stand even a good deal of drouth later in the summer if we just don't have hot winds."

RAILROADS COME TO AID OF ALLIES

PLAN TO CURTAIL TRAIN SERVICE TO **ACTUAL NEEDS**

Be Taken Off and Locomotives Used to Move Freight.

NEW OUTPUT TO ALLIES

Scheme Includes Sending Rolling Stock and Rails to the Allied Nations.

COAL GIVEN PREFERENCE

Washington, May 3 .- Curtailment of passenger train service and shipment of the country's entire output of rolling stock and rails to the allies were forecast today by Daniel Willard in a speech before the national defense conference of governors and representatives of state defense coun-

Mr. Willard said the federal council's general railroad board is working on a plan for readjusting schedules. Other nations at war, he said, have Other nations at war, he said, have discontinued passenger schedules entirely, but the American government hopes to bring the rairoads to their highest point of efficiency by eliminating duplication and reducing the number of passenger trains as far as possible without inconveniencing the public.

Of the 14,000 passenger train loco-motives in the United States the rail-road board lopes to release 4,000 for

Send Engines to Farope. "It is vital that France and Russia have locomotives and cars," said Mr. Willard. "We will have to furnish them. How can we do it? We can do it by getting along with what equipment we have and by putting into force measures of greater rail-

way economy.

"The general railroad board of the "The general railroad board of the defense council, comprised of five railway presidents, who are operating the country's lines as one continental system, is working on these measures now. By reducing the time allowed shippers to load and unload cars we will save 245,000 freight cars for one trip a year.

trip a year.
"Germany has reduced the loading and unloading time limit to six hours. We can reduce our present time limit from forty-eight to twenty-four hours and although it will cause some inconvenience, it is in the interest of all the people.

"Already the board has said coal must go first, and we are filling the country's coal yards for next winter. country's ccal yards for next winter. What is the next most important com-modity remains to be decided. The Agricultural department asks that seed and agricultural implements be moved, and they, too, are being given

preference.

Men in Reserve Officers'

Corps Get \$100 a Month

Washington, May 3.—Conferees on the army bill roday agreed on a provision to pay \$100 a month to men in training camps seeking to qualify as members of the officers' reserve corps.

Resoular army recruiting again great demonstration, said "thank maring his hand"

The War partment bulletin to-day gives Pennsylvania leading place for yesterday, with 326 men, against 308 for Illinois.

Cardinal J. M. Farley's

Condition is Excellent New York, May 3.—Cardinal John
M. Farley, who underwent an operation at his home here yesterday, was
said this utoring to have passed a
comfortable night. "His arrows and the yesterday was
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New York, May 3.—Incre

SAVING METHOD **RELEASES MUCH MOTIVE POWER**

Duplicate Passenger Trains to Hundreds of Locomotives Released for Use Elsewhere by Plan Proposed by Railroad Board.

ALL SCHEDULES AFFECTED

Reduction Will Affect Both Passengers and Freights Out of Omaha.

WON'T IMPAIR EFFICIENCY

Omaha railroads will curtail their passenger service in the near future. A curtailment of the freight service is expected later on. This action is in line with the plans being worked out by Daniel Willard and other members of the federal council's general rail-road board. It is in the interest of economy and to release men and equipment that they may go into other service.

other service.
The curtailment of the service The curtailment of the service on the roads operating in and out of Omaha will release hundreds of locomotives, but whether or not they will be sent to Europe, is not known by Omaha railroad men

Omaha railroad men.
Omaha railroad officials, on account
of a number of their chiefs being
members of the American Railway association and National Council of Defense, do not feel at liberty to discuss
the plans for curtailing the railroad
service of the country, but they all
admit that it can be and will be done
without seriously impairing its efficiency.

ency.

To curtail the service, say the Oma-ha railroad officials, and meet the ideas of the federal council's railroad board, means that the number of pas senger trains operated in and out of this city will be reduced at least one-

Release Army of Men.

In reducing the freight service, the plans contemplated will cut out more than half of the freight trains, thus recleasing hundreds of locomotives in Omaha territory and at the same time permit an army of men to engage in agricultural or other pursuits by which they may add to the supply of foodstuffs of the country.

To curtail the passenger service it is asserted that the first thing that will be the country.

is asserted that the first thing that will be done will be eliminating a number of trains operating between Omaha

Each day, between 5 and 6:15 in the evening, there are six passenger trains leaving Omaha for Chicago.

Approximately 3,000 hanks in every

two more leaving between 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock, when, as a matter of fact, one could handle the business.

Two more trains leave for Chicago between 8:35 and 10#10 o'clock, and

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Viviani Kisses the Hand

ard Marshal Joffre, in response to a Regular army recruiting again great demonstration, said "thank showed good results yesterday, with you" and then, waving his hand a total of 2,665 men accepted, making above him, shouted: "Vive la Amer-45,340 brought into the service since ique!"

the prenchinen shook names with the members, and as Representative leanette Rankin passed down the line M' Viviani, bending low, kissed her hand. Several little girls, some of them daughters of members, were kissed upon the cheecks by Marshal, loffer.

A Bale at New York

So cheer up. Things are growing brighter. The weather outlook for today is "rain and continued cold," but it is likely that clearing skies will come by Saturday.



"Lord How Long?"

LIBERTY LOAN BONDS SNAPPED **UP BY INVESTORS**

Treasury Department at Rate of Million Dol lars an Hour.

ALL U. S. BANKS ARE BUSY

Indications that First Install ment Will Be Far Oversubscribed.

FIRST CASH IS PAID ITALY

Washington, May 3 .- Subscriptions At this time there are in the Omaha-Chicago passenger traffic twenty-five bonds of the Liberty loan of 1917 poured into the treasury today at a

section of the country simultaneously were taking subscriptions over their counters. There was every indication that the huge issue would be far oversubscribed.

Secretary McAdoo today delivered to the Italian ambassador \$100,000,-000 which the government decided to 000 which the government decided to To fix maximum and minimum advance Italy to meet its pressing demands.

The \$100,000,000 for France probably will be similarly delivered shortly, bringing the total advanced the allies

Not Yet Taken Lere.

Omaha banks are not yet taking subscriptions over the counter to buy Omaha's share of the \$2,000,000,000 government bonds which are to yield the liberty loan for the federal government.
"The banks in Omaha sent in \$1,-

The banks in Omana sent in \$1,-000,000 some days ago," said Presi-dent Joseph Millard of the Omaha National bank, "and they expect to take more after a while."

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The money paid for these bonds are convertible into new bonds at a higher rate of interest if such as the beginning of its work in the war heads of the principles of the principles of democracy.

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OFFERS BILL TO MAKE PRESIDENT **FOOD DICTATOR**

Subscriptions Are Pouring Into House Measure Gives Executive Full Power to Regulate Distribution and Prices of All Necessities.

PROVISIONS ARE SWEEPING

Head of Government Authorized to Take Such Action at Discretion.

PRESENTED BY REP. LEVER

Washington, May 3.-Absolute authority to regulate in its discretion part of Russia in the common struggle the distribution and prices of food of all the entente allies. and other necessities during the war was asked of congress today by the administration.

In a sweping bill, introduced with administration approval by Chairman Lever of the house agriculture committee, it is proposed to em-power the president, under the war clause of the constitution, to take these measures whenever in his opinion the national emergency shall re-

other necessaries and the articles re-quired for their production.

To Regulate Exchanges.

To prescribe regulations to govern the production of these commodifies if necessary to requisition the pro-ducing factories, mines or other es-

To compel holders of necessaries

he finds necessary to prevent excessive "dumping" of foreign products

BRITISH BREAK THROUGH GERMAN FRONT IN TWO PLACES 12 MILES APART IN BIG NEW ARRAS DRIVE

English Troops Capture Bullecourt After Passing Great Prussian Fortified Trench System Toward Reincourt, Says Reuter's Correspondent At General Haig's Headquarters.

FRESNOY TAKEN IN ATTACK BY THE CANADIANS

Fighting Furious Over Whole Battle Region as King George's Men Strike for Fourth Time Against Teuton Line, Guarding Goal of Allies.

FRENCH ALSO PROGRESS IN CHAMPAGNE REGION

London, May 3.-The British troops have reached Cherisey, crossed the Hindenburg line toward Reincourt, and are reported to have taken Bullecourt, says Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters.

Indian troops captured Fresnoy. The taking of Fresnoy and the reported capture of Bellecourt indicates that the British troops have smashed their way through the Hindenburg line

at two points, twelve miles apart on the Arras battle front. The new British attack takes in virtually the entire front on which the battle of Arras was begun on Easter Monday and evidently is a major operation. It is the fourth great attack which the British made along

RUSSIA ASSURES ALLIES IT WILL

Provisional Government Intions There Will Be No

Slackening of Effort.

Petrograd (Via London), May 3.—
The Russian provisional government has sent to Russian representatives in the entente allied countries a note assuring the allies that the change in government in Russia cannot afford a pretext for any slatkening on the a pretext for any slaekening on the part of Russia in the common struggle of all the entente allies.

The Germans counter attacked heavily near Gavrelle and Loos. These onslaughts were dealt with satisfactorily by the British gunners.

Milukoff's Statement.

says in part: "Firmly convinced of the victorious tion which was still being held by issue of the present war and in per-the Germans in the new lines east of fect agreement with our allies, the pro- Mont Haut, and capturing the German visional government is confident that garrison of more than 200 men, the the problems which were created by war office announced, this war will be solved by the creation

British Launch Attack. this war will be solved by the creation on a firm basis of a lasting peace, and that, inspired by identical sentiments, the allied democracies will find means the allied democracies will find means of establishing the guarantees and establishing the guarantees and sunched against the Germans early penalties necessary to prevent any re-course to sanguinary war in the fu-

Will Send Engineers.

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Washington, May 3.—In addition to and the battiefields at times are enthe political and economic commission which President Wilson will send to Russia, a commission of eminent railward the front, look like millers under heavy layers of chalk-white powders. Russia, a commission of eminent rail-road engineers will be sent immediately to help reconstruct that nation's to release them in amounts insuring transportation system. They will be equitabel distribution.

To regulate exchanges in such a John F. Stephens, one of the principal engineers employed on the Panapat engineers employed on the Pana-ma canal, John C. Greiner, railroad-consulting engineer, and Henry Mil-ler, former president of the Wabash.

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In All Omaha Schools

Battle Begun Before Dawn.

In their new attack of today the British made progress in the direction of Fresnov and Charisy and also toward Bullecourt, Reuter's correspondent at the British headquarters re-

The British attacked in the darkest STAND BY THEM The British attacked in the darkest hour preceding dawn this morning. striking at the German positions east of Arras. The infantry assault was de-Provisional Government In- layed half an hoperafter the half shoon forms Other Entente Na- had gone down. The night was clear tions There Will Be No and starlif and the almost ceaseless flashing of guns gave definite shape

to the shadowy outlines of the sali-IS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Revolution Affords No Pretext
for Any Letup in Fight
Against Teutons.

WILSON SENDING EXPERTS

to the shadowy outlines of the salient points. The correspondent says the attack was directed to the taking of certain to improving the British line. The British desired to gain complete mastery of positions whence their artillery would be able more effectively to devastate the fresh troops which the Germans continue to throw in.

Gains in Several Directions.

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French Advance in Champagne. The note, which is dated May I, and signed by Foreign Secretary Milukoff, important gain on the Champagne front last night, reducing the

this morning
Hard fighting is in progress under
a warm spring sun. There has been
no rain for more than ten days now

Reports from the battle front are as yet meager, but it appears that satisfactory progress 's being made. The attack was on a wide front. At Bullecourt the British took another bite into the Hindenburg line.

Embargo Section of Spy Bill Amended by Senate