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BAKER TO PRESENT FACTS AT A SECRET SESSION TOMORROW; THINKS NEW POWERS SHOULD BE GRANTED PRESIDENT

Navy Has Granted Great Service To The Army

BAKER STATED THAT AMERICAN TONNAGE LOSSES HAD BEEN SMALL; QUESTION OF SHIPS TO BE DISCUSSED TOMORROW

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 6.—Cross examination of Secretary Baker on his recent statement before the Senate military committee was begun at a public hearing before the committee today.

After a number of questions regarding Baker estimates as to tonnage available this year for transport troops to France, the question arose as to whether it would be proper for Baker to answer such questions in a public session. The secretary proposed that he be permitted to prepare statements showing the exact facts and details as prepared by experts, and present them to a committee and return for cross examination later. Baker said he had not determined whether the troops will be kept in southern camps next summer. If the summer is as extreme as the winter had been, he said some would have to be moved.

He stated that American tonnage losses have been exceedingly light and that the "service the navy has rendered in the protection of the coast has been unexampled."

Baker gave the opinion that new legislation will be desirable which would give the President the general powers of transfer, and to co-ordinate the functions of the various departments as conditions arise. The question of ships to transport troops to France will be presented to the committee in secret session tomorrow. It was indicated the President and secretary are taking steps that they hope will satisfy those pressing the bill for a director of munitions.

"SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF" IS SHOWING MADE BY THE PHYSICIANS

Jacksonville, Feb. 6.—The response of doctors from all sections of the state to the colors has been a splendid one. The records show that up to date there have been 145 physicians who have responded and are now doing their part in volunteer service for their country.

Jacksonville heads the list with thirty-eight physicians, who have volunteered, and who have gone. This amounts to a little over 26 per cent of the total number from the state. This is more than from Tampa, Pensacola, Key West, Miami, Ocala and Tallahassee put together.

It is more than three times as many as from Tampa or Pensacola. More than nine times as many as from Ocala, Key West or Gainesville. More than twelve as many as from Fort Dade, Lakeland or Lake City. More than eighteen as many as from Orlando, St. Augustine, Clermont, Clearwater or Mulberry.

The Duval County Medical Society will soon have a service flag with its thirty-eight stars floating from the professional building.

The American Berkshire Congress will be held in Orlando February 12th and stock raisers from all portions of the United States will be in attendance.

KIND-HEARTED BURGLARS DRESS VICTIM'S WOUNDS

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Fred Lamar, a holiday visitor in town, returned to his hotel room early in the morning and was set upon by two burglars, one of whom smashed him playfully over the head with a shotgun.

Taking pity on their victim, they bathed and dressed his wounds, gave him back a fair third of his money and walked out. Lamar was so astonished that he forgot to turn in the alarm.

VIOLENT ARTILLERY BATTLES ON VERDUN FRONT

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Feb. 6.—A violent artillery battle on the Verdun front in the region of the Fosses Wood, east of the Meuse, is reported in today's official statement. In the Woivre the French brought back prisoners.

Negotiations At Brest-Litovsk Again Are Broken Off

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 6.—Negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off, the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph says he is informed.

Five Buildings Of Ind. Reformatory Burn; Inmates Safely Removed

(By Associated Press.)

Jeffersonville, Feb. 6.—Five of thirteen buildings comprising the Indiana State reformatory, burned today with a loss estimated at a million dollars. Twelve hundred and eighty-five prisoners were removed safely, none trying to escape.

DAYTONA MAN FELL TO DEATH IN AN AIRPLANE GERMANS TAMPERED

Daytona, Feb. 6.—Weakened by the injuries resulting in a fall in an airplane, which collapsed as the result of tampering by German agents Frederick E. Sheppard, Daytona's first soldier victim, died in Toronto, Can., recently. Death came on the eve of his departure for Florida, where he was to have spent his sick leave.

Sheppard was one of eight men who fell as the result of having machine control wires cut by German agents, and was the only one to escape alive. He was buried with military honors in Toronto.

The news of his death shattered many plans for a reunion made by his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Sheppard, 527 South Palmetto avenue, and his fiancée, who is also a local resident.

Japan has a population of 54,000,000, spread over an area of 147,655 square miles, a territory just a trifle larger than the State of Montana, which has a population of 446,000.

SPECULATION IN GREEN COFFEE ORDERED STOPPED BY HOOVER

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 6.—Speculation in green coffee by the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange was ordered discontinued today by Hoover. He forbids dealing in green coffee at a price above 8 1-2 cents per pound for type No. 7 on spot months.

PARIS INSTITUTES A "MESS" FOR OFFICERS AT 49 CENTS

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Feb. 6.—The military authorities at Paris have begun, somewhat late, it must be admitted, to realize that many an army officer on special duty in Paris, especially a lieutenant with his \$60 a month, may

AGREEMENT BEEN REACHED WHEREBY AMERICANS WILL GET CANNED GOODS FROM FRANCE

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Feb. 6.—An agreement has been reached between the French and American governments by which canned fruit and vegetables for American forces in France, will be supplied by France.

be worse off than a workingman with \$3 a day. So consequently it has been decided to institute a mess for officers at which they can lunch or dine economically. The scheme will offer a meal at 49 cents. The contractor will be allowed to buy his provisions at army prices.

Ship Yard Workers Needed To Speed Up Construction

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 6.—Responsibility for the success or failure of the government's ship-building program was put on labor today by General Manager Piez of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, in an appeal for shipyard workers, and the fact that the yards are working only one shift six days per week he characterized as "monstrous."

FLORIDA CALLED ON TO SUPPLY A LARGE NUMBER OF SHIP CARPENTERS

Jacksonville, Feb. 6.—Florida has been called upon, through the State Council of Defense, to furnish three thousand four hundred and thirty-five mechanics who can work upon the emergency fleet this nation is building to overcome the handicap of the unrestricted submarine warfare of the German enemy. Three eight-hour shifts must be used in everyone of the seven hundred and sixteen ship ways now devoted to government shipbuilding, and over \$1,000,000,000 has been appropriated for the work.

Charles Piez, manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, has sent out from the Washington headquarters an urgent appeal to every State Council, every State Food Administrator and every Navy League Chapter to immediately launch a campaign for ship-building volunteers. Manager Piez has issued the following appeal:

"The work of the State Councils of Defense and of the Agent of the Public Service Reserve in enrolling two hundred and fifty thousand skilled workmen for the United States shipyard volunteers is of paramount importance in the early winning of this war, for on earnest labor depends the early construction of our merchant fleets.

"Within sixty days three huge government yards will be completed and soon thereafter more than sixty thousand workmen will be required to furnish for them the three eight-hour shifts necessary if these yards are to turn out their ships according to schedule.

"The Shipping Board now has 718 shipways. Three hundred and two are for wooden ships and 14 are for steel construction. The yards in which they are established are only working one eight-hour shift per day six days a week. This is monstrous. If we are to keep ahead of the submarines we must run three shifts per day fifty-two weeks in the year.

"Our program calls for the construction in 1918 of eight times the tonnage delivered in 1916 at a cost of more than a billion dollars. The Shipping Board has the necessary yards, the material and the money. All that is lacking is a spirit in the nation that will send a quarter of a million American mechanics into the yards to give their best and most efficient work.

"We all honor the men in uniform

Diversion of Shipping To The South Is Again Being Considered

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 6.—Further steps looking to the diversion of railroad traffic from the most congested eastern gateways were taken today by McAdoo by appointing a traffic investigation committee, headed by B. L. Winchell, traffic director of the Union Pacific. T. C. Powell, Cincinnati, vice president of the Southern Railway, is a member of the committee.

Many Killed When Two Trains Went Together At Full Speed In Finland

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 6.—A great number of persons were killed and injured in a collision between a train loaded with Red Guards and a government train sent to intercept the Red Guard train near Kemi, Finland, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. The trains came together at full speed.

Pleasant Stovall Gets Final Orders From President Before Sailing

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 6.—Pleasant A. Stovall, of Savannah, American minister to Switzerland, called on the President today for a final conference before returning to his post.

Bill Providing Moratorium For Soldiers Passed Today

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 6.—The soldiers' and sailors' civil rights bill, providing for a moratorium for men in the military establishment, was unanimously passed today by the Senate, virtually as passed by the House.

MUST UNLOAD GUNS DEPOSITED AT CLUBS

(By Associate Press.)

London, Feb. 6.—Clubs frequented by military men home on leave have been troubled by officers carelessly depositing loaded revolvers in the cloak rooms, and several of the clubs now display a notice reading, "Members and visitors returning from the front are requested to unload their rifles or pistols before leaving them with the attendant."

Stockholm, Feb. 6.—Some of Christianstad's leading citizens do not intend this year to bare their heads to winter's biting blasts, regardless of rules of courtesy. They published in the city's paper a notice to the effect that, when meeting acquaintances in the street, they intend, "during the cold season, merely to make military salute and not remove the head covering. And request all to respond in the same manner."

London, Feb. 6.—The appointment of Lord Hugh Cecil to a seat in the King's Privy Council brings about the unique situation of three brothers being members of that honorable body at the same time, the three being Lord Robert Cecil, Lord Hugh Cecil and the Marquis of Salisbury.

The 2,000 ton steamer, Capt. W. M. Tupper, built by the Merrill-Stevens Co., of Jacksonville, was launched January 1st, and will be put on the Tampa-New Orleans run in the fall. In the meantime she will be in the trans-Atlantic service.

AMERICANS KEPT UP A CONTINUOUS FIRING ALL DAY YESTERDAY

ARE MAKING IT HOT FOR THE GERMANS; RED GUARD DEFEATED

(By Associated Press.)

With American Army in France, Tuesday, Feb. 5.—(Delayed)—American artillery kept up a continuous fire on enemy batteries today, the Germans responding. At the same time American anti-aircraft guns prevented German airmen from crossing the lines.

(By Associated Press.)

Stockholm, Feb. 6.—General Manherheim's forces defeated the Red Guards and Russians at Uleaborg and captured the city which is the chief military depot of northern Finland. The battle lasted two days and several hundred were killed in the fighting.

DESTROYERS? WE'LL LEAD WORLD SOON

Washington, Feb. 6.—In one week the navy department let contracts for more destroyers than had been built for the American government in its entire previous history.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels in an interview mentioned this as part of what this country was trying to do in the war on the German submarines. Secretary Daniels, if he had been so-minded, could have added these facts:

At the conclusion of our building program we will have more destroyers than any nation in the world.

Plans nearly completed make it possible to break a world's record in turning out destroyers. Hitherto our best time had been close to two years. With parts being manufactured in various sections of the country, the final assembling when one big plant is completed will take but five months.

Much of this is due to the co-operation between Secretary Daniels and Charles Schwab of the Bethlehem Steel Co. This concern has been turning out vast quantities of guns and munitions for the allies.

Here is a sample of how Bethlehem works. The navy department wanted to let contracts for a big number of destroyers. There were four or five firms with plants that could do the work. But some of them were also pretty well loaded up with contracts for submarines, battle cruisers and other ships for the navy. So Schwab practically said to Daniels:

"Let all the contracts to the other fellow that you can, and we will undertake to build the balance of your destroyers."

In order to do this it was not only necessary to work his Massachusetts concern, the Fore River Shipbuilding corporation, to full capacity, as well as his subsidiaries on the Pacific coast, but also to build a new plant.

Fore River has 14 ships in operation, accommodating 36 keels at one time. On the Pacific coast his Ridson Iron Works and Union Iron Works will between them have room for over 40 keels. But the new plant will be the largest in the country, devoted exclusively to building destroyers.

PREDICTS NEXT GOVERNOR WILL BE A WOMAN

One of our delinquent subscribers in DeSoto county writes to ask if it would not be a great thing for Arcadia if Andrew Carter were elected governor. Yes, it would; but it would be mighty hard on Tallahassee.—Tallahassee Record. Don't let a thing like that worry you, Bro. Felkel. The next governor will be a woman.—Sebring White Way.

Orlando has an ambition to secure the location of a government hospital and a committee of citizens will hustle to get what is wanted.