

NAVY BUILDING PROGRAM IS LARGEST IN HISTORY

One single printed page constitutes the annual report, just made public, of Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, although that officer is carrying out the largest naval building program ever entered upon by any nation.

built and sent abroad immediately after the declaration of war. In some cases a year has been saved in the construction of destroyers.

REMEDY FOR LOCAL TRACTION PROBLEM

Consolidation or Municipal Ownership—New Lines Needed.

A single unit of administration is essential to the efficient and economical handling of a surface street car system. In fact, a natural municipal monopoly under more than one control is an anachronism. It is fundamentally necessary that the street car systems of this city shall come under one management if the present congested condition is remedied and an efficient plan is worked out for an efficient future service.

AMERICAN SOLDIER'S IMAGINATION KEEN

One Who Returned From Trenches Says He Counted 500 Aeroplanes.

"KILLED 200 GERMANS"

BY THOMAS M. JOHNSON. (Copyright, 1917. All rights reserved.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, November 19.—Various people who write things for the magazines in the United States have been saying that the American soldier when he got into the trenches would show greater imagination than any soldier in the world. They were absolutely right. The American soldier is in the trenches now, and he is surely showing a most marvelous imagination.

BLAME FOR WRECK PLACED

I. C. C. Reports Investigation Into Collision Near Orange, Va.

The collision between two Southern Railway passenger trains at Larmond, near Orange, Va., October 21, resulting in two deaths and the injury of twelve persons, was caused by the failure of the north-bound local to wait two minutes after the switch was opened before moving onto the main track.

SUGGESTS SUSPENSION OF THE ANNUAL LEAVE

Rear Admiral Earle, in View of War Needs, Would Give Cash Commutation.

Suspension of the annual leave system during the continuance of the war has been recommended by Rear Admiral Ralph Earle, chief of the naval bureau of ordnance.

WILL ADVANCE \$6,000,000

Two million dollars will be advanced by the War and Navy departments to the Bethlehem Steel Company on munitions contracts because of the difficulties in obtaining funds from private sources to expedite deliveries.

SAVING 500 "BOSH" AEROPLANES

"What happened up there?" we asked them.

"Well," said one tall youth, with the soft drawl of the south, squinting at us through a lather of muddy soap suds, "it was right muddly up there, 'I didn't get my clothes off once."

District National Bank, 1406 G Street.

War Stamps and Certificates—the "Battle Cry of Freedom."

LET it ring loud in every home that you remember at Christmas—let them be the bearer of your holiday greetings this year. You will be doing a doubly good thing—giving something of real value—and helping to win the war.

We can supply the Stamps and Certificates.

If you want to go a little stronger—we have some of the last issue of Liberty Bonds. These can be bought for cash—or on monthly payments.

DON'T make yourself a stranger. Just come right in and make this YOUR Bank. We place our splendid facilities at your disposal. If it's a commercial account, there are many ways in which we can be of service. If it's a savings account, we pay interest on your deposits.

The feature of this Bank is its "willing service." We co-operate with our customers in every possible way.

H. L. Offutt, Jr., Cashier. Robert N. Harper, President.

Multiplying German Casualties.

A little farther down the street a short, bowlegged soldier was engaged in trying to climb a rickety ladder into his favorite billet while burdened with...

TO DISCUSS HOUSING PROBLEM

Women Meet Tomorrow at Rauscher's in Interest of New Clerks.

A meeting of the woman's department of the National Civic Federation for the morning has been called for tomorrow at 11 o'clock at Rauscher's.

RELATION OF IDAHO CASE TO PROHIBITION IN D. C.

Prominent Washington Attorney Discusses Recent Decision of the U. S. Supreme Court.

"The decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Idaho prohibition case," said a prominent attorney today, "has no application to the excise situation in Washington now, except to serve as an authority in support of the recent decision of Justice Gould upholding the validity of the Sheppard law."

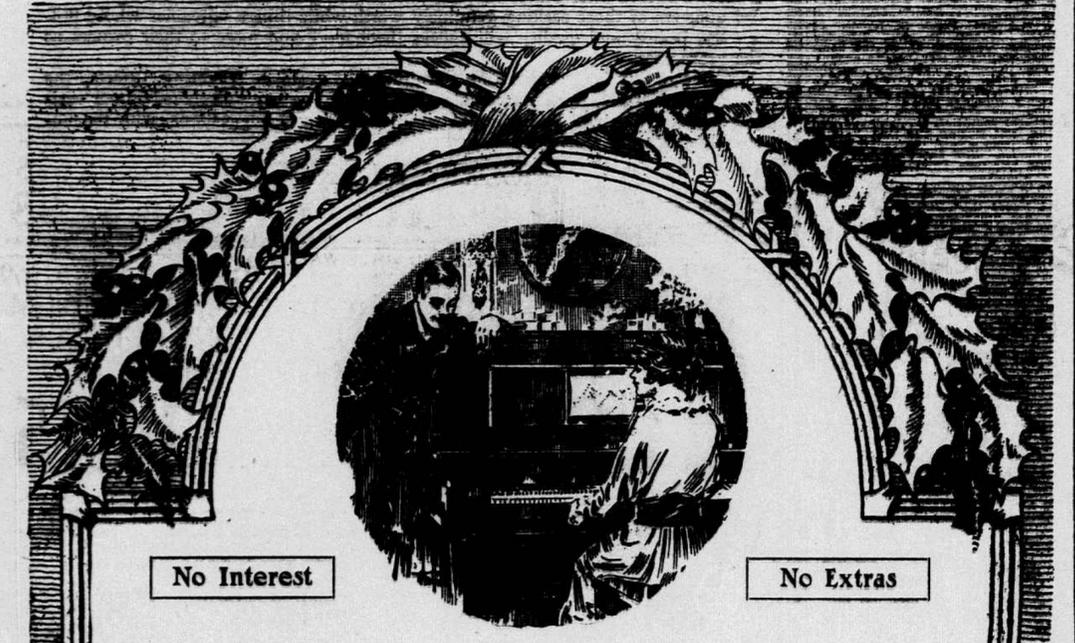
MAY BUY FARM LOAN BONDS

Congress Considers Providing for Purchase of \$50,000,000.

A \$50,000,000 government fund with which to buy farm loan bonds may be established by Congress as a means of strengthening the agricultural loan system.

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Have a New Player-Piano Christmas! Start Your Monthly Payments Feb. 1

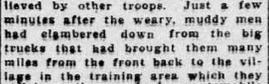
WE want you to have a new Player-piano in your home for Christmas. In order that you may do this easily we will allow you to select your Piano—or Player-piano—now and pay for it according to the following terms:

No Interest No Extras No Monthly Payments Until Feb. 1

HECHT & CO. are exclusive Washington sales agents for the HARDMAN Pianos and Player-pianos. This means you can get the Piano that is declared "Official" by the Metropolitan Opera Co., or others made by HARDMAN.

Hecht & Co. Seventh Street, Between E and F

Whether taken from box or bon-bon dish, there is supreme enjoyment in eating



BLOCK'S CHOCOLATES

Made daily in the largest and most sanitary factory in the South, where each candy maker is an artist in his line, they have rightfully earned the title of "The Chocolate Aristocrats"

Made by Frank E. Block Company Atlanta, Ga. For Sale by All Leading Druggists.

Shows Photograph in School Work.

Thomas P. Radcliffe of Camden, N. J., gave a demonstration before the pupils of the Park View School yesterday of the use of which photographs may be put in school instruction work.

JEWISH FUND SWELLED

The \$50,000 fund being raised in Washington as its share of the \$10,000,000 fund by the American Jewish relief committee for the war sufferers was swelled to the extent of \$1,500 as the result of "Sacrifice day," observed Monday by the Council of Jewish Women.

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