

DANIELS PUBLISHES 1918 REPORT OF U. S. NAVAL DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—With a story of brilliant achievements of the American navy in the war, Secretary Daniels publishes his annual report today, an urgent recommendation for continued naval expansion to meet the demands of peace for national and international work on the sea.

The war, the secretary declares, served the navy's motto both at home and abroad. From the day when the first three-year program was adopted in 1915, he adds, "Congress has given everything that could be desired to insure the effectiveness of the naval arm."

Teamwork had been the navy's slogan for five years, and it continued to be the war motto both at home and abroad. The striking success of the navy is ascribed to this fact by Mr. Daniels, who continues: "Apparently there have been times when a secretary of the navy seemed to be the only man in the world who was not a part of the team."

A striking picture of the fighting at Belleau Wood, now renamed in honor of the Marine Brigade, is given. The place was a jungle filled with machine gun nests, the secretary says, impossible to reach with artillery or grenades.

There was only one way, he continues, "to wipe out these nests—by bayonet. And by this method were they wiped out, for United States Marines, bare chested, shouting their battle cry of 'E-e-e-e-e, yee-ah-h-h-h, yee-ah-h-h-h' charged straight into the murderous fire from those guns, and went out of the number that charged, in more than one instance, only one would reach the stronghold. There, with his bayonet as his only weapon, he would either kill or capture the defenders of the nest, and then swinging the gun about in its position, turn it against the remaining German positions in the forest."

In all the history of the marine corps there is no such battle as that one in Belleau Wood. The heroism and doggedness of that battle are unparalleled. The report describes the laying of the North Sea mine barrage, wholly an American enterprise. While there is no way of ascertaining definitely what that 250 mile barrier did to enemy submarines, Mr. Daniels says there is reason to believe that ten U-boats had ended their career at the barrage before the middle of October.

Another engineering achievement of the year is the completion and testing of the first electric-drive battleship, the New Mexico. Despite adverse criticism which met the determination to employ this mechanism on battle craft, the report says, the New Mexico has not only met every requirement but has passed many additional tests with the result that "in this unique vessel, the United States navy has a battleship which has no peer in the world's navies, not only for economic propulsion and less liability to serious derangement, but for military superiority in greater maneuvering power and increased underwater protection."



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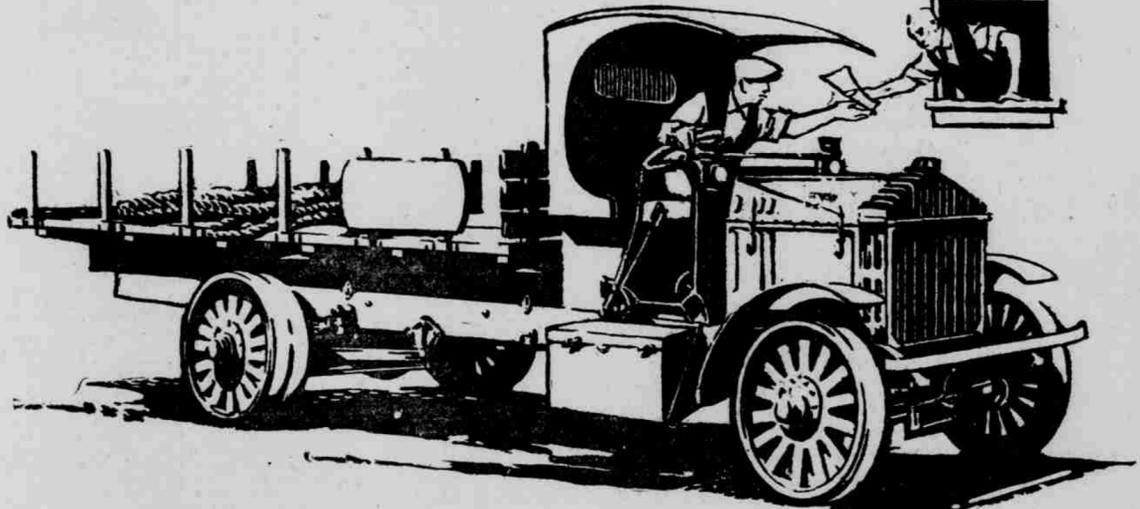
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