

Double Output of Destroyers to Chase Subs

Secretary Daniels Plans to Put United States Foremost Among World Powers in Number and Strength of Destroyers.

Type of Vessel Most Feared by Undersea Craft—Secretary Confers With Representatives of 25 Leading Ship and Engine Builders.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Immediate expansion of building facilities of the United States to double or triple the output of destroyers during the next 18 months was the object of a conference today between Secretary Daniels and representatives of 25 or more ship and engine builders.

"If we get what we want," the secretary said, "the United States will have more destroyers than any other power. They are the one thing that a submarine fears."

The secretary indicated that all the destroyers the builders could produce would be ordered.

Every aspect of ship building that bears on destroyer production was taken up at the conference. There is no shortage of material or plant facilities, but a difficulty lies in obtaining high power engines, boilers and reduction gear.

Secretary Daniels said no additional submarine chasers would be ordered at present. The chasers are valuable for harbor and inshore patrol work, but the destroyers are far superior even for these duties and have in addition sea-going qualities.

Every suggestion that the ship or engine builders had to make today to additional motive power for the destroyers was given close attention. The possibility of making some of the new vessels with oil engines was among the suggestions offered.

Secretary Daniels said he favored expansion of the plants now building destroyers as the most efficient means of speeding up.

The experience of all Allied navies is that the destroyer is more deadly to submarines than any other type of craft.

Another aspect is the problem of furnishing convoys to troops and supply ships, which will grow as American forces in France are increased.

Believe Man Shot By Policeman Is Accessory Salesman

Detectives Burns and Curry believe they have disclosed the identity of the man who was shot dead in New York city last week by a policeman. A photo of the man was shown to jitney drivers and others in this city and they stated the dead man was F. W. Grace, a New York auto salesman, selling automobile accessories. He is thought to have stopped at the Atlantic and Hartman hotels while here.

The man when killed wore a hat bought in a Main street store but the license failed to identify the photo of the deceased. Grace was being questioned by a policeman who found him standing in a doorway when he broke into a run.

The policeman fired a shot in the air to halt Grace. The latter drew a revolver and fired twice at the policeman, missing each time. The latter then took aim and killed Grace with a bullet through the head.

INDICTED MEMBERS OF BOARD NO. 99 PLEAD GUILTY AND ARE SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN ATLANTA "PEN"

New York, Aug. 20.—Dr. S. J. Bernfeld and Louis I. Cherey, indicted members of exemption board No. 99, entered pleas of guilty today to a charge of conspiracy to obstruct the draft law when they were about to be placed on trial. They were sentenced to two years each in the federal penitentiary in Atlanta.

Kalman Gruber, a member of the board but indicted with them on the same charge, elected to stand

I. W. W. STRIKE OF 33,000 WORKERS NOW IN EFFECT

Officer and 26 Leaders of Movement Held For Investigation.

50,000 LUMBERMEN IN FOUR STATES OUT

Rowan Declares His Arrest Will Intensify Tie-up of Industries.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 20.—No Industrial Workers of the World construction workers in the vicinity of Seattle were on strike today as far as could be learned.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 20.—With James Rowan, executive officer of the district for the Industrial Workers of the World, held in the county jail as a military prisoner, orders for a strike of agricultural and construction workers of the organization, declared to number 33,000 in the four northwestern states, became effective today. Some 50,000 lumber workers in the four states already are said to be on strike in obedience to orders from the I. W. W.

Rowan and 26 other alleged members of the I. W. W. were taken into custody yesterday by Idaho national guardsmen on patrol duty here. Investigation of the individual cases of each man was promised today by Major Clement Wilkins, under whose direction the arrests were made. He told the men that any one of them found innocent of trying to hamper the harvest and tie up the industries of the country would be given his freedom. Money amounting to \$1,300 taken from the men at the time of their arrest will be returned to them on their release.

The declaration of Rowan that the effect of his arrest would intensify the tie-up of the industries apparently was not borne out by early reports today from various sections.

The principal object of the lumber men's strike, according to Rowan, is to bring about an eight hour day and better working conditions. The strike order for today of the agricultural and construction workers, he said, was a protest against the arrests of members of the organization in various parts of the northwest.

The arrest of Rowan and the others was made, Major Wilkins said, "under general orders empowering me to take such steps as appeared to be necessary to prevent the destruction of property and the hampering of industry."

Four hundred miners employed in manganese mines in the Phillipsburg district, 60 miles east of Missoula, Mont., are on strike today. They are demanding \$5.50 a day, a 10% reduction of the monthly charges for board and recognition of the Metal Mine Workers' union, organized last Friday. According to the sheriff of Granite county, Montana, outsiders said to be I. W. W. organizers, formed the union.

250,000 Metal Workers To Go Out Unless Ship Yards Strike Is Settled

New York, Aug. 20.—Labor leaders in charge of the strike in ship yards in the New York district asserted that 250,000 metal workers in various parts of the country would be asked to declare a sympathetic strike unless a settlement is reached today.

According to those in charge of the strike in the New York district, men all the way from Seattle, Wash., to the Delaware river, they said, the meeting tomorrow will be attended by officials of the international unions involved, machinists, blacksmiths, boiler makers and pattern makers.

Louis Weyand, vice president of the International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, declared that his union was in the fight either to win or lose everything and that the men would keep up the struggle as long as the employers did.

Strike leaders said the latest acquisition to their ranks were the mechanics employed by the Standard Ship Building Co. on Shooter's island, who struck today, on being signalled from a motor boat containing strikers that appeared near the plant.

The strikers and employers are deadlocked over the question of establishing a minimum wage.

Work of demolishing the remaining half of the Stratford avenue bridge started Saturday and progressed rapidly yesterday. It will be only a few days before the work will be completed. The river traffic will not be seriously interfered with in the mean time.

BEGIN DEMOLISHING BRIDGE

Gruber, a dentist, was indicted as an alleged "go between," and is said to have arranged with drafted men for payments of money to obtain exemption.

Ha—A Robert Sigel, grandson of Gen. Franz Sigel, the famous German American Civil War general, has waived exemption after passing the physical examination in this city.

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WILL TRY AGAIN TO GET POLICE HERE EXEMPTED

Bluecoats Now Holding Jobs Are "Needed to Guard Munitions Plants."

MARTIAL LAW IS ON, SAYS CLAIM

Executives Drawing up New Form of Application For Policemen.

Following the ruling of the government officials refusing to exempt policemen from military duty and as a result of the refusal of the government to alter their stand on this phase of exemption, Asst. Supt. Charles Suckley has drawn a new form for exemption claim for officers and they were filed today.

Suckley asserts that conditions exist in Bridgeport which are not to be found in any other city in the country. That factories here are engaged in the making of war munitions and that large areas of Bridgeport "are under martial law" make it imperative that the efficiency of the force be unimpaired. Upon this ground chiefly exemption is asked. Mayor Wilson recently filed exemption claims for policemen but they were apparently rejected.

The police commissioners in their exemption claims for policemen set forth that "we are all members of the board of police commissioners of the city of Bridgeport, county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, duly appointed and now acting, and that as such board we are duly authorized to act for said city in making this affidavit that within said city are located many manufacturing plants which are now engaged in the manufacture of munitions for the United States of America and other supplies and material for the War Department of the United States, a partial list of said manufacturing plants, with the approximate number of men employed by each being as follows: (A list of factories are given for large sections of said city have been designated by the War Department as military or naval areas, and as such are now under martial law; that the enforcement of such martial law and restrictions and regulations incident to the establishment of such military and naval areas is now wholly entrusted to said Department; that the continuation of said Department in a state of unimpaired efficiency is essential to the maintenance of the military establishment, the national interest of the military forces, and the maintenance of national interests during the emergency."

The name of the policemen and other data concerning him is here inserted and the commissioners proceed to claim that the person sought to be exempted is "engaged in an industrial enterprise necessary to the maintenance of the military establishment or the effective operation of the military forces, or the maintenance of the national interest during the war he should be exempted."

The claim then concludes by binding the signers to the following action if the policeman is given exemption: "The said board and the makers of this affidavit bind themselves and themselves, if said person sought to be discharged is transferred to a position in which he is not necessary to said department, or if he ceases to be employed in said department, or whenever the conditions entitling such person to discharge cease to exist, to notify said District Board forthwith."

Fifty policemen are liable to draft and about a half dozen have been accepted.

TWO REPORT LOSS OF MONEY TO POLICE

Two men reported the loss of money to the police today. Leon John, 195 Spruce street, placed \$25 in a box and secreted the box in the Crane Co. factory, where he is employed. When he went to get the money it was gone. This afternoon a fellow employee was arrested.

Stamford Furnishings Store Is Bankrupt

The House of O'Brien, which furnished the unhappy suit, the young man of Stamford, has fallen upon evil days and today an application for receivership was filed by George P. O'Brien of Stamford. He says the company is capitalized at \$10,000 and he owns 64 of the 100 shares of stock.

In papers filed today in the superior court it is stated that the stockholders voted to dissolve the company because of financial difficulties. There is already an attachment on the stock and O'Brien declares the assets are in danger of waste through litigation. The court is asked to name somebody for the purpose of winding up the company's affairs.

THE WEATHER.

Partly cloudy tonight; Tuesday local showers and cooler.

PERSHING'S FORCES ARE PRAISED BY GENERAL PETAIN

American Training Camp in France, Aug. 20.—Gen. Petain, commander in chief of the French armies, visited Major Gen. John J. Pershing yesterday, spending the entire day in the American training area. After the visit Gen. Petain said he was much impressed and convinced that the American troops would become an excellent fighting force. Gen. Pershing will proceed to the front in several days.

"FIGHTING 69TH" BIDS GOODBYE TO NEW YORK CITY

Regiment Leaves For Training Camp in Mineola, Long Island.

New York, Aug. 20.—New York city bade farewell today to its famous regiment, the Fighting 69th, now the 165th United States National Guard, when the regiment left for its training camp in Mineola, L. I., after a parade through Fifth avenue and other thoroughfares lined with cheering thousands. The regiment will comprise part of the first "rainbow division" that will soon join the expeditionary force of Maj. Gen. Pershing in France.

The regiment, led by Lieut. Col. Latham Reed, second in command, marched from its army through streets hung with hundreds of small flags, the Stars and Stripes and the green flag of Ireland. A picturesque feature of the parade was the escort of honor composed of Spanish war veterans of the 69th, led by Col. Duffy, who commanded the unit in the Spanish War.

TO TRAIN YOUTHS IN ARTS UTILIZED IN NAVAL SERVICE

Rear Admiral Cowles, Retired, Plans Instruction For Volunteers.

Bridgeport young men will have an opportunity to become accomplished in sciences that are applied by the United States Navy, through the instruction of Rear Admiral William C. Cowles, retired.

Rear Admiral Cowles has obtained from Judge Frederic A. Bartlett, who holds a lieutenantcy in the officers' reserve, a list of former naval militia officers and trainees that are capable of instructing volunteers in navigation, signalling, piloting, seamanship, etc.

Within a few weeks, in Bridgeport as well as other seaport cities in Connecticut, a call will be issued for volunteers who wish to become proficient in these arts. Boys now too young for the draft, and registered young men who haven't been called yet, will be eligible. They may acquire ability that will make them desirable acquisitions should they wish to enlist later in the United States Navy, and will place them above the average enlisted man.

Admiral Cowles, who is acting as chairman of the military and naval committee of the state council of defense and naval aide in the governor's staff is anxious that Connecticut seaport cities like Bridgeport, New Haven and New London, have young men trained in anticipation of the completion of some of the craft involved in the vast shipbuilding program of the United States, and the auxiliary navy.

As fast as merchant vessels are completed, naval crews will be placed aboard them. Young men with efficient training will have an excellent chance to take good positions in these crews.

FATHER OF 3 MISSING

Michael Van Gelden of 135 Orland street, left home last Saturday to pay a bill and his wife states he has not been since. Inquiry about the city failed to elicit information as to his whereabouts. He has three children.

PRESIDENT WILL DECLARE RULING ON DEPENDENCY

Mix-Ups Over Claims for Exemption to Result in White House Order.

STATEMENT WILL CLARIFY MUDDLE

Fourth Division Completes Its Quota of Men For National Army.

President Wilson will settle the question of who may be exempt from military service in the national army on the ground of having dependents by an interpretation of the administration's application of the law. This announcement made at Washington today vitally interests many of the 212 national army subjects of this city who claimed exemption on the ground of having dependents. Some of the claims have been allowed and many have not, such cases now being in the progress of appeal to the district board.

The statement that President Wilson would devote himself to a new and definite explanation of just what constitutes dependents is not a surprise to Bridgeport for it was pointed out in Saturday's Farmer that President Wilson's letter to Senator Weeks of Massachusetts was "believed to be a tip to Provost Marshal General Crowder" with regard construing this important selection of the conscription act.

While the announcement is being awaited in Bridgeport, the selection of the army members goes on. Local boards are finishing their work as speedily as possible and today the district boards settled down to a consideration of claims for discharge of industrial grounds and those appeals from local boards which have thus far been filed. The district board went into executive session at the county court house at 11:15 this morning, all of the members being in attendance.

The federal investigators expected to start work today looking up some exemptions that have been allowed by local boards. The investigation will be merely to determine whether or not persons who procured exemptions were truthful in the statements they made.

Judge Frank L. Wilder, appointed for the first division will serve; T. M. Cullinan will replace David S. Day in the second; R. H. Gould will serve in the third; A. M. Comley will succeed W. H. Comley in the fourth; E. C. Nicholson will serve, so far as is known, in the fifth and the sixth is not decided, Jacob Klein, appointed for that division having declined to act.

A new call for men in the sixth division within a day or so is expected to bring in the last eligibles for draft examination in the city. The division is short 200 men of its quota after examining 736.

Lawyers Seek Job of Public Defender

Lawyers throughout the county are seeking the position of Public Defender. An office recently created for three criminal courts of common pleas by an act of the General Assembly. It has just been learned that the judges of the superior court have asked State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings to name a man for the place with the understanding that anybody he recommends will be considered appointed.

This place is much desired because the court convenes only for certain short periods and a lawyer would not need to give up general practice. The old custom was to have the court name individual lawyers to defend each prisoner who did not have counsel. The attorneys receive a fee of \$10 a case for this work. Under the new system the work will be done by one man, who will act as counsel for all prisoners. The first session of the court will be held in this city the first Tuesday in September.

Steamer Park City Permitted to Run

Government authorities in Port Jefferson have informed Captain C. E. Tooker of the steamer Park City that he would be allowed to continue runnings between Bridgeport and Port Jefferson.

Federal Supervisors Are Ordered Here

Nelson U. Blanned, of Framingham, Mass., and Porter Taylor of Providence, R. I., the latter having much experience with the institution and operation of the producers' market in Bridgeport by the food control bureau of Washington to investigate the situation developing here between producers and speculators who have locked horns at the producers' market in this city.

The men are thoroughly experienced in the details of management of such markets and will determine whether the competition is fair or otherwise and whether or not it is likely to have beneficial results.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John Mack of Fairfield and Anna Garpan of 251 Stillman street and Charles T. Hetch, Jr., of 569 Seaview avenue and Madeline Altman, of the same address, procured marriage licenses at the city hall today.

CANADIANS CLOSE IN ON LENS; GREAT ITALIAN DRIVE ON

Italians Launch Great Offensive on 37 Mile Front—Fighting Rages Furiously From Region of Tolmino to Point Near Adriatic Sea—Emperor Charles to Visit Front to Encourage Fighting Troops.

Rome, Aug. 20.—Commenting on the new Italian advance, the press says that it, like the British attack in Flanders, will be service if it demonstrates how the people and armies of the Allied countries feel toward the premature peace proposals of Pope Benedict. It is said that Austria apparently realizes the gravity of the situation, as an announcement is made that Emperor Charles is soon to visit the Austro-Italian front, presumably to encourage his troops.

The official Austrian statement of yesterday said the Italians had begun an offensive on a 37 mile front from the region of Tolmino to a point near the Adriatic Sea. The struggle was said to be raging with the greatest bitterness. Yesterday's Italian statement did not mention the engagement.

WALLED CITY OF SALONIKI NEARLY CONSUMED BY FIRE

London, Aug. 20.—More than half the walled city of Saloniki in Greek Macedonia, which is under occupation by the Entente troops, was destroyed by fire on Saturday. Eighty thousand persons who were made homeless were moved to neighboring villages last evening. The fire is now under control.

A German counter attack on the positions captured by the British yesterday morning southwest of Epehy was completely repulsed after sharp fighting, according to an official statement today by the war office. A successful raid was carried out last night south of Lens. On the Ypres battle front the British line has been advanced slightly southeast of St. Jambouk.

German military establishments in Belgium, which have been attacked repeatedly by British aeroplanes, were again raided Saturday night, the war office announces.

"Many tons of explosives were dropped on Saturday night by naval aeroplanes," the statement says, "on the following military objectives: St. Pierre station and sidings at Ghent, Thourout station and dump, Bruges docks.

BELGIAN OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENT

Paris, Aug. 20.—The Belgian official communication last night reads: "On the night of the 17th and 18th our patrols combated advance elements on the left bank of the Yser and St. Jacques Capelle. Yesterday and today the artillery executed destructive fire on the enemy batteries and neutralized several others."

ALLIES TO CONFER BEFORE REPLYING TO POPE'S NOTE

London, Aug. 20.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade and under secretary for foreign affairs, announced in the house of commons this afternoon that the Entente allied governments would hold a conference before a reply to the Pope's peace proposals would be sent to the Vatican.

Strike Conference At Lake Company to Be Held Tomorrow

The conference between Federal Conciliator R. M. McWade and officials of the Lake Torpedo Boat Co., concerning the strike, which was to have been held today, has been postponed until tomorrow.

ANNIE WALSH ESTATE.

Inventory of the estate of Annie M. Walsh filed today by Bernard Walsh and James Whalen, appraisers, shows bank deposits of \$25,63 and claims of doubtful value.

Position of Teuton Defenders of Town Now Desperate—Fierce Artillery Fire Harasses Attempts to Bring Up Provisions and Ammunition—Enemy Is Withdrawing Guns to Prevent Capture.

Canadian Headquarters in France, Aug. 20.—(By Canadian Press, Ltd.)—Northwest of Lens amid the trenches and railroad cuttings which form the last line of German defense in that quarter, the Canadians have succeeded in establishing strong posts in a special trench which was the scene of desperate and indecisive fighting two days ago.

These new posts give command of the last bit of ground from which the defenders of the city could overlook our advance from the west. They are now in a hollow all around the front, which swings about Lens in semicircular form. The eastern exits from the city are now subjected to a constant and harassing fire of the artillery and machine guns, which makes the bringing up of provisions and supplies of ammunition very difficult.

At 2 o'clock this morning a trench raid on the enemy's front northwest of Avion resulted in heavy fighting, in the course of which a considerable number of the enemy were killed in hand to hand fighting.

The Avion front was strongly held by the Germans as protection to Salu-mines, a large mining village to the southwest of Lens, where many guns withdrawn from the German forward area to escape capture are now located.

German prisoners speak with bitterness of seeing their guns in process of withdrawal while their infantry was sent forward with insufficient artillery. The loss of guns seems to be more important in the eyes of the German commanders than the loss of men.

FRENCH GAIN ON SECTOR OF 11 MILES

Paris, Aug. 20.—French troops made an attack this morning on both banks of the Meuse, on the Verdun front. Early information shows that the battle has developed to the advantage of the French on a sector of 11 miles. Prisoners already have begun passing to the rear.

WITHOUT A BLOW TEUTONS EVACUATE THE TALON RIDGE

Berlin, August 20, via London.—The war office announces that the French, without fighting, have occupied the Talon ridge, on the Verdun front east of the Meuse.

BULGARS BOMBARD CITY OF MONASTIR

Corfu, Aug. 20.—One quarter of the Serbian city of Monastir has been destroyed by fire caused by a Bulgarian bombardment, the Serbian press bureau announced today. The number of victims has not been ascertained.

AUSTRO-GERMANS PRESS RUMANIANS IN OITUZ VALLEY

Berlin, Aug. 20.—Forces of the Central powers on the Rumanian front have driven back the Rumanians on both sides of the Oituz valley and in the direction of the Trotus valley. It was officially announced today by the German war office.

In the fighting in the Oituz valley region the Austro-Germans took 1,500 prisoners and 30 machine guns.

TOWN CLERK RECOVERING.

Town Clerk Joseph Schults appeared at the city hall for a short time today after an absence of a month. He suffered a shock some time ago and was in St. Vincent's hospital for a week. He will not take up his duties for some time yet.