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### AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN "PROUDER THAN EVER"

Visited U. S. Troops on Marne Front, Wounded Boy Sends Cheering eMessage.

London, Aug. 2.—Nine American congressmen who, with members of the naval committee of the American house of representatives, makes twenty-two members of congress now in London, arrived yesterday morning from France and Italy. They had visited the Americans on the Marne front, saw the fighting there and said they were prouder than ever of America.

"We knew of America's wonderful effort," said Representative Cassius Dowell, of Des Moines, Ia., "but we did not realize so much has been done. It no longer is a case of the United States just getting into the war. She is in."

"But We're Winning War." Congressman Dowell said the most cheering message he got on the Marne front was from a boy who came from his home town, Des Moines. The soldier lay on a cot, wounded, and had just been brought in from the fighting zone. He said, smilingly, to the congressman: "Tell the folks at home that we may not all come back, but that we are winning the war."

Congressman Dowell added that he had found the same spirit everywhere. "It was wonderful," he said. "We knew what stuff our men are made of, but we had to visit the battlefield to appreciate what they were doing. There isn't a man in our party who will return home with any other thought but that this war must not end until German militarism has been crushed for all time."

Representatives John K. Tillman and Thaddeus H. Caraway, of Arkansas, are members of the party.

The congressmen spent several days at the front in France, and before that they made a tour through Italy. They said the presence of American troops in Italy had thrilled the entire nation just as did the arrival of the Americans in France. Everywhere the Americans go the populace cheer them and are eager to shake their hands.

Several of the party accompanied the naval committee at the audience with King George at Buckingham palace yesterday afternoon.

Some Reports Misleading as to Scale of Fighting Now Carried on by Allies.

### NO PRAISE TOO HIGH FOR U. S. INFANTRY

London, Aug. 2.—Reuter's correspondent on the American front telegraphing Thursday night says: "There may be some danger of misconception or disappointment arising from certain flamboyant accounts of the fighting on the American front since these give the impression of tremendous efforts with little headway and the conclusion may be drawn that the director of the allied advance is finding accomplishment beyond his means. Although no praise is too high for the way the Americans are fighting, that fighting is on a comparatively small scale as things are measured on this front and does not suggest hurry on the part of the allied command to reach a particular destination."

"If the commander's purpose required speed, more guns would be needed for by comparison with past fighting the present operations might also be called gunless, so large has the scale of the infantry been. It has been bitter as possible and the Americans have won imperishable laurels in it, but the scale of fighting would not entitle one to expect greater progress from it, or indeed, more than a mere holding up of ground. It would be a mistake to suppose that the tremendous struggle is producing inadequate results."

GIVE ADVERSE REPORT ON KEY WEST CHANNEL PLAN

Washington, Aug. 2.—The war department reported adversely to congress yesterday on the proposed further federal improvement of the northwest channel at Key West. The plan urged on the department was to secure a channel thirty feet deep and of sufficient width from the Key West harbor to deep water in the Gulf of Mexico.

OYSTER BAY BAND LEADS OVER THOUSAND "MOURNERS"

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 2.—The portrait of Emperor William originally presented by him to Theodore Roosevelt, which was seized and mutilated last Sunday night by "Vigilantes" at the home of C. H. Pollutz, who had purchased it at a fair for \$5, was burned last night at a celebration in the village square. The Oyster Bay band and nearly a thousand "mourners" turned out for a parade that preceded the cremation.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS IN PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

Boston, Aug. 2.—The three days' meeting of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, in celebration of the completion of the World's Christian Endeavor building, wound up last night with a dinner that was turned into a patriotic demonstration by the presence in uniform of representatives of the 175,000 Endeavorers enrolled in the army and navy.

Messages of congratulation from far and near were read. Speakers included the "father" of the society, Dr. Francis E. Clark, and "Mother" Clark.

DIAMOND JIM BRADY'S SHARES FOUND VALUELESS

New York, Aug. 2.—The estate of James Buchanan ("Diamond Jim") Brady is worth \$1,578,429, instead of the \$5,000,000 valuation placed on it by his friends at the time of his death, according to a report made by the estate.

The executors found that 250,000 shares of mining stock with a par value of \$250,000 were valueless.

His collection of jewels, believed to represent an investment of \$1,000,000, was sold for \$400,000.

FULLY 2,500 PEOPLE TO BE ENTERTAINED AT WHITFIELD

(Special to The News.) Dalton, Ga., Aug. 2.—Plans for entertaining fully 2,500 people have been made by the officers of the Whitfield County Sunday School association at the meeting to be held Saturday, Aug. 3, at Pleasant Grove church, six miles north of here. A feature of the convention this year will be the patriotic demonstration. In addition, talks on Sunday school work, recitations by the children, and music will make up the program, with a picnic dinner at noon.

### GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE OVER POWER PLANTS

Bill Looking to This End Now in Hands of Chairman Sims, of Foreign Commerce.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Emergency legislation to meet the present power shortage in the east, which is hampering many war industries, including shipbuilding, will be asked by the administration as soon as congress reconvenes.

A bill authorizing the president to take over, construct, extend and operate power plants and transmission lines, drawn by the war industries board, was placed in the hands of Chairman Sims, of the house interstate and foreign commerce committee today.

Under the bill it is proposed to construct huge power-generating plants immediately at the mouths of coal-mines, where waste from the mines and culm of comparatively little value could be utilized in the generation of power. The power could be transmitted over high-tension wires to any industry within a radius of 300 miles of the mines.

It is proposed also to utilize various dams already constructed by the government for purposes of navigation, principally in Ohio, Minnesota and Arkansas, for the generation of hydroelectric power.

The bill as drawn by the war industries board would permit the president to stimulate power production by furnishing to various companies the "excess cost" of extending already existing plants. This would, in effect, be a government subsidiary for power plants.

Chairman Sims is opposed to the "excess cost" feature of the bill and also to a provision which would appropriate \$200,000,000 as a revolving fund with which to carry out the purposes of the act. He believes the bill could be passed much more quickly if expenditures were merely authorized, leaving it to the house appropriations committee to furnish the money as required.

Sims will attempt to convert the bill into an amendment to the water power leasing bill now before the house, as a means of carrying through the leasing bill more speedily under the guise of an emergency measure. This course is certain to create great opposition in both houses.

The emergency measure was found necessary because there is no possibility that the water power leasing bill will in any way stimulate power production before the end of the war. It proposes leasing water power sites for periods of fifty years and allows three years for preliminary surveys. Opposition to the major measure is growing and there is some ground for believing it may be defeated, although it is an administration measure.

The emergency bill would give the president wide authority in disposing of properties taken over or constructed during the war, after the proclamation of peace. The authority to commandeer or construct would end with the war, but the properties in government control could be held until the president deemed it wise and in the public interest to dispose of them. An effort to set some time limit to the federal control, similar to that set in the railway bill, probably will be made when the measure is debated on the floor.

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