

"MILK SOPS" CHAMPION U. S. SHIPBUILDERS



By C. A. CLAY. SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 8.—Seattle shipyard workers are heavy drinkers. They believe that "a little something wet" helps the day to pass pleasantly, and the habit doesn't seem to interfere at all with their ability to smash speed records in turning out new hulls for Uncle Sam's constantly growing victory fleet.

Here are some of the "milk drinking" ship workers of the Seaman & Eddy plant at Seattle, holding the speed record of the world for fast work in turning out hulls. Seattle shipyard workers have produced 25 1/2 per cent of all ocean-going tonnage delivered to the U. S. Shipping Board during the first five months of this year.

Those who have watched the noon time "milk spree" say the riveters, steel plate benders and the foremen, the strongest and hardest workers of the big army—men who once scared anything of a liquid nature without a "kick"—are now in the lead of the rush for milk and ice cream cones.

GERMANY SCARED FOR MANY REASONS

People Are Beginning to Realize the Tide Has Turned.

By HAROLD EDWIN BECHTOL, European Manager of the Newspaper Enterprise Association. LONDON, England, Aug. 7.—Germany is scared white.

She's scared, first of all, over the turn of things on the west front; over the thousands of Americans regularly outfighting her; over the hundreds of thousands of Americans waiting to get into the line; over the millions of other Americans "on the way."

This information comes from an allied source whose business it is to know conditions in the enemy country.

She's frightened about Austria. She doesn't know what moment Austria may blow up. She knows what is known and conceded in official allied sources—that the Austrian economic situation is worse now than it has been since the opening of the war, and the people are bolder.

She's frightened about Russia. Allied warships and American troops up north have puffed out her hope of getting her hands on the hundreds of thousands of tons of military stores at Archangel, there since the revolution; she can't take a step toward Petrograd or the northern railway lest these allied forces swoop south; and for all she knows they may be going to swoop south without waiting for that menace; she can't spare men from the west front, and armed intervention by Japan and the allies in Siberia is a fact.

Bombing Raids Scare People. She's scared over the bombing raids the allies now make almost at will over her munition centers and fortified towns along the Rhine; she fears to think of the effect of these raids at home as the people grow more and more frightened.

She is frightened over the flat failure of the peace feelers she constantly sends out through scores of different routes; she expected her continued blows at the west front this summer would put the allied powers in a "receptive mood."

She is frightened over the failure of the submarines; as against her boast that the U-boat would bar American troops from Europe, the Yankees are coming over—thousands of them each week—and the losses through sinkings are less than any of the allies had dared hope.

She is scared over her after-war prospects, being constantly warned in public by her own thinking men, that her position among nations after the war is hopeless without a thorough, sincere house-cleaning.

She is frightened over her dwindling man power and the possible

BITS OF STATE NEWS

WOMEN DID NOT SUCCEED IN GETTING THE vote in West Virginia but that is not preventing them from getting into politics if the following from the New Dominion at Morgantown of Monday may be accepted as a criterion: Campaign managers of Virgil Highland, Republican candidate for senatorial honors, announced last evening they had decided to use women at the polls today instead of men, who are needed in industrial work. The women will pass a card soliciting a vote for Highland, to each voter at the various polls. This same plan, however, has not been carried out by opposing candidates, and many familiar faces of political workers in this county will doubtless be seen by the voters in the neighborhood of the polls.

Attorney Dorr Casto, of Parkersburg, received through the mail Tuesday morning a very unique war souvenir, which was mailed at Gibraltar, says the Sentinel of that town. It is a bronze Greek cross, two by two inches and was sent to Mr. Casto by Lieut. C. D. Gilroy of the U. S. Naval forces, who had been located here for over a year at the naval recruiting station and who has a number of intimate friends in this city. The souvenir was wrapped in part of a newspaper published in Gibraltar, and inclosed was the following note: "Made from a part of the German sub U-32, captured around England. No doubt Lieut. Gilroy was with the capturing crew, but he modestly refrains from mentioning this fact. Mr. Casto prizes the novel souvenir very highly and will have it converted into a watch charm.

And here is another very interesting war souvenir story. This one from The Mail of Charleston: Delafield Johnson, son of Mr. and

Mrs. W. A. Johnson, of 117 Bridge street, has sent his parents an interesting and valuable keepsake which he received in France. It is a letter from King George, welcoming the boys from the United States and it reads as follows, under the heading, "Winsor Castle."

"Soldiers of the United States, the people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the armies of many nations now fighting in the Old World, the great battle for human freedom.

"The allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish that I could shake the hand of each one of you and bid you God speed on your mission.

"GEORGE R. I."

April, 1915. On the envelope containing the name of the soldier appears the following: "Message to you from His Majesty, King George V."

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will frame the letter and the envelope.

Of Jacob B. Triplett, who was reported killed in action the Elkins Inter-Mountain had the following to say: "Jacob B. Triplett, second Randolph county boy to be reported killed in action, was recognized as one of the two best bayonet men in his company at Camp Shelby and it was probably in hand to hand combat that he lost his life. Young Triplett who was about 29 years old was a son of Cyrus Triplett, of Huttonsville, and brother to Walter Triplett, a well known carpenter and contractor of Elkins. He went to Camp Lee in October and was soon thereafter transferred to Camp Shelby, Miss. From Camp Shelby he went to an embarkation point in New Jersey and was last heard from in a letter to his brother written from Southampton, England, June 27, and received about June 25. He was a fine specimen of physical manhood being 6 feet 2 inches tall and in perfect health. He was married just a year ago to Miss Anna Swecker, daughter

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