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TODAY'S NEWS TODAY

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# NOYON TAKEN; FOE DEMORALIZED

vision of the Present School Code.

One Vote Cast Against Re- Succeeds F. K. Day, Who Becomes Assistant Production Manager.

Consol Mines Are

Announced.

The following announcement wa-

Efective September 1st, Loman

Austin Riggs is appointed divi-

sion engineer of the West Virginia

division of this company, vice F.

K. Day, furloughed to the U. S.

(Signed) C. H. TARLETON,

General Manager of Operations.

The appointment of Mr. Riggs to his

new responsibility does not come as

a surprise to anyone knowing the qual-

ifications and ability of Mr. Riggs.

However, his elevation from the posi-

tion of assistant division engineer to

the top position is a well deserved rec

Mr. Riggs has been in the employ of

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Ford is Building Engines

for Them Even Faster

Than Boats.

By HARRY B. HUNT.

(N. E. A. Staff Correspondent.)

DETROIT, MICH. Aug. 29-Henry

Ford, world's largest producer of au-

tomobiles, is not disturbed by the

order of the War Industries Board

cutting off the manufacture of pas-

Ford's production of automobiles

had been curtailed 90 per cent before

the War Industries Board made its

Instead of flivvers Ford is now

turning out big, powerful pavy vessels of a type comparable to our old

He is equipping these Eagles with

great naval turbines built in his own

The tying up of the lakes by cold weather will not put an end to winter

production of Eagles. The plant here

will hold 21 vessles, which can be

built during the winter and be ready to take the water early in the spring.

probably an equal number of boats could be held at the outfitting sta-

tions in the River Rouge, on which

One a Day Soon. But the cutput of Eagles during

the winter months will be maintained

completion at Newark, N. J., to which

The first Eagle as launched July 11

The second was getting her shaft and

propellor the day I saw her, and was

about ready for the water. The third

From that time on, the visible pro-

duction will accelerate until-perhaps

in one or two months, almost certain-

ly within three months-production

will approach one daily. Up to date

the big job has been in preparation

and in organization for the real pro-

duction job. From now on, product

on itself can receive first attention

production of the Eagle hulls in quan-

tity has been the work of providing

There is a great industrial story

Still another story lies in the type

of crews that are to operate these

boats-nearly all young lads from

the middle stases, most of whom have

never seen ealt water. They are be-

ing trained especially for these boats,

and their officers say a finer, fitter

bunch of lads never was assembled

Three months ago Secretary of

Navy Daniels said the big problem

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at any naval training station.

in the building at the Ford plant of

the turbines for these Eagles.

power plants to drive them through

No less a staggering job than the

will follow perhaps within a week.

the fabricated parts ready for assem-

bling, will be shipped from here.

enger automobiles on Jan.1.

tyle destroyers.

he plant is built.

made today by C. H. Tarleton, manager

To All Concerned:

Fuel administration

Approved: F. R. LYON,

ognition by the company.

# **SOME IDEAS ON SALARIES DAY GETS A FURLOUGH**

Teachers Voted This Morn- Production Committees for ing on Questions of Code Commission.

The annual teachers' institute this morning held at the Miller school was of the West Virginia division of the made especially interesting by the Consolidation Coal company; announcement of votes taken yesterday afternoon at the close of the session, some of which were a decided surprise, according to W. E. Michael. For complete revision of school law, 238 voted yes, 12 ;voted for partial and only one for no revision at all. For complete High school education and some professional work as a re-quirement for future teachers, 202 voted yes, 39 for one year High school and some professional work, and 10 for no change in the present system. Requirements now are merely that teachers shall pass an examin-

For minimum term of six months, six voted yes, 10 for seven months, 93 for eight months and 143 for nine

For strict enforcement of presnt compulsory law, 52 voted yes, and for new law on that point, 195 voted

For the presnt trustee system, 10 voted yes, 31 for no local trustee, and for one local trustee to keep up property, scratching out the added duty of his recommending teacher, 201 voted yes.

For complete county unit for tax ation ,178 voted yes, six voted for present district system and 60 voted for combination county-district sys-

Fifty-five voted for election of county superintendent by popular vote: 192 voted for appointment by county board of education.

Seventy-three voted for a board of regnts to control state institutions, and 163 for one state board to have genral control of all schools.

Forty-three voted for election of superintendents by popular vote; 201 voted for appointment of him by state board.

Salaries that teachers felt were the minimum for first grade certificates ran as follows: \$150, 10 votes; \$125 21 votes; \$120, four votes; \$115, three votes; \$110, two votes; \$100. 118 votes; \$95, nine votes; \$90, 41 votes: \$85, 17 votes; \$80, 10 votes; \$75, 11 votes, and \$50 got but one

Second certificate salaries as they bught to be at the minimum were as follows: \$130, one vote; \$125, three votes: \$115, eight votes: \$100, 14 \$98, one vote; \$95, three votes: \$90, 26 votes; \$85, 26 votes; \$90, 48 votes; \$78, one vote; \$75, 60 votes; \$70, 16 votes; \$65, 13 votes \$60, five votes; \$50, two votes;

When the vote reached the present plan of state support for schools, five voted for this, 47 for a fixed rate of state tax for Part of this control and 184 fo ra two million dollar amount to be set aside for schools from the state fund.

Yesterday afternoon the ballots on which these votes were taken, were for an assembling plant now nearing passed and all teachers were asked to give a frank opinion on the principal points of cshool law. The Sode commission has not yet expressed its opinion concerning the questions and all teachers wer asked to give an honest vote regarding each of them. No names were written on the ballot,

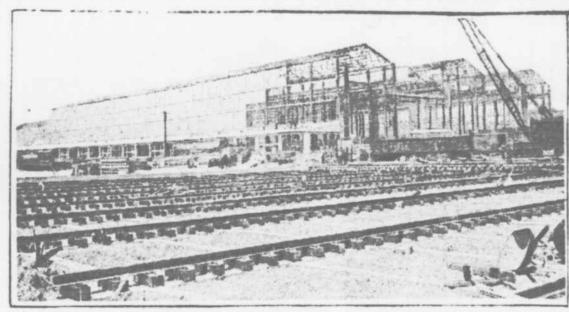
Mr. Buckey had charge of the ballots. Institute opened this morning with devotional exercises by Rev. J. E. Wells, of the Diamond Street M. E. church in East Park. Mr. Wells preached a very ne sermon briefly regarding the manner of punishing bad Williams in the home circle. He said when young William decided he would not obey any mies it was time to sake hi mout to the woodshed and to rep at him until he chose to do This, he said, was the way we were doing with William the Kalser-and first because we were so doing meant no personal revenge any more than that the father meant such a revense on punishing his boy, Often (Continued on page eight)

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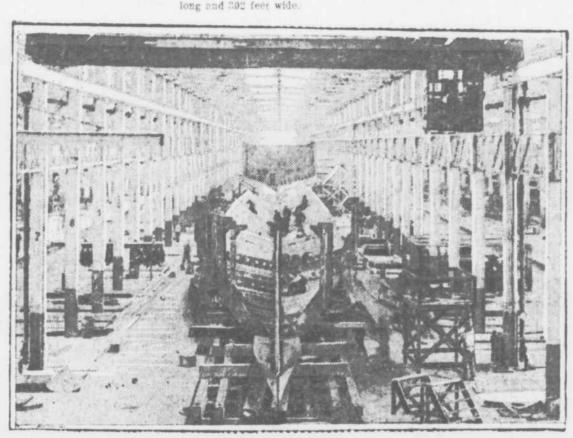
25 colored girls and women over 16 for facery work. Good wages. Apply Monongah Glass Co., 12th Street Plant.

### FIRST EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS OF FORD'S "EAGLE" PLANT

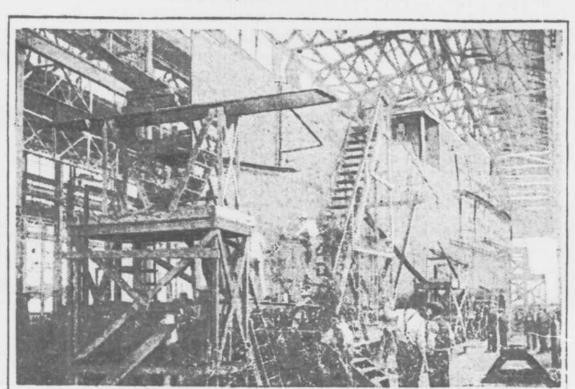
A GREAT SHIP SHOP BUILT IN THREE MONTHS.



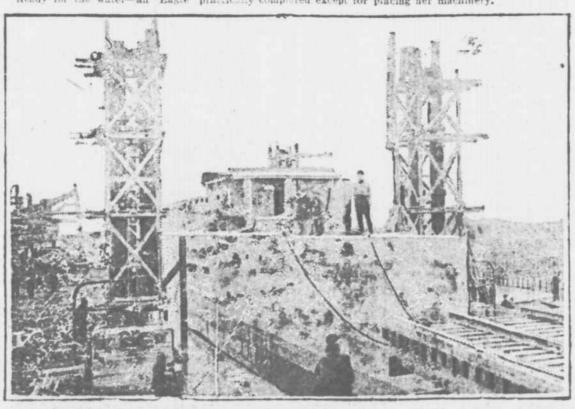
Two months after starting construction, with the big assembly shop nearing completion. It is 1,700 feet



An "Eagle" under construction, with bottom plates about complete and buikhead stations up, but buik heads not placed.



Ready for the water-an "Eagle" practically completed except for placing her machinery.



Taking the water. Great hydraulic lifts lower the boat on its truck into the water and she floats off.

# FRUM THE FLEEING GFR

Enemy's Retreat Is So Thoroughly Out of Hand It Is Beginning To Be a Question When It Will Stop

# THEIR REAR GUARD SCHEME

Desperate Effort to Halt the Victorious French at Quesnoy Wood With Big Guns Was a Complete Failure-French Ready to Cross Somme.

PARIS, Aug. 29 (3:50 P. M.)—French troops are at the gates of Ham, according to dispatches from the front. The Germans lost three complete munitions plants at Breuil, five miles west of Ham, in their precipitate retreat.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Aug. 29-French troops today occupied Noyon. Troops of General Humbert's army were first to enter Noyon.

General Mangin's men crossed the Oise river and took Marlincourt.

The French first army took Quesnoy wood, just to the west of the Canal du Nord. The wood was a strongly fortified position, and from it the Germans had endeavor-

ed to check the French pursuit The rapidly succeeding military events not only con firm that the Germans have lost all control of their operations in the regions of the Somme, Avre and Oise rivers, but they indicate that the enemy's retreat is getting out of hand.

The efforts to stem the French pursuit by fighting rear guard action with machine gun sections, leaving a section at intervals of about 400 yards, was only locally successful. On ground especially favorable for that sort of resistance, such as the terrain around Roye, it gained some time for the enemy, enabling him to move a great many guns and a considerable part of his material behind the canal and north of Novon.

But once this system of fighting was mastered, the strength of the German rear guard dwindled to almost nothing. The Germans, hustled violently by the French advance guard, were obliged to risk an engagement with important forces or to quicken their retreat.

The Germans adopted the latter plan, and since yes-terday morning they have been making all possible haste on the roads leading to St. Quentin, La Fere and the Hindenburg line.

The strong positions of Quesnoy wood, just west of the canal du Nord, from which the Germans tried by means of the heavy fire of all calibres of artillery to check the French troops advancing on both sides of the Roye-Noyon road, was captured this morning.

The Somme line having been made difficult for the Germans by the rapidity of the Allied pursuit, there is a question, with the French troops ready to cross the Somme at the enemy's heels, as to where he will be able to make a further stand.

Noyon, the southern anchor point, of the German armies in the Somme drawn to the west of the village. battle field has been occupied by the ing rear guard action along the cause French. The capture of the city by Du Nord which runs from Noyon to Geh. Humbert's men had been expect. Nesle. The French are close to the ed for several days and its effert on waterway at Fresnoy wood. the great battle of Picardy was therefore largely discounted.

Chaulnes to the northward Noyon be- was found that their resistance there came untenable and the retirement of had permitted the withdrawal of the the German forces from west of the main German army on the Maine an Somme river apparently spread far to lient and it is probable that Gen ve the south and involved both Noyon and Bohen has succeeded in mhoving to the country adjacent to that city.

the Oise river east of Noyon has been along the Ham-Ghauny line. taken ever by the French, it is an. The development of the allied ad nounced. This may mark a crossing vance would seem to indicate that it of the Oise overa wide front.

Along the front to north of Noyon tle line is being emptied and that there there apparently was little change in is little hope that allies will be able the situation during last night. The to catch any large number of enem British operating south of the Somme troops there. are said to be advancing, but details of their progress do not appear in official announcements.

West of Arras the Germans have o'clock, the Auntie Brand launched heavy counter attacks which the Presbyterian church at Do were repulsed, according to the Brit- will hold a Red Cross entertail ish official report but it is admitted to which everyone is invited. by London that the British forces hold coffee, sandwiches, ice cream ing positions at Oppy have been with cake will be for sale.

The situation as it stands today closely resembles that in the Marne sector after the Germans had made With the fall of the Roye and a determined stand along the Ource I greater portion of his army and a Morlincourt on the north bank of tillery behind the Somme river an

pocket on the southern end of the bat

Red Cross Entertainme Saturday evening, beginn