MEN AND SUPPLIES MOVING TO FRANCE ON SCHEDULED TIME

Shipping Board is Supplying All Transportation Requirements of Army

WAJOR OPERATIONS NEAR

American Army Officers Believe That They Can Not be Much Longer Delayed

ALLIES MAY MAKE DRIVE

Germany's Great Preparations Probably for Defense

Washington, March 7 .- Troops and supplies for General Pershing's forces now are moving to France on sched-While figures may not be requirements of the army are being met by the shipping described as satisfactorily.

Reports Eagerly Scanned.

In view of this assurance that the Inited States will be able to maintain its place as a fighting unit on the batdefront, reports from the western front are being scanned more eagerly igns of the 1918 campaign. It is felt strongly that the opening of major operations in what President Wilson has predicted will prove the declsive year of the great war will not be much onger delayed. Mud Determining Factor.

Mud has been the determining factor f many previous western front operaions. So long as the ground is soft with the winter rains, it is impossible o move forward great guns and necessary transport trains to support an Convention Attended by 200 Deleadvancing line. Even in Flanders, lowever, indications this year are that the ground will harden early in spring, ermitting either side to undertake the enterprises planned.

April the "Driving" Month. In previous years April has seen ofallies. For that reason many officials here seem to anticipate raiding and minor assaults before the middle of next month which will show in themselves that the ground is being mapped, information obtained and local strate-gic advantages established by one side or the other in preparation for a great

French Attacked Too Soon. To others it appears probable that o offensive will be undertaken on any onsiderable scale before May 1. They ound that view on reports that the pril, proved to be at least two weeks 00 early. The guns and transports buil not be brought forward to conble to wrest from German control.

Probably No German Drive. Meanwhile, during the last few days, debate on the negro voting question here has been less discussion of a and various points of the planks fathere are observers here who have ever been convinced that the Gernans actually intended to attempt anerman gneral staff forsaw a great llied effort this year and were moving o offset it.

Allied Plans Unknown. While much has been said both ofcially and unofficially of an expected erman offensive, nothing as to probble aggresive measures by the affied orces has come over the cables. This act has attracted particular attention ecause of the reiterated official decnatches the Germans in gun and manin view of the formation luring the winter of the supreme war

es and the United States. A substantial American army already coops in France during 1918.

AMERICANS WENT TO THE

FRONT OVER DUSTY ROADS ith the American Army in France, Wednesday, March 6, (By the Associat-Press)—The American troops which have taken up their position on the Lorraine front were billeted in towns hey were transported in motor trucks dust which stuck to the men and made their clothes, faces and equip- trade and commerce. ment gray by the time they had reach- Other conditions advocated are free-

tion during the night, vere half a mile away. Although this systems. was the first time the Americans had Parious parts of the United States their activity. quickly adapted themselves to their lew surroundings. Luckily the weather vas fine the first few days, but for ome time past until today snow and ain have continuously fallen in this sector, as it has in the American posi-

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Trench Raiding Continues Along the French Front: Germans Claim Successes

(Associated Press Summary) Continued trench raiding operations along the French front are reported in official statements. In one of these an American colonel captured a German lieutenant. The American troops in the Chemin des Dames and Lorraine sectors are not, as yet, in full charge of the positions assigned to them, but are training with French soldiers. The position north of Toul is the only one placed in control of the Ameri-

The Germans report the capture of many allied soldiers in raids and say that the artillery fighting is growing in intensity at various points. They also lay claim to successes in aerial fighting, bringing down 19 airplanes and two captive balloons.

Andrew Bonar-Law, chancellor of the British exchequer, addressing the house of commons, spoke of the financial situation as well as the military position on the French and Macedonian fronts. Mr. Bonar Law maintained that the entente allies still maintain their superiority in man power in France. He also referred to the danger of a German attack in Macedonia, but added that a terrible price would be exacted for every yard gained by the Teutons.

There is no further news Japanese intervention in Siberia. If such a movement had been started, however, it is probable that little or nothing would be announced by Japan, where the curtain of the censorship was drawn much closer early in the week.

gates, 100 of Them Former **Prohibitionists**

tensive operations set in motion by the URGES RADICAL REFORMS

Equal Suffrage, Prohibition and Legislation Favoring Farmers and Laboring Men the Chief Planks in the Platform.

Chicago, March 7 .- Equal suffrage nation-wide prohibition and radical legislation favoring farmers and lareach offensive in 1916 started in borers are the chief planks of the platform of the national party adopted here today at a convention attended olidate all the ground the troops were by about 200 delegates, 100 of whom are bolters from the prohibition party. The platform, after several hours of

erman offensive on the western front. voring laborers, was adopted by a unanimous vote. It is the first definite expression of the policies of the new party.

Paris. To these officers the admitted demands the right of men and women oncentration of German forces has to vote on all questions and enforceemed a defensive rather than an of- ment of the laws enfranchising negroes ensive step. They believe that the and others regardless of color or race. The prohibition plank pledges the party to work for nation-wide prohibition and for immediate ratification of

the constitutional amendment. Extension of the federal loan law is among the important legislation concerning farmers which is advocated. Advance loans upon crops or products in sterage, government insurance of farms and stock, federal inspection of formerly were headed by "Pastor" farm products at terminals and untaxing of all farm equipment and measarations that the allied line out- ures to prevent the holding of large tracts of land idle are included.

Limitation of immigration, shortening of working hours, governmental uncil designed to make the warfare insurance, more rigorous inspection of aggressive on the part of the al- factories and working places, adequate several religious organizations. He enforcement of child labor laws, are some of the things urged in the labor in the trenches on the western front plank. It is also advocated that the and Secreary Baker has indicaed here government forbid interstate shipments may be at least a million American of articles made by children, womn employed more than eight hours a day or six days a week; convicts under private contract or persons employed in uninspected factories or mines. Abolition of contract prices on labor and the establishment of the honor system in

prisons is advocated. Much of the platform also is devoted to the question of international democback of th line when they suddenly racy. The platform declares that the beeived orders to move to the front. party recognizes that the republic of the world is the goal for international over roads an inch deep in dust, political development and urges abolitiered to put down the movement.

Streams of cannon, trucks and motortion of secret diplomacy, freedom of Meanwhile they have been given their cycles along the roads raised clouds the seas and abolition of prohibitive or freedom tory tariffs or taxes upon freedom.

the towns close to the firing line, dom of speech both by word of mouth from which they marched to their posi- and by printed matter, the short ballot ment. in tsate and municipal elections, right They found themselves in a section of absentee citizens to vote by affidavit, of Lorraine where the ground rose in public ownership of public utilities and alight grades. slight grades. In some cases the enemy extension of the postal and parcel post

A telegram was sent to the British been in the trenches the units from labor party congratulating them upon

SEVEN MONTHS AT SEA.

American Bark, Out Since August 24, Reaches Port. Buenos Aires, March 7 .- The American bark Normandy, which it was Due to the fact that the ground is feared had been lost, arrived today at lairly high, the trenches are not con- a South American port. She left a

Last Night Ever Observed in This Latitude.

Lights Took the Form of An Eagle Rumania Bound to Transport Teu-With Full Spread Wings at Duluth

Washington, March 7 .- Brilliant lights in the sky over the capital tonight brought a largt part of the population into the streets to observe what was thought to be a big fire." It was the aurora borealis and officials of the naval observatory said the display was the best they ever had seen in this latitude.

THOUSANDS IN NEW YORK

OBSERVED THE LIGHTS New York, March 7 .- The aurora borealis was observed by thousands of persons here tonight. The phenomena was visible from 8 to 11 o'clock when apparently it reached its maximum brilliancy. The long streamers from the arc were well tinted, red sia has been abandoned. predominating.

Telegraph and telephone communication north and east of New York suffered by reason of the phenomenon, while wire service south from Russia. One of the clauses of the Washington was affected shortly be fore 11 o'clock.

WAS THE MOST ELABORATE

GREAT INTEREST AROUSED

EVER SEEN IN DULUTH Duluth, Minn., March 7 .- The most elaborate display of the aurora borealis ever seen in Duluth appeared tonight. The lights took the form of an Minor. Reports state that the Ottoeagle with full spread wings.

IN THE LIGHTS AT NORFOLK Norfolk, Va., March 7.—Great interest was aroused through Norfolk and vicinity tonight by a strange illumiship at sea was on fire or that some large tract of timber on the coast was destroyed. Careful investigation failed to locate any fire. Norfolk newspaper offices were besieged early in

the evening by inquiries. Weather experts declared that such illuminations are of frequent occurrence just before equinoxes and ascribed the phenomana to the aurora borealis. VISIBLE IN TAMPA FIRST

TIME IN A GENERATION Tampa, Fla., March 7 .- For the first time in the present generation the aurora borealis was visible in the northern sky from Tampa tonight. There was a vivid red glow, as if a great fire was raging. One report had it that Dade City, a town forty miles to the north, was afire, but Dade City reported the same glow far to the

WIRELESS APPARATUS FOUND IN BETHEL HOME

Pastor Russell's "Successor" Telli Government Agents Apparatus Was For "Amusement."

New York, March 7 .- A dismantled wireless apparatus which had not been sealed in accordance with orders Home, the headquarters in Brooklyn Francesco Quattrone, member of the of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society and of the International Bible be specific in his statements instead of Students' Association, it was announced today. Both organizations in such purchases.

Russell The apparatus was not seized. HEARINGS IN WAGE Officers who found the wireless plant said they were met at the door of Bethel Home by a man who said he was Joseph A. Rutherford, successor of "Pastor" Russell, as head of the told them the apparatus had been installed for "the amusement" of a numsect who live at the home.

REBEL LEADERS ARRESTED.

Will Have to Pay Expenses of Expeditionary Troops.

San Jose, Costa Rica, March 7 .- All the leaders in the recent rising in various parts of Costa Rica have been captured, with the exception of Fernandez Guell. According to a government announcement, they will be compelled to defray the expenses of the expeditionary troops who were mus-

that body on the revolutionary move- ruary 11, were concluded today. It R. Burns, of Houston, Texas, mention-

DIED AT FORT CASWELL.

Death Claims Cecil S. Pierce, Soldier From Hallsboro. The remains of Cecil S. Pierce of Hallsboro, who died at Fort Caswell, men at the stockyards as well as the were brought to the city yesterday hogs." under military escort and this morning were taken to his home at Hallsboro where the funeral will be held today.

Will Act For Italy. Berne, Switz., Wednesday, March 6.

The Italian government has requested that the Swiss ambassador to Petrograd take charge of Italian interests in Russia.

Trator for decision are to be electived her tonight and message received her tonight and muscing his death did not give the purpose of the new power sought, A.

Adoption of the basic 8-hour day with time and a half for overtime and convenience and double pay for Sundays and holidays; graduated from the naval academy in the message received her tonight and muscing the purpose of the new power sought, A.

Adoption of the basic 8-hour day with time and a half for overtime and double pay for Sundays and holidays; graduated from the naval academy in the message received her tonight explaining the purpose of the new power sought, A.

Adoption of the basic 8-hour day cause. Admiral Perry was a native of Mitchell Palmer, the alien property with time and a half for overtime and double pay for Sundays and holidays; graduated from the naval academy in the message received her tonight explaining the during the purpose of the new power sought, A.

Wery few visitors will be permitted cause. Admiral Perry was a native of Mitchell Palmer, the alien property with time and a half for overtime and for custodian, said:

"Power under the new power sought, A.

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Made the Most Brilliant Display Despite Formal Signing of Peace the Teutons Continue to Advance in Russia

WIRES PEACE MADE WITH FINNS

tonic Forces Through Moldavia and Bessarabia

(Associated Press Summary) In spite of the fact that a formal treaty of peace has been signed by the central powers and the Bolshevik government of Russia, fighting continues at various points along the eastern front. That Germany considers the convention she forced Lenine and Trotzky to sign as a "scrap of paper" is evidenced by the announcement that the Teutons have reached Jamburg, a town 68 miles from Petrograd. The report of the subsequent partial retirement of the Germans does not lend encouragement to the belief that further invasion of Rus-

The text of the peace treaty signed by Rumania serves, too, to show that the central powers are loath to forego any conquests they may make in Rumania treaty bound that country to assist in the transport of Teutonic forces through Moldavia and Bessarabia on their way to Odessa, the "granary of Russia."

Not only are the Teutons advancing against the demoralized Slavs, but the Turks also are aggressors in Asia man troops are operating near Trebizond, on the southern shore of the Black Sea. Germany has negotiated a peace

treaty with the republic of Finland by which the latter agrees not to cede vicinity tonight by a strange illumi-nation of the northern horizon and rights without the consent of Gerthere were for some time fears that a many, which in consideration for this concession covenants to exert her influence to secure recognition of the Finnish government from other nations. All claims for war costs or damages are waived, and the Aland islands will be evacuated by the Finnish troops and will not again be fortifled. A commercial treaty will be negotiated at once.

Coincident with the continued invasion of Russia by the Teutons, the Bolshevik authorities have announced that they will not permit the revolution to be defeated and have exfighting a "holy war" even if they are forced back to the Ural mountains. American Ambassador David R. Francis has issued a statement at Vologda victory means the return of monarchical conditions and advising them not to ratify the treaty signed by Lenine and Trotzky. The congress of the soldiers' and workmen's council is meeting at Moscow and will probably decide on the issue of peace or continued war. Conditions of the old regime are reported to have been restored in German-occupied territory.

MARCONI IS REQUESTED TO

Washington, March 7 .- Charges in Italian mission here, that the senator

ber of young members of the Russell Six Questions Submitted by Packers' Employes

> We Must Take Care of the Workmen at the Stockyards as Well as the Hogs." Attorney Walsh Tells Arbitrator.

Chicago, March 7 .- Hearings in the wage arbitration between employers the arbitrator hands down his decision. ment. Attorney Frank P. Walsh, represent-ing the employes, in his closing argu-ment, asked that each of the six de-Charles Edward Russell and quotations mands of the men be granted, assert- from newspapers and editorials. ing "we must take care of the work-

One hundred and fifty thousand men and women employed by the five big packing companies and 40 independent

MORE U-BOATS WERE SENT DOWN IN DECEMBER THAN THE GERMANS COULD BUILD

HE IS FOR SHARK'S MEAT



on the markets in America." remarked Sergeant Harry W. Miller, of the United a crack at the Huns. "Did you say whale meat?" asked Corp. James M Darmond, a strapping young marine Philippines. "I did," said the sergeant, "Why?" "Well, I don't know anything about whale meat," said the corporal, but when it comes to shark meat that's a different story."

Re-Grouping According to the Physical Ability of the Men

is Ordered

Men With Physical Defects Will Have Subject toitilLe mld Metnoin -\$ Subject to Limited Military Service.

Washington, March 7 .- Re-classification according to physical condition of submarine hunt. Sir Eric paid high the men called in the next army draft tribute in his remarks to the spirit and by the regional committee before compressed the determination to continue is provided in revised instructions for medical advisory boards which are be- what has been accomplished. Vice Ading sent to the local boards throughout miral Sims' destroyer forces, however, the country. The new regulations, constituted only the advance guard of warning the Russians that a German made public tonight, require that every man summoned before the board shall be placed in one of the following four the enemy and are now destroying one

(A) Acceptable for general military service; (b) acceptable for general military service after being cured of remedial defect; (c) acceptable for special or limited military service in a speci- bodied in the most extensive construcfied capacity or occupation; (d) reject- tion program ever undertaken for the BE SPECIFIC IN CHARGES ed and exempted from any military navy of any power.

Rome by Senator Marconi that there marshal general to provide later for gradually as they are completed. issued by the government several have been scandals and irregularities the further investigation and classifi- Therefore, no sudden falling off of tonmonths ago was found by officers of in connection with purchases for the cation of the men acceptable for lim- nage losses is to be expected. It has the army intelligence bureau who yes- Italian government in this country ited or special service so that record been stated publicly by high British the army intelligence bureau who yes-terday made another search of Bethel have drawn a request by cable from may be made of the sort of work each naval authorities, however, that next without endangering his health.

reflecting upon all officials concerned ments and defects which gained ex- decided results will be apparent before emption of drafted men in the past now | that, perhaps as early as May or June, will result only in their being listed will be given the privilege of securing the services of their family physician in Group B. Such men if they choose in the effort to remove the defect but if they have not availed themselves of this privilege within a specified time. they will be called into military service and ordered to a cantonment base hospital, a reconstruction hospital or to a civic hospital, as may be designated by the surgeon general.

L'FOLLETTE AMENDS SUIT.

Refuses to Appear for Examination in Libel Case. Wis., March 7 .- United States Senator Robert M. LaFollette filed an amended complaint today in his \$100,000 libel suit against O. D. Brandenburg, editor of the Madison Demoerat, and the Democrat Printing Company, eliminating 10 out of the 18 causes of action. The senator also refused to appear in Madison for examination tomorrow as desired by the defendants. The causes of action eliminated inand employes in the meat packing in- cluded printing of speeches by Roosedustry before Federal Judge Alschuler, velt, Root and J. B. Winslow, Wisconprobably will be several weeks before ing LaFollette as a subject for indict-

ADMIRAL THOMAS PERRY DIES AT SOUTHERN PINES.

Washington, March 7 .- Rear Admiral Thomas Perry, retired of Port Deposit, piers of the Hamburg-American and during the next three weeks and then paskers will be affected. ... Md., died suddenly today at Southern The questions submitted to the arbi- Pines, N. C., where he spent the winter. trator for decision are to be effective A message received her tonight an-

Whether This Record Has Been Maintained is Not Now Known in Washington

OFFICIALS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Believe This Spring Will See a Steady Decrease in Available Undersea Craft

U. S. NAVAL FORCE GROWS

Our Real Contribution to Sea Warfare About to be Felt

Washington, March 7 .- More submarines were destroyed by the allied and is going to be made to put whale meat than Germany was able to build during that month, according to information States Marine Corps, in an endeavor to reaching Washington. This fact dewhile away the time until he is granted | veloped today in discussions of the statement made to parliament yesterday by Sir Eric C. Gegges, first lord of who has recently returned from the the British admiralty, that the submarines were being checked. To Increase Efforts.

Whether succeeding months have shown a net loss in German submarines All contracts for periods of six months s not known here. It is believed, however, that the anti-submarine campaign has proved so effective that increased efforts this spring will see a steady decrease in the number of Uboats available to prey on allied and American shipping.

What officials know of plans for pressing home the attack with increas- days to assist John Skelton Williams, ing vigor, explains the feeling of optimism that prevails in official circles ministration in administering the despite continued heavy drains on ship railroads' money matters this year. tonnage through the submersibles. The gradual decline in tonnage losses was graphically pictured to parliament by Sir Eric with curve charts.

New Weapons Forthcoming. American naval officials appear to be satisfied that the weapons with which they expect to crush finally the submarine menace are forthcoming. In-NEW REGULATIONS ISSUED creased numbers of patrol vessels of to make them more effective against skill of navy personnel are among the the central organization if they canthings upon which they count. It has not be bought in the territory through taken time to devise and build the which the road passes, weapons, but they are beginning to be-

come available now. Give America Full Share. When the United States entered the

war, the navy contributed promptly all that it had available to join in the efficiency of American naval units. crediting them with a fair share of what the American navy planned to out of every four or five German Uboats that put to sea.

About to Feel Full Power. Now America's real contribution to the naval warfare is about to be felt. With every passing week the strength of the force will grow, for it is em-

The new destroyers and other craft It is the intention of the provost must be added to the patrol fleets the U-boats have been overcome. There Under the new regulations many all- are officials here who are hopeful that

Would Give Government Permanent Title to Big Concerns

Legislation is Favorably Reported by Senate Appropriations Committee as Amendment to Deficiency Bill.

Washington, March 7 .- Legislation enabling the government to place in American hands permanently great German commercial and industrial con- Colonel is Back at Sagamore Hill and President Tinoco has convened con- dustry before redefai sudge Alschufer, sin chief justice, and also the charge cerns in this country which have been gress and will present the report to acting as arbitrator, which began Feb- to the grand jury by Federal Judge W. instruments in spreading the grin of instruments in spreading the grip of Roosevelt returned to his home on Sag-German kultur was favorably reported amore Hill here this afternoon after to the senate today by the appropria-tions committee. It is in the form of York City, where he underwent operaan amendment to the pending urgent tions for ear trouble. Mrs. Roosevelt deficiency bill, empowering the alien accompanied him home. The trip from property custodian to sell any enemy New York to Oyster Bay was made in roperty taken over by his office. an automobile, and Colonel Roosevelt
The committee also approved another declared that he felt fine. property taken over by his office.

> the North German-Lloyd steamship to be in condition to make some of the lines at Hoboken, N. J. In a statement tonight explaining the of his illness.

THE GOVERNMENT

McAdoo's Organization to Supervise Expenditures of More Than Billion Dollars

BUY LOCOMOTIVES DIRECT

Central Advisory Committee and Three Regional Committees to be Appointed

Washington, March 7 .- Railroad purchases, amounting to between \$1,000,-000,000 and \$2,000,000,000, this year will be made through the railroad administration assisted by a central advisory committee of three railway purchasing agents to be appointed soon, Director General McAdoo announced today. Regional advisory committees will be created for the eastern, western and

southern districts. The railroad administration will purchase directly all locomotives and all other rolling stock and steel rails, while most other materials and supplies needed for current operations will be purchased by the roads themselves. or more will require the approval of the regional committees before comple-

Mr. McAdoo also announced that an advisory committee of three railroad from the west and another from the south; will be named within a few director of finance for the railroad ad-This committee will pass on the financial requirements of railroads tieher for the renewing or maturing obligations and issuance of new securities, or providing for betterments and addi-

tions. Coal and other fuel will be bought mainly by individual lines to supply their individual needs, but under supervision of the regional committees. various types, appliances and devices Crossties and lumber are to be bought principally by the roads along their underwater craft and the increased own lines, but may be ordered through

> "All other supplies needed for current operations will be purchased for the time being," says Director Genaral McAdoo's statement, 'through the purchasing department of the respective roads, but all contracts for periods of six months or longer must be approved

pletion. As fast as possible all purchases will be centralized and the regional committees are to draft recommendations for the accomplishment of this. In addition, the three regional bodies will furnish for the fight. Even with that be expected to report details of costs limited aid the allied navies have held and contracts to the railroad administration with a view to giving all roads the advantage of efficient methods which may have been developed.

Railroad administration officials believe that eventually they can save more than a hundred millions dollars a year by centralizing purchasing, although no definite predictions are made for this year owing to the necessarily slow process of organizing a nationwide buying system.

Members of the central advisory committee and the regional committees will be appointed soon. All will be practical purchasing agents or vicepresidents of railroads. The regional bodies, to be composed of three or more are to have headquarters respectively in New York, Chicago and Atlanta and are to work in close cooperation with the regional rail executive directors with headquarters in those cities.

In his capacity as director of finance for the railroads administration, Mr. Williams also will be assisted by another advisory committee of three railroad financial experts, one from the north, one from the west and one from the south. These men will serve without pay and will help "in the work of investigating and providing plans to meet the financial requirements of the railroads, whether these needs relate to the taking up and renewing of maturing obligations and the issuance of new securities or providing for better-

ments and additions." Mr. Williams and his advisors will administer in a general way the disposition of about \$4,000,000,000 representing the gross earnings from operations in a year. In the past requirements for new capital to purchase equipment and make betterments and additions have been between \$250,000,000 and \$750,000,000 a year, depending on business activity and money market condi-

ROOSEVELT RETURNS HOME.

Says He Feels Fine. Oyster Bay, N. Y., March 7 .- Colonel

amendment giving the President au- Colonel Roosevelt said he expected to thority recently asked for by him to regain his strength and be his own self acquire by purchase or title the great in a short time. He intends to rest speeches which were canceled because