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### TAR HEELS WORKED HARD FOR SHIPYARD

State's Representatives at Washington Industrious.

They Had to Meet and Dispose of Arguments From Many States and the Job Was Up Hill Fight But They Won for Wilmington.

By PARKER R. ANDERSON.

Washington, April 25.—The state of North Carolina and the people of Wilmington in particular have every reason to feel proud of the record of Senators Simmons and Overman and Representative Godwin for their untiring work in securing for Wilmington the site upon which will be erected the first concrete ships to be constructed by the United States government.

The state of North Carolina has, through the work of these representatives of the commonwealth, been significantly honored as no other state in the union has been. Information in possession of The Star correspondent develops the fact that when the emergency fleet corporation first determined upon a plan for building concrete ships, senators and representatives from nearly every state in the union implored Chairman Hurley of the shipping board for recognition in their several communities.

Telegrams, letters, and personal visits were showered upon Chairman Hurley from all sections of the country and from the congressional representatives therefrom, making strong appeals in behalf of each individual community. The natural advantages, the water, fuel and materials at hand or in the immediate vicinity of each site proposed were painted in glowing colors to Mr. Hurley.

Along with these representations came the advocates from North Carolina in favor of the selecting of Wilmington as the proper site for such ship building construction. Both senators from the state and Representative Godwin had to meet and dispose of the arguments of Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, who it became known today, had laid before the emergency fleet corporation more than 20 sites in the state of Texas, anyone of which, he argued, would be suitable from every standpoint upon which to locate such a plant as Chairman Hurley and his advisors believed essential to the building of these concrete ships.

But the representatives of North Carolina did not stop in their efforts to secure the prize for their state. They held many conferences with Chairman Hurley, pointed out to him the real advantages of Wilmington for such a site, and backed up every argument they made with facts and figures as proof. Their efforts have been rewarded by the decision recently announced

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by the emergency fleet corporation and Wilmington carries off the honor of being the only city on the Atlantic coast and the first seaboard town in the United States to commence the construction of this type of vessels which the government believes absolutely necessary to combat the submarine menace and to furnish the needed supplies to our armies fighting shoulder to shoulder with those of Great Britain, France, Italy and the other allies for the overthrow of the autocracy rule of the Kaiser.

Incidentally, it is understood that no further sites for building concrete ships will be awarded by the emergency fleet corporation until congress authorizes the appropriations recommended by Chairman Hurley for this class of government work.

### KITCHEN LOOMS UP AS NEXT SPEAKER IF CLARK RESIGNS

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The desire of Governor Gardner to maintain party harmony in the state is understood to be one of the reasons for the tender of the place to Missouri's veteran and beloved legislator. In fact, it is claimed by democrats in close touch with the political situation in Missouri that unless Mr. Clark accepts the governor's appointment and makes the race for election this fall, his party would be unable to elect a democratic senator to succeed Senator Stone.

Democratic Margin Slender. The democratic margin has become so small during the past year that they cannot afford to run the risk of losing a single seat now held by them. Special session of congress more than a year ago, the democrats have lost six senators by reason of death, five of whom have died since congress met last December. Two of these have been succeeded by republicans and there are chances that they may lose others.

### DUTCH DISCUSS SENDING OF SHIPS TO U. S. FOR GRAIN

Amsterdam, April 25.—Dutch ship-owners are reported to have held a meeting at The Hague this morning to discuss the sailing of ships to the United States to get grain. It is said the Nieuw Amsterdam will sail in a few days for New York to bring home the remaining Dutch sailors now at American ports.

### SIXTEEN ARE INDICTED IN THE PRAGER LYCHING CASE

Edwardsville, Ill., April 25.—Indictments were returned late today against 16 persons by the grand jury which investigated the lynching on April 5 of Robert Paul Prager, at Collinsville. Twelve indictments were against civilians and charged murder and four indictments were against policemen charging malfeasance in office.

### Action on Dividends Deferred.

New York, April 25.—The directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad today deferred action regarding stock dividends. It was announced that none would be declared until after the road's contract with the government has been signed. Officials expressed hope that this would take place before the annual meeting is held May 18.

### DANIELS PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE PRESS IN WAR

Its Contribution to Victory Too Large to Realize.

Other Speakers at Publishers Association Banquet Are Secretary Baker, Charles E. Hughes and Stephane Lauzanne.

New York, April 25.—Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy; Newton D. Baker, secretary of war; Charles E. Hughes, former associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, and Stephane Lauzanne, editor of the Paris Matin, were the principal speakers tonight at the annual banquet of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Secretary Daniels gave unstinted praise to the newspaper generally for the work they have done and are doing to win the war, but criticized sharply "echo editors" who "mistake hysteria and noise for conviction and thought" comparing them to ships at sea without rudder or sail or steam or captain.

The secretary said the war would be waged without cessation until "the menace of autocracy no longer endangers the happiness and prosperity of mankind." That it must be won "if it calls for all the boys under 31 or all 'boys' under 70."

Mr. Daniels drew a laugh by addressing his audience as "fellow editors" and asserting that "I am a member of the profession of long standing, temporarily assigned to 'cover' the navy." He said that the "contribution of the press of this country to the winning of the war is too large for our generation ever to realize."

M. Lauzanne, who spoke on behalf of M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, said he brought a message of deep affection and friendship to Americans from the people of France. The intermingling of French and American blood in the combats that are being waged, he added, made between the Americans and the French "a link which will never be broken."

Mr. Hughes in his address discussed the responsibilities of journalists in time of war. He said that freedom of speech and of the press was a relative freedom and that the effective prosecution of the war "involves of necessity certain restrictions in our accustomed freedom."

He added that there was need for honest criticism "which cannot be surrendered without impairing the essentials of liberty and the preservation of the nation itself" and declared in this connection that "the officers of our government are not a privileged class."

Secretary Baker declared that the ambition of the Hohenzollern family threatened to blast the hopes of the human race and made an eloquent appeal.

deal to the editors of the United States "to make the people of the United States see the war in its true light." Referring to the German people, the secretary said: "Nothing will win away the worshippers of Moloch except the overthrow of their god."

### GERMANS OUTNUMBERED THE AMERICANS 8 TO 1

More Wounded in the Selcheprey Battle Found—One Man Buried Alive Three Days.

With the American Army in France, April 25.—(By the Associated Press).—Further details received at headquarters of the engagement around Selcheprey show that the American troops were outnumbered in some instances eight to one.

More of the American wounded were found today, one of whom was buried alive for three days and had been trampled over by the enemy when he had crawled to the surface, in the belief that he was dead. The American casualties are considerably less than the first estimates.

### Miller Is Released.

Washington, April 25.—Frederick C. Miller, mayor of Michigan City, Ind., who was arrested as an enemy alien when he came here Tuesday to discuss prospects of completing his naturalization as an American citizen was released tonight and allowed to depart for home.

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### HIGHER PHONE RENTS ASKED BY BELL CO.

Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach Affected.

Petition Filed With Corporation Commission for 25 to 50 Cents on Residence and \$1 Business Phones. Small Profits Reason.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, April 25.—The Southern Bell Telephone Co. filed today with the corporation commission a petition for increase in telephone rates for most of the North Carolina exchanges specifying Charlotte, Davidson, Greensboro, Hamlet, Laurinburg, Mt. Olive, Raleigh, Reidsville, Salisbury, Wilmington, Winston-Salem, Wrightsville Beach, Asheville and Hendersonville.

In the main the increases are from 25c to 50c per month for residence phones and 50 cents to \$1 for special line business phones. The increases are especially for the reason that there is increased cost of operation through higher cost of material and increases in salaries and the like.

The increases proposed will make business phones in Charlotte and Asheville \$5 instead of \$4 and will add 50 cents per month on business phones in other towns.

The petition sets out that in 1916 the company netted only 3.85 per cent on its North Carolina investment and in 1917 only 3.58 per cent and that for the current year still greater inroads are being made on the earnings through mounting cost of operation.

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