

"OLD CLOY" NOW FLEES IN EUROPEAN WATERS SOUTHERN IMPROVEMENTS TO START SOON

SENATE DEVOTES DAY TO CRITICISM OF WAR MEASURES

Scores Executive Branch of Government Behind Closed Doors.

NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL IS SCORED Declared That Council Has Usurped Authority—President Criticised.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—In beginning consideration today of the \$3,399,000,000 war budget, the senate devoted the entire session to sweeping criticism of the executive branch of the government.

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FOOD LEGISLATION TO BE RE-DRAFTED, IS FORECAST

Senate Asks House for Subcommittee to Help Draft Measure.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Redrafting of food legislation pending in congress to meet the views of the administration, was forecast today in the request of the senate agricultural committee that the house committee name a sub-committee to assist it in drawing new bills.

AMERICAN TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS ARE NOW ON DUTY IN EUROPEAN WATERS

Squadron of U. S. Warships Reaches Queenstown, "Ready for Business" and Immediately Puts to Sea on Patrol Duty Against the Submarines.

QUEENSTOWN, May 16.—A squadron of American torpedo boat destroyers has safely crossed the Atlantic and is patrolling the seas in war service.

The American navy's actual entry into the war zone has already been productive of a brush between a destroyer and a German underwater boat, according to an announcement by the British admiralty, but the result of it has not been made public.

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PARTICIPATION OF UNITED STATES IN BIG WAR REALITY

American Destroyer Engages in Brush With German Submarine.

GERMAN ATTACKS ON ALLIES REPULSED

British Fall Back But by Brilliant Counter Attacks Regain Ground.

The physical participation of the United States in the war is a reality. American torpedo-boat destroyers, well-groomed for the task and their officers and men enthusiastic in their quest are patrolling the eastern Atlantic searching for German submarines, which have wrought such disaster to shipping.

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WIGOROUS MOVEMENT TO INCREASE INCOME TAXES STARTED IN THE HOUSE

Insurgents Succeed in Raising Percentage on Big Incomes.

LLOYD GEORGE PLANS TO SETTLE IRISH QUESTION

LONDON, May 16.—The British prime minister today sent a letter to John Redmond, leader of the Irish nationalist party, outlining the government's project for the settlement of the Irish home rule question.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY WILL START WORK ON TERMINAL FACILITIES AT EARLY DATE

Announcement Means That Land Purchased at Billmore Will Soon Be Scene of Large Activities—Will Not Interfere With Training Camps.

The Southern railway's intention, which would call for the sacrifice of engineering skill of the very highest order and the expenditure of many millions of dollars, in this plan the great freight yards soon to be built at present Asheville and Billmore, are an important part of the plan.

The expressed intention of the railway company to at once increase its freight terminals here, will not, it may be definitely stated, interfere with the location of the training camp on the Billmore estate. It is understood that Mrs. Vanderbilt's patriotic and most generous offer of a site on the estate remains open, subject to certain very simple conditions.

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BAPTISTS GIVEN BIG SENSATION AT ANNUAL MEETING

Delegate Says Convention is Handling Vast Funds Illegally.

CHARTERED UNDER LAWS OF GEORGIA Asserts Baptist Convention Has No Jurisdiction Over Boards.

NEW ORLEANS, May 16.—A decided sensation was created in the Southern Baptists' convention here late today, when J. F. Brownlow, a banker and lay delegate from Columbia, Tenn., declared on the floor that high legal authority, which he had consulted, had held that the convention, together with its various boards, which handle several million dollars annually, were operating illegally and that under the laws the convention had no legal jurisdiction over its affiliated boards.

The committee on consolidation of the three boards revised the suggestions contained in the majority and minority reports previously published in the denominational journals. The majority prior to the convention had recommended the appointment of an executive committee to direct and coordinate all the work of the three boards and, supervising appeals and campaigns for funds, with headquarters in Nashville. The minority favored tabling the whole question. In the revised report submitted to the convention today, which was a compromise between the two elements in the committee, it was recommended that the three boards remain separate as at present, and that an executive committee of seven be elected annually to have oversight of the arrangements for the convention and act for the convention on an interim of its meetings on necessary matters. It further recommended that the committee "also be empowered to act in an advisory way on all questions submitted to it on matters arising between the boards and the state boards, but only on request of one or more of the boards concerned."

CONFERENCE REPORT ON ARMY BILL IS ADOPTED

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The conference report on the war army bill was adopted by the house today, after a record vote late today, after Representative Dent had announced that the senate conferees had agreed to the house provision increasing the pay of enlisted men. Final action must be taken by the senate.

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WASHINGTON, May 16.—A vigorous movement to increase the proposed revenue bill income surtaxes announced yesterday by the committee on the bill, and which would increase the tax on incomes over \$40,000 from eight to thirty-three per cent on incomes between \$40,000 and \$60,000 and tomorrow they will resume their fight, determined to elevate every division until incomes above \$50,000 would pay almost sixty per cent.

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