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OLD GLORY MADE TOOL BY THE ENEMY

NDER AMERICAN FLAG SUBMARINES RECEIVED STORES

Supplies Said to Have Been ***** Given German Submarines In Atlantic.

GOVERNMENT NOW

Thomas Make Damaging + rose 7 1-2 cents to \$2.33 3-4. Admission—The Steamship Company Operates Out of New York.

ment is making a rigid investigation of the activities of the steamer Maniowoc and other vessels of the American Trans-Atlantic Company, which are said to have carried supplies to German submarines in the Atlantic. partment today.

The American Trans-Atlantic Company has offices both in New York and Boston and its ships fly the American flag. Officials would not say what had aroused their suspi-Thomas, Virgin Islands.

German Submarines Supplied From United States.

San Juan, Porto Rico, May 5 (Corspondence of the Associated Press). There are German submarines in ie Atlantic and until very recently reks was detained in the harbor at French coast. Wirgin Islands, U. S. A., put into Vale. he harbor at St. Thomas, bound from menos Aires to New York, supposedler German submarines.

When we left New York last we tere supposed to have a cargo of coal "xclusively," said one of the crew. on the high seas to German subma-Ohio. rines. We had no cargo when we Fached Buenos Aires."

At Buenos Aires, that ship, the luskegon, and the Allaguash, all took n general cargoes, oil and other fuel they said. On the Manitowoc there ers staff. son also placed two iron chests filled with gold, each supposed to

While waiting in St. Thomas for orders the Danish islands were transferred to the United States and the ships were not permitted to sail. The few of the Manitowoc tried to get some of their pay while idle in the to make any payments. The men then made complaint to Rear Admiral Oliver, governor of the islands, who required Captain Hogstead to guaranthat he would not supply any more enemy ships before being per-

(Continued on rage Eight).

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, May 8 .- May wheat *

MAKING INOUIRY + sold at \$3 a bushel today, the + ♦ highest price on record. It was • * an advance of 17 cents. The * Crew of Ship Detained at St. close was at \$2.97. July wheat +

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 8.—The govern-

This was admitted at the Navy De- Greek Vessel Parthenon Torpedoed—Ship and Cargo Valued at Four Milions.

ew York, May 8.—The Greek tions, but said that the ships had steamship Parthenon, which left New according to a dispatch received here today by the owners.

No Report as to Crew. a ship of 2,934 tons gross, was under hey have been supplied from the charter to the Royal Belgian Lloyd. deamer Manitowoc, which for several stroyed April 30, presumably off the and material.

St. Thomas. Twenty-one of the crew Three Norwegian Steamers Torpedoed. returning to the United States London, May 8 .- The Norwegian son, "does not in itself create the der difficulties with Captain F. foreign office reports the Norwegian emergency. It is simply contributory ogstead, master of the ship. The steamers Tolska, Vale and Tromp to a condition which became critical may be in motion within two weeks. anilowoc, Muskegon and Allaguash'sunk by German submarines, says a because of the country's entry into the belonging to the same line, short-Central News dispatch from Christi-war. It is difficult to determine at before the Danish islands became lania. Three men were lost from the this time what additional burdens will

to await orders. They were still Christiania in 1913. The Tromp, of sary on a broad scale.' waiting for orders when the islands 2,751 tons, built at Stockton, in 1897, Mr. Johnson said he felt that futransferrerd to the United was last reported arriving at Gibral- ture dividends of railway securities general cancellations of private con- resentative Tilson, of Connecticut States, According to their manifests tar on April 5 en route from Cardiff should be assured in order that they tracts with steel mills will be those former national guard officer and mem- ago if the submarine campaign had three ships carried coal and to Spezia. No steamer Tolska is list- may subscribe to war loans. The wit- of rail roads. Steel mills, it is con- ber of the House Military committee been begun a year earlier." ther fuel supplies. Members of the ed in available records. The Norwelles detailing increased templated, will be permitted to supurging that the United States should of the Manitowoc say all the gian steamer, Tolosa, of 1,833 tons, operating expenses of the Norfolk & ply them with the minimum amount use the British army rifle to equip its tessels were loaded with contraband built at Frederikstad in 1915, may be Western. the vessel alluded to.

Claim Recapture of Fresnoy. (By Associated Press.) Berlin, May 8 (Via London)-Gerpplies which were covered over says the official statement issued to power. with several hundred tons of coal, day by the German army headquart-

contain \$250,000. These, according to the men, were also hidden under the coal.

Lodge, Order of Moose for-Death From Initiation.

(By Associated Press.) mitted to leave the harbor, presum- review Alabama court proceedings Southern cost \$2 a ton, where as be- mit sending Colonel Roosevelt's divisably for Buenos Aires, Captain the Supreme court yesterday put into fore, it had cost \$1.25. Hogstead said he was unable to get effect its decree awarding \$18,000 The trouble with the Southern, the work and considered returning the bill IN INDIANAPOLIS TODAY on a railway bridge near Moncure, thirwork and considered returning the bill to the House and Separate and seking. any instructions from the owners in damages against the Supreme Lodge witness declared, is not so much a to the House and Senate and asking of the Loyal Order of Moose for the lack of equipment, but the embargoes for instructions. of the Loyal Order of Moose for the lack of equipment, but the morning, according to the death of Donald A. Kenney during that are encountered; the Southern The conferees professed to be in Indianapolis, May 8.—The French the captain ordered the ship's initiation at the Birmingham, Ala., not yet having had the trouble that complete ignorance of the Administra- war commission arrived in Indianapohoisted upside down, indicating local lodge. Kenney died after re-confronts roads in other sections of tion's wishes and some of the members lis at 12:13 o'clock this afternoon. A liere was mutiny aboard. When of ceiving an electric shock from a the country. Mr. Harrison said a 15 said a few words from the White reception committee composed of State ficers from ashore came on board to "branding board." That this feature per cent. increase as proposed actual- House would clarify the situation. and City officials immediately escorting the streets are constituted as the party along business streets find out what the trouble was and was not a regular part of the initially would amount to a total increase the men in the trouble was and was not a regular part of the initially would amount to a total increase the men insisted there was nothing tion, but impromptu "horse play" of of freight rates of 11 per cent. tong except for the fact that they the local lodge members, was con- W. J. Harahan, president of the Sea- and the amendments for raising voluntum throngs. The commission remained gesting a trip to Canada. The wom- ferred by Secretary McAdoo to Amendments for raising voluntum throngs. The commission remained gesting a trip to Canada. The wom- ferred by Secretary McAdoo to Amendments for raising voluntum throngs. The commission remained gesting a trip to Canada. The wom- ferred by Secretary McAdoo to Amendments for raising voluntum throngs. The commission remained gesting a trip to Canada. The wom- ferred by Secretary McAdoo to Amendments for raising voluntum throngs. The commission remained gesting a trip to Canada. The wom- ferred by Secretary McAdoo to Amendments for raising voluntum throngs. The commission remained gesting a trip to Canada. The wom- ferred by Secretary McAdoo to Amendments for raising voluntum throngs. The commission remained gesting a trip to Canada. The wom- ferred by Secretary McAdoo to Amendments for raising voluntum throngs.

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Before The Interstate Commerce Commission by Railroad Presidents

SOUTHEAST ROADS GIVEN HEARING

Norfolk and Western, South- rine menace. ern and Seaboard Air Line Presidents Tell of Their Road's Condition.

son, president of the Norfolk & Westbeen held for investigation at St. York on April 14, for Havre, has been ern Railroad, was the first of the exsunk by a German submarine, with a ecutives of the southeastern railroads + isting contracts between those + loss of \$4,000,000 in vessel and cargo, to be heard today by the Interstate * mills and private consumers and * Commerce Commission on the applica- where necessary, payment of & ation of all lines of the country for a general 15 per cent. increase in freight | cancelled. New York, May 8.—The Parthenon, rates. Mr. Johnson emphasized the nited States by ships flying the She carried Greek officers and crew. ation and asserted that the increase American flag, according to state. The cablegram did not say whether asked for would not offset advances in ments by members of the crew of the they were saved. The vessel was de-wages and the increased cost of fuel be those needed otherwise for the key are assembling in Constantinople

> "The Adamson law," said Mr. Johnbe imposed upon the railroads, but it is certain that special train service The Vale of 719 tons, was built in and terminal facilities will be neces-

Replying to questions, Mr. Johnston roads can get along. said the Norfolk & Western now pays It may be unnecessary for the gov- American force sent abroad use the 7 per cent. on its stock. Coal in ernment actually to take over the same ammunition as the British. London, May 8.—The Norwegian creases averaged 98 cents a ton over shipbuilding yards of the country and "Underneath the coal were all sorts bark Dione was sunk by gun fire on last year. Representatives of eastern they probably will be operated by of fuel and food supplies. Supposed- May 2. Her crew of 12 were rescued, railroads who appeared before the their present owners under strict the cargo was destined for Buenos including two Americans, C. H. Ed-commission yesterday said that they governmental supervision. Between St. Thomas and wards, of Normat, Tenn., and H. K. were required to meet increases of \$21 The program contemplates the use, Buenos Aires we got rid of our cargo Parker, of Trents street, Portsmouth, a ton. Mr. Johnson said his road to the maximum, of every resource could purchase coal cheaper, because within the United States speedily to it ran directly into mining regions. He design and build the largest number son, prominent in the cotton industry chances grow for a reform of political latest of his congratulatory telegrams, attributed the raise in the price of of ships possible. Should the num-of the South, and other members of conditions in Germany. coal to the extraordinary demand, shortage of labor, and lack of transporman troops have recaptured Fresnoy, tation facilities, principally motive

> Further questions by the commission brought out the fact that the Norfolk & Western recently had bought two coal plants to supply its own

Mr. Johnson emphasized the need for increasing credit facilities, which, he said, was impossible unless freight increases should be granted. Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern, discussed the finances of that system and the increased cost of Conferees Become Deadlocked

everything that enters into its operaharbor, but Captain Hogstead refused Judgment Against Grand tion. An increase of 15 per cent. in freight rates, he said, would fall \$2,-000,000 short of meeting the expected income necessary for the proper operation and development of the line. Mr. Harrison told the commission that the army bill today fell into such a today by the War Department. Washington, May 8.—By refusing to some of the coal now bought by the deadlock over the amendment to per-

GOVT. OPTIMISTIC OVER SOLVING THE BIG SUB. PROBLEM

FOR NEW SHIPS

Giant Appropriation Will be Sought For This Vital Work.

ALL STEEL PLANTS WILL BE CALLED ON marine menace.

Private Contracts Will be Cancelled to Permit the Government Work-Will Shor:ly Be Started.

+ BIG AMOUNT FOR NEW SHIPS. + ful.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 8 .- Congress & pressed it. ❖ will be asked to appropriate \$1,- ❖ * which is to overcome the subma- *

be constructed by the govern- distant date. ment during the next two years.

(By Associated Press.) The program evolved by the **
Washington, May 8.—L. E. John- shipping board contemplates the ** diversion to government uses of 4 the products of every steel mill * f in the country, cancellation of ex-♣ the parties whose contracts are ❖

> Washington, May 8.—The only and the administration hopes to get! them under way so promptly that the Cooperation of the labor organizations has already been pledged, it is understood, and there will be no legislation, unless the present program

The only other exception to the of steel products with which the rail war army. He argued that there would

will be increased.

SNAG STRUCK ON ROOSEVELT MOVE

Over This Question in Army Bill.

The prohibition amendment, the age ed the party along business streets a letter urging her to cut her hair meet her expenses in this country

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Something Definite Expected Soon in Invention, Declare Officials.

CHAIRMAN SAUNDERS AT CAPITAL TODAY

Think That Remedy For The Evil Will Be Found In Near Future-Plans Are Being Kept Secret.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 8 .- Some definite developments in the near future may be expected from the experiment of American inventors and scientists working on means to combat the sub-

This summary of the situation was obtained authoritatively today in connection with the visit to Washington of Chairman W. L. Saunder, of the Naval Consulting Board, and members of the special committee of the board dealing with the subject.

Officials of the Navy Department 🔹 💠 🂠 💠 🕏 💠 💠 💠 💠 🍁 🏇 🐪 most familiar with what is being done stated today that the outlook was hope-

"They are getting down to brass tacks," was the way one official ex-

It was again said by Navy officials, ♣ 000,000,000 for the building of the ♣ however, that no intimation of plans ♣ great American merchant fleet ♣ that are being laid would be given out. It is upon the fact that all that is being done seems to be tending to-Estimates of the shipping board . ward certain definite points that the are that 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 tons & belief is based that a remedy for the of steel and wooden vessels will submarine will be found at some not

The program evolved by the * AMERICANS IN TURKEY LEAVING THERE.

(By Associated Press.) Stockholm, (Via London), May 8. the Swedish foreign office that a party lay the blame for the long duration damages by the government to of Americans, 70 in all, left Constantinople on Thursday for Berne, and that arrangements have been comemergency existing in railroad oper- * * * * * * * * * * * * of twenty American consular officers. manufactures of steel to be exempted Morris is of a reassuring character, cellor's hesitant policy, caused the loss from the ship building program will that Americans from all parts of Tur- of the battle of the Marne. National Defense. Bills for introduc- and that any desiring to leave the were detached to stem the Russian that its surrender or extinction is extion in Congress have been prepared country will be permitted to do so.

(By Associated Press.) is changed, looking to the drafting of llouse upon the members, along with war by opposing ruthless submarine the labor necessary to carry out the a great array of rifles, revolvers and warfare. It cites Field Marshal Conother weapons, formed an exhibit yes- rad von Hoetzendorf, Austrian combe a great advantage in having any

PROTEST AGAINST

(By Associated Press.) ber of vessels thus turned out be the New Orleans exchange, today sent war revenue measure. Mr. Thompson favor of moderate peace terms. in his telegram to Chairman Lever, of the House Agricultural committee, declared a sufficient supply of cotton was necessary both for offensive and defensive purposes during war and that its production should be stimulated by the government.

WOULD HAVE MILITARY PARK AT GUILFORD

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 8.-An appropriation of \$8,100 to begin the establishi ment of a national military park at (By Associated Press.) the battlefield of Guilford Court House, Washington, May 8.—Confereees on N. C., was recommended to Congress

ion to France that they suspended CROWDS CHEER FRENCH

limits for the selective conscription, which were lined with cheering and adopt male attire and also sug-during May. The amount was trans-

Charged With Failure of Teutons to Win Complete Victory Early in The War

HIS HESITANCY AT BEGINNING

Accountable For Allies' Victory on the Marne—Opposition to Submarine Warfare Prevented Ending

(By Associated Press.) Copenhagen, (Via London), May 8.— The Conservatives and pan-Germans have now brought up their heavy ar-lish. The American minister here, Ira Nel-Itillery in the battle against Chancelson Morris, has been advised through lor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and boldly

of the war at his door. The Conservative Deutsche Tages pleted for the departure from Turkey Zeitung explains three or four days' have been forced to mark time until delay in German mobilization at the Bulle court falls. All information reaching Minister outset of the war, due to the Chan-

guns trained from the well of the chance of triumph of terminating the ern France imperiled. terday to accompany a speech by Rep- mander-in-chief, as saying recently: "The war would have been over long

ment because he does not measure up to Germany's "iron man."

PROPOSED COTTON TAX ed by mass meetings organized by questions that their military critics New Orleans, May 8 .- W. B. Thomp- The bitterness increases as the fact that the German Emperor, in the

The Chancellor's opponents couple time, instead of exulting over victories, inadequate to meet the German sub-telgrams to members of Congress pro-their attacks with far from flattering real or imaginary. marine menace shipbuilding facilities testing against the proposal to tax remarks about the Austro-Hungarian cotton production \$2.50 a bale as a government for its declarations in

Taken Into Custody Guardsmen at Railroad Bridge Near Moncure.

of Elria, Ohio, was arrested by guards as a member of the board. and is being held under suspicion of being a German agent, pending further investigation. She explained to National Guardsmen on duty, when arthat she is a professional hobo.

Rolling Up of Important Teuton Sector a Matter of Only a Few Days.

DESPERATE EFFORT TO CHECK BRITISH

In Their Enveloping Movement-German Realization of Menace in Alternate Sledge-Hammer Blows of Allies — Significance of Kaiser's Late Utterance.

The great human nippers which General Haig has forged around the southern end of the Drocourt Queant switch line are steadily closing and the rolling up of this important section of the German defenses appears to be a matter of a few days. The Drocourt-Queant line is the hastily improvised barrier thrown up by Field Marshal von Hindenburg to protect Cambrai and Doual after the more famous line, named in honor of himself, had been smashed by the Brite

The bitter resistance offered by the Germans to the British advance has centered in their defense of Bulle court, two and a half miles west of Queant. To the south the British have forged well beyond Queant, but

The capture of the village was entrusted to Australians and these hard fighting colonials have almost sur-The paper holds that the troops that rounded the German stronghold so invasion of East Prussia would have pected momentarily. The Drocourtbeen sufficient to change the defeat of Queant line forms a broad salient in first of the shipbuilding operations MACHINE GUNS TRAINED General Von Kluck's army into a vic- the British front, 18 miles at its top tory and that in that case the war and paralleling the Douai-Cambrai line. ON OUR CONGRESSMEN would have ended in a speedy and de- The crushing in of this salient will cisive German triumph. The Tages mean that the German grip on the Zeitung goes on to declare that the great Lens coal region will be broken Washington, May 8.—Four machine Chancellor threw away a second and the entire German line in north-

> There are many signs that the Germans realize the menace to them in the alternate sledge-hammer blows of the British and French, beneath which their choicest troops are being steadily driven from position after position. News from the western front is not The pan-American annexationists merely being suppressed in Berling are also comparing the Chancellor to but is being doctored for the consump-Bismarck and demanding his retire- tion of German newspaper readers.

> Discrepancies between the German and allied official versions are appar-The agitation for the downfall of ently arousing suspicions in some Gervon Bethmann-Hollweg is unconcealed man minds, at least, and the Berlin in press and Parliament and is reinford newspapers are being bombarded with imperialist leagues and the independ- seem to find some difficulty in answerent committee for a German peace. ing. There is significance also in the speaks of a "serious and decisive"

Apart from France, the only fighting of significance reported from the war theatres is taking place in Macedonia. The reports from this front are meagre and they indicate an increasing activity which may presage a general offensive by the Allies.

GOLDSBORO TO HAVE CITY MANAGER FORM.

(Special to The Dispatch.) is to have a city manager form of govby ernment. It was adopted in the city election here yesterday by a majority

of 37 voters. John R. Higgins, having no opposition, was re-elected mayor. The en-(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, N. C., May 8.—A woman, ception of J. W. Sadler, were re-electgiving her name as Mrs. B. C. Perrin, ed. J. W. Cole succeeds Mr. Sadler

HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS PAID FRANCE

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 8.—France today rested, that she had walked there from received the \$100,000,000 the United Raleigh, but, it is learned, she carried States has decided to lend her to an gives her age as 65 and explains bassador Jusserand today by treasury warrant.