

# AMERICA MAY LEAD ALL THE BIG NATIONS

### Immediate Expansion Planned By the United States For Destroyers

### WHAT THE SUBMARINE MOSTLY DREADS

### Important Conference Between Secretary Daniels and Over Score Ship Builders—Would Be Stronger Than Any Other Power

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 20.—Immediate expansion of building facilities of the United States to double or triple the output of destroyers during the next 18 months was the object of a conference today between Secretary Daniels and representatives of 25 or more ship and engine builders. "If we get what we want," the Secretary said, "the United States will have more destroyers than any other power. They are the one thing a submarine fears." It was indicated that all the destroyers, the builders could produce would be ordered. Every effort of the department will be laid upon speeding up the large number of contracts now pending.

Every aspect of shipbuilding that bears upon destroyer production was taken up at the conference. There is now no shortage of material or plant facilities, but difficulty lies in obtaining enough power engines, boilers and reduction gears.

Secretary Daniels said no additional chasers would be ordered at present. The chasers are valuable for harbor and inshore patrol work, but the destroyers are far superior even for these duties and have in addition sea going qualities which make them of far greater value in all ways than the small chasers.

Every suggestion that the ship or engine builders had to make today as to additional motive power for the destroyers will be laid down, Secretary Daniels said, in favor of expansion of the plants now building destroyers as the most efficient means of speeding up. Experience gained in previous building will enable such plants to turn out new ships more quickly. It is felt that would be possible for a new plant, lacking that experience.

Secretary Daniels' decision shows that the officers who have been contending that the best answer to the U-boat was to turn out an enormous number of destroyers, have carried their point. The experience of all allied navies that the destroyer is more deadly to submarines than any other type of craft, is borne out by reports from Vice Admiral Sims founded on the actual experience of American destroyers in European waters.

Another aspect is the problem of furnishing convoys to troops and supply ships which will grow as American forces in France are increased. Many officers now believe that destroyer convoys guarantee a large degree of security from submarine attack. The thing needed, in their view, is an adequate number of destroyers to make it certain that supply lines are not interrupted. The department apparently has approved this view.

No figures have ever been made public. The number of destroyers now building, Secretary Daniels said today, however, that they represent the maximum capacity of the country, as the builders and engine and boiler makers at present equipped. To expand that capacity will require the expansion of every existing plant and the addition of new engine and boiler works.

### TAR HEEL SOLDIERS BEING TRANSFERRED

(By Associated Press.) Greenville, S. C., Aug. 20.—Four hundred and twenty men, drawn from the South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee companies of Infantry, 2nd Camp Sevier, are today being transferred to the South Carolina Engineers Battalion.

### TWO YEARS EACH FOR EXEMPTION OFFICERS

(By Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 20.—Dr. S. J. Bernfield and Louis I. Cheery, indicted members of the exemption board No. 59, today entered pleas of guilty to a charge of conspiracy to obstruct the draft law when they were about to be placed on trial. They were sentenced to two years each in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

### I. W. W. STRIKE DID NOT OCCUR

### State Troops Arrest Leaders—Officials Have Nothing to Give Out

(By Associated Press.) Spokane, Wash., Aug. 20.—A general strike of the Industrial Workers of the World, called as a protest against holding its members in jail without charges, supposed to begin today in Montana, Washington, Idaho and Oregon, did not get a good start, according to reports received here.

James Rowan, district secretary of the I. W. W. in the far northwestern States, and the two others who were arrested yesterday by National Guardsmen, remained in the county jail as military prisoners.

Nothing to Give Out. Washington, Aug. 20.—Department of Justice officials declined today to comment upon the labor situation in Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Idaho, where a general strike of Industrial Workers of the World had been set for today or the arrest yesterday of James Rowan, district secretary and 26 other leaders of the organization.

Details of the charges against Rowan and his associates, the investigation to be conducted and of the causes for employing Idaho National Guardsmen in making the arrests, officials said, were subjects about which it was deemed expedient to say little just now. It was intimated, however, that the arrest of the I. W. W. leaders was only one feature of the programme contemplated to prevent a general tie-up of industries in the affected sections.

### WAR REVENUE BILL STILL BEING DEBATED

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 20.—The much disputed income war profits, publishers' and consumption tax provisions of the war revenue bill were reached when the Senate resumed debate on the measure today and a sharp fight was certain to result. Most of bill's most contested sections have been disposed of.

Senator LaFollette, in a speech that was expected to occupy most of the day, sought to increase the income and war profits rates. Most Senators are opposed to increasing the war profits tax.

The Senate is now in its thirtieth, and what the leaders hope will prove to be, the final week of debate on the bill.

Before discussion began today the Finance committee met and decided not to resort to cloture to expedite the bill. During the next few days, however, Chairman Simmons expects to ask that a date be fixed for a final vote on the prominent questions in controversy. Senator Williams, of Mississippi, who today urged the committee to initiate cloture, virtually was alone in its support.

Senator LaFollette's speech in favor of increasing income and war profits levies, planned for today, was postponed until tomorrow. Senator Jones, of New Mexico, spoke today in support of his plan to tax corporations' undistributed surplus.

### REFUSES TO HAULT AND WAS SHOT

German Merchant Attempting to Slip Across Border Into Canada Arrested

(By Associated Press.) Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Aug. 20.—Alfred Benninghaus, a German merchant, was wounded by machine gun bullets early today, when his launch was fired on by Michigan infantrymen in a patrol boat, after a command to stop had not been obeyed. Two other persons in the launch escaped injury. Benninghaus and his companions reached the Canadian side where they were promptly arrested and are being held pending investigation.

It is alleged that the trio attempted to evade inspection by the American officials on a trip from the American to the Canadian side of St. Mary's river.

## A BOGUS SON OF THE NAVY'S HEAD FAKES MANY FOLKS

### By Slick Trickery Obtains Money and Disappears

### TOUCHED MANY PEOPLE FOR COIN

### Claimed He Was Son of Secretary Daniels and Thus Applied His Fearsome Game

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 20.—The mysterious stranger passing himself off as a son of Secretary Daniels has obtained numerous sums of money and to date has eluded capture.

The Navy Department today issued a warning against the impostor. According to the Department's announcement the first occasion was July 9 when the impostor introduced himself to the officers of the receiving ship at the New York navy yard and was invited to luncheon. He said he had lost about \$47 and succeeded in borrowing from the ship's paymaster \$20, furnishing a regular navy receipt which he signed "Herbert J. Daniels." On July 25 of the Mont Clair, N. J., academy, introducing himself as Frank Daniels, a son of the Secretary, and said he had been commissioned by Rear Admiral Usher, of the New York navy yard, to arrange for an encampment on the academy campus for 200 sailors. He also expressed a desire to visit Thomas A. Edison at his laboratory at Orange, N. J., and this was arranged through Dr. Reese M. Hutchison.

The Navy Department statement says that Dr. Hutchison lost \$250 in cash by taking the stranger's check. When Dr. Hutchison came to Washington he handed Secretary Daniels a letter from his "son" and the fraud was disclosed.

In the meantime, the impostor had again called at Dr. Hutchison's home in Orange, N. J., saying he was going to stay there a week. He borrowed a camera from the butler and then proceeded to the Edison storage battery plant, where he got \$30 from the superintendent on a bad check.

"As soon as Secretary Daniels learned of the fraud," the statement continues, "the authorities were notified to be on the lookout for the impostor." On Sunday, July 29, a secret service man, in company with a policeman, saw the young man on Park avenue in Orange, and approached him with the intention of placing him under arrest. However, the young man, saw the young man on Park from that he had worn when he was at Dr. Hutchison's and had no glasses, and the secret service man not being sure of his ground, did not arrest him. Since that day the impostor has not been seen."

## GREECE'S ATTITUDE IN THE WORLD WAR

### Correspondence With the Kaiser Found Among Public Documents in Athens

(By Associated Press.) London, Aug. 20.—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that among the diplomatic documents found in Athens since the change in government is a dispatch of former King Constantine, written a few days after the war began, in response to a message from Emperor William, who proposed Greece should range herself with the Central powers. Constantine said: "The Emperor well knows my personal sympathies as well as my political opinions attract me to his side. Nevertheless, it is impossible for me to understand in what manner I could be useful to him in mobilizing my army. The Mediterranean is at the mercy of the United fleets of England and France, which could destroy our navy and merchant marine, occupy our islands and, above all, prevent concentration of my army, which could be effected only by sea in the absence of railway communications. Without it being in our power to be useful in any particular we would be wiped off the map. I am necessarily of the opinion that neutrality is imposed on us."

Gottlieb von Jagow, then German Foreign Secretary, replied to Constantine that Emperor William would understand the necessity of maintaining neutrality at present. He advised Constantine to reach an understanding with Sofia and Constantinople.

## BELGIAN MISSION IN PHILADELPHIA

(By Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Aug. 20.—Members of the Belgian mission, headed by Baron Moncheur, were guests of the city today for several hours. The envoys were met at the station by a committee headed by Mayor Smith and escorted to the Bellevue-Stratford hotel, where they were tendered a reception and luncheon.

## SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH CONFRONTS THE AMERICANS

### The Necessity of Supplying Their Allies With Needed Fresh Meats

### DEMAND INCREASES AS WAR PROGRESSES

### Present Shortage in Meat Supply Enormous—Consumption Among Allies Grows

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 20.—The problem of supplying the Allies with meat has devolved mainly on the United States, and daily the burden is growing more onerous, according to a statement issued by the food administration today. War-time demands have been so great that Europe has been making alarming inroads on its herds, with a consequent reduction in its domestic supply.

Since the war started there has been a total decrease of 115,000,000 in the world's supply of meat producing animals. Cattle increased 7,090,000 in the United States, while the world's supply was diminished by 54,500,000. Hogs increased 6,275,000 in America, but the general supply decreased 32,425,000.

During the year ending June 30, 1916, America exported 1,333,193,000 pounds of meat, as compared with 3-year ante-bellum average of 493,398,000 pounds. These exports went chiefly to the Allies, whose capital stock of animals has decreased 33,000 head.

"Although the European countries have drastically reduced meat consumption among war workers," says the statement, "this saving has been overcome by the greatly increased demands to supply men in the armies and shops and women who have taken up physical labor. Millions of individuals to whom fresh meat twice a week was a luxury, are now, by necessity of their extreme physical labor, eating it twice daily."

The war has injected into an already difficult situation a number of vicious conditions which are jeopardizing the ultimate animal products supply of the world. The production of fodder in Europe has diminished by the diversion of productive labor to war, and its import has been curtailed by shortage of shipping and by the isolation of markets by belligerent lines.

"The problem facing America is not only one of supplying the immediate demand of the Allies, but one which is more far reaching in its significance. As the war goes on, there will be a constant lessening of the capital stock of the world's food animals. Among our Western Allies the demand out-rides further every day the decreasing production and as shipping becomes further shortened by submarine destruction, further destruction of the herds must ensue."

The food administration points out that the only immediate solution of the problem lies in reduction of consumption and elimination of waste.

## NO MARYLANDERS ALLOWED TO LOAF

### State-wide Registration of Unemployed Begun—To Be Put to Work

(By Associated Press.) Baltimore, Aug. 20.—The work of enrolling the State's unemployed began today when the circuit court clerks of the counties and of the city threw open their books to list idlers. "Every man without a definite job must register, if he is between 18 and 60 years of age. The job will follow through the medium of a Federal employment agent.

The enrollment is mandatory under the compulsory work law. Its purpose is to gather in the non-workers and idlers, so that they can be assigned to do some of the very necessary work to help maintain the nation's fighting forces. Every non-worker is a liability in the eyes of the law and he will be enrolled and given a place in the producing capacity.

Only a few classes are exempt, These include students and others studying for trade or industrial callings; persons temporarily unemployed because of differences with their employers, an exemption made in favor of those following seasonal occupations in the city or in Allegheny county. Those failing to register may be fined as much as \$50 for the neglect.

## SHERIFF ARRESTED IN KY.

(By Associated Press.) Russellville, Ky., Aug. 20.—Sheriff James S. Taylor, a member of the Logan Exemption Board, and County Judge J. W. Edwards, were placed under arrest here today by Deputy United States Marshal B. M. Richardson, on the charge of conspiring to violate provisions of the selective draft law.

## SOLDIERS RAID EATING HOUSE

### Five Hundred Swarm Off Train at Richmond and Rob Restaurants

(By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Aug. 20.—Troops, said to be from Pottsville and Scranton, Pa., passing Danville last night had a lay over of 20 minutes. Five hundred soldiers swarmed up town and invaded two restaurants and virtually wiped out everything in them. Nothing was paid for. The men are said to have stood on the counters and walked on the tables in a mad effort to secure food.

Pies, melons, bunches of bananas, boxes of chewing gum, and tobacco, to say nothing of bread, were seized and carried off. The single policeman on duty was powerless. The negro cook in one place who remonstrated was knocked down. Both restaurants looked as though a swarm of locusts had passed through when the men, answering bugles, hastened to catch the train. The companies are said to have been identified and a claim will be sent the government.

## FATAL SHOOTING IN GOLDSBORO

### White Man Shot By Negro— Later Captured and Hurried Off by Sheriff

(Special to The Dispatch.) Goldsboro, N. C., Aug. 20.—Livison Jones, a young white man of this city, was shot and almost instantly killed at 10 o'clock yesterday morning by a negro known as "Pig" Austin. The tragedy occurred in the eastern section of the city and there are many rumors current as to the motive of the crime, but as far as can be learned, the men exchanged a few harsh words, resulting in the negro pulling a pistol from his pocket and firing two shots into the man's body, both entering the left side.

The negro made his escape, but was later captured by Sheriff Edwards and posse. Upon hearing that a mob was hot on the trail of the fugitive, the sheriff hurried away with the prisoner, presumably to Raleigh, for safe keeping, but just where he is no one seems to know. Had the negro remained in Goldsboro no doubt he would have been subject to great bodily harm, as it is said the people of eastern Goldsboro are much wrought up over the crime.

Coroner Baker refused to give out any statement regarding the tragedy and did not state when an inquest would be held. The body of the murdered man was removed to a local undertaking establishment where it was prepared for burial.

Mr. Jones was about 30 years of age and is survived by a wife and 2 small children.

An inquest over the body of Liverson Jones, murdered here yesterday, was held last night. The coroner's jury decided that the deceased came to his death by two pistol wounds from the hands of Pig Austin and recommended that he be held without bail for the August term of Superior Court, which opened here this morning. Austin will be brought here for trial.

The funeral of the murdered man will be held from his late home this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## FRENCH AGAIN TAKE BIG OFFENSIVE ON THE VERDUN FRONT

### While Italians Initiate Great Onslaught Against the Austrians

### FURIOUS FIGHTING ON BOTH FRONTS

### British Have Advanced Their Line Slightly—Another Great Air Raid Over Belgium by the British Forces.

The French took the offensive this morning on the Verdun front, striking along a sector of 11 miles on both banks of the Meuse river. Early official reports from Paris, while giving few details of the battle, say it has developed to the advantage of the French and that prisoners already are passing to the rear. The first reports do not show whether the French have inaugurated a major offensive, although the indications are that the operations is an unusually important one. There has been sharp fighting on the Verdun front which has been the scene of some of the most sanguinary struggles of the war. It was in this sector that the German Crown Prince launched an offensive early last year in an attempt to break the French line, losing several hundred thousand men without gaining any material advantages. Last week the Germans made a sharp local attack there, possibly having learned of the French preparations and hoping to break them up. For several days the French have been conducting a terrific bombardment of the German lines.

In the north the Germans made a counter attack on the positions taken yesterday by the British near Epehy. London reports that the assault was repulse completely. The British line on the Ypres front has been advanced slightly.

Another great aerial raid over Belgium was made by British airplanes on Saturday night. Many tons of bombs were dropped on the various objectives. The British airplanes returned safely after a battle with German machines, one of which was shot down.

The official German announcement records withdrawal of the Germans from Talou ridge, on the front north of Verdun, without fighting. The reason given is that since March this height has been occupied only by outposts. Elsewhere in this section of the line, the report says, heavy fighting is in progress.

The Italians have won a brilliant success in the opening phase of their new offensive, begun yesterday on a 37-mile front from the region of Tolmino to a point near the Adriatic. Rome reports officially that the Italians already have taken 7,500 prisoners. A new crossing of the Isonzo river has been forced.

Further successes on the Rumanian front are announced by the Germans.

## MEASURES PENDING BEFORE CONGRESS

### To Be Acted Upon at Present Session—Adjournment in Thirty Days Expected

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 20.—The legislative program remaining for the extra session of Congress has assumed such definite form that leaders tonight expressed hope for a vacation about September 15, or not later than October 1.

Included in the program for disposal within the next three or four weeks are: The \$2,006,000,000 war tax bill. A new war budget authorizing about \$7,500,000,000 in bonds, probably at 4 per cent, for further loans to the Allies and to retire the \$3,000,000,000 of 3-1/2 per cent. bonds already authorized and providing for \$2,000,000,000 worth of certificates of indebtedness and a like amount of small denomination war savings certificates.

A deficiency appropriation measure aggregating between \$6,000,000,000 and \$7,000,000,000 now being prepared by the House Appropriations committee.

The administration trading with the enemy bill, which passed the House July 11.

The administration measure for insurance of soldiers and sailors.

The Webb export trade bill, peace resolutions in the Senate, extension of the espionage act and several minor measures.

Most of these measures, leaders believe, can be disposed of while the war tax bill is in conference. Should obstructive opposition develop against the less important bills some may be postponed until Congress re-assembles.

## ALL MORTAL SENATOR KERN LAID TO REST

(By Associated Press.) Roanoke, Va., Aug. 20.—In the quiet of the Virginia hills the body of ex-Senator John W. Kern, of Indiana, majority leader in the last Senate and former vice presidential candidate, was buried on the grounds of his summer home, "Kern Cliff," near Roanoke, yesterday afternoon. The press of war legislation at Washington prevented a delegation of his former colleagues from attending the services.

## BIDS FAREWELL TO HER SOLDIERS

New York's "Fighting Sixty-Ninth" Leaves for Concentration Camp.

## PROPOSED STRIKE NOT MATERIALIZED

(By Associated Press.) London, Aug. 20.—The strike of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, which was to have been called today involving about 40,000, had not been begun at noon, although some of the men had quit work at midnight.

The executive committee of the union remains in London discussing the situation. The opposition of virtually the entire press may have a disheartening effect on the men.

## PRESIDENT TO NAME MAN CONTROL COAL

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 20.—Plans for appointing a coal administrator were taken up today by President Wilson with the Federal Trade Commission.

The President, it is understood, favors appointing one man instead of a committee of three, as asked by mine owners and workers. There was talk in official circles today of the appointment of Chairman Lovett, of the Union Pacific system, but an opinion prevailed that he might not undertake it in addition to his work as head of the war industries board.