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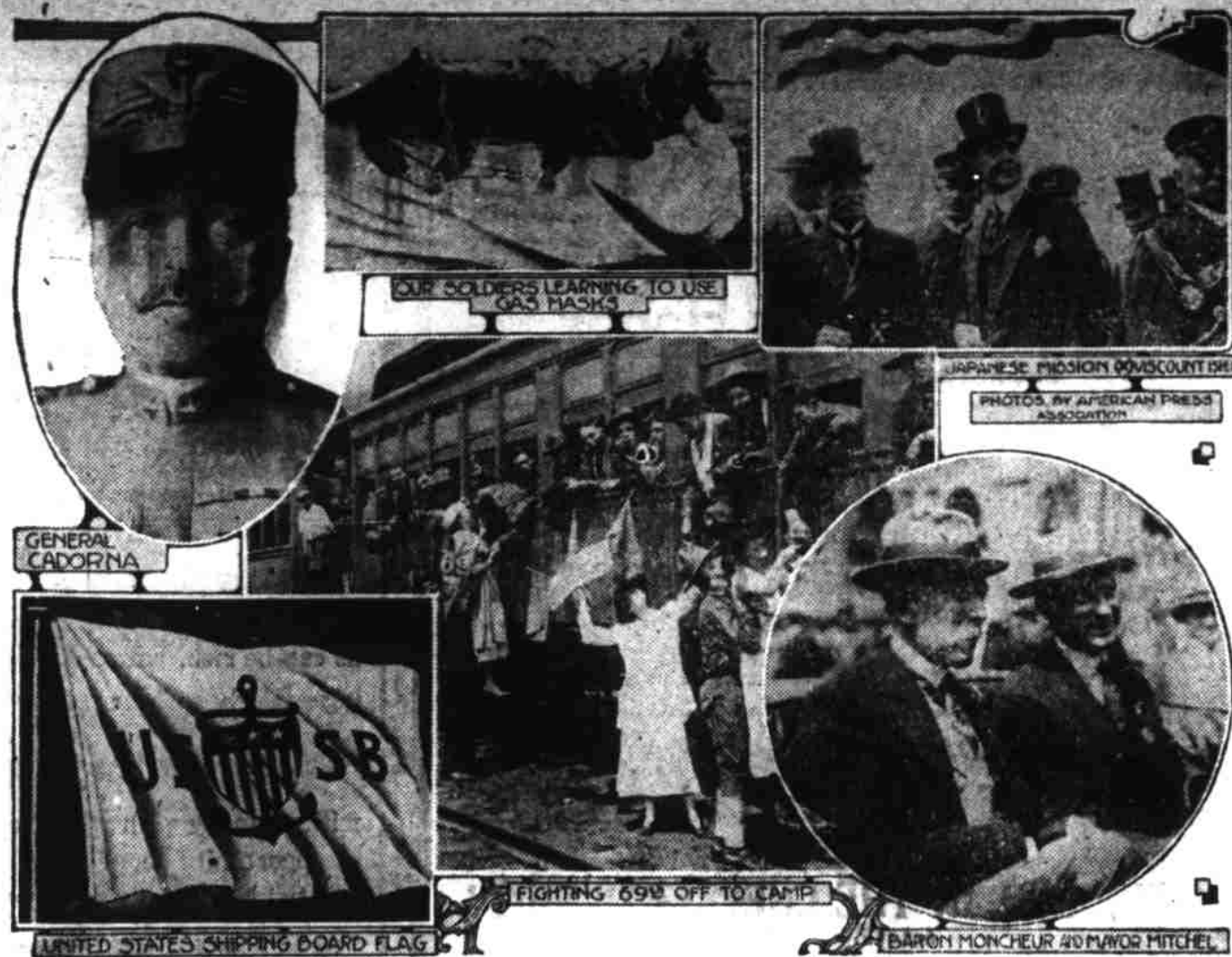
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News Snapshots Of the Week

With General Cadorna's Italian army strengthened around the Austrian city of Trieste, with the French gain at Verdun, with the British pounding the Flanders front, the Canadians consolidating their grip on Lens and the Germans threatening Petrograd, Russia's capital, by their victory at Riga, the map of Europe underwent considerable changes during the week. America's troops abroad were given the gas treatment to familiarize them with this method of attack. Two divisions were formed of 28,000 national guardsmen to go to France, the fighting sixty-ninth, representing New York city. Baron Moncheur of the Belgian mission was royally received in Gotham, while Viscount Ishii of the Japanese mission was given a rousing reception on his arrival in Washington. The United States shipping board's new flag will soon be a familiar sight on the seven seas; the board asks for \$1,134,000,000 more to extend plans.

TO CREATE LIVE STOCK INDUSTRY

Plan to Restock Farms With Food Animals.

NO SHORTAGE OF RIFLES

Each Man Sent to Firing Line Will Have at Least Two—Now Said It's Not Likely That Second Draft Call Will Be Made Before Next Spring.

Special Correspondence of The Gazette. WASHINGTON, D. C., August 27.—Creation of a live stock industry commission of 100 volunteer members to undertake a campaign to increase the nation's meat production during the war was announced by the department of agriculture and the food administration.

The committee has a plan for the transfer of thousands of head of cattle, sheep and hogs from the big western producing districts to small farms in central and southern states, where a great amount of feed goes to waste. An executive committee, including Gifford Pinchot of the food administration, G. H. Rommel of the agricultural department and E. C. Lassater, a Texas stockman, will direct the work of the larger committee.

Under the arrangement planned small farmers may place orders for live stock with county agents of the agricultural department. Live stock exchanges will assist in the movement without charge to the purchasers.

In a statement setting forth the plan the food administration and the agricultural department call attention to the heavy demand for meat abroad and the continued diminution of European herds. America will be called upon to furnish the allies with increasingly large amounts of meat as the war progresses. This can be done, it is pointed out, only by a reduction in American consumption and an increased supply in this country.

A permanent improvement in conditions in this country with respect to the cost of living is what many officials and others who have been urging intelligent attention to the foodstuffs problem now believe is likely to result from the activities which the war has forced on the people.

In recent weeks it has become evident that, in spite of the alowness with which the country responded to appeals for greater production and for the conservation of foodstuffs and their more intelligent distribution, the movement at last is gaining such momentum and proportions that much will be accomplished by it.

Those who are skeptical as to reduction in cost of foodstuffs undoubtedly have some good reasons for their skepticism. On the other hand, there are many reasons to be hopeful.

Should Be Better Next Year. The latter part of this fall and the coming winter should begin to see definite lowering of costs of foodstuffs to the consumer along some lines, and 1918 should be an improvement over 1917. This is true in spite of the fact that if the war goes on the demands from abroad for American foodstuffs will be increased.

It is to be borne in mind that the cry for increased production of food in the current season was started too late to be of full benefit this year. Partly because the department of agriculture and the rest of officialdom moved slowly, partly because congress also took its time about passing legislation for stimulation of production, the spring

GIFFORD PINCHOT.
Heads Movement to Restock Farms With Animals During War.

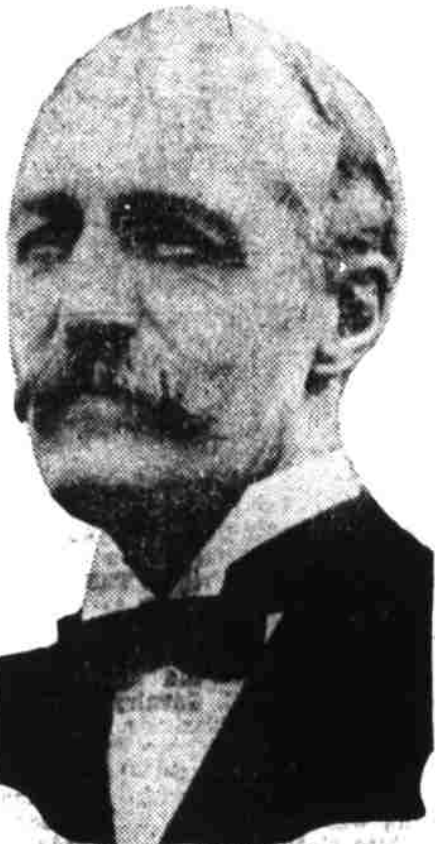


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passed with little accomplished, save through voluntary efforts by the public. Some state and local authorities got into action in time, but on the whole it was a case of waiting too long.

The Hoover food administration is just starting work under the food control law. Such work as Hoover has done until recently has been through voluntary agencies. Moreover, the department of agriculture is just going to work under the new food survey law to campaign for the stimulation of production.

To Commandeer Ships. Estimates included in the request the shipping board will make for a billion dollar appropriation to complete its eighteen months' building program were gone over at a conference between Chairman Hurley of the board and Secretary McAdoo.

The board needs \$500,000,000 for construction of fabricated steel ships, \$250,000,000 to carry out commandeering of vessels now building in private yards and another \$250,000,000 for contracts for steel and wooden ships to be let soon. The commandeering program will cost in all about \$500,000,000, but \$250,000,000 of the original \$750,000,000 appropriation will be used for that purpose.

Plans for taking a large amount of tonnage out of the great lakes for Atlantic service also will be completed by the shipping board soon. It is estimated that between 200,000 and 400,000 tons can be removed before the winter season sets in.

Pledge of Loyalty. A striking pledge of loyalty and united support of the government in its war preparations was given by the workmen of the great navy yard at Philadelphia. In the face of strikes and threatened strikes at other yards engaged in the construction of needed warships a committee representing the employees of the League island yard called on Secretary Daniels and presented to him resolutions signed by the 7,000 mechanics and other civilian employees there pledging their services to the government and criticizing all manifestations of labor disloyalty. Secretary Daniels was visibly affected by this action and by the statements

made by members of the committee that they would stand by the government.

The committee which called on Secretary Daniels included Harvey A. Zahn, master electrician; Thomas O'Connor, master boilermaker; James J. Mullen, electrical machinist; Elmer A. Dean, assistant shop superintendent; Jean O'Brien, toolmaker; Bert Crowley, ship fitter; John J. Kehoe, leading machinist; George Powers and William Crimbling, machinists. They were accompanied by Michael Francis Doyle of Philadelphia.

No Shortage of Rifles. There is no shortage of rifles for the American forces sent to Europe, although there may be some delay in equipping all men of the national army with the weapon they are to use in training.

It was said officially at the war department that there were enough rifles in the country to equip every man whose duties require him to carry one, but that the difficulty was to find the rifles owing to the desire of army and state officials to keep a reserve of the weapons available in case of emergency.

The forces sent abroad will carry an average of at least two rifles a man as an adequate protection against loss and wear and tear. It may be necessary for a short time at the national army training camps, however, for one company to use the available training rifles in the morning and another company to do its training and target practice in the afternoon with the same weapons.

This situation will be of short duration, as an enormous supply of rifles, already ordered, will be delivered soon after the national army forces are mobilized.

No New Draft Till Spring. A full statistical report on the operations of the draft law will be prepared by the provost marshal general's office as soon as the mobilization of the first increment of 687,000 men of the national army has been completed, some time early in October. Pending the preparation of the report and careful analysis of the conditions it discloses no steps toward calling a second increment to the colors will be taken.

General Crowder said that the call for the second increment never had been considered at any conference at which he was present and that he had no indication that it had been taken up in any way by President Wilson or Secretary Baker.

The first increment will fill all the training areas—sixteen national guard camps and sixteen national army cantonments—to capacity, and there will be a surplus of men besides those assigned to the regular army. The regulars are now 12,000 above full authorized war strength by voluntary enlistment, and the national guard is in a similar situation.

Training facilities already are taxed to make ready for the front men now available, and it is regarded as very unlikely that organization of an additional 500,000 men of the national army can be begun until the early spring of 1918. Neither quarters nor personnel to train the force will be available before that time.

Inequities of an unavoidable nature will be shown in the statistical report. There probably will be some amended regulations based on actual experience with the first increment, and some amendments to the law may be thought desirable by congress.

It is possible that some provision will be made whereby all the sons of one family will not be taken. A new definition of the status of married men may be one of the things acted upon. Another matter to be worked out is the status of aliens. Still another is the status of men who have passed beyond draft age since being drafted and that of those who have become of draft age in the meantime.

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