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Stupendous Work of the Americans.

Some fragmentary reports have been given out in regard to the immensity of the preparations that were made by the United States to win the war. What was lacking in detail was partially supplied by imagination. There are now some reliable accounts of what has been done since censorship in these matters has become more or less relaxed. A few of the things in this connection and which are authoritatively verified include such summaries as the following:

On the morning of November 11 the United States had in France 78,391 officers and 1,881,376 men, a total of almost 2,000,000. As has already been announced, there were 750,000 combat troops in the Argonne section. The American army has brought over to France and has in operation 967 standard gauge locomotives and 13,174 standard gauge freight cars of American manufacture, in addition to 350 locomotives and 973 cars of foreign origin. Eight hundred and forty-three miles of standard gauge railway were constructed. On top of this, the department of light railways reports the construction of 115 miles of road and 140 miles of German light railways were repaired and put in operation. Two hundred and twenty-five miles of French railway were operated by the Americans.

Even at the present stage of the armistice, it is not permissible to hint at the vast stores of munitions and armament held in readiness.

In army terms, one ration represents the quantity of each article each man is entitled to daily. It is interesting to note the supply of some of the principal ration components on hand. For instance, the Americans have 290,000,000 rations of beans alone; 183,000,000 rations of flour and flour substitutes; 267,000,000 rations of milk; 151,000,000 rations of butter or substitutes; 141,000,000 rations of sugar; 89,000,000 rations of meat; 57,000,000 rations of coffee and 113,000,000 rations of rice, hominy and other foods. There are requisites, such as flavorings, fruits, candy and potatoes, in proportion, while for smokers there are 761,000,000 rations of cigarettes and tobacco in other

forms. At Montoir, near St. Nazaire, eight berths are under construction, with a total length of 3200 feet. Warehouses having an aggregate floor area of almost 23,000,000 square feet have been constructed. This development of French ports increased facilities to such an extent that even if the Germans had captured Calais and other channel ports, as they had planned, the allies' loss would have been strategically unimportant.

Great Strides Towards Ship Ascendancy.

These figures serve in a measure to show the magnitude of American accomplishments, and the great machine is in operation now as the American Third army moves forward into German territory.

The news reports indicate that the coming year will see the size of the navy doubled over that of the beginning of the war. It is not alone in the navy but in the merchant marine as well that the United States is making wonderful strides.

More than 2,000,000 tons of shipping have been built in U. S. shipyards as part of our answer to Germany's plan to wipe out merchant marine of her enemies, according to report of the Emergency Fleet Corporation for business to August 31. On August 1 there were 171 shipyards at work, of which 74 were steel, 65 wood, 2 composite and 7 concrete. A total of 5,819,081 tons is now afloat under the control of the shipping board.

Stalling While Engaged In Public Work.

Collier's publishes a letter from a workman in a San Francisco shipyard, who signs his name and gives his address.

Here are some things he says can be seen in a shipyard: Seventy-five per cent of the men doing 50 per cent of a fair day's work, losing thereby to the country at least \$3,000 per day on one single ship.

He would have heard foremen tell their men: "Now take it easy and hang on to this."

He would have heard at every turn men boasting about how little they have done and what a pay check they received.

You may ask, how do I know these things. Because I am one of the chief offenders. I am working, or rather stalling, in a large ship yard.

The last time I asked a foreman what to do next, he said: "For sake, can't you find a place to hide? I did. I have been loafing for three days, receiving \$9.90 a day and have not done one single tap of work."

The author of this nefarious confession should be stood up against a wall. By his side should be the foreman to whom he refers and a few others further up the line.

This labor slacker filched from the government the price of 119 thrift stamps. The work of 119 little boys and girls, saving their pennies and nickels, has been nullified by this blood-sucker.

The most astonishing feature of the incident is the fact that such stalling

could be practiced with immunity. Try to imagine a private industry in which such a thing would be possible.—Rocky Mountain News.

HAT SALE.
\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50. Cleaning up odds and ends. TOGGERY. 11-22-3t

FORUM

Editor's note—The following rhyme entitled "Be a Booster" is posted in a conspicuous place in the offices of the La Grande Investment Company.

Do you know there's lot of people
Settin' round in every town,
Crowdin' like a broody chicken,
Knockin' every good thing down,
Don't you know that kind of cat-
tle,
'Cause they ain't no use on earth,
Just you be a booster, rooster,
Crow and boost for all you're worth.

If your town needs boostin', boost her,
Don't hold back and wait to see
If some other feller's willin'.
Sail right in, this country's free,
No one's got a mortgage on it.
It's just your's as much as his
If your town is shy of boosters
You get in the boostin' biz.

If things don't just seem to suit you,
And the world seems kinder wrong,
What's the matter with a booster
Just to help the thing along?

Cause if things should stop a-goin'
We'd be in a sorry plight,
You just keep that horn a-blowin'
Boost 'er up with all your might.

If you know some feller's failin',
Just forget 'em, cause you know
That same feller's got some good points—
Them's the ones you ought to show;
"Cast your loaves out on the waters
They'll come back," the saying's true,
Mebbe they'll come back "buttered"
When some feller boosts for you.

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