

GOETHALS DROPS 2 WOODEN SHIP MEN

Head of Fleet Corporation Denies He Is Blocking Wood Craft Plans.

ASSISTANTS HELD DISLOYAL

Pacific Coast Model Ship Offered as Cheapest and Quickest to Build. Interests of Nation Declared Superior.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—General by F. A. Eustis, assistant general manager of the Government's Emergency Fleet Corporation, and F. Huntington Clark, his assistant, that Major-General George Goethals is deliberately blocking the wooden ship building programme, resulted in the dismissal of both as volunteer employees of the corporation today.

General Goethals, general manager of the corporation, in a memorandum to Chairman Denman of the shipping board, announced that he was discharging the engineers who conceived the wooden ship-building plan because their usefulness was at an end.

Mr. Clark went out of Government service today, but the status of Mr. Eustis, who in addition to his connection with the fleet corporation, is a special agent of the shipping board, is in doubt.

Part of Board Favors Wood. Some members of the board are strongly in favor of building all the wooden ships the country can produce and they are loath, it is said, to force the resignation of Mr. Eustis for championing the cause of wooden construction.

Mr. Eustis was employed by the board at a salary of \$1 a year as a special agent, and when the fleet corporation was formed with General Goethals at its head he was assigned as the General's aid.

General Goethals declined to make and statement today concerning the controversy.

Mr. Eustis and Mr. Clark found copies of his memorandum to Mr. Denman in their desks when they arrived at the office of the fleet corporation this morning. The memorandum branded as false statements by the two engineers regarding General Goethals' attitude toward wooden ship building, and called attention to Mr. Denman's support of lump sum contracts prescribed by the General.

Goethals Says Charges False. In his memorandum to Mr. Denman General Goethals said:

"The most serious charge in their statements is that by insisting on a lump sum bid I am shutting out all contractors who are desirous of assisting in the shipbuilding schemes, because these are not able to estimate on labor and material conditions as they exist today, thereby delaying the construction of ships."

"The charge is false. You never were present at the hearing before the committee on appropriations May 22 in which the method of cost plus percentage was discussed and disposed of. You made no statement in which you favored the lump sum basis. On returning to the office, I took action along these lines."

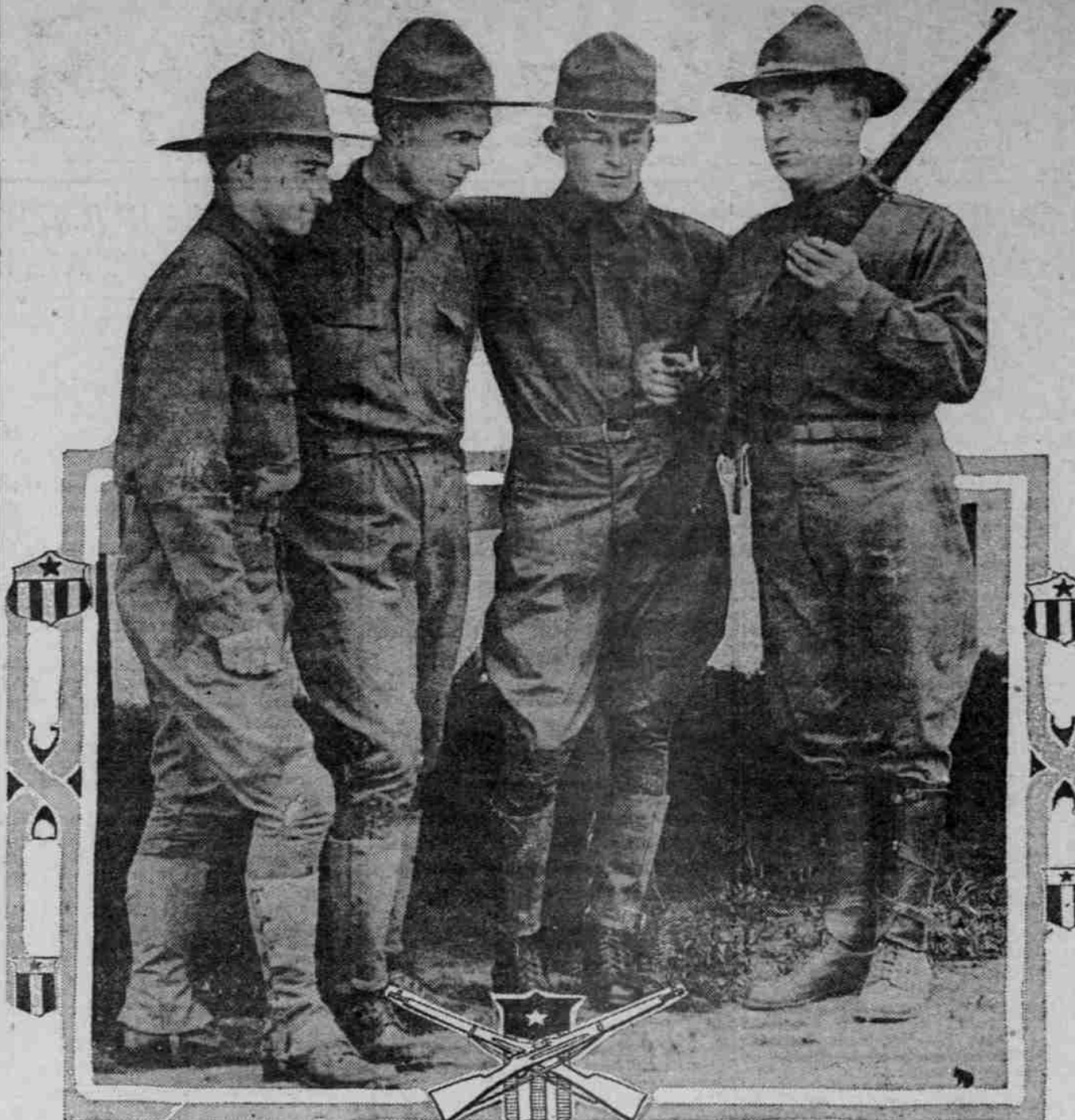
General Goethals then explained that contracts for about \$75,000,000 worth of ships have been awarded, only after the plans had been approved by a competent authority.

Assistants Stand by Statements. Both Eustis and Clark issued statements during the day denying the General's assertion as to misstatements and refusal of the department of assisting in the shipbuilding schemes by saying they felt it was their duty to inform the country that ships can be built if the Government wants them.

The engineers added to their statements of last night by criticizing General Goethals for declining to let contracts for the building of wooden ships. They produced letters from Department of Labor officials to show that this type can be built more cheaply and more quickly than the Ferris model adopted by General Goethals.

The Ferris model was conceived by Theodore E. Ferris, a marine architect now employed by the fleet corporation. The Hough model was produced on the Pacific Coast. The engineers quoted from a letter by Mr. Ferris approving a modified plan of the Hough type.

SOUTHERN GOVERNORS' SONS IN TRAINING.



Left to Right—Charles Brown, Son of ex-Governor Brown, of Georgia; Hugh Comer, Son of ex-Governor Comer, of Alabama; S. J. Catts, Jr., Son of Governor Catts, of Florida, and Dan Fowle, Son of ex-Governor Fowle, of North Carolina.

Govs' sons are numerous at this training camp for the Officers' Reserve Corps. It is located at Fort McPherson, Georgia. The young men of the South are in no way behind their Northern or Western cousins. They have flocked to the training camp and are taking the work quite as seriously and just as enthusiastically as the men now at the original Plattsburg camp in New York.

RUSSIANS URGE WAR

Resolution Calls on Troops to Submit to Discipline.

ANOTHER SECTION SECEDES

Man Exiled in 1906 Refuses to Permit Peregiaslav to Send Supplies to Army; Government Sends Troops to Scene.

PETROGRAD, via London, June 8.—The congress of peasants in session here adopted a resolution today, calling on the army to submit itself to discipline and defend revolutionary Russia. The congress affirms the duty of the fighting strength of the army.

The text of the resolution adopted by the delegates of peasants follows: "The peasants aspire to an equitable peace without humiliating annexation or indemnity and with the right of each nation to dispose of itself. International relations and treaties should be submitted to the control of the peoples interested. Disputes should be settled by an international tribunal and not by force. The congress approves the union of workers and appeals to the peasants of all countries to force their governments to renounce annexations and indemnities."

Energetic Defense Urged. "The congress considers that it is its duty energetically to defend its country, receding before no sacrifices in order to sustain its fighting strength of the army and the struggle for the safety of the patrimony of the Russian people. The congress summons the army to submit itself to discipline and defend revolutionary Russia of peasants and workers. It grants its benediction to its war and will not forget the blood which has been shed."

Order of War Karesny has ordered that the resolution be read to all ranks of the army and the navy. M. Krustaleff-Nosar, who was president of the executive committee of the Workers' Council at the time of the Russian revolution in 1905, has proclaimed the complete autonomy of the Petrograd district of little Russia, according to a telegram received here today from Peltava. He refused to permit the district to send supplies to the army.

Troops Are Sent. The provisional authorities and the Council of Soldiers' and Workers' Delegates have sent representatives to the Petrograd district with a detachment of troops.

Krustaleff-Nosar was reported as the brains of the 1905 revolutionary movement. He is the son of a poor carpenter and obtained his education under most adverse circumstances.

It was through the efforts of Krustaleff-Nosar that the Workers' Council was created. In November, 1905, he and 14 other leaders of the council were tried on a charge of treason and sentenced to exile in Siberia. He exercises an immense power over the Russian masses.

PERSHING IS IN ENGLAND (Continued From First Page.) States and the business of staff organization, with its various branches, was begun only after they met on shipboard. The days on the ship were given to staff work and studying the French language.

General Pershing said to the Associated Press that he and his fellow officers were anxious to get into harness at their base in France as quickly as possible.

The expected arrival of General Pershing and his party has been kept a fairly close secret from the London public. Several floors of rooms in a hotel had been reserved for the American party and the hotel this morning was completely transformed by the placing of numerous signboards, the installation of bureaus of information, etc., designed to make the most efficient possible use of the place as temporary American Army headquarters.

Leading Americans in London appeared on the scene early today with credentials as members of various committees.

Ambassador Meets Party. General Pershing and the 12 officers of his senior staff are to be guests of the British government at the Savoy.

It was shortly before 3 o'clock that General Pershing and his party reached London and were met by Ambassador Page, Viscount French, Lord Derby, Sir Francis Lloyd and General Lord Brooke. Among other persons on the station platform were Vice-Admiral Sims, U. S. N., and Robert P. Skinner, the American Consul-General.

Crowds Cheer Americans. The fact that no advance information regarding the arrival of the American party had been published caused the reception of its members to be almost of a private character.

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FORESTERS CLOSE COURT. Washington Jurisdiction Elects Officers for Biennial Term.

HOQUIAM, Wash., June 8.—(Special.)—The grand court, Foresters of America, Washington jurisdiction, closed its three days' biennial convention here today. Officers elected are:

G. M. Butterworth, of Seattle, worthy chief ranger; C. G. Christensen, of Black Diamond, sub-chief ranger; Edward MacLean, of Seattle, corresponding secretary; Butterworth, O. B. Setters, of Spokane, Joseph Reeder, of Olympia, and Charles F. Barth, of Spokane. The next convention city will be selected by the executive council.

MERCY MOVEMENT GROWS. Lewis, Pacific, Cowlitz and Clark Counties Join for Red Cross.

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 8.—(Special.)—Southwest Washington campaigns to raise the \$53,000 apportioned to this section of the state for Red Cross purposes were formally launched last night at a meeting of well-known men from Lewis, Pacific, Cowlitz and Clark counties. Those in attendance were L. N. Plondon, of Woodlawn; J. R. Catlin, of Kelsey; Joseph Mitchell, of Castle Rock; A. H. Imus, of Kalama; Mayor John Galvin, of Centralia; P. Hart, of Raymond, and L. W. Homan, of South Bend.

N. B. Coffman, of Chehalis, is chairman. Fred Witham, of Everett, field organizer, and Deputy Organizer Dalton, of San Francisco, were present.

Ex-Mayor of Honolulu Dead. DENVER, June 8.—Edward Cayless, ex-Mayor of Honolulu, political adviser to ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, and well known in former years as a criminal lawyer, was found dead in bed today in his apartments. He was 70 years old.

FORESTERS SWEAR FEALTY. Grant Court at Hoquiam Pledges Support to President.

HOQUIAM, Wash., June 8.—(Special.)—The Grand Court, Foresters of America, jurisdiction of Washington, which opened its three-days' biennial convention here yesterday, has adopted a resolution indorsing the action of the United States in entering the war with Germany, pledging support to President Wilson and the Government in the successful prosecution of the war, and urging Congress to hasten legislation proposed as war measures.

The convention is attended by about 200 delegates from the lodges in Washington, Idaho and Alaska, many of them accompanied by their wives. It "Speaking for myself and my staff, we are glad to be the standard bearers of America in this great war for civilization. The opportunity of landing at a British port and the welcome we received are very significant, and are deeply appreciated. We expect in the course of a very short time to be playing our part, which I hope will be a very big part, on the western front."

General Pershing and his staff proceeded toward London. Before leaving the steamer the General thanked the captain and crew for their courtesies during the voyage.

National Airs Played. After the band had played the American National anthem it rendered "God Save the King," all present standing at the salute throughout.

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Railway Is Sold. DAYTON, O., June 8.—The Baltimore and Ohio, through Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York, today bought the main line of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad from Cincinnati to Toledo, 201 miles, for \$2,500,000.

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U. S. AIRMEN ABROAD

First American Fighting Force Arrives in France.

100 MEN ARE IN CORPS. Highly Trained Naval Flyers Are Included in Party and Are Prepared for Any Service That May Be Assigned to Them.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—One hundred American aviators from the Navy Flying Corps have arrived safely in France for any duty that may present itself, according to a statement issued today by Secretary Daniels. They are the first of the American fighting forces to reach France.

The statement adds that Lieutenant Kenneth Whiting commands the corps which was sent "for duty in anti-submarine operations, or for any other active duty that may be given them in France."

The force includes four highly trained Navy aviators and a high percentage of the remaining men is also composed of experienced airmen. The others will complete their training in France.

In addition to Lieutenant Whiting, commanding the naval officers in the detachment, are Lieutenant Godfrey de C. Chevalier, Lieutenant Virgil C. Griffin and Lieutenant Grattan O. Dichtman.

Guard of Honor Inspected. The formal welcome to the Americans on the landing stage was a stirring scene. A guard of honor composed of Royal Welsh Fusiliers was drawn up at the landing with a regimental band.

When General Pershing had been introduced to the military officer in command of the port he inspected the guard of honor while the band played "The National Anthem."

General Pershing said to the Associated Press: "The trip has been delightful, particularly the latter part, when we were escorted through the danger zone by our own destroyers."

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Car Turns Turtle; Two Injured. WHITE SALMON, Wash., June 8.—(Special.)—While driving from Husum to White Salmon Wednesday afternoon O. T. Faxon and J. F. Fleming, in the latter's auto, ran off the grade while turning out for a team; the machine overturned, pinning Mr. Faxon down and seriously injuring him, with probable internal injuries. Mr. Fleming suffered a broken rib and other minor injuries, besides nervous shock. Both were taken to the Donohoo Hospital, at White Salmon.

British Airplanes Victorious. LONDON, June 9.—The British are continuing their aerial operations over Belgium and have put three German airplanes out of action near Dixmude.

ABSENTEE WINS HONORS. F. L. BEACH JOINS COLORS BUT DOESN'T NEGLECT STUDIES. Graduate at University of Oregon Wins Admiration of Examining Board by Clever Work.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, June 8.—(Special.)—Among the 10 seniors who won honors at commencement time at the University of Oregon was Frank L. Beach, of Portland. Beach left school during the Spring vacation in April to enter the Naval Reserve, and in the case of most students this would have killed all chance of making honors. But Beach is different. Always an exceptional student, he has been employing his leisure at the Puget Sound Naval Station, in reading and study.

Commencement time approached, and he obtained a few days' furlough. He headed straight for Eugene, and on Sunday morning was ready to face the board of examiners for the oral examination which should determine his standing.

Sitting at a table, surrounded by a firing squad of professors, he spent two hours replying to their volley of questions. One of the examiners said it reminded him of a baseball catcher warming up a whole group of pitchers, keeping the balls pegged back as fast as they came in.

The result was that, after the honor list had been made up with nine names, the programme had to be reprinted.

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