# FOOD SUPPLY GAINS,

Reasonable Economy England Will Not Starve. Parliament Is Told.

#### TONNAGE INCREASES FAST

Loss In April 560,000 Tons Gross, While June Sinkings Are 320 Tons-Ship Building Industry Is Quickened.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—A message of hope and quiet confidence in the future was given to the British nation today in the House of Commons by Premier Lloyd George. The people of the British Isles cannot be starved, notwithstanding the German submarine campaign, and the military situation grows more hopeful. The difficulties of the allies will grow less and their power allies will grow less and their power increase, while the troubles of Ger-many will increase and her power fall away

away.

"This is the supreme hour for patience," the Premier declared in conclusion, "for courage, for endurance, for hope, for unity. Let us go through this hour with a temper that will enable us to destroy a great military despotism. Let us go through this hour with the old temper of our race, so that next year we shall begin and the world shall begin to reap the fruits of our shall begin to reap the fruits of ou

The stock of wheat in Great Britain has increased by one-third within a year and this year's harvest promises well, but economy still is necessary.

German claims as to British ship losses, the Premier said, were exaggerated in the hope of cheering up the people of the central powers. Although the submarine losses in April had been 560,000 tons, they had decreased and the submarine losses are seen as the submarine losses. creased until the average for July and August would be 175,600 tons net each. Shipbuilding had been speeded up, vessels had been purchased abroad and the total tonnage acquired in 1917 would reach nearly 2,000,000 tons. The Fremier said he believed the losses would reach would grow smaller, and that the Admiralty had met with success in combating the submarine menace, while measures taken by the shipping controller had permitted vessels to carry increased tonnage.

Grain Supply Increases.

The Premier said that this time last year the wheat in this country amounted to 6,480,000 quarters and that now it is 8,500,000 quarters. (A quarter is equivalent to 480 pounds.) The stock of oats and barley, he declared, also was higher.

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Premier Lloyd George said he proposed to deal with the food situation and submarines because special efforts were being made to create an impres-sion not justified in the least by the facts. Earlier in the year he had called attention to the very anxious condition of the food supply. Since then, owing largely to the energetic efforts of Baron Devonport, the former food contentions. troller, and organization by the shipping controller, the situation had improved considerably.

There has been a considerable saving in bread consumption and, owing to closer milling and food economy, there has been an addition to the wheat stock of 70,000 quarters a week.

He still urged economy, in view of the general wheat position. The more the country economized the less the

e country economized the less it buld have to draw upon the reservoirs of the United States and Canada, from which Italy and France also have to draw. There has been an increase in the reserve of sugar.

The necessary labor for the harvest would be forthcoming and by Spring there will be 3000 tractors. The Pre-

their own people and were circulating a set of figures throughout Germany and Austria on the authority of the German Admiralty with the object of creating the impression that England could not last much longer.

The unrestricted submarine campaign began in February and by April, the Fremier said, England had lost 560,000 tons of shipping in one month. The German official figures, he added, claimed that England was losing between 450,000 and 500,000 monthly, after allowing for new construction. The figure of 560,000 tons for April was gross.

In June the losses had fallen to 320, 600 tons gross. This announcement was eight-hour day in that industry in the The unrestricted submarine campaign

600 tons gross. This announcement was cheered loudly. In addition, the Premier said he had taken steps for quickening shipbuilding and had ordered a good many ships abroad. In 1915 the

The tonnage acquired during the last glx months would be 1,420,000, of which

1,100,000 had been built in Great Brit-ein. The total for the year would be 1,900,000 tons. The Premier declared that the net hipping lesses were far from being hat the Germans claimed. They were essential to the well-being of this state,

preparing to do in her own thorough way, there would be sufficient ton-nage, not only for the whole of 1918, but, if necessary, for 1912. Premier Lloyd George then read a message from Field Marshal Haig about the fighting in Flanders, and

Ex-Premier Bespeaks Courage. "This is the supreme hour for pa-ience, for courage, for endurance, for ope, for unity. Let us go through this hour with a temper that will enable us to destroy a great military despotism. Let us go through this hour with the old temper of our race, so that next year we shall begin and then the world will begin to reap the fruits of our valor."

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Great Britain can survey with said that faction, if not with complacency—for who could survey complacently the scene now presented to the civilized world—the results of her own effort. What has happened in Russia has frustrated one of the greatest military purposes of the allies and any criticism present on this year's operations must purposes of the allies and any criticism passed on this year's operations must bear in mind that important consideration. Mr. Asquith said:

"I hope that before long our Russian allies, whose work in the first two and one-half years of the war furnished a glorious and inspiring chapter, will resume to the full their share of

the great common task to which I be-lieve the Russian nation still is de-

GERMAN NATION'S FOOD ADMINIS-TRATION UNIFIED.

Organization, Already Having Remarkable Degree of Efficiency, Promises to Be More Effective.

BERLIN, Wednesday, Aug. 15, via London. Aug. 16.—Germany's new food controller, Herr von Waldow, formerly Lord Lieutenant of the Province of Pomerania, today stepped into the position made vacant in the course of the Reichstag has sanctioned the combination of the Believe and Prussian food bureaus, Von Waldow will attain food bureaus, Von Wal

ment, already has reached a remark-able degree of efficiency.

#### PEAK CLIMBER RETURNS

Jerry E. Bronaugh Enthusiastic Regarding Mount Jefferson Trip.

Jerry E. Bronaugh, an enthusiastic Mazama, returned to Portland yesterday from Camp Hardesty, at the base of Mount Jefferson, more enthusiastic than ever before over the splendid possibilities for Alpine work in Oregon. He characterized Mount Jefferson as the real Matterhorn of America, and says it offers the supreme test for mountaineers.

Mr. Bronaugh reached the Mazama in bread consumption, the Premier said, and, owing to closer milling and food economy, there had been an addition to the wheat stock of 70,000 quarters per Week.

Mr. Brohaugh reached the Sazama party in time to join in the second official climb of Mount Jefferson last Tuesday. A party of 17 started out to climb to the summit, and all but one gained the top of the pinnacle.

The Mazamas, said Mr. Bronaugh, will break camp Saturday and return to Portland immediately thereafter. The outing, he said, is a remarkable

## LISTER PLAN IS FLOUTED

Vote of People Cited. "We cannot understand why your excellency takes a position that an eight-hour day is imperative. Let us call attention to the fact that at the November, 1914, general election in this

good many ships abroad. In 1915 the new tonnage built was 688,000 tons. In 1916 it was 538,000 tons. For the first six months of this year it was 480,000 tons.

Net Loss for August 175,000 Tons.

The tonnage acquired during the last plx months would be 1,420,000, of which the reasons therefor substantially, as above set forth,

Universal Law Desired.

250,000 tons monthly, and if the present may we not respectfully urge your improvement was maintained the net excellency to use the influence and loss for July and August will be 175,000 power pertaining to your office to setons each.

tons each.

The figures showed that the Admiralty was meeting with considerable guccess. The shipping center so far had organized shipping by means of better loading and hiring of ships more quickly and by taking ships off longer voyages; thus, although the tonnage was diminished, they were carrying more tons. This was in addition to the large naval construction.

Premier Lloyd George sald he believed the losses would grow smaller. He was sure construction would increase if more ships were needed. If the United States put forward her full capacity, as he had no doubt she was paid in the industry in the world.

Part in Great Battle.

#### PROGRESS ALREADY MADE

Officers Approach Front and Learn Intricacles of Defenses - Hot Food to Be Served Soldiers in Front Trenches.

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AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 16 .- I have just completed a fairly comprehensive inquiry per of their French and British com-

Now that a month has passed and the There have been other reviews and the Indian troops in foreign lands—

tanc.
The reviewing ground was staked
Details and arrangements for feeding and munitioning the men in the
General Sibert had taken up his posi-

job that is being tackled by Major-Genor that is being tackled by Major-Gen-eral Pershing and his assistants and ought to give the people at home an inkling of what it is going to mean to the whole Nation.

The situation, as it is painted to me by men familiar with every phase of it, is grave but not gloomy. All the things I have set forth above are going to be done, provided only that the coun-

to be done, provided only that the country supports its soldiers with all the means at its disposal.

Many of them are well on the road to accomplishment already. An officer of the Quartermaster's Department who has just returned from a visit to (Continued From First Page.)

an I. W. W. insurrection. The I. W. W. frankly state that they will make no agreement which they will observe. It is, therefore, utterly impossible to contract with them. Their ultimate aim, as frankly proclaimed by them, is to destroy the wage system; to destroy property rights, and take over all property property rights, and take over all property one engaged now in attempting to embarrass the Government of the United States at a time when the life of the Nation is at stake.

"Mr. Brown, representing organized labor, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, was asked by a member of the Council of Defense as the recent mediation meeting whether eight hours was his alliques of the council of Defense as the recent mediation meeting whether eight hours was his alliques of the council of Defense as the recent mediation meeting whether eight hours was his alliques of the council of Defense as the recent mediation meeting whether eight hours was his alliques of the council of Defense as the recent mediation meeting whether eight hours was his alliques of the council of Defense as the recent mediation meeting whether eight hours was his alliques of the council of Defense as the recent mediation meeting whether eight hours was his alliques and even in a clear contract who has just returned from a visit to the from has gained a clear contract who has just returned from a visit to the from has gained a clear contract who has just returned from a visit to the from has gained a clear contract who has just returned from a visit to the from has gained a clear contract who has just returned from a visit to the from has gained a clear contract who has just returned from a visit to the from has gained a clear contract who has just returned from a visit to the from has gained a clear contract who has just returned from a visit to the from has gained a clear contract who has just returned from a visit to the from has gained a clear contract who has just returned from a visit to the from has and trolley lines and acquainted hiself with the intricacles of don't transport under heavy fire.
"Within a week," he told me,

People Will Not Starve.

"With reasonable economy there is no chance of starving out the people of these islands."

Dealing with the shipping situation, the Premier said that Germany had heen busy circulating figures regarding the destruction of shipping. They were doing it in Germany to cheer up were doing it in Germany to cheer up the control of the same of the control of the control of the same of the control of the same of the control of t ready for them when they do get

Ration Is Wholly American.

The field bakeries have got under way all over the camp today, French bread is no longer necessary, and so every part of the ration is wholly American. In huge Quartermaster's stores, opened the other day at divi-sional headquarters, the only com-modity on sale that has not been rought across the Atlantic is French hocolate and candy. Another problem that will find speedy olution is the care of the wounded.

What with the superabundance of firstclass American medical men now in
France, the splendid hospital accommodations provided by the French and
the experience being acquired daily by
the American hospital units on the
Rillish front, Uncle Sam's consulting
of facilities at the disposal of the Gov-British front, Uncle Sam's casualties, of facilities at the disposal of the Govaccording to a staff medical officer erment for war service, was shown in

get better treatment than those of any other belligerent. So comprehensive are the arrangements already made, as a result of which several fully manned and equipped United States Army hos-GENERAL PERSHING

and equipped United States Army hospital units are in complete working order, that it has been decided to loan the Roosevelt Hospital unit from New York to the French for the time being. Thus the Rooseveltians will move, in a day or so, from the base they have been occupying to a hospital center far away from the American zone. Having had practically nothing to do where they are now, doctors, nurses and enlisted men, alike, welcome the change.

change.
For obvious reasons, little can be said about what the future will bring with regard to artillery and engineering formations. Doubtless some engiing formations. Doubtless some engineering regiments will be attached to General Pershing's force as soon as they are needed. Artillery instruction centers are in full swing and the officers attending them report speedy progress in acquiring knowledge about French guns and up-to-the-minute gunnery tactics. By the time the gun crews are ready to be trained there will be enough American officers grounded in all the details of their craft to provide an adequate supply of instructors.

AMERICAN TROOPS REVIEWED

Fine Appearance Presented When Entire Command Is Inspected.

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUAR-TERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 16.—The review yesterday by Major-General William L. Sibert of all the troops of his pleted a fairly comprehensive inquiry into the problems which must be solved and the things which must be done before the American expeditionary force can strike at the enemy with strength equivalent to that of an equal number of their French and British comdisplay they made was deeply impres-

ing and munitioning the men in the trenches and for carrying back the wounded and disposing of the dead must be worked out.

The operation department of the general staff must have familiarized liself with every square yard of the territory upon which our men will fight.

Out with American lags, and water lags, and when the position that taken up his position the immobile army began to move. It was the first time an American Army had passed in review under its new organization and the display was a most imposing one. Marching in line of platoons means moving forward with four platoons abreast, each platoon being formed in columns of

territory upon which our men will fight.

Artillery officers and men must have learned all there is to know about the French "Seventy-five" field pieces, as well as the fine art of creating a creeping barrage fire just ahead of their own advancing infantry without dropping shells among the latter.

There must be an adequate engineering force for lacing barbed wire in front of the trenches and constructing of small forts, machine gun redoubts, vast subterranean shelters and all the other complicated defenses necessitated by trench warfare.

For every regiment in action a restant of the four platoons abreast, each platoon being formed in columns of fours. The space between the platoons being considerable the head and front of the marching column are fully 200 feet wide.

An amusing incident of the review was the first appearance in line of new machine guns, which are carried on small carts instead of pack mules as formerly. Each cart is drawn by a mule and driven by a soldier. The latter had a short but extremely interesting time training American mules. These little French vehicle mules being used to working in double, rather protested against a single har-

and, owing to closer milling and food economy, there had been an addition to the wheat stock of 70,000 quarters per Week.

Mr. Lloyd George said the acreage under cultivation showed an increase of 1,000,000 acres. If the harvest weather were good, the condition of food supplies would be very satisfactory. The Premier added that there had been an increase in the sugar reseave.

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### 3 SONS GET COMMISSIONS Walter L. Tooze, of Salem, Is Proud

of Family Record.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)— Walter L. Tooze today stated that the list of men from Oregon as published showing those receiving commissions in

he told me, "I Lumber Firm Charged With Owing \$4460 to Portland Concern.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Suit was filed in the Circuit Court here today by the Henry D. Davis Lumber Company, of Portland, against the Gladstone Lumber Company, of Parkplace, Clackamas County, Oregon, to collect \$4460.60, an open account which the Davis company alleges the defendants have consistently refused to pay.

refused to pay.

The plaintiff also prays for the appointment of a receiver to manage the business of the company, which it alleges now has no management.

## CAR SHORTAGE REDUCED

By Co-operation, Railroads Increase Service of Equipment.



11 A. M. to 11 P. M.

-Unusual -tense -gripping

The eminent actor

Edwin Arden

with a wonderful cast, in the tremendously powerful drama of modern life,

"The Iron Heart"



## The President has spoken

through the Commercial Economy Board of the

Council of National Defense

THE Government of the United States asks the merchants of the United States to co-operate in saving men, money and gasoline for War purposes. The need of drivers, horses, vehicles and gasoline will be greater every month of the war from now on. The Government today requests us to say WE WILL save. Tomorrow it may need, and it has the power to say, YOU MUST SAVE.

-With other merchants of Portland, we have responded to the Government's call. On Monday, August 20th, this store will

ONE DELIVERY A DAY ONLY

The Government Urges PATRIOTIC WOMEN

get the "Carry Habit" and

Help Win the War -The merchants of Portland ask all shoppers to co-operate with

them by carrying packages from the store to their homes and from their homes to the stores. -Portland women are deeply interested in the success of thi War. They are doing much Red Cross and other War work, and are as anxious as the men to help in eliminating waste and lost motion.

-Portland merchants know that Portland shoppers will cooperate with them against unnecessary deliveries and returns. -Portland merchants know that Portland women will patronize patriotic stores and are sure that they will have the entire co-operation of all the women in Portland and Oregon.

a statement issued here today by Fair- 148,627 on May 1, the statement said, ing from 15 to 20 per cent more freight fax Harrison, chairman of the railroads' while on August 1 it was only 33,776. ax Harrison, chairman of the railroads' while on August 1 it was only 33,776. service with the same number of cars than was being given this time last equisitions over idle cars amounted to a time when the railroads are supply- year," Mr. Harrison said.

