

GENERAL PERSHING PLEADS FOR LOAN

Success of French Appeal for
Funds Held Important
to Allied Nations.

AMERICAN SHIP RELEASED

Activities of General Pershing
Has Made It Possible for French
Industries to Thrive in
Face of Great War.

(By the Associated Press.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY in France, Dec. 16.—Further evidence of the continued warm friendship between the American and the French forces is furnished by the aid General Pershing is giving to make the third French war loan a success. The bonds are being sold to yield 5.53 per cent, and may be paid for in installments. In a proclamation to the American expeditionary force General Pershing said: "As allies of the French, their interest in the success of this loan is our own. A liberal response to their plea will mean much to our glorious allies. There were many French subscriptions to our liberty loan. The careful consideration of the French loan as an investment is urged on all members of the American expeditionary force. The Commander-in-Chief will be much gratified to have liberal subscriptions made by the members of his command."

Cordial Spirit Appreciated.
In appreciation of this proclamation General Ragnau, Chief of the French military mission, sent General Pershing the following letter: "The cordial spirit of your plea which reassures the close union between our countries and conveys a pleasing compliment to the work already done by France will be highly appreciated by the French Government and the General Commander-in-Chief."
The Army is helping to beat the submarine. The figures just made available show that the American expeditionary force has paid close attention to the business end of its activities, has released the ships of the allies of the tank, carrying more than 100,000 tons of material, the ships thus released being utilized for other services equally important.

French Industries Helped.
This has been done through the activities of the General Pershing Board, which has bought all the material possible on this side of the Atlantic, rather than order it shipped from the United States. The magnitude of the task is shown by the figures for the first half of November, during which one of the numerous branches of the board bought in France 26,000 tons of tools and equipment, 4,000 tons of railway ties and 120 tons of cars. These purchases involved an expenditure of 15,000,000 francs, a sum which goes to help the industries of France, while at the same time saving the cargo space of some 20 vessels of 15,000 tons each.
The price-fixing policy which the United States has adopted at home in certain articles is being carried out by the Army in France, aided by shrewd use of business information and special aid from the British and French authorities. In fact, requisitions are sent to Washington only when the desired goods, supplies and materials are not obtainable in Europe.

Raw Material Requisitioned.
Here is what was done about boilers, the need of which developed recently. American factories were ready to supply them and the order was about to be placed when the board learned that the boilers could be made here if raw material were available. The raw material, moreover, would be on hand in the cargo space of the finished product, so plates were requisitioned and the ship bringing them carried a large quantity of other materials. The boilers now are being built.

When the need of coal developed, England had plenty, but bottoms for carrying it were not available. The board promptly commandeered American vessels and now coal for the Army, the Red Cross and the French civilian population is coming across the channel at an increasingly rapid rate.
Whatever material is needed, whether food, steel, wool, cotton or zinc, the board confers with its volunteer advisers selected from the foreign branches of the American commercial houses. These organizations give all their obtainable information. This aid also is shared with the allies who respond with co-ordinating efforts.
Six representatives of the United States Food Administration arrived today at the American Army zone for a four-day visit with the troops.
The party will be taken all over the zone, will eat, sleep and talk with the soldiers and acquire first-hand information which will be of great value to the leaders in the United States to assist in the food conservation campaign.

A bursting shell hit wounded two American railway engineers working behind the British front, according to reports received today. The projectile struck in a pile of picks, shovels and other tools.

ROUGH SEA IS BLAMED

KNIGHT OF THE THISTLE DAMAGED
BY MOUNTAINOUS WAVE.

Members of Crew, Remaining Aboard
Wreck Until December 10, Rescued With Difficulty.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 16.—The British steamer, the Thistle, which foundered Monday last, and the crew of which was rescued by an American naval collier, sailed November 25 for England, encountering rough weather almost from the outset. On Thanksgiving day her rudder was smashed, making her unmanageable. On December 7, while the crew was engaged in throwing out a sea anchor to steady the ship, a mountainous wave crashed over the starboard side, doing great damage and severely injuring two Chinese members of the crew.
Late that day the collier arrived in answer to the S. O. S. calls and stood by for two days. Twenty of the steamer's crew were rescued by a life raft, but were nearly drowned before they were pulled aboard the naval vessel. Others decided it was too hazardous to try to leave and remained on board the wreck until December 10, when it became apparent that the ship was going down. Putting off in lifeboats, they reached the collier after a desperate struggle just as their steamer sank stern first.
The Knight of the Thistle was a steel vessel of 6675 tons gross and was built at Glasgow in 1903.

AMERICAN AUTHOR DECORATED BY FRENCH FOR BRAVERY WITH
AMBULANCE UNIT.



PRESTON GIBSON.
—Photo Copyright by Underwood.

Preston Gibson, prominent American author and society man, who has been serving with the Norton-Harjes unit since the early days of the war, has been decorated by the French government with the Croix de Guerre, the cross of war, with two star citations for gallant conduct on the field. Word has just reached this country. Gibson is now chief of a section of the United States Army Ambulance Corps, since the Norton-Harjes unit has been taken over by General Pershing's forces.

CAILLAUX ON TRIAL

Former Premier of France
Meets His Accusers.

DISLOYALTY IS DENIED

All Allegations Contained in Letter
of General Dubail Are Declared
to Have Been Refuted.

Many Foreigners Charged.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Ex-Premier Caillaux defended himself yesterday before the committee of 11 appointed by the Chamber of Deputies to report on the proposed suspension of Deputies Caillaux and Louistail, declaring that a plot had been concerted against him, the leader of it being Camille Barriere, the French Ambassador to Italy, with whom M. Caillaux was unfriendly as the result of a personal matter.
M. Caillaux denied that he had made any unpatriotic speeches while in the military governor of Paris. Some of the papers he declared to be absolute forgeries.
"The forging art," he added, "has not made progress since the days of Dreyfus. It rather has declined in quality. Judging from some of the forgeries in the accusations. They are so enormous that they surpass probability."

The figure explains that the strained relations between Barriere and Ex-Premier Caillaux arose from the fact that when Mme. Caillaux arrived in Rome, Madame Barriere did not receive her. M. Caillaux complained to the French foreign minister, telegrams were exchanged and Ambassador Barriere had to send a secretary to apologize to Mme. Caillaux. The secretary went in the morning when it was unlikely Mme. Caillaux could be seen.

FUEL FAMINE SERIOUS

CAR SERVICE COMMISSION ASKED
TO RELIEVE SITUATION.

Reports From New York and Other
Eastern Cities Tell of Wide-
spread Suffering.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The fuel administration turned yesterday to the Car Service Commission for aid in getting coal to shipbuilding plants at Cleveland and Lorain, O., and Detroit, Mich., where 12 merchant vessels are under construction for the Government. The head of the plant wired that he would be forced to suspend operations unless given fuel immediately. The New York City Board of Health wired that thousands of children were cold and that an epidemic of pneumonia was feared.
At Quincy, Mass., the Fore River plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company is running on short time because there is no coal to be had. The

WAR WORK CUT OUT

Nation's Business Has Right
of Way, Says Albert Johnson.

STARVATION STORIES TOLD

Congressman Has Copy of Poster
Stuck Up by Germans on Houses
in Poland Offering to Buy Bab-
ies at 25 Marks Apiece.

WATERLOO, Ind., Dec. 16.—(Special.) "Congressmen are elected to represent their districts and work for their states, but just now the Nation's business has the right of way," said Representative Johnson, of Washington, in an interview here last night.
"The Red Cross cannot be taken over and supported by the Government because it is international, therefore the Third District will forgive me for missing a few days from the House floor to take part in the great Red Cross membership drive."
Last night at Hillsdale, Mich., I closed a rush speaking trip so that I might hurry to Washington to vote for the National prohibition amendment tomorrow. When Congress recesses for the holidays I shall again set out, speaking whenever and wherever I can, urging all American citizens to still greater patriotism and charitable efforts than they have already so nobly displayed.

War Talks to Be Given.
"If the National suffrage amendment is not scheduled for a vote the first 15 days of January I am coming to the Pacific Northwest to make five talks in our state, not speeches, but addresses, but simply worded narratives of the great battlefront as I saw it, of the distress of the people and the great necessity for action and sacrifice on the part of every man, woman and child in the United States."
"With all that we have done we hardly have started. I hope that every family in our state that possibly can will put every member into the Red Cross. At one place in France I saw more than 2000 American Red Cross ambulances in active service."

People Starving in Poland.
"In Poland, people are starving by thousands. The Germans are there and have stuck posters on the houses of the starving Poles offering to buy babies of Poland. Twenty-five marks for a little babe and 100 marks for a growing boy, with a good education in Germany thrown in. I have one of the posters.
"If our people will cut the cost of their Christmas dinners one-tenth and give that money to the Red Cross they can save many thousands of those starving children."
"The work to be done is tremendous and much of it will be done for our own soldier boys, as well as for the soldiers of the allied nations who are combatants. Everywhere the Red Cross knows no creed and no geographical lines."

U. S. OFFICERS IN FRANCE NOT TO BE BALKED.
When Freight Service Not Available
Cranberries Are Shipped on
Passenger Tickets.
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Here are two stories showing how American officers in France get things done. An artillery battery commander having received orders to transfer his command by rail, loaded the men and their equipment and then discovered that no engine was attached to the train and none appeared available. At that moment a small freight engine arrived in the yards, and its engineer and fireman, at first protesting, obeyed the battery commander's orders to take out the artillery train. This engine proving not powerful enough to move the heavy load, it was permitted to proceed on its regular freight run.
A few minutes later a passenger train arrived with a much more powerful engine. This one was cheerfully commandeered by the American officer and as the result his organization was transported on time. Available records do not indicate whether that train's passengers have gone forward as yet.

AMERICANS "GET THERE"

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ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 16.—The entire membership of the Fulton County exemption board has been summarily dismissed on orders from President Wilson, on charges involving "unwarranted exemptions and discharges," and the case has been turned over to the Department of Justice. This was disclosed tonight in an order issued by Major Joel D. Mallet, in charge of the operation of the selective draft law in Georgia, depositing the board and naming new members.
The men dismissed are Judge F. R. Thompson, chairman; S. J. Mitchell and Dr. C. M. Curtis. Major Mallet's statement said that out of 313 white men called in the county, 524 were dismissed, 44 per cent of the exemptions being on physical grounds. It was also charged that of 202 negroes examined by the board only six were exempted.
Atlanta is located in Fulton County.

CONSCRIPTION IS FAVORED

Canadian Soldiers in Chicago Have
Say in Home Election.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Major George McDonald Reid, of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, British Army, arrived here yesterday morning, and by mid-afternoon had the result of voting by absentee hereabouts in the Canadian election. Officers at British Army headquarters here said the ballots were largely in favor of conscription, which is a prime issue in the Canadian political campaign.

DIVER WARFARE IS WANING

French Claim Real Progress Is Made
Against Submarines.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Real progress is being made against the German submarine campaign, Georges Leygues, Minister of Marine, declares in an interview in the Petit Parisien today.

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CROSBY HEADS COUNCIL

ANOTHER LINK ADDED TO PLAN OF
UNITING ALLIES ECONOMICALLY.

Pooling of Economic Resources to Make
War More Efficient Is General Pur-
pose of New Organization.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Inter-Allied Council, which is to take up questions of war purchases and finances, met in London Saturday. Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury, was elected president.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Organization in London of the inter-allied council by election of Assistant Secretary Crosby, of the Treasury, as president, was regarded by officials as marking the fruition of the plan advanced by Secretary McAdoo soon after the United States entered the war for binding the allies into an economic unit.

Another phase of the American plan was carried on months ago by the creation of an allied purchasing commission to the train and none appeared available.

The inter-allied council will consider such questions as the most effective use of credits advanced by the United States to her allies, priority of the allies' material needs which can be supplied in this country and in a general way the pooling of economic resources to make the war more efficient.

Mr. Crosby accompanied Colonel House and his mission to Europe nearly two months ago and since then has been studying allied financial needs in London and Paris. Regular reports have been made to Secretary McAdoo and on these have been based estimates of the amount of credits the allies will receive from the United States in the future and the quantities of supplies to be sought here.

He warns, however, against too optimistic conclusions being drawn from the reassuring developments.
"We are ceaselessly working to counter the effects of the submarine war, and have made genuine progress," said the Minister. "We have observed that the German crews are less efficient and less enterprising than at the beginning, and that their ammunition is inferior in quality."
"Still, however reassuring these observations may be, too optimistic conclusions should not be drawn from them."

DETENTION CAMP PLANNED

Lawton, Okla., Undesirables to Be
Housed on Isolated Farm.

LAWTON, Okla., Dec. 16.—Internment of undesirables in a detention camp, especially arranged for them, has been decided upon by Lawton business men, at the request of the military, in connection with the operation of military officers of Camp Doniphan. An isolated farm has been obtained, and the work of remodeling the large house will be finished Wednesday, it is believed.
Women convicted of immorality will be sentenced to detention there, and released on probation in charge of social workers. A matron will be in charge and the place will be guarded by military police. The number of such women now here has taxed the capacity both of the city and county jails.

BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK

Airship Forced to Descend Near Hol-
land, Is Report.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A British airship is believed to have been destroyed by a hostile airplane, and a second British airplane was forced to descend in Holland, according to an official announcement last night.
It was also officially announced that a British destroyer had been sunk.

Missouri Crops Half Billion Value.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 16.—Missouri grew \$546,263,624 worth of farm crops during the last year, according to a report by the state board of agriculture. The aggregate value in 1917 is twice that of 1916. Missouri farmers, according to the report, sowed 2,749,000 acres of wheat this year. Corn led all crop production with 8,068,987 acres, producing 268,958,027 bushels.

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