

## SHIPBUILDING IN ENGLAND FALLS DOWN

Actual Results Found to Be One-Half on Controller's Estimate and One-Third of Premier's Is Claim

## FOOD CONTROL HELD NOT SATISFACTORY

## Radical Amendment on War Council Is Rejected by Vote of 159 to 28

LONDON, Feb. 13.—An amendment proposed by Richard Holt, radical, expressing regret that "in accordance with the decisions of the supreme war council at Versailles, prosecution of the military effort is to be the only immediate task of the government," was rejected by a vote of 159 to 28. The minority was composed mainly of pacifists.

Lord Hugh Cecil had declared that the adoption of the amendment would involve the resignation of the government.

Criticism of the government handling of home affairs was voiced by Herbert Samuel, the former home secretary.

Regarding man power he said that Britain stood in virtually the same position as she did in December, 1916.

With respect to food, the government had a somewhat better record, but he asserted the increased production of food was only four per cent net, of which three per cent related to Ireland.

Food Situation Unsatisfactory. The situation as to food control, he declared, was very far from satisfactory and every one knew of the extreme shortage of meat, butter, margarine and other products.

Further, the promises of the premier as to shipbuilding in 1917 did not square with the results. There was only half of the increase estimated by the shipping controller, and only one third of that estimated by the premier.

Financial Policy Criticized. The last subject on which he ventured to criticize the policy of the government was finance. During the last fourteen months there had been an increase in the daily national expenditure of two million pounds, or an increase of forty per cent.

Mr. Samuel said it was clear that the present system of the government was not working to the best advantage. They had six weary men exhausted with labor endeavoring every day to catch up with ever accumulating arrears of work.

He suggested a small committee consisting of the heads of departments concerned with the conduct of the war, a home council, consisting of the heads of the departments concerned with home administration.

He gave the fullest support to the labor conference and it was because he cared intensely about winning the war that he had spoken to Holt in moving his amendment.

## SHIP TONNAGE SUNK IN 1917 IS APPALLING

Loss Three Times Total Production of United States and England

## BONAR LAW GIVES FACTS

Shipbuilding Program Speeded Up and 1918 Results to Be Different

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Ship tonnage sunk by submarines in 1917 was nearly three times as great as the total of production in the United States and Great Britain during that year.

This was disclosed today by the announcement of Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, in the British house of commons that Great Britain produced only 1,163,474 tons of shipping last year. The output in the United States was 901,223 tons, making a total combined tonnage of 2,064,697, while sinkings by submarines last year generally are reckoned at 6,000,000 tons.

While complete figures on construction in Japan, Italy, France and other nations in 1917 are not yet available, officials here do not believe their aggregate equaled the total of the United States. If that is the case, submarine sinkings more than doubled all new tonnage produced.

Both American and British officials expect a very different story in 1918, however. The United States and Great Britain are speeding up their shipping programs and naval officials in both countries have confidently predicted that the submarine will be curbed this summer.

Secretary Daniels believes that effective results will be obtained in the early summer. Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, former chief of the British naval staff, recently predicted that by August it could be said that the submarine menace is killed. However, he predicted dark months before that time.

The output of ship tonnage in the United States in 1918 has been variously estimated at from 2,500,000 tons to 4,000,000 tons, with shipping board officials confident that at least 3,500,000 tons will be completed. No estimate of Great Britain's output has been received, but that country is expected to materially increase its 1917 figures.

Japan's operations just now are hampered by lack of steel but this handicap is expected soon to be overcome and that country also is expected to increase its output this year. Other countries are building few ships.

## Loss to British Shipping in Past Week Increases

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Nineteen British merchantmen were sunk by mine or submarine in the past week according to the admiralty statement tonight.

Of these thirteen were vessels of 1600 tons or more and six were under that tonnage. Three fishing craft were also sunk. The loss to British shipping in the past week shows a considerable increase over that of the previous week which totalled 15 vessels, 10 of them over 1600 tons, in the preceding three weeks the losses were eight, eight and fifteen respectively.

ROME, Feb. 13.—Four Italian steamers of more than 1600 tons were sunk by mine or submarine during the week ending February 9, according to an official announcement today.

During the week ending February 2 but one Italian steamer of less than 1600 tons was lost.

## Austria and Allies Make Exchange of Prisoners

GENEVA, Feb. 13.—The first exchange of prisoners between Austria and the allies has taken place near the Austrian frontier at Buchs. Three hundred and twenty four of these exchanged prisoners have arrived at Geneva. They include two American volunteers, one English officer and seventy British colonials, all of whom were captured on the Turkish and Bulgarian fronts. The others were largely English and Scotch. Seventeen of the exchanged men were carried from the train on stretchers.

## Axes Used in Raid on Soft Drinks Parlors

SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—For the first time in eight months, the Seattle police squad charged with enforcement of the prohibition law late today used axes in a raid on a "soft drink" establishment, wrecking the bar. All moveable articles of value were spared. The police department claimed the only effective way to stop illicit liquor selling was to wreck the suspected resorts.

## WILL H. HAYS CHAIRMAN OF REPUBLICANS

Complete Harmony Prevails for Next Attack on Democratic Citadel; Weary Committeemen Take Rest

## NEW HEAD LEFT WITH FREE HAND TO ACT

Resolution Adopted Supporting Wilson in Prosecution of War

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—Will H. Hays of Indiana, elected chairman of the Republican national committee here today, will have a free hand in bringing about harmony for the next attack on the Democratic citadel, according to weary committeemen, who rested from their labors tonight.

The committee eliminated the entire executive committee so as to make a clean job of providing the party with new leadership.

A. T. Hert, representing Kentucky, said that from what he knew of Hays' energy, it would not be long before the committee was called together to act with the chairman in selecting a new executive committee.

Mr. Hays Free To Act. The recommendations of the old executive committee calling for an advisory committee of women and continuing the old Hughes campaign committee were ignored, it was said, in order not to bind Mr. Hays in any way as to his staff.

There was considerable objection to eliminating the matter of the committee of women, but Rudolph K. Hynicka, of Ohio, whose woman suffrage was recently defeated, was sustained in his contention that the matter could safely be left to Mr. Hays. None of the suffragists who addressed the committee yesterday was present. They were chiefly interested in obtaining a pledge for the federal amendment and this the committee gave in adopting the resolution made public by the executive committee yesterday.

Tribute Paid To Lincoln. The resolution pledging support to the Wilson administration in pressing the war, expressing gratitude and affection for Theodore Roosevelt and paying tribute to Lincoln were also adopted.

The resolution presented yesterday by Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago, upholding the right of free speech and attacking the search and seizure act under which the government is attacking the I. W. W. and other alleged enemies, was not reported out by the committee.

Senator Boies Penrose, before departing for Washington, issued the following statement:

Complete Harmony Prevails. "Republicans throughout the country will be sincerely gratified to learn that the national committee adjourned with complete harmony prevailing on every side. The discussion relating to the various matters coming before the committee and particularly to the question of the chairmanship, was conducted in an amicable spirit without any factional division and with the single view to party unity and party success. Mr. Hays has been chairman of the Republican state committee of Indiana in several hard-fought battles resulting in Republican success and he has the reputation of being one of the best political organizers in the country. He seems to have the peculiar qualifications required at this time and he will have the full cooperation of the national committee."

Fred W. Upham of Chicago, who has been western treasurer several terms, was elected treasurer over George R. Sheldon, of New York. Edward P. Thayer, Indiana, was elected sergeant-at-arms to succeed the late William F. Stone.

## Captain Smith, Nerve Expert, Is Promoted

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 13.—Captain Robert P. Smith of Seattle, division psychiatrist, today was officially notified of his promotion to the rank of major. In private life he was a specialist in nervous diseases. Major Smith has charge of the mental examination of the men and officers here.

Two national army men who came to Camp Lewis from Salt Lake City have been promoted to the rank of sergeant. They are Ralph McCauley and Robert G. Grimmer. Baseball under the supervision of the Y. M. C. A. athletic directors has become a favorite pastime at camp and today noon found the boys playing the national game in the warm sunlight.

The Y. M. C. A. relay race, postponed several times, has been definitely scheduled for Saturday, February 23, at 10 a. m.

## DR. W. F. SKIFF SALEM DENTIST, DEAD, AGED 55

Failing Health Brings Retirement Two and One Half Years Ago

## SALEM IS BIRTHPLACE

Dentistry Practiced for Many Years—Son Is at American Lake

Dr. William F. Skiff, well known Salem dentist and a soldier's father, died last night at 7 o'clock at the family residence, 1655 Fir street. The eldest son of the family, Seymour Skiff, is in service at American Lake and was not at home at the time of his father's death.

Dr. Skiff was 55 years old last Friday. He was born in Salem and has lived here the greater part of his life. For many years he practiced dentistry, but retired about two and a half years ago on account of failing health. He has been ill for about three years.

Before his marriage, as a young man, he passed a year and a half in California. Later he lived in Portland for nine years. But business interests kept him close to his home city and it was here that his family was raised.

Besides the widow, Mrs. Carrie Skiff, he leaves three sons and a daughter. The daughter, Mrs. Sylvester M. Doerflinger with her husband and baby moved to Astoria in January. The second son, George Skiff, is a traveling man. As he is on the road, the news of his father's death had not reached him at a late hour last night. The youngest son, Horace Skiff, is employed in the state printing department in the supreme court building.

Funeral announcements will be made upon the arrival of the children.

## General Pershing Asks More Army Chaplains

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—General Pershing has recommended to the war department that the number of chaplains in the army be increased for the war to an average of three for each regiment with an additional number assigned in order to be available for such detached duty as may be required.

While the conduct of the expeditionary forces has been excellent, the general said, fortitude born of great courage and lofty spiritual ideals is required to overcome entirely conditions found in France, and it is his desire to surround the men with the best influence possible.

## American Sector Passes Very Quiet Day in Mad

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 13.—Today was the quietest day that has passed since the American troops entered their sector on the battle front. There has been hardly any artillery activity on either side because of the rain and low visibility. The entire sector again is a sea of mud and pumps are being manned in dugouts and some of the trenches.

No casualties among the Americans have been reported during the past twenty-four hours.

## Moore Is Selected Head of Pan-American Society

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—John Bassett Moore was re-elected president of the Pan-American society of the United States at the annual meeting here today. Robert Lansing, secretary of state, and Domício de Gama of Brazil, the ranking ambassador of Latin-America, were named as honorary presidents.

## Hackett Is Knights of Pythias War Director

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—James K. Hackett, actor-manager, was today appointed general director of amusements of the Knights of Columbus committee on war activities. Under his direction the dramatic talent of the men in the training camps and navy stations will be organized and plays will be produced in the recreation buildings which the Knights of Columbus are operating in all camps.

## Red Guards Murder Surgeons After Sending for Them

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 13.—The Aftonbladet says that after a massacre which occurred at Kervo (Kerava), the red guards wired to Helsingfors for surgeons and ambulances. Five surgeons who left immediately, adds the paper, were murdered by the red guards on their arrival.

## SALEM BOY ON TUSCANIA MEETS DEATH

Curtis Willson, High School Graduate, Victim of German Frightfulness, Buried on Scottish Coast

## OREGON IS GRIEVED BY THIRTEEN DEATHS

Latest Report of U. S. Loss 170—List of Survivors Not Complete

Curtis Willson, Salem boy who has been buried on the Scottish coast and was one of the victims of German frightfulness when the Tuscania was torpedoed, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willson, who live on Sixteenth street, this city. He was a graduate of Salem high school and had resided here for a number of years. He had been, however, at Boise, Idaho, for some time prior to his enlistment, proving up on a homestead near that city. He enlisted at Boise. His father is now in Canada employed on a ranch, but his mother, sister and two brothers live in Salem. His sister is an employee of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. He was 24 years old, and was one of the popular students at the Salem high school.

Thirteen Oregon Boys Buried. PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 13.—The names of thirteen Oregon boys appear in the list of American soldiers buried on the Scottish coast.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Among the American soldiers buried on the Scottish coast, with the home address taken from the Associated Press list of those unaccounted for as checked up with the Tuscania's passenger list, are the following: (In some instances the spelling from the Scotch seaport does not agree with the official passenger list.)

- Tuttle, Terry, Elgin, Or.
- Edwards, John, Butte, Mont.
- Moris, William P., Portland, Or.
- Jenkins, Clyde G., Coalinga, Cal.
- Lewton, Theodore E., Forest Grove, Or.
- Weeks, Bert O., Modesto, Cal.
- Renton, David G., North Bend, Wash.
- Licari, Alfio, Eureka, Cal.
- Stevens, Percy A. (list spelled name Stephens), Bend, Or.
- Cook, Marcus B., Como, Mont.
- Bjork, George Nelson, Helena, Or.
- Lankenau, Theodore, San Francisco, Cal.
- Cheshier, John W., Lucas, Wash.
- Wilson, Curtis W., Salem, Or.
- Linton (not Linthon), Fred M., Lewiston, Cal.
- Gurney (not Guerny), James B., Glide, Or.
- Pierce (not Pearce), James L., Creswell, Or.
- Cowan, Elmer L., Victor, Mont.
- Warren, Robert P., Seattle, Wash.
- Droggs (not Dregs), William I., Mount Idaho, Idaho.
- Matthews, William, Bellingham, Wash.
- Riggs (not Riggt), Samuel P., San Francisco, Cal.
- Agren (not Agrien), Jack J., Bntte, Mont.
- Moore, William A., San Francisco, Cal.
- Laakko, John A., Astoria, Or.
- Calabrese, Rocco, Mount Solo, Wash.
- McCoy, Ora L., Elmonte, Cal.
- Houston, Elmer A., Held, Or.
- Collins, Stanley L., Knights Ferry, California.
- Hyatt, Wesley W., Lebbata, Wash.
- Robinson, John C., Potlatch, Idaho.
- Inshari, Delbert E., Santa Monica, Cal.
- Caspie, Alexander S., Los Angeles, Cal.
- Murray, Henry E., Eugene, Or.
- Bates, Riley G., Bakgr, Or.

U. S. Loss Put at 170. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—War department advices indicate that very few American soldiers lost their lives in the destruction of the liner Tuscania, in addition to the 164 reported today as buried on the Scottish coast.

The latest reports place the American loss at not more than 170 of the 2179 who were on board the ship, although the list of rescued still is far from complete.

Seven additional survivors were officially reported tonight, reducing the department's list of those not recorded as saved to about 260. The Associated Press list of the unreported, made up by checking both official and unofficial advices against the Tuscania's passenger list, was reduced to 171.

The war department is exchanging daily long cablegrams with the embassy at London in an effort to complete the survivors' roll and unattainable names garbled in transmission. In spite of the fact that only some 260 of those on the passenger list are officially unaccounted for, the department has more than 270

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## SILVERTON GIRL IS ASSAULTED BY MASKED MAN

Lillian Rosheim Returning From Country Visit Deprived of Hair

## BAD CUTS ARE RECEIVED

Immediate Search of Country Fails to Reveal Trace of Intruder

SILVERTON, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special to The Statesman.)—While returning from a visit at the home of Hugh Small in the country, Miss Lillian Rosheim, 18 years old, of Silverton, was assaulted by a masked man at 11:30 this morning. The man, who started at Miss Rosheim with a knife, cut off all her hair, and then proceeded to cut her badly about the face and shoulders. According to Miss Rosheim's story, the man wore a khaki suit, which appeared somewhat like a uniform, and had a white mask on his face.

City authorities of Silverton immediately began a search but no trace of the man is reported.

Miss Rosheim, although having regained consciousness, was in a precarious condition last night. Spinal injuries were discovered, in addition to the severe cuts on face and shoulders.

## SIR CECIL RICE, EX-AMBASSADOR, DIES SUDDENLY

Former British Representative to America Passes Away in Sleep

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—Sir Cecil Spring Rice, former British ambassador to the United States, died this morning at 1 o'clock of heart failure at Government house. Lady Spring Rice and his son and daughter, Betty and Anthony, aged 11 and 9, respectively, were with him.

The former envoy died peacefully in his sleep.

## Eighty Three Additional Persons Are Banished

ATHENS, Feb. 13.—The military authorities have banished eighty-three persons. Among them are Alexander Tselos, former minister of the Interior, M. Argropoulis, former minister of communication and Rear Admiral Damianos, former minister of marine; nine former members of the chamber of deputies, several retired officials and two newspaper men.

## Spanish Steamer Sunk; Members of Crew Saved

MADRID, Feb. 13.—The Spanish steamer Ceterino has been sunk by a submarine near Ferro island, one of the Canary group. All the members of the crew were saved. They were towed by the submarine to the port of La Estaca in the Canaries. The Ceterino is the third Spanish steamer sunk by submarines in less than three weeks. The others were the Giralda and the Sebastian. Troops have been made by the Spanish government against the sinking of these two vessels.

The Ceterino was a steamer of 3647 tons. She was built in England in 1892 and her home port was Aviles.

## U. S. Mail Is Rifled; Espionage Act Is Violated

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 13.—Charged with rifling the United States mail and with violation of the espionage act, Miss Augusta Minnie Deckman, said to be the fiancée of Ernest A. Leybold, and interned enemy alien, was arrested late this afternoon in the office of the federal census at the war prison headquarters at Fort Douglas.

Miss Deckman, according to prison camp officials, walked into a trap set for her, the details of which are withheld by the officers who brought about her arrest.

## Honey Becomes Candidate for California Governor

## HINDENBURG DRIVE IS NOT YET READY

Thousands of Troops Poured Behind Teutonic Lines, but Allies Still Hold Superior War Strength

## BRITISH CARRY OUT SUCCESSFUL RAIDS

Austrians Pillage Homes of Natives to Gain More Foodstuffs

(By The Associated Press) Although under good weather conditions the terrain in France and Belgium is fast drying out and the Teutonic allies are continuing to pour thousands of troops to positions behind the battle line, there still has been no indication that the enemy is ready to begin his much advertised offensive. Bombardments and patrol encounters along the entire front are still taking place as for many days past.

While the German reinforcements have been coming up the entente commanders have not been lying idle, and waiting for the offensive to begin. On the other hand they everywhere have strengthened their positions to meet any emergency.

The Associated Press correspondent with the French headquarters says the French authorities consider that the total number of the enemy now facing the French, British, American and Belgian troops or held in reserve aggregates 2,340,000 men.

Allies Are Strongest. Recent statements from the British military authorities in Great Britain have been to the effect that the preponderance of weight in both man and gun power lies with the entente armies.

Several additional successful raids by the British, in which German officers and men were captured and others killed, and heavy artillery fighting between the French and the Germans on various sectors sums up the activities that have been in progress on the western front. The American sharpshooters and artillery men are keeping up their good work against the Germans in front of their positions, having with their chrapnel fire compelled the enemy to almost abandon first line trenches and with their sharpshooters and rapid fire guns forced snipers to quit their posts and seek safety at other places. Meanwhile, German airplanes are still flying over the American positions in an endeavor to obtain information as to the number of men there and how they are arranged.

Violent Events Occur. While the Austrians at last accounts were still trying out the Italian line on the Eette Communi and at other points, and meeting with sanguinary defeat for their pains, behind the fighting line they and the Germans are playing the role of vandals, using violence against the natives, pillaging their homes and stores and sending back to their own countries foodstuffs and other spoils. Even women and children

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## ACCIDENTS BY AIRPLANES NOW ARE INCREASING

Two Separate Crashes Yesterday Add Three to Roll of Death

FORT WORTH, Texas, Feb. 13.—Three more fatalities, due to two separate crashes, were added today to the ever-lengthening roll of deaths at Hicks flying field, 15 miles from Fort Worth. The dead are Lieutenant Peyton C. Marsh, son of the newly appointed acting chief of staff of the United States army; First Lieutenant J. L. Wray, a native Canadian who had resided for years at Los Angeles, Cal., and Cadet Flyer R. Porter, whose father is R. A. Porter, a jeweler of Long Island, N. Y.

Lieutenant Marsh crashed one thousand feet into the airfield at Hicks field Tuesday forenoon. He died today at the base hospital at Camp Bowie.

Lieutenant Wray, who was 32 years old, and Cadet Porter, 23, crashed at 11 o'clock today four miles at Hicks field. A party of cadets from Benbrook saw them plunge earthward and hurried to the scene arriving only a few moments after the machine almost buried itself in the ground. The bodies of the lieutenant and the cadet were pinned beneath the wreckage.

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