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NAVY PLANS FOR SPENDING MILLIONS AVAILABLE READY

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Plans for spending \$123,000,000 now available for preparation for war against Germany have practically been completed by the navy department.

The fund is composed of the \$115,000,000 emergency appropriation for shipbuilding and for speeding up construction with the \$18,000,000 appropriated for equipment of navy yards with additional building facilities.

The large sum is being devoted to construction of destroyers, patrol boats, purchase of auxiliary merchant vessels, erection of storage houses, leasing of private buildings and construction of aircrafts.

The smaller sum is to be used for equipping various navy yards. At Portsmouth, N. H., facilities will be provided for continuous construction of ten submarines at a time; at New York \$2,000,000 will be devoted to construction of facilities for capital ship building, including additional ways, shops and storage plants; at Philadelphia approximately \$6,000,000 will be spent for ways and shops for construction work; at Norfolk new ways and shops will be constructed at a cost of about \$5,000,000.

A smaller amount will be given to the Puget Sound yard for more equipment there and a sufficient amount will be allowed the Mare Island, California, yard for the construction of ways and shops; the Charleston, S. C., expense for destroyer and other auxiliary, yard will be fitted at considerable heavy construction.

Navy department officials are surveying the facilities along the Great Lakes for the purpose of utilizing them wherever it is found possible for construction work.

RAILROAD REQUEST FOR RAISE BASED ON GENERAL PRINCIPLE

BY GILSON GARDNER. WASHINGTON, April 3.—On the basis that the more money one has, the more one needs, the railroads are asking for a 15 per cent increase in freight rates.

The town is full of railroad presidents and every afternoon they are on their knees before the Interstate Commerce commission with large salty tears rolling down their cheeks, begging for the privilege of gouging the public a little harder in this merry time of squeeze.

The getting is good these days and railroad presidents are mostly members of that well-known firm of "Grabem and Sousezium," and they are living up to the best traditions of their training.

The prayer for more money in the way of higher freight rates is not based on the terrible burden imposed by the eight-hour day compelled by the Adamson law. A special eight-hour-day commission, consisting of General Goethals, Commissioner Ed Clark and Mr. Rublee, is working on that problem. The commission was created especially to find out whether the increased wages to the trainmen would make it necessary to raise freight rates, but this commission cannot report until six months have passed and the railroads have had a tryout with the eight-hour-law.

The railroads would not of course wait for this, so they have come into court and asked for the increased freight rates on general principles. They do not deny that their profits are the biggest that ever were earned since the roads were built. They merely say they need the money and the word "need" in this case is synonymous with the word "want."

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GERMANY and the Germans have a first class contempt for the United States, which they have taken little pains to conceal. Because this nation has not prostituted its energies for militarism, and we have no large standing army, we are defied, insulted and bullied, and war with America regarded almost as much of a joke in Berlin as war with Belgium.

The joke is on Berlin—or will be when the knell ceases ringing. Wars are won not only by armies and navies, but by brains, money and men, and there is no dearth of any of the three in the great republic.

It is American brains working through American inventions that make the tremendous destructive efficiency of war today. The aeroplane, the submarine, the torpedo, the chaser, the telegraph and telephone, the machine guns and the high explosives originated with Americans.

As to American money, Comptroller Williams asserts that the assets of our national banks aggregate over sixteen billion dollars, exceeding over \$5,000,000 the combined resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Spain, the Bank of Norway, the Bank of Sweden, the Swiss National Bank, the National Bank of Denmark, the Bank of Japan and the Reichsbank of Germany.

There is no dearth of patriotism—no dearth of men. A population exceeding 100,000,000 can turn out ten millions for army and navy if needed. Any nation, at war with nearly all the world, which purposely and deliberately adds the United States to its list of warring enemies is simply running amuck, crazed by the lust for slaughter.

A BILLION FOR FRANCE.

THE NEW YORK WORLD suggests that the most practical participation of the United States in the war against Germany would be a contribution of one billion dollars to the republic of France. This gift would be in recognition of the battle for democracy that France has so gallantly fought as well as a grateful appreciation of the arms and money supplied the United States during the war of the American revolution.

As war expenses go nowadays, a billion dollars does not go far and that amount could easily be spent without anything of note having been accomplished—and the way to make the money go farthest is to supply the deficiencies of the allies. The World says:

Men talk glibly about sending an army of 500,000 men or 1,000,000 men to Europe without the faintest realization of the military folly of such an undertaking. If we tried it we should be helping Germany, not the Allies. There are not ships enough available to transport even the minimum force that these enthusiasts name, or to provision such a force after it was landed in France.

Seed Potato Treatment

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The disinfection of seed potatoes by soaking in corrosive sublimate or in formaldehyde is recommended by the United States department of agriculture as a measure that will tend to improve the germination and lessen the danger of scab.

Such treatment is, on the whole, profitable, but has several limitations which should be clearly recognized to prevent disappointment. The object of disinfecting seed potatoes is to destroy the germs of scab and other surface parasites which might otherwise be planted with the seed and infect the new crop.

It is only partially effective against deep pits of common scab. Neither corrosive sublimate nor formaldehyde, as ordinarily used, will destroy silver scurf. Either lime will kill surface infections of blackleg, but neither will reach the internal infections common in tubers from blackleg hills.

Soil Condition and Potato Diseases. Soil conditions have an important relation to potato tuber diseases, and many of these are widely spread throughout the country, and perhaps native to some soils. Common scab is favored by a neutral or slightly alkaline soil, and seldom gives trouble in acid soils.

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EXPECT BREAK WITH OTHER STATES TO FOLLOW NEXT

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Whether the German government will permit publication in Germany of President Wilson's address was a question of great interest today at the state department. The sharp line drawn by the president in his address between the German people and the autocracy which rules them is regarded as providing additional fuel for the unrest in Germany which has been recognized even by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

The sharp focusing of attention throughout the world by the president's address on the present autocracy of Germany is expected to make some curtailment of that autocracy essential as a peace preliminary.

The British and French even before the terrible devastation of northern France, have many times, even in high quarters, demanded actual capital punishment for a few leading statesmen in Germany to whom the war is attributed. The attitude of the United States toward those officials while not so bitter will nevertheless tend to increase that feeling.

While the Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish situation remains just as it was for the present so far as this country is concerned it is probable that Germany will force those nations to her side.

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MEXICO ACCEPTS ECUADOR PROPOSAL

MEXICO CITY, April 3.—The Mexican government today sent an acceptance to Ecuador and Colombia that the proposal of Ecuador for a meeting to decide on a common policy with the object of bringing the European war to an end.

Ecuador suggested last February that delegates from the republics of assemble to consider a policy to guarantee the rights of neutrality and if possible to alleviate the rigors of war or to shorten it. The suggestion was made in regard to Mexico's proposal that delegates from the republics ropain belligerents be stopped. Six nations have accepted Ecuador's plan.

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DIGGS AND CAMINETTI ON WAY TO PRISON CELL

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 3.—Maury I. Diggs and F. Drew Caminetti, convicted of violating the Mann white slave act, left here last night for the federal prison at McNeill's island to serve their sentence. Diggs is under sentence of two years and Caminetti eighteen months with fine of \$2000 and \$1500 respectively.



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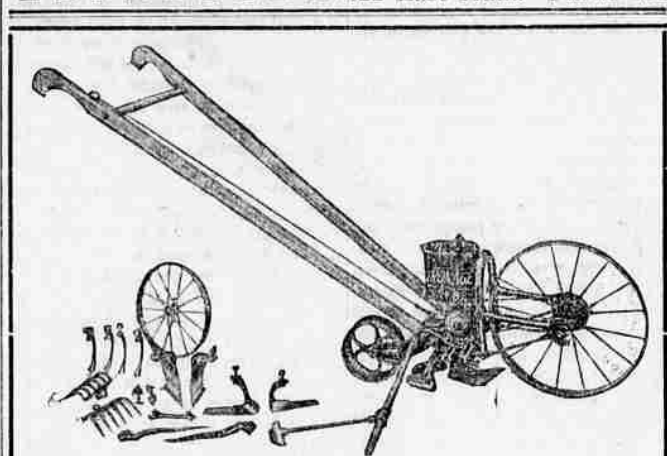
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