

FIRST SHIP TO OUTWIT U-BOATS READY, NOVEMBER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The first ship in that famous bridge of ships which the United States is to build across the Atlantic to defeat the German U-boat campaign, will be completed in November of this year. A few more will be completed in December of this year and January and February of 1918. The great bulk of those contracted for will come in the spring and summer of 1918.

Present Situation.

Here are the facts as they stand today: Contracts for 353 ships of all kinds have actually been signed, sealed and delivered and work on many of these is being pushed. Contracts for 115 more ships of all kinds are in complete shape, save for the final signatures, which will come very shortly. And here are the kinds of ships: Seventy-seven are steel ships whose tonnage ranges from 5000 to 9400. Forty-eight are composite wood and steel ships, whose tonnage averages 3500. The balance are wooden ships, whose tonnage is 3500. One hundred and ten ships of all kinds have been contracted for on the Pacific coast. One hundred and sixty-six ships have been contracted for in the south.

Lumber Hold-Up.

The lumber men of the south were one cause for a slowing up in ship-building. They were under pledge to furnish lumber at an average price of \$35 per thousand feet. Of the first 100 ships, lumber has been provided for only sixty-three. The result is the other day Chairman E. N. Hurley of the shipping board and Rear Admiral Capps, general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, had a meeting with lumber representatives.

Capp's Ultimatum.

The meeting was interesting for another reason. Admiral Capps, who has refused to talk for publication, made his first speech and emphasized two points: First—That he and Chairman Hurley were not going to scrap about the respective merits of wooden and steel ships, but were going to try to build as many of both as possible. Second—That he and Hurley both considered themselves as mere units in the great scheme to defeat the U-boats, and would spend their time working and not quarreling.

BIBLE STUDENT ASKS FOR ARMY EXEMPTION

SEATTLE, Aug. 8.—The extraordinary inroads made upon men eligible for military service by the claim of "dependent wife" has drawn from three of the ten Seattle exemption boards a ruling that claim alone will henceforth be insufficient to exempt a man. Four claims of exemption on this ground in one district were rejected yesterday. One man, accepted for service in spite of his "dependent wife" claim, asked for discharge on account of membership in the International Bible Students' association, whose tenets, he declared, forbade participation in war. His case has not been decided.

POLES REFUSE TO ENTER AUSTRIAN CABINET

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 8.—A Vienna dispatch to the Berlin Kreuz Zeitung says that the sentiment at a meeting of the Polish club recently was against the participation of Poles in the Austrian ministry. Dr. von Zeldner, the premier, therefore has been forced to drop his plan for forming a parliamentary ministry from a bureaucratic cabinet. It is not expected, the dispatch adds, that the cabinet will be able to deal with the reform problem and its life may be shortened.

LONG LIST OF SPIES EMPLOYED BY CZAR TO BE PUNISHED

PETROGRAD, June 30 (correspondence of the Associated Press).—Thirty-three long lists of spies, informers and agents provocateurs in ex-Emperor Nicholas' pay have been published by the commission for securing the new system of government, appointed by the provisional government immediately after the revolution. Fifty more lists may be expected. The total number of these secret legions of autoeracy is expected to reach 80,000. Those whose guilt is beyond doubt have been put in jail, but it is not yet settled whether they will be tried and punished or merely kept in jail until the peril of a reactionary counter-revolution has passed.

As revealed by these inquiries, autoeracy's spies and informers were much less picturesque and romantic than they appear in the typical "nihilist novel." Most belonged to the more intelligent working class or to the minor bourgeoisie. They were paid badly, the average wage for organizing political crime or betraying accomplices being \$20 a month. The spies were usually instructed to become members of secret revolutionary or terrorist organizations, among these being the social democrat party, the social revolutionaries with their fighting committees, the populist-socialists and the Maximilists. On nearly every newspaper was at least one spy. He took part in meetings, widened breaches in the work of organization and kept the security department well informed. In violation of the nihilist novel tradition, very few women were employed as spies or informers, but a few noted cases have been exposed. In Moscow three sisters named Palitsin betrayed scores of workmen, after getting confessions from them by means of simulating love.

POLES IN REVOLT AGAINST GERMANS

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The situation in Poland is critical, according to information received by the correspondent at Lausanne, Switzerland, of the Exchange Telegraph company. The Germans are said to be discussing the possibility of an organized revolt on the part of the Poles. All German women in Poland, including the wives of high military and civil officials, have returned to Germany. Martial law, the correspondent adds, has been declared at Warsaw and in other Polish centers. Riots which have been suppressed with much bloodshed in the mining area, have been renewed.

FIRE WHISTLES TO CALL ASHLAND GUARD

Ashland has organized a Home Guard company for the protection of that city with O. E. Diebert, a former sergeant in the First company, as captain in command. Mayor C. B. Lamkin has issued the following signed proclamation in connection with the Home Guard organization: "Those who wish to join can call or send in their names to the city recorder, Mr. Wimer. Any one can join who wishes. There is no obligation attached except to protect the city. In case any fires are set, the city fire whistle will blow 'two long and two short' whistles. In case of a riot, the whistle will blow 'two long and three short' whistles. All should then hurry to the city hall, where Captain Diebert will be in command. In case of riot, bring any firearms you may have at home."

IRISH HOME RULE CONVENTION MEETS

DUBLIN, Aug. 8.—The Irish home rule convention re-assembled today. Since it was adjourned July 26, a more sanguine feeling has developed that the conference will have good results. Importance is attached here to the interview which Sir Horace Plunkett, the chairman of the convention, had with King George. It being taken here to indicate the royal interest in the proceedings. The Dublin newspapers today gave prominence to a letter from Sinclair Liburn, a leading Ulster unionist, strongly favoring a home rule settlement, including all of Ireland.

HERE ARE WHAT OUR SAMMIES MUST CONQUER



Tommy knows them already, and when Sammy reaches the trenches in France, he, too, will have to become acquainted with them. They're characteristic types of German soldiers captured by the British in their latest drive. They're the kind of men the Kaiser is shoving in front of him to maintain his empire by ruthless warfare. Our Sammies will have to conquer them to win the war.

DRIVING GERMANS OUT OF AFRICA

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The beginning of a forward movement in the Lindl area on the Indian ocean in south-eastern German Africa is described in an official statement issued tonight. The offensive began on August 2, when the Germans were driven from their advanced positions on the Mibuba stream, ten miles southwest of Lindl. On August 3 the enemy's main positions were assaulted in a frontal attack by African troops, who made some progress, but the turning movement intended to envelop the German's right flank encountered strongly posted defenses, concealed in dense bush. Severe fighting ensued, the enemy vigorously counter-attacking and the British, Indian and African forces fighting with great gallantry. The action was indecisive, the losses on both sides being considerable. The British forces are entrenched on the ground gained, the statement says, and the advance will be resumed soon.

AUSTRIANS BLAME AMERICA FOR CHINA

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 8.—Austrian-Hungarian newspapers, according to a telegram from Vienna, view China's declaration of war as the work of the entente, especially President Wilson. It is aimed as a blow at German and Austro-Hungarian business interests in China and to oust two troublesome competitors by furnishing the Chinese with a pretext not to pay their debts, rescind their mining concessions to the Teutons, confiscate Austro-German capital invested in the country, seize their ships and intern their subjects. Miss Elizabeth Robinson, who recently left on a visit for Sioux City, Iowa, is expected to return to Medford about September 1.

BRUSSELS LAWYERS HONOR ADOLPH MAX

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 8.—Lawyers of Brussels have elected Adolphe Max the heroic burgomaster of Brussels, imprisoned by Germans, as president of the bar association, according to news received here. Burgomaster Max was arrested at Brussels September 28, 1914, for his "irreconcilable attitude" and interned at Glatz. LONDON, Aug. 8.—The Central News Agency quotes the newspaper Belgisch Dagblad to the effect that Burgomaster Max of Brussels is seriously ill in prison at Celle, a Prussian town, 23 miles northeast of Hanover. King Alfonso of Spain is said to have interfered fruitlessly in behalf of the imprisoned burgomaster.

GERMANY SLAUGHTERS BREEDING CATTLE

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 8.—A shortage in fodder has compelled the Germans to undertake a sweeping slaughter of home stocks of cattle. German buyers in Denmark who last week cut prices 15 per cent are, according to a dispatch today from the interior, discontinuing purchase altogether until the surplus at home is utilized. This has brought about another reduction in the price of meat in Denmark and it is said that further cuts will follow.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT'S CONDITION IMPROVED

CLAY CENTER, KAN., Aug. 8.—The condition of former President W. H. Taft, who became suddenly ill here Monday night, was improved today, according to attending physicians, who decided, however, that it would be advisable for him to remain in his room again today. He probably will leave for Lincoln, Nebraska, tomorrow, it was said. Mr. Taft became ill after delivering an address here.

PREPARE TO FLOAT SECOND LIBERTY LOAN

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Preparations for the floating of the second Liberty loan to be offered to the public some time early in the fall were begun here today by the general loan committee of the second federal reserve district. Although the date the second loan will be offered to the public and the rate of interest it will bear have not been definitely decided upon, it was said it would be about September 15 and not October 15, as at first reported.

SEVEN NORWEGIAN SHIPS NINETY MEN LOST IN GALE

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Seven Norwegian sailing vessels and ninety men were lost in a heavy gale near Greenland, according to a dispatch to the Central News from Christiania.

EGGS AND SALT AS REMEDY FOR RATTLESNAKE BITE

What would you do if, when alone out in the mountains, you were bitten by a rattlesnake? Here is what W. S. Copley did on July 25, as related in the last issue of the Glendale Times: Mr. Copley was alone at the mines, being employed as watchman. He had just left the house and stepped down over a ledge about a foot high, when he felt a heavy thud and sharp pain on the outside of his left leg just below the knee. Mr. Copley says he became extremely busy and did not lose even a fraction of a second in widening the distance between himself and the rattler, which immediately recoiled and prepared for another strike. However, it was then Mr. Copley's turn at the bat, and with a spade he scored a complete knockout on his snakeship. The snake gave no warning, for the reason that he had previously lost his rattles, but he certainly did strike a hard blow for his length, being not over two and a half feet long. His fangs penetrated Mr. Copley's trousers, drawers and hose, and sank deep enough into the flesh to cause blood to run down into his shoe. Just what Mr. Copley did, being out in the mountains alone, should be of interest to those who frequent the mountains. He calmly broke an egg, beat it up, and mixed it thickly with salt to form a poultice. This was placed on the wound for twenty minutes. When removed, it had become green. Another similar poultice was then placed on the wound, and it, too, turned green. A third poultice showed less green, and the fourth poultice showed only a faint streak of green. The egg and salt did its work well. A cloth saturated with turpentine was then bound on the bite, and while the leg and foot was for a time so swollen that Mr. Copley could not get his shoe on, he says he feels no ill effects now from the bite.

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