

CONSPIRACY IN SECURING SHIP ORDERS FOUND

Edward L. Travis of Shipping Board Charged With Complicity in Alleged Fraud—Selim B. Joseph and Leon M. Green Also Arrested in Connection With Illegal Methods.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Evidence connecting at least one minor official of the shipping board with an alleged conspiracy to obtain contracts from the shipping board at extra high prices has been gathered by government agents, it became known today. This was disclosed as a result of the arrest in Washington of Edward L. Travis, former law partner of Representative Kitchin of North Carolina and Selim B. Joseph and Leon M. Green.

Charged Obstructing Draft
The technical charge against the men is that of conspiring to obstruct the draft by getting a job for Green which would place him in deferred classification. More generally, however, it is charged that they, acting in connection with government employees, promised to get orders for between 18 and 24 ships at a price of \$195 a ton, which is considerably higher than most contracts provide, with a view to dividing the bonus. Several government employees are under suspicion of having agreed to be associated with the men.

The ship contracts, which never were actually negotiated, were to have been given to the Perth Amboy drydock company of Perth Amboy, N. J., which aided the government in running down the men after they were said to have made proposals which seemed improper to the company officials.

McDonald Shadowed Grafters
When the company notified the government of the machinations, Richard F. McDonald was assigned by the secret service to represent the Perth Amboy company in an effort to discover the men's game. He was said to have found that Joseph was to receive \$1.50 a ton on each ship for which orders were obtained at prices above the average while Green who was said to have posed as a nephew of a cabinet member, was to get 50 cents a ton and in addition a position with the shipbuilding company at a big salary.

Green referred the Perth Amboy company's supposed representative to Travis in Washington, who was said to have posed as having great influence with the shipping board. He also mentioned his former connection with Representative Kitchin and Senator Overman whose political campaign he once managed.

Other Contracts Investigated
Other shipbuilding contracts are being investigated. In connection with activities of contingent fee agents it has been reported for some time that the secretaries and members of congress acted as foreign agents of the commission fee men, altho as yet no evidence warranting prosecution have been developed against these secretaries.

HORSES AND VEHICLES WILL BE REGISTERED

LONDON, Aug. 3.—After September 1, no person will be able to use any horse or vehicle with a carrying capacity of 1,500 pounds without a permit from the road transport board. Those used in agricultural work will be exempted.

RIGHT WING CRUSHED.

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Allies have taken from the Germans nearly all the ground won after the second day of the German offensive on May 27. As yet the efforts of the allies seem to be concentrated on the task of smashing the German armies south of the Vesle and the Aisne, but it is not generally believed that General Foch will abandon the initiative at the Aisne. Soissons has been in the hands of the Germans since May 29. "Desultory fighting," is the way in which Herlin officially describes the situation.

Allies on Way to Vesle
PARIS, Aug. 3.—Throughout the night the allies continued to advance toward the Vesle, the French war office announced today. East of Soissons the French have reached the Aisne between Soissons and Venizel. The statement reads: "During the night the French troops continued their advance toward the Vesle. On the left the French reached the Aisne between Soissons and Venizel."

WAR IN THE ARCTIC



American marines are known to be at Kola, and an allied force has advanced to a point south of Kem, which lies in the center of this map on the new Kola railroad. Southern Finland is in possession of the Germans and the Finnish White Guard, and an attack by these troops on the allies, who are protecting munition stores sent to the Russians, is expected momentarily.

GERMAN FLIGHT OUT OF BAG IS DECIDEDLY HURRIED

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Aisne have been reached along the front from Pommiers, west of Soissons to Venizel, on the east of that town. Further east the allies have reached the district of Serches, Couvres Cersuil.

Cavalry patrols have arrived at the river Vesle in the vicinity of Chamigny and Jonchery, finding all the bridges cut or burned by the Germans. Just west of Rheims the allies have reached or are approaching Tinquex, Thillois, Gueux and Rosnay, all lying in the neighborhood of the main road from Reims and Rheims. Fires are illuminating the skies everywhere, the enemy burning everything as he retreats. More than 40 conflagrations were counted during the night.

French Reach Aisne
LONDON, Aug. 3.—On the main battle front in the Soissons region, the French after completing their capture of Soissons, have occupied the south bank of the Aisne between Pommiers and Venizel, a distance of approximately 5 1/2 miles, advices received today show.

On the easterly side of the Soissons-Rheims front, the line to which the allies have advanced runs according to the latest advices, from Serzy-Et-Prin and Svigny, both in the Ardre valley, to the highest point on the plateau between the Ardre and the Vesle and thence to Rosnay, Gueux and Thillois, and on to the Vesle at St. Brieux, which is on the original line.

On the northern end of the plateau to the southeast of Soissons the French have advanced from Venizel to a point south of Braine on the Vesle. The advance is continuing on the line farther to the east.

Fumes in Flames
Burning villages in the area north of the Vesle river, between Mazon and St. Thierry, indicate that a further withdrawal of the Germans is intended. Fourteen large fires have been observed. The important center of Fumes is in flames and there are great conflagrations in two villages to the northwest of that town.

The retirement of the forces of the German crown prince now appears to be very rapid.

Great Deal of Fighting
There has not been a great deal of fighting and it is unlikely that any large captures of prisoners will be reported. East of Rheims French forces have made an important recovery of ground near St. Hilaire. French cavalry are on the Vesle river between Chamigny and Jonchery, north and northwest of Rheims. Up until 11 o'clock this morning the allies had not crossed the river at any point. All the bridges over the Vesle have been destroyed.

MAN POWER OF UNITED STATES IS ABUNDANT

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allied armies still is the destruction of the enemy's armies. General March said. The maximum retreat of the enemy up to August 2 measured 16 miles, the total length of the Aisne-Marne salient having been reduced from 74 miles to 48 miles.

The French and British pounding at both flanks of the salient, General March said, had resulted in the collapse of the German resistance on August 1 and the French had walked into Soissons.

The complete success of the allies was assured by a confidential message reaching the chief of staff from an officer who at the time of writing had just returned from Fere-En-Tardenois. This officer reported that it was "seemingly impossible" for any army to gather the number of guns and shells that were abandoned by the Germans in their retirement.

Advance Over German Bodies
The message added that the Germans had been driven back without time to bury their dead and the German bodies lay so thick it was impossible to advance without walking over them.

The advance in the center has averaged three miles on a front of thirty miles, the chief of staff said, while on the east flank, west of Rheims, an advance of four miles on a four mile front already had been made.

General March said the war department still was without any information as to the number of American casualties in the fighting since the present battle began.

The selection of Major General Jesse Mel. Carter, now serving as chief of the militia bureau, and commander of the United States guard, to head one of the new divisions to be formed in this country was announced.

Officers Recalled to U. S.
General March announced also the names of Brigadier Generals who had been recalled from France for duty in this country. They are James J. Holbrook, who goes to the southern department; Charles W. Kutz, to command Camp Humphries, Douglas MacArthur to command the 21st brigade of the eleventh division at Camp Meade, Md.; Howard R. Hickok, to command a brigade in the tenth division at Camp Funston, Kans., and Cornelius Vanderbilt, to command a brigade at Camp Lewis, Wash.

Major Henly Reaches Frisco.
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—Airplanes bearing Major General William L. Kenly, director of military aeronautics and Lieutenant O'Neil, his aide, arrived here from Mather Field, Sacramento, at noon today.



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WILSON FAVORS PROFITEER TAX

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—President Wilson has let it be known to members of the house ways and means committee, which is framing the new eight billion dollar revenue bill, that he is interested in a heavy

tax on war profits. The president has given careful study to the present tax system and also to the English system, which imposes a flat tax of eighty per cent on such profits. In his address to congress in May the president said there was indisputable evidence of war profiteering and that it must be reached by the new revenue bill. "Profiteering that cannot be got at by restraints of conscience," said the president, "can be got at by taxation."

GERMAN LANGUAGE TO BE PURIFIED

(By Newspaper Enterprise Ass'n.)
AMSTERDAM, Aug. 3.—The Prussian lower house has issued a report on the purification of the German language from foreign words used in the business of the house. "Provisiorisch" (provisional) will be replaced by "vorlaufig." "Interpellationen" (questions) will be known as "Formliche Anfragen."

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