

10,000 TONS DAILY AMERICA'S REPLY TO SHIP PROBLEM

Workers Seeking Record Cut Lunch Hour and Run to Jobs

U-BOAT MENACE IN HAND

Defeat of Submarine Now Definitely in Sight, All Facts Show

GIANT MINEFIELD BIG FACTOR

British Feat at Ostend and Zeebrugge One More Means of Throttling Hun Hopes

By J. W. MULLER, American Staff Correspondent of THE STARS AND STRIPES.

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

NEW YORK, May 23.—Ships continue to splash from the ways, and this does much to assure us that the old United States is not such a slow 'bus as has been claimed by some patriots who love her well but not too wisely.

Mr. Schwab says we are now producing 10,000 tons of shipping daily, and promises a breaking of the record before the year's end.

The story of the details of building the ship Tuckahoe in 27 days, two hours and ten minutes satisfies us all that we have a move on. Every man of the Camden shipbuilding force put his heart and muscle into the fight for the record, and the builders say the men hardly took time to eat. They cut their lunch hour and ran, not walked, back to the job, and made a record for steel construction.

On May 11 we passed the 1,000,000 ton mark in total ship tonnage. Many of these, of course, were partly constructed at the beginning of the war; but the Emergency Fleet Corporation announces two ships as the weekly average to be launched now. One week showed 48,000 tons launched.

THE SHIPPING SITUATION

Two months ago a leading German newspaper printed a cartoon depicting a man in a steam roller with an expression on his face intended to register chagrin. The man was Uncle Sam. The steam roller symbolized the American Army. The caption under the cartoon read: "He has built a fine steam roller, but he can't get it to France."

The cartoon is significant because it indicates the German state of mind—the German hope that the part United States will play in the shipping will be minimized by insufficient shipping.

Ships meant the A.E.F. because they are the foundation upon which the A.E.F. rests. The shipping situation governs absolutely the participation of the United States in the war. Every American soldier in France will be pained to remember the tonnage situation when he reads the cartoon that, for the present, he can receive no more packages from home. The ban on packages was one of a number of steps taken to make every foot of ship space available for military needs.

The Burning Question

Will the German submarine prevent the United States from participating in the war on a large scale? The answer is no, as borne out by figures.

Since the beginning of the war the tonnage situation has been as follows:

COMPANY PAYROLL NOW ONLY HISTORY

Preparation Put in Hands of Regimental Headquarters Clerks

The company payroll (which we sign every day, according to a celebrated lyric) is a thing of the past. Beginning with May pay, payrolls will be prepared at headquarters of regiments, separate or detached battalions and other similar units. The task has passed from the hands of company commanders. This is the substance of a recent cablegram from the War Department.

The payrolls of separate or detached companies or battalions will be prepared at headquarters of the commanding officer, ammunition train and sanitary train. Tables of Organization have been amended to permit of an additional captain for the purpose of supervising the preparation and authentication of payrolls.

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CONY STILL IN RUNNING

NEW YORK, May 23.—Coney Island has opened the season with an unprecedented display of frankfurters. German agents are not blamed.

O. D. TOBACCO — PRESENT

The issue smoke—it's granted! Yes, sir, the issue smoke or the issue plug, just as you choose. When the order goes into effect (which will be very shortly), each man in the A.E.F. will get, for a day's ration, four-tenths of an ounce of smoking tobacco. And with it will go ten cigarette papers.

Thus the War Department, acting on the recommendation of General Pershing, puts a premium on the manly and soldierly art of rolling your own, and on the equally robust practice of smoking a pipe. As a substitute for the regulation issue, the hard guys may draw four-tenths of an ounce of eating tobacco. The effect may pull down four tailor-made cigarettes—one after each meal, one for the early morning.

Just how 4oz. of tobacco is going to be issued is something the Q.M. will have to work out. Perhaps the Q.M. will set his force at work counting the flakes.

Anyway, no matter how they're going to fix it, the O.D. weed is a reality. There'll be no more pipe, along with the free chow and free rides and free air and free see-the-world.

CIVILIAN LABOR TO RELEASE MEN FOR COMBAT WORK

Doughboys in S.O.S. Will Be Given Chance to Fight

PROGRESS IN RECRUITING

Campaign for Toilers Carried on in France and Neighboring Countries

A doughboy leaped against a pile of lumber he had been guarding somewhere in the S.O.S. for two weeks on a year, or something like that, and offered a fervent prayer. He explained that he had come over to France to fight Huns and not to guard lumber piles and asked the Lord to use his influence with G.H.Q. to have him sent up front. It wasn't so many weeks ago that he did that, and some hard work he had to do down in rhyme and meter. And now?

And now comes the formation of a labor department of the A.E.F. for the employment of civilian European labor by the Army for the purpose of releasing as many doughboys as possible from work at home to be sent to the front available for the trenches.

The official reason given is the tonnage situation. The Army's policy is to obtain as much material and supplies as possible on this side of the ocean, thus relieving the amount of freight to be handled by ship. For this reason as much labor as is necessary or can be obtained will be employed by the American Government, so that as big a proportion as possible of the A.E.F. will be available for combat work.

Number Growing Steadily

The labor department started operations a few weeks ago and since then has been recruiting labor in various parts of France and nearby countries. Already more than 16,000 men have been recruited and put to work. This number is being augmented steadily. The department plans to build up an organization capable of handling a civilian work corps of 250,000 or more men, if necessary.

The men employed are not available for military service by the Allies. Most of them earn between 75 centimes and 1.20 francs an hour, according to the class and kind of work they are doing. They are taken on a three months' contract basis and are fed and quartered by the American Government. Work clothing also is issued them.

Doing a Thousand and One Jobs

The present force is working largely under the direction of the Engineer Corps and is engaged on some of the thousand and one repair and construction jobs of the United States in France. The general order authorizing the employment of the civilians provides that for the purposes of employment they shall be organized into small units, corresponding to those of the regular army, and that for purposes of administration they shall be combined into larger groups approximating an infantry company.

WHITMAN ONCE MORE IN NEW YORK RACE

Two Other Candidates Are Already in Field for Governorship

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

NEW YORK, May 23.—Charles S. Whitman has thrown his hat into the ring as a candidate for reelection as governor of New York. So have Alerton E. Lewis, present attorney general, and Thaddeus C. Sweet, speaker of the Assembly. But Governor Whitman only says: "The more the merrier," and there is every indication that there will be more, and that there will be a mighty very campaign. There are as yet no very well defined issues, but there are tremendous rumblings.

The Illinois Republican senatorial primaries promise a lively three cornered campaign between Medill McCormick, Ex-Governor Charles S. Deneen and Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago.

Political activity elsewhere throughout the country is either dormant or confined to issues in which the general public takes little interest these days. So far, therefore, all political announcements lack real punch and politicians find an inordinate difficulty in making the old pot really boil. The country is watching other and more important cookery.

IN FRANCE—MEMORIAL DAY, 1918



FOURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting-place of those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

HUGHES ASSIGNED TO AIRCRAFT QUIZ

Will Investigate All Phases of Production in United States

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NEW YORK, May 23.—Former Supreme Court Justice Charles Evans Hughes, the Republican candidate for the presidency in 1916, has been assigned by the President and has accepted the task of investigating all phases of aircraft production in the United States. He begins his work with the Department of Justice.

The appointment by the President of the former rival candidate will undoubtedly assure the country that the investigation will be thorough and sweeping, and has greatly diminished public interest in the proposed Senate investigation.

Newspaper discussion about the air situation during the past week has been very lengthy but really very intangible. The truth plainly is that we all lack really definite facts, and I am sure I am correct in saying that the attitude of the whole public is perfectly patent, evincing an unexcited willingness to let the investigators do their work. The people are generally learning to discount over-enthusiastic publicity statements on the one hand and hypercritical comments on the other.

The whole question of war publicity has occupied much of Congress's attention during the past week. I believe that the result will be improving.

YEOWOMEN TO SALUTE

NEW YORK, May 23.—New York City is incorporating 10,000 women as police reserves. Boston yeowomen have gained a ruling that they shall salute Naval officers and be saluted in return.

TO HOOVERIZE LEGISLATION

NEW YORK, May 23.—The Senate is discussing the advisability of hooverizing legislation by making the rivers and harbors Bill porkless.

DOUGHNUTS AND PIE SURE

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

NEW YORK, May 23.—The Salvation Army's slogan of "doughnuts and pie for ever" during its drive for a cool \$2,000,000 has been answered by the contribution of far more than two million doughnuts. And the doughnuts look very much like the familiar sign: \$. The pies, too, resemble this: 0. That is, they do in shape. When translated into terms of action they are much more filling, however.

New York did itself proud in treating its brethren overseas, coming across with \$300,000 for communities also dug down into their collective jeans and filled the little old black kettle and the little old tambourines on every corner.

STRAY ALLOTMENTS WILL NOT BE LOST

War Risk Bureau to Care Promptly for Missing Checks

If you made an allotment and yet have heard from the folks back home since March 1 that they received no check to show for it, you should get hold at once of another of those allotment and allowance blanks, Form I-B, which every soldier has had to fill out whether he was an allotter or not.

Mark this new one "Supplemental," fill it out and send it to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance through the proper channels.

The Bureau, through a War Department Bulletin, promises that all such supplemental blanks will receive immediate attention and that checks will be promptly mailed to the folks in all cases where there has been any slip up.

LOSES CITIZEN'S PAPERS

NEW YORK, May 23.—A New Jersey court has revoked the naturalization papers of a German who has been an American citizen for 35 years for disloyal utterances. A Bill has been introduced in Congress to make such revocations mandatory in similar cases.

THE YANKS ARE HERE

The week just past has been full of good news for those Americans who love their country and who care more that she should do herself proud in this war than they care about anything else in the world just now.

There was the announcement that just as American troops had previously gone in with the French, so now more American troops had just taken their place with the British.

There was the news, by way of Washington, that the Americans now hold the third longest line on the Western front.

There was evidence, fresh and abundant, that American troops are pouring into French ports at a rate never before approached.

Charles M. Schwab announces that we are now producing 10,000 tons of shipping every day and will treble that rate before the end of the year.

News from the front tells of our air fighters doing their share and giving better than they take. The Yanks are here.

NEW CAP READY FOR WHOLE A. E. F. AND IT'S NATTY

Old Overseas Headgear Discarded for More Scientific Issue

"SEAM AND CREASE" DID IT Long Warfare Over Brain Covering Produces Chic Crown of Victory

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

NEW YORK, May 23.—The New Overseas Cap, for which the old cap has been discarded, is now ready for issue to the whole A. E. F.

The new cap is a simple, practical, and comfortable affair, and is made of a material that is both durable and light.

The old cap was discarded because it was too hot and uncomfortable for the conditions of the front.

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TWO BLACK YANKS SMEAR 24 HUNS; BIG SECRET OUT

Station Porter and Elevator Boy Win Croix de Guerre

NEGRO UNIT IN TRENCHES

Great Boast Is That They Don't Need Any Lampblack for Patrol Work

READY HELPERS IN BILLETS

Dark Skinned Foes of "Bush Germans" Have Won Friends in Many French Towns

Two strapping American negroes have just been awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm for valor in France. One of them a porter from the New York Central station in Albany and the other an elevator boy for a New York apartment house, they have been decorated for the fearful damage they did to a startled raiding party of 24 Germans whom they caught in the act and, all unaided, put to flight.

A couple of dozen unexploded German grenades, a half dozen wirecutters, three abandoned automatics, two stretchers, a round cap with blood-clotted hair glued fast to it, a blood-stained duck-club and bits of grey cloth strewn about are the mementoes left behind in the panicky retreat towards Germany which was effected before the American patrols came to the rescue.

In a French hospital behind the lines the two dusky heroes of the sector, neither permanently the worse for the fight, are chuckling gleefully over the great adventure and telling great tales to their admiring circle.

Another Secret Disclosed

Their decoration let one of the darkest cats out of the A.E.F. bag. For some time past, a black American unit has been part and parcel of the French Army, eventually taking over front line trenches.

The secret has been so well kept that only a few of the all-wise at G.H.Q. had even a suspicion, and the negroes themselves have been so completely absorbed that a German scout would have to come within ear-shot and be something of a linguist to be able to report that the terrifying *soldats noirs* in that sector were not the long familiar French Colonials from down Morocco way.

Now the secret is out and all the testimony from the commanders and from the French folk of the village where they have been billeted is in praise of the *soldats noirs de l'Amerique*. They know

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800,000 SOLDIERS OWN LIBERTY BONDS

Every Federal Reserve District Beats Quota in Recent Drive

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

NEW YORK, May 23.—Nearly 800,000 soldiers in the United States now hold Liberty Bonds.

The Third Liberty Loan was oversubscribed by a billion and over, with \$4,170,000,000 as the final mark. Every Federal Reserve District went over the top, the biggest being Minneapolis with 172 per cent. The final figures are:

Minneapolis, \$180,000,000
Kansas City, \$202,000,000, which is 156 per cent of its quota.
St. Louis, \$199,000,000, or 153 per cent.
Atlanta, \$136,000,000, or 151 per cent.
Philadelphia, \$302,000,000, or 144 per cent.
Dallas, \$115,000,000, or 144 per cent.
Chicago, \$68,000,000, or 143 per cent.
Richmond, \$186,000,000, or 143 per cent.
Boston, \$354,000,000, or 142 per cent.
Sau Francisco, \$285,000,000, or 136 per cent.
Cleveland, \$405,000,000, or 135 per cent.
New York, \$1,115,000,000, or 124 per cent.

The Government already has received \$1,500,000,000, though less than \$250,000,000 is due at this time.

NEW YORK TRAFFIC RECORD

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

NEW YORK, May 23.—The Tenderloin City proudly proclaims that its street traffic is now the heaviest in the world.

Officials say that Columbus Circle sees the passage of 39,000 vehicles daily, against 28,000 at London's busiest corner—Piccadilly Circus.

The total New York traffic in the 17 most congested spots in the city is 274,000 vehicles against London's 236,000.

We are now so proud that we feel reconciled to being run over.

MINE OFFICIALS INDICTED

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

NEW YORK, May 23.—The Federal grand jury at Tucson, Ariz., after investigating the importations last July of 1200 workers at Bisbee, has indicted 21 leading mine officials, employees and business men for conspiracy to deprive American citizens of their rights. It promises to be a star case.

The indictment follows an exhaustive inquiry by the presidential labor commission appointed to investigate the noted case. Its report establishes the fact that news dispatches which were sent broadcast throughout the country at the time were decidedly incorrect.

BEER GLASS SHRINKS IN BACK HOME BARS

And Some Gloom Spreaders Even Hint at a Dime a Throw

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

NEW YORK, May 23.—All beers threaten soon to become short ones. Patriotic dispensers of the amber nectar are conserving the supply by introducing diminutive glasses, which are about a cross between the old "shorts" and the tiny ones used for the now almost extinct "smashes of the hard."

The white-washed holders of the maoogany trenches and brass rail wire'ven go so far as to hint at an indemnity of a dime a glass, regardless of size.

The ultimate consumers are getting restive under these and other hurry-up patriotic devices, and the newspapers are printing letters which insinuate heatedly that the hotel keepers' patriotic enthusiasm in cutting portions and establishing wheatless, meatless and tasteless days loads all the patriotic sacrifice on to one party and puts all the patriotic profit into the other party's pants.