



BANDITS WORK IN OMAHA; WILSON DROPS GOETHALS

BUILDER OF PANAMA CANAL AND CHAIRMAN DENMAN ARE FIRED FROM SHIPPING BOARD

Executive Steps Row Which Has Been Delaying Construction Program by Dropping Both Heads of Factions —Edward N. Hurley of Chicago Becomes Chairman and Washington L. Capp General Manager of Corporation.

Washington, July 24.—President Wilson today asked Chairman Denman of the shipping board to resign and accepted the resignation of Major General Goethals as general manager of the emergency fleet corporation.

Official announcement of the acceptance of the resignations of General Goethals and Captain John B. White was made with publication of a letter from President Wilson to Chairman Denman asking for his resignation and giving the president's opinion that the only way to end the row which has delayed the shipbuilding program was for both Goethals and Denman to be removed from the situation.

Official announcement of the acceptance of the general's resignation was made today with the publication of a letter from President Wilson to Chairman Denman saying he was convinced that to accept the resignation of General Goethals was the only way to stop the row which has been delaying the program.

Hurley Becomes Chairman. Edward N. Hurley, a Chicago business man and former chairman of the Federal Trade commission, will become chairman of the shipping board.

Washington L. Capps, chief constructor of the navy, will succeed General Goethals as general manager of the emergency fleet corporation. Bainbridge Colby of New York will become a member of the shipping board in place of Captain John B. White, whose resignation the president accepted.

Wilson's Letter to Denman. In asking for Mr. Denman's resignation President Wilson suggested that he would be glad to take the "same disinterested and self-forgetting course that General Goethals has taken."

"When you have done as he has done," the president wrote Mr. Denman, "I assure you that you may count with the utmost confidence upon the ultimate verdict of the people of the country with regard to your management and unselfish view of public duty and upon winning in the retrospect the same admiration and confidence that I have learned to feel for you."

President Wilson's action came as a surprise. Officials generally had thought he would make a further effort to patch up differences and divide specifically between Chairman Denman and General Goethals powers conferred on him by the shipping act.

Denman Acts Promptly. Chairman Denman received the president's request for his resignation at noon and tendered immediately.

"I want to help the president in every way possible," he said, "and never have questioned the wisdom of his decisions."

Now Retired Officer. General Goethals is now back in the status of a retired officer of the United States army, subject to any duty to which the president may call him. It is well known that the general wants to join the troops in France.

When congress appropriated \$500,000,000 for the ship building, an attempt was made to specify General Goethals by name as the man to have charge of it and make his removal by the executive branch of the government impossible. It was not successful.

Mr. Denman is a San Francisco admiralty lawyer. Differences between General Goethals and Chairman Denman over the question of steel or wooden ships began immediately after the general was put in charge of the building program.

General Goethals steadily opposed the board's plan of wooden ships in large numbers, declaring that steel construction was more practical.

Treason Charge Made Against Broken Bow Man. Broken Bow, Neb., July 24.—(Special Telegram.)—B. R. Warbelton, a blacksmith of this place, was arrested this morning by Deputy United States Marshal Carroll of Lincoln.

He is charged with making treasonable utterances directed against President Wilson. Several witnesses are alleged to have heard the talk and Sheriff Wilson reported Warbelton to the government last Saturday.

Other investigations are now being made and more arrests are expected. Marshal Carroll will take Warbelton to Grand Island today for preliminary hearing.

British War Bill Seven Million Pounds Daily. London, July 24.—Andrew Bonar Law, the chancellor of the Exchequer announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that for 112 days the average British expenditure was £6,975,000 daily.

The chancellor said the total advance made by Great Britain to its allies and its dominions was £1,025,000,000.

Sentry Fires at Mission

Louisville, Ky., July 24.—A sentry guarding the monument discharged his rifle at the parade of the Belgian war mission today when the car leading the procession refused to heed his command to halt. The rifleman fired above the heads of the occupants of the car. He was arrested. The mission was about to enter the camp under the guidance of H. T. Kelsey, a civilian, who was in the first car directly in front of Baron Moncheur, chief of the mission. When the order to halt was received he directed the chauffeur to ignore it. The sentry promptly fired over the car. Military men declared the enlisted man had been justified in firing when his command was ignored.

MILLION MEN WILL BE SENT ABROAD SOON

Call for Five Billion Dollars More Indicates Equipment of Big Army for Foreign Service.

BULLETIN. Washington, July 24.—An American army of 1,000,000 men for service abroad at once, instead of the 500,000 contemplated for the first draft, is foreshadowed by the government's request for an additional \$5,000,000,000 made to the senate finance committee today. The first million men are to be made up of the first draft army of 500,000, the National Guard and the regulars. It is improbable that the first draft will be increased, but the government is arranging its finances for other drafts without the necessity of going to congress again for money.

Washington, July 24.—Plans worked out in congress for raising war revenue were overturned today by announcement of forthcoming additional estimates for war expenditures aggregating more than \$5,000,000,000 principally in anticipation of assembling a second army of 500,000 men under the selective draft. Secretary McAdoo, at a special meeting of the senate finance committee revealed that the war department alone is preparing estimates to cover additional expenditures of nearly \$1,000,000,000 and asked the committee to hold up the \$1,670,000,000 war tax bill until the estimates of all departments are submitted. The committee agreed to the request and pigeonholed a report on the measure which it had planned to submit during the day.

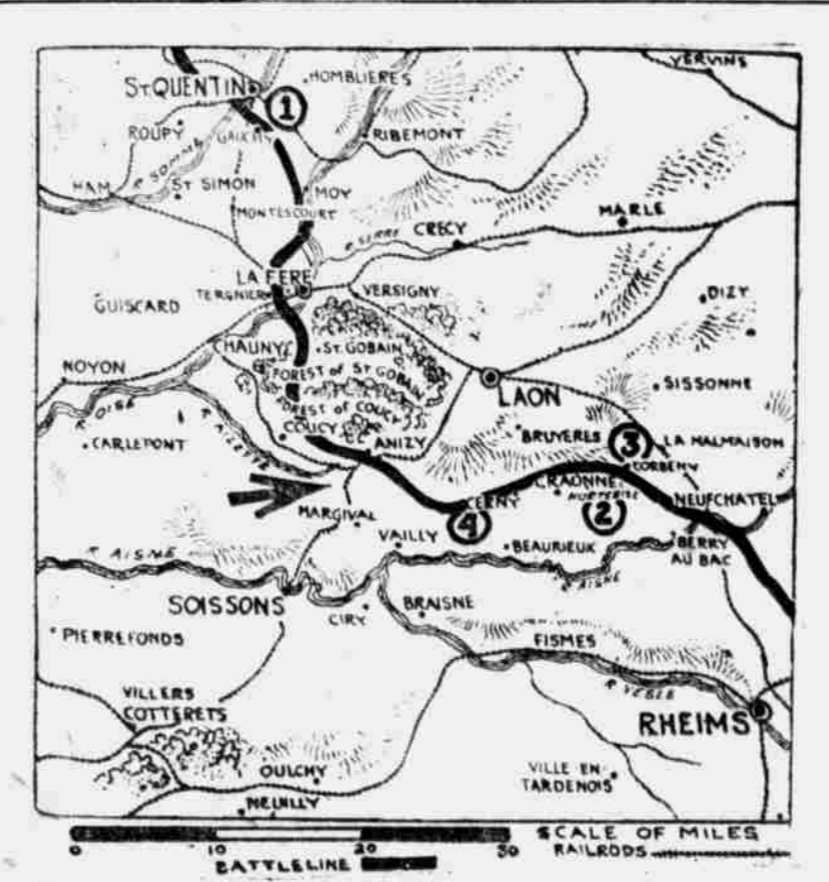
More for Shipping. The new estimates, including \$500,000,000 additional for the shipping board and \$100,000,000 for the navy department are to be submitted to the committee late this week. Then there will begin another revision of the war revenue measure, probably resulting in an increase of the bills gross tax levy by from \$350,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000. Further credits may also be authorized in the form of bonds or indebtedness certificates. Besides the additional sums needed for the American war program, Secretary McAdoo told the senate committee that the \$3,000,000,000 authorized for loan to the allies probably would last only until October and that about \$2,000,000,000 for their further assistance would be needed. Provision for this, however, is not planned in connection with the pending revenue legislation. It probably will be considered at the next session.

No Recommendation. The secretary made no recommendation as to what part of the total should be raised by taxes and what part by bond issues or other credits. It was reported, however, that the

Great Steel Barrier Twenty Miles Long Blocks the English Channel

British Port on the Southeast Coast, June 30.—(By Mail.)—Across the eastern mouth of the English channel there still stretches the great barrier which is one of the principal defenses of the allies' vital channel traffic against the visits of the German submarines. The "barriers" they call the barrier in naval phrase. It consists, in general terms, of a series of "obstructions" stretched from huge buoys, shore to shore, twenty odd miles. Any craft which strikes one of these obstructions straight away explodes a group of mines, which spells doom to the intruder. A whole fleet is constantly engaged in maintaining and patrolling the great barrier. Its existence is so secret to the Germans, for they are constantly sending over airplanes to chart the buoys and mark any changes that may have been made since their last visit. And changes are constantly being made. Here and there along the line are secret openings through which naval pilots may guide legitimate craft on their way, but these openings are

GERMANS ATTACK IN THE WEST—The Germans have apparently entered upon a well planned attempt to break through the French line between Soissons and Rheims. The official reports from Berlin and London show fighting of a desperate character around Cauchy (1), near St. Quentin, and an extremely heavy assault from northeast of Craonne to east of Hurtebise (2). The new offensive also included heavy assaults on the French lines at Corbeny (3) and Cerny (4).



ALLIED DRIVE ON WESTERN FRONT NOW UNDER WAY

Unparalleled Artillery Action in Progress in Flanders' Indicating Beginning of Tremendous Drive.

BULLETIN. Petrograd, July 24.—Stanislaw is being evacuated by the Russians, according to tonight's official statement. The Germans have crossed the Sereth river in the region of Mikulice (south of Tarnopol) defeating Russian detachments. South of the Dniester the Russians are retiring eastward. After the Russians had occupied the German positions on both sides of Divinsk-Vilnar the statement says twenty units retired to their original trenches without German pressure. A number of units refused to obey commands during battle.

Berlin (Via London), July 24.—An artillery battle of an intensity never paralleled previously is raging day and night in Flanders, the war office announces.

The German announcement indicates that in all likelihood the expected British offensive is at hand. It has been predicted that the next attack of the British would surpass any effort previously made by them.

Signs of a halt in the Russian retreat in eastern Galicia before the advancing Austro-German armies are largely wanting, but indications of stronger resistance in some sectors are cropping out.

The Austro-German forces are pressing southward in an effort to cut in between the Russian forces on their old line and the Dniester river, success in which would spell disaster for the Russian units still in this sector.

While Premier Kerensky, armed with almost dictatorial powers, is struggling to right the situation of the Russian front the allied armies in the west are holding the threat of

frequently altered and not even the airplan eye of the German can tell which buoy marks safe passage and which marks destruction. If his mine-laying submarines wish to enter the channel they must take their chances. They must cross submerged, for the patrol boats are on constant duty, and if they escape the traps while submerged it can only be said that another miracle has happened.

Such miracles seldom happen. Sometimes twice a week, sometimes oftener, explosions are heard at night from the great barrier, indicating that "something" has touched off a group of mines. Immediately the patrols hurry off in the direction of the explosion. What they find there is a well-kept secret.

Last week the Germans tried a new plan to break the barrier. They sent over three seaplanes with orders to descend low over the barrier, at any risk, and shoot their machine guns into the buoys, thus sinking them and the barrier with them. But the patrol boats were on hand, and two of the three seaplanes never returned to their German home.

MASKED ROBBER HOLDS UP TWO AUTOS FILLED WITH PEOPLE AS HIS COMPANIONS LOOK ON

Two Men and Two Women With Holdup Joke Victims as They Give Up Their Valuables in a Lonely Spot; Police Have No Clue to Identity of Highwayman.

While his four companions, two men and two women, remained in the automobile laughing and joking about the victims, a masked bandit at the point of a gun held up two automobiles and relieved the occupants of their valuables. All were ordered from the car and lined up alongside of the road while the bandit went through their pockets.

A lonely spot on the Dodge road west of Dundee was chosen for the scene of the holdup. The two machines, which followed one another closely, were returning to Omaha about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. The bandit blocked the road with his car and apparently was repairing it. When the victim's car approached he stuck his revolver in the face of the driver and gruffly ordered the occupants out of their car.

BANDIT HASTENS AWAY. After the holdup the bandit again entered his machine and drove rapidly west.

L. E. Huppel, who was returning to Omaha with his wife and a party of friends, was having trouble with his car when the two automobiles of the victims passed him. As he was near a farm house they requested that he notify the Omaha police. The victims would not give their names, saying that they did not desire notoriety. They did not state the extent of their loss.

From the insulting manner in which the bandit talked to the women in the party they believed that he was the same man who committed the Sunday night holdups near Mynter Springs hill, east of Council Bluffs.

Police Start Search. Two automobiles loaded with officers and detectives from the central station led by Sergeant Samuelson and Officer Franci rushed to the scene. No trace could be found of the holdup car and a careful search of the surrounding country failed to reveal any clue as to their whereabouts.

A good description was secured of the automobile in which the holdup party was riding. It carried no license number, but is believed to be an Omaha machine. Additional information was received describing the bandit and all Omaha police and detectives have been instructed to watch for him.

He is nearly six feet tall and weighs about 180 or 185 pounds. He is about 35 years old, was the judgment of those in the robbed cars.

Holdup in Council Bluffs. Detectives and officers of the Dodge Engineers, after searching all day Monday, were unable to locate the highwayman who Sunday night held up two automobiles, shot one man and attacked one woman. Twelve persons were robbed by the fiend and only the pleading of the husband and the cries of her little children prevented his forcing himself upon another woman.

Detective and general roundup of railroad yards and hobo camps in a vain search for the bandit who held up the Council Bluffs autoists. During the afternoon Young and Wright, accompanied by police detectives and Captain Howard and Lieutenant Spetman of the Dodge engineers, visited the Northwestern elevator and searched among the hundreds of men employed in construction work there. The men were positive of their ability to recognize the fiend. He was not found.

Was Not a Stranger. The man was not a stranger in Council Bluffs. He at least knew the location of the police station. Wright was driving the car with the bandit sitting beside him. He had directed

Belgians Forced to Dig Trenches and Make Roads. London, June 30.—(By Mail.)—Belgians recently deported from the Mons district by order of German military authorities have been taken to France, where they are only ten or twelve kilometers from the front, according to a Belgian official. They are chiefly at Ferrain, Arleux, Cantain and other places in the neighborhood of Douai.

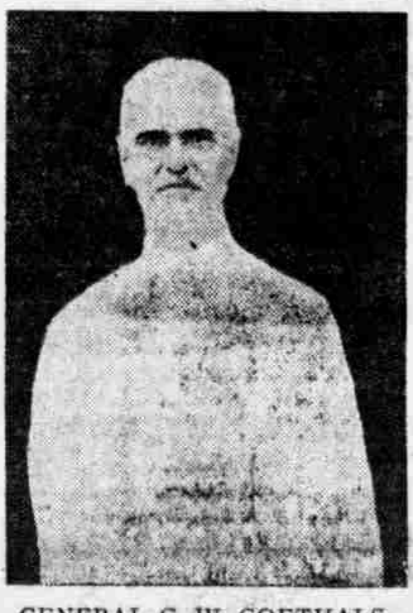
The men, of whom the large majority have never done manual labor, are forced to do military work such as laying railway lines, digging trenches, loading war materials and machinery, and are compelled to work about twelve hours a day and also on night shifts.

It is charged that they are cruelly treated, insufficiently fed and badly housed, and that many of them are ill. Among them are some who already had been deported to Germany and then sent back because of ill health.

Charged With Plot to Poison City Water Supply. Fargo, N. D., July 24.—Thomas Mathieson, an alleged member of the Industrial Workers of the World, and Ira L. Louist, said to be a German, were arrested last night on suspicion of having poisoned the water in the tank of the Moorhead (Minn.) water works and are being held pending an analysis of the water.

Alleged Disloyal Postmaster Under Fire. Washington, July 24.—Postmaster General Burleson today ordered an investigation of Senator McCumber's charges that the postmaster at Bowman, N. D., was guilty of disloyal utterances. Mr. Burleson, in a letter to Senator McCumber said no report on such acts had been received by the Postoffice department.

MAJOR GENERAL GOETHALS Who has resigned as general manager of the emergency fleet corporation.



GENERAL G. W. GOETHALS.

TRACTORS WORTH A MILLION AT THE FREMONT SHOW

Three Times as Many Acres to Be Plowed by Twice as Many Exhibitors as Last Year.

Fully \$1,000,000 worth of power farming machinery will be on the grounds at the national tractor show at Fremont August 6 to 10.

This is the estimate now made by those in charge of the enrollment of exhibitors. Sixty companies will exhibit machinery and fifty will exhibit accessories, making a total of 110 exhibitors, which is almost double the number exhibiting last year.

Fully 500,000 people are expected to attend the show this year. This is based upon the general interest shown everywhere, on the normal increase in attendance from year to year and on the increased number of attractions this year.

Fremont hotels have been taking reservations for some time and for weeks Omaha hotels have been receiving telegrams reserving rooms for factory men who will stop in Omaha and go back and forth on the train daily. It is the opinion of those in charge that every hotel in Omaha will be filled up during that time with the factory representatives who will sleep in Omaha and work in Fremont.

Three Thousand Acres. Three times as much ground as usual for demonstrating the plowing has been leased this year. In former years the demonstrations were made on a field of 1,000 acres. This year 3,000 acres have been leased.

Henry Ford, his son and one of his engineers are scheduled to be at the show much of the week. They are to have a special Northwestern car in which they will live while at Fremont.

The Society of Automobile Engineers is to have a big banquet Wednesday evening of the week of the show. Present indications are that 1,000 factory experts will be at the show demonstrating.

Fremont has already imported three carloads of watermelons for the annual treat to the visitors. A wrestling match is to be staged one night of the week. A battle royal between a half dozen colored men is on the schedule and the week is full with a program of sports generally.

Disloyal High School Teacher is Dismissed. Clinton, Ia., July 26.—Despite his protestations of loyalty to the United States, but of opposition to the present war and to the draft system, J. A. Kainin, teacher in the commercial department of the Clinton High school, was discharged by the school board last evening.