

STEEL SUPPLY TO LESS ESSENTIAL FIRMS TO BE CUT

Continual Reduction Necessary, Says Administrator, to Meet Demands for Government War Purposes.

By Associated Press.
New York, July 29.—Demands of government and private war industries for steel have reached such huge proportions with repeated expansion of the nation's military program that the allotments to "less essential" manufacturers must be continually reduced, J. L. Replogle, federal steel administrator, announced here today.

Mr. Replogle, after conferring with Chairman Schwab, director general of the Emergency Fleet corporation; Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board; J. A. Bonner, representing the American Iron and Steel institute, and heads of the country's leading steel firms, declared there was no cause for alarm over the steel situation as it affects shipbuilding, munitions making and other activities vital to the war.

Mr. Replogle said that the greatest difficulty the government faces is not a shortage of steel, in general, but inability of mills, owing to limited equipment, to turn out the varieties of the product in greatest demand in sufficient quantity. This condition is being met as rapidly as possible, he said, by turning out the required machinery.

Beats All Estimates.
Development of the ship building industry far beyond the most sanguine estimates of a year ago, Mr. Replogle continued, has created a demand for plate steel which has exceeded the capacity of all the plants equipped for this type of work. Steel for munitions and for other war supplies also has been required by the government in greater quantities than the manufacturers have been able to meet.

"Steel in large quantities is available," said Mr. Schwab. "The only question is its distribution and that will be taken care of by Mr. Replogle and his conferees."

Mr. Schwab said he wished to dispel a belief in some quarters that the Emergency Fleet corporation had not been given adequate co-operation by the war industries board.

Germans Rob and Sink Trawler, Force Crew On Deck, Then Submerge

London, July 29.—The survivors of two sailing trawlers, respectively British and Belgian, just brought into a British port tell a terrible tale of German cruelty. The British trawler was sunk before dawn on Friday by a bomb and the crew was taken aboard the submarine. Three hours later the Belgian trawler was sighted and sunk, and the crew consisting of a father and son also was taken aboard. All were kept on the submarine's deck near the conning tower and when a patrol boat appeared the submarine submerged without warning leaving the fishermen to drown. The Belgian skipper and his son and three Englishmen perished and only two of the English crew were saved.

The survivors state that the Germans ransacked the trawlers before sinking them. The German sailors, according to the survivors, ate biscuits and fish ravenously as if starving. All of the Germans appeared to be youths, their commander being only 26. The survivors were in the water three or four hours before they were picked up.

Kaiser Forces His People to Donate Clothing to Soldiers

Amsterdam, July 29.—The German government has given "final notice" to the public to give up voluntarily at least one suit of clothes each to be war workers and the army. Failure to meet the demand will result in forcible requisition and delinquents will be liable to imprisonment for one year and a fine not exceeding 10,000 marks.

How high the need for fabrics has risen is shown by a decree announcing the impending confiscation of curtains, which will be replaced gratis with paper fibre material or paid for at the original peacetime cost price less wear and tear.

Painting of Kaiser Given to Roosevelt is Destroyed

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 29.—A life-sized painting of Emperor William, presented by him to Col. Theodore Roosevelt several years ago came to grief when a party of citizens visited the home of its possessor, Mrs. C. R. Pollitz here today.

The picture had been given to the public library by the colonel and hung there until after the sinking of the Lusitania, when it was relegated to the cellar. Mrs. Pollitz offered \$5 for the painting to the trustees and became its owner. The incident was forgotten until the death of Lt. Quentin Roosevelt, and then the villagers recalled it. They organized a party today, and going to the home of Mrs. Pollitz, demanded the picture.

Mr. Pollitz wanted to give it up but Mrs. Pollitz wanted to keep it, members of the party said. In the struggle on a balcony for its possession, the portrait fell among the vigilants gathered in the street. A sailor promptly put his foot through it.

Enlarge American Army Quarters in Great Britain

London, July 29.—A very rapid extension of the American army headquarters in London is in progress. Three new buildings were taken over last week. Two army hospitals were recently opened and these will be running at full capacity within a few days.

A large building in the center of the city will be equipped this week as a "liaison office" to house various activities involving dealings between the American and British armies.

BEST HUN TROOPS OPPOSE THE YANKS

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The stubborn resistance which has characterized their fighting so much lately. Artillery supplemented the machine guns and infantry and the trained guard and Bavarians began their work in a manner reflecting their confidence.

In the repeated changes in position both sides employed all the tactics of modern warfare. After artillery preparations direct advances sometimes were made; at other times enveloping movements were tried. With the Americans there operated a few light French armored motor cars, which did brilliant work in rushing the line, at times their guns replying point blank to those of the Germans.

Scores of times the khaki and gray clad men met in the streets of the little towns and on the slopes of the river banks in hand-to-hand encounters. The bayonet was used, but the Americans effectively used their pistols as well.

There was much fighting actually in the water where the Germans attempted to rush their antagonists to the south bank of the stream. There were times when the blood-tinted and muddled stream gave evidence of the violence of the conflict. There were many deaths as a result of slightly wounded men being drowned.

Changes Sixth Time.
It was late this afternoon when Sergy for the sixth time was in the possession of the Americans. At the same time it was reported that every other position held by the Americans Sunday night had been retained.

From other parts of the long line from Soissons around to Rheims come reports of the allied lines everywhere holding and at some points advancing.

On the American right the British cavalry support of the Frenchmen has contributed materially to the American success.

Today was clear, but with light clouds. There was little wind and the weather generally was ideal for aerial activity. Both sides took full advantage of this.

Heavy guns of the allies, ignoring

Hoover Releases Wheat Pledges of Housewives

Washington, July 29.—Another step toward partial resumption by the nation of its old habit of eating was taken today by the food administration in releasing housewives from voluntary pledges to curtail the consumption of wheat. This follows closely the release of hotels, restaurants, clubs and dining car services from their pledge effective August 1.

No change has been made, the food administration announced, in the half-and-half rule, and purchasing of wheat flour will be required to continue the purchase of an equal weight of wheat substitutes.

to a great extent the engagements in progress almost under their muzzles, roared with redoubled fury during the day, their charges falling among the massed troops and the reserves and the long transports on the road.

The allied air craft again assisted in harassing the troop movements and also carried out observations. The Germans also employed observation and combat planes, but the superiority of the allies in the air was marked.

Stiffen Operations.
Although the German operations have materially stiffened there apparently is no good military reason to believe the strength of the defense is intended otherwise than in a determined effort to check the great pressure of the allied troops while the Germans are in retreat and also perhaps to administer serious losses to the Americans.

It is generally believed that the Germans will not make a stand until they have reached more advantageous ground although it is possible that they may decide to turn about along the higher ground they already have gained. For the next few kilometers the advantage in the terrain is with the Germans.

Illinois Aviator Killed In Airplane Collision

San Antonio, Tex., July 29.—Cadet George G. Keller of Peoria, Ill., was instantly killed and Cadet George C. Henderson of Arlington, Mass., seriously injured when their airplanes collided today at Kelley field here.

FRENCH LEADER PAYS AMERICANS SPLENDID PRAISE

Lauds "Magnificent Audacity" of U. S. Fighters in Dashing Attack on Germans at Monthieres.

By Associated Press.
Washington, July 29.—High tribute to the "magnificent audacity" of an American division, probably the 26th (New England), is paid in an official report from the commander of the French army to which the Americans are attached.

"On July 20," the report said, "in order to free Monthieres and the Petret wood, severe combats were delivered by the French troops on the left. In order to relieve them the Americans in the evening delivered a flanking movement which fully succeeded. With magnificent audacity they rushed forward with a single bound up to the level of Etrepilly, the Gonetrie farm and Laval-Mardier."

"It was a most sudden attack, which disclosed all the American fearlessness. In spite of the severe barrage and machine gun emplacements in which the enemy were sheltering, two kilometers in depth were gained. Besides 200 prisoners fell into the hands of the Americans.

"I could not have done better under the circumstances with the best troops," declared the French general, DeGoutte, on hearing of the fine success of our allies.

"The Germans then found themselves in such a precarious position at Monthieres that they had to begin to retreat."

Praise From Japan and Italy.

Washington, July 29.—Messages of congratulation on the success of the American forces fighting on the Soissons-Rheims front were received to-

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day at the State department from the Japanese and Italian governments.

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"I have just got telegraphic instructions from Baron Goto to convey to you his most sincere congratulations for the splendid feat of the American army on the western front."

The Italian message reads:
"The important and glorious successes that the American forces have won in the recent battle fought on the French front have produced in Italy, a keen feeling of admiration and joy which can only be measured by him who knows as your excellency knows, the deep friendship that the Italian nation unreservedly has attained for this great republic."

French and Americans Find Super-Cannon Emplacement

Paris, July 29.—French and American troops have discovered a second emplacement for a German supercannon at Nanteuil-Notre Dame, according to the Herald. The emplacement was five meters deep and 14 meters square. The first supercannon emplacement discovered by the allies was at Brecy, a little more than three miles to the south of Nanteuil-Notre Dame.

Government Seizes Chemica' Plant With German Patent Rights

Washington, July 29.—Seizure of the Heyden Chemical works at Garfield, N. J., second largest corporation of its kind in the United States with exclusive right to use many valuable German patents, processes and formulas for the making of salol, sodium, salicylate, saccharine and other by-products of carbolic acid, was announced today by Alien Property Custodian Palmer. The plant will be operated for the government, Mr. Palmer said, and the patents and formulas Americanized.

The Heyden works, which did a business of \$4,000,000 last year, were taken over, the custodian said, after an investigation by Francis P. Garvan, director of the bureau of investigation in the alien property custodian's office, revealed that it was owned by the Chemische Fabrik von Heyden of Radebeul, Germany, the largest chemical company in the world, and that an effort to conceal the real ownership had been made in 1916 by George Simon of Brooklyn, N. Y., representative of the German company, aided by T. Ellet Hodgskin, an attorney of New York City.

Mayor Smith Not to Attend Convention at Hastings

Mayor Smith has announced that he will not attend the democratic state convention at Hastings, notwithstanding efforts which have been made by his friends to obtain for him the chairmanship of the Douglas county delegation.

"Too much work here in the office. Got the annual levy on hand. Too busy. Can't go to Hastings," was the brief explanation he offered.

The mayor's decision has cast gloom over the camp of the "Jacks," who expected to take the measure of the "Jims" at the Hastings peace conference.

Dean Tancock Will Leave Soon for Overseas Service

Dean Tancock, who was granted a year's leave from Trinity Cathedral by his people in order that he could go overseas and engage in war work, is leaving with Bishop Terry, head of all chaplains of the American church in service overseas. Bishop Tancock will be chaplain of the Nebraska State University Hospital Unit 49. His delay, due to a misunderstanding between the War office and the Red Cross officials, has been arranged. Seventeen other chaplains temporarily detained by the same misunderstanding will also leave for overseas.

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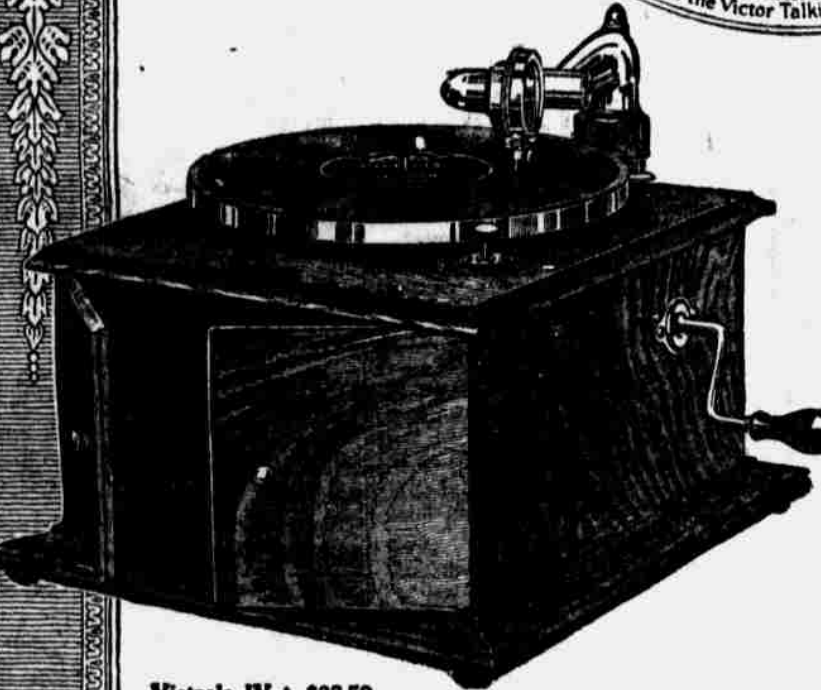
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