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BILLION DOLLARS TO WAGE WAR ON GERMANY ASKED OF U.S. CONGRESS

American Artillerymen **Reinforce French Upon** Champagne Positions

Official Paris Report Cites Effective Work of U.S. Batteries in Big Raid-Attackers Take 150 Prisoners.

Paris, Feb. 14-American batteries took part in the artillery bombardment in connection with the large French raid in the Champagne yesterday, it is announced officially. Effective assistance was given by the American gunners. (This is the first mention of American batteries on the Champagne front.) The statement follows:

ceeds 150.

femainder of the front."

"A German attempt against a small French post north of Pargny Filain

(Alsne front) was repulsed. There were lively artillery actions in the re-

gion of Rheims, in the Champagne

In the large raid yesterday American

batteries gave very effective support. French troops organized the positions

captured on that day in the region southwest of Butte du Mesnil. The

number of prisoners taken by the French and actually enumerated ex-

"There is nothing to report on the

The official French statement of

last night reported a large raid on a front of about 1,200 metres in the

Champagne near Butte de Mesnil, in

Rice and his son and daughter, Betty

and Anthony, aged 11 and 9 respec-

Washington was shocked today by the

retired after nearly five years' ser-

rice as British ambassador to the

United States early last month in

Although it had been known that

tary Lansing to Lady Spring-Rice:

ANNOUNCE PLAN

SPURLOS VERSENKT

Madrid, Feb. 13 .- The Spanish cab-

Genova and of the Spanish steamer

regarded as one of the most import-

ant matters that the cabinet has had

General McAdoo.

news of the sudden death in Ottawa

tively, were with him.

favor of Lord Reading.

tance to the east of this point.

WILL ARGUE ON PEACE FEB. 21 IN REICHSTAG

February 21 Set As Date for Important Debate By German Deputies.

London, Feb. 14-An important which the French penetrated as far peace debate will begin in the Ger- as the German third line. The Amerman reichstag on Feb. 21. according lcan sector is in Lorraine, some disto a wireless dispatch from Amster-Chancellor von Hertling will discuss the treaty with the Ukraine and will reply to President Wilson, Premier Lloyd-George and Premier Orlando

An Amsterdam dispatch on Tuesday reported that Count von Hertling intended to answer President Wilson's message in the reichstag next Tues-

NEW RUMANIAN TOWARD PEACE

Jassy, Rumania, Monday, Feb. 11.-(Delayed.)—The new cabinet, headed of Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, who by Gen. Alexander Averscue, said to be the ablest commander in the army, is known to lean toward peace. This cabinet succeeds the Britiano ministry, recently resigned, which was known as the war cabinet. The change was the direct result of the ultimatum from Germany demanding that Rumania declare her future course of action.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL IS **OVERCROWDED**

Hartford, Feb. 14-Secretary Chas. P. Kellogg of the state board of charities visited St. Vincent's hospital, given to few men to rise as Sir Cecil Bridgeport, this week. He said today that he found the institution tional emergency and to become, as erowded and the management had he was, the fortunate medium been obliged to place cots in the cor- through which our two nations drew ridors for the accommodation of pa-A part of the hospital has in the great task which has been imbeen fitted up to receive wounded sol-Execpt for the crowding, Sec retary Kellogg found the hospital in a satisfactory condition.

STRIKES HAMPER SHIP BUILDING AT SPARROW'S POINT

Baltimore, Feb. 14 - Government shipbuilding at this port was seriously hampered today by strikes of carpenters and joiners in the ship-building plant of the Bethlehem Steel lifer their appropriations to other address, expressing regret that "in during the campaign to obtain 250,000 accordance with the decisions of the workers to build the country's mercarpenters and joiners in the ship-Co. in Sparrows Point, and the Baltimore Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co.
Two hundred men at each plant failed to report for work this morning. An official of the Baltimore Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co. said he did not know the reason for the strike of his men. They had made no de-inet met yesterday to consider the gret that action has not been taken mands, he said. The leaders of the sinking of the Italian steamer Duca di against newspapers which have pubmen refused to discuss their action, saying "they know all about it in Giralda. The case of the Giralda is higher commands.

JAIL PICKETER.

Hartford, Feb. 14-John A. Manion. at the plant some weeks ago and sented in Berlin by the Spanish Gov- ed French ports during the week and changes the frontiers to the detriment Manlon had been doing picket duty ernment on Feb. 8.

3 OFFICERS

Two Troops of Cavalry in Pursuit of Murderers Who Flee to Mountains.

Bisbee, Ariz., Feb. 14 - Two troops of United States cavalry and posses from half a dozen counties were co-operating today in an effort to capture Thomas Powers, John Powers and Thomas Sissons, sought for the murder of three Graham county officers in a fight in the Graham mountains last Sunday. The fight occurred when the officers, led by Deputy United States Marshal Frank Haynes, attempted to arrest the Powers brothers as alleged draft evaders.

Jefferson Powers, father of the Powers brothers, who joined them in the fight against the officers, also was killed. Haynes escaped uninjured. Rewards totalling uninjured. Rewards totalling \$4,000 have been offered for the

ALAND ISLANDS TERRORIZED BY

Stockholm, Feb. 14.-Russian solfiers are reported to be committing epeditions will be sent.

and belong to Russia. Most of the inhabitants are of Swedish nationality late today.

or descent.

A Swedish gunboat and two steam-Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 14-Sir Cecil ers are on the way to the Aland is-Spring-Rice, former British ambassalands to rescue Swedes whose propdor to the United States, died this erty and lives are imperilled by Rus morning at 1 o'clock of heart failure at Government House. Lady Springslan soldiers.

WAR STAMP SALE

Hartford, Feb. 14-An emphatic for any coal at all. Sir Cecil had desired for a long time before his retirement was announced stamp of disapproval has been placed was given when he left Washington on the "endless chain" schemes which that he was in ill health. However, are now entering Connecticut from During the first 12 days of this month that he was in ill health. However, officials here pointed out that he had other states for the disposal of thrift only 636 cars of bituminous coal have been under tremendous strain from stamps and war savings certificates. been under tremendous strain from the responsibilities devolving on him, especially during the negotiations on the operation of the Allied blockade strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he was the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he would do all in his control to the strain that he was the strain that the operation of the Allied blockade before the United States entered the war.

Following is the text of a formal Englishment of the sale of stamps by this plan. Mr. Cheney will have been ordered from Harlem River. And that's only a sample of what we call upon his entire organization message of condolence sent by Secrethroughout the state in an effort to "In the name of the President and stop the numerous "chains" which of all those with whom Sir Cecil was are coming into Connecticut from brought into official contact I offer other states. "An 'endless chain' you sincere condolence. It has been scheme is a bad proposition at all times; it is especially bad as a means government securities, did to the heights of great internasaid Mr. Cheney. fortunate medium

COMMONS RESUMES into closer touch and became sharers DEBATE ON SPEECH

London, Feb. 13-The House of Commons today resumed the debate FOR R. R. FINANCE on the address in reply to the speech on the address in reply to the speech eign and military affairs was dropped Washington, Feb. 13-The railroad temporarily for consideration of the administration's method of meeting administration of the government at emergency financial needs of roads home.

under government operation was dis-Herbert Samuel, formerly secreclosed today by announcement that tary of state for home affairs, made surpluses of some roads are trans-ferred to others which need operating Later in the day, however, the defunds, under approval of Director cisions of the supreme war council in Versailles, which now occupy Later a clearing house for these minds of the people of England, will transfers will be established under be taken up again. John Skelton Williams, director of

Richard Holt, Radical member from finance tfor the railroad administration, and railroads will be given credible. supreme war council in Versailles, propulsion of military effort is to be the only immediate task of the government." This amendment is supported by a number of Liberals and

> Amother amendment expresses relished attacks on individual officers of

FRENCH LOSE(TWO SHIPS

to consider since the beginning of the A dispatch from Madrid on Dec. 9 protest against the sinking was pre- hundred and ninety-one vessels enter- the Ukraine and Russian

DRAFT KILL Violent Accounts Instituting **Violent Assaults Into** Valleys Lost To Italy

Germany's Ally on Offensive While Refusing Aid to Kaiser on Ground That Foe is Preparing Drive.

Rome, Wednesday, Feb. 13-Although preparations for an offensive, which they say the Italians are making, is justification for the assertion that it is impossible to help Germany in France, the Austrians apparently wish to bring an end to inactivity and are resuming battering ram tactics in the mountains. In the last three days the Austrians

important positions were wrested from

by violent bombardments, but when

the Austrian infantrymen attempted

to pass forward, as they did in the Bella valley, by advancing into the

Selle and Vallette woods, they came under the fire of Italian light and

medium artillery and machine guns,

even reaching the Italian trenches,

The Austrians met with another and

In the course of this fighting Lieut.

Paris, Feb. 14-The German sub-

ROLL TO EXCEED

embassy in London from the war de-

partment today in an effort to com-

continue to indicate that few more

164 already reported buried in Scot-

dead at not more than 170, although

the list of saved is far from com-

passenger list still are unaccounted

for, but the department has more

been unable to decipher. Some of

these are supposed to be duplications

and some names of men of whom

The Associated Press list of unre-

ported, made by checking both of-

ficial and unofficial advices against

COAL HOARDERS

IN CONNECTICUT

Hartford, Feb. 14 .- Thomas W.

Russell, Federal Fuel Administra-

tor for Connecticut, has received

from Washington explicit direc-tions to aid the National Fuel Ad-

min'stration in the prosecution of

coal hoarders. Announcement of

the order, received Wednesday,

was made today by Charles W.

Jaynes, first deputy to the state

approved the regular report.

administrator.

the passenger list, stands at 171.

About 260 of those on the

garbled in transmission.

there is no record.

land.

equally severe shock in the Frenzela valley yesterday.

Ranza, an aviator, 'rought down two aeroplanes, increasing the

number of his victories to 16.

U-BOAT TAKES

STORROW CALLS CONFERENCE ON COAL SITUATION

Boston, Feb. 14.-Whether heatless Mondays would be continued in New which compelled them to beat a re-England after the federal order which treat with enormous losses before put them into effect had been rescinded was expected to be settled at a conference of state fuel administrators here today, called by James J. Storrow, New England administrator. All of the states were represented when the conference was called to order by Mr. Seorrow.

Those at the conference in addiction shocking acts of terrorism on the Aland to Mr. Storrow, who represented Massislands. In consequence of a statement that Swedish residents have fled New Hampshire; George H. Holmes, to outlying islands, Swedish rescue Rhode Island; Thomas W. Russell, Connecticut; Nathan Clifford, Maine; and M. F. Stone, Vermont, Mr. Storrow said he did not expect The Aland islands are in the gulf of Mr. Storrow said he did not expect Bothnia between Finland and Sweden to be able to make an announcement regarding the holiday decision until

> DANGER NOT YET GONE Hartford, Feb. 14.-Despite the sunlight of the false spring ,the shadow of the fuel famine still lies across the state and, according to Arthur G. Woolley, state director of bituminous transportation, it is likely to continue

for weeks to come. "Even wth a continuance of warmer according to advices to the Figure. The Germans are said to have se weather I do not look for a general
The Germans are said to have sent
for the mayor of the town, to whom fore April 1," said Mr. Woolley today.

they declared there were two Ger"With more favorable conditions of
mans interned on the island. The railroad traffic it may be that facmayor explained that all the Germans tories engaged in government work will have fuel relief before that time, another prominent citizen were nevbut I think the general manufacturing ertheless taken on board the submasituation will remain hard pressed rine and were held as hostages until

a message from Teneriffe confirmed "As things are now, there is not the mayor's statement, the Figure to be relieved of his heavy duties in by Howell Cheney, state director of charge of the embassy, no intimation the National War Savings Committee, even to keep all the public utilities TUSCANIA DEATH are up against every day.

COAL TIED UP IN ICE. New Haven, Feb. 14-The fleet of tugs and barges with coal for New London and eastern points was largely increased off this harbor today. All craft are icebound, as navigation is almost impossible through the eastern end of Long Island Sound. Prospects are not good for an early break up of the ice, which is in great masses off the mouth of the Connecticut river. Tug captains report that much of the coal affoat is for Boston and other points as far east as Portland, Me. There arrived here today the steamer Merrimac with 1,100 tons of the so-called Storrow coal, consigned from Hampton Roads to State Fuel Administrator Russell, who will distribute it among manufacturers who are in distress. This is bitum-

ASKS SHIPBUILDERS TO HEED U. S. CALL

wilson issued today a statement calling on ship workers to enroll in the United States public service reserve during the compagn to a control of the control Washington, Feb. 14-Secretary workers to build the country's merchant fleet.

"Membership in the reserve brings official recognition of the performance of or the readiness to perform a most necessary and patriotic service," the secretary said.

UKRAINE PEACE AFFECTS POLAND

London, Feb. 14-Count Ladislas Sobanski, representative in London of Paris, Feb. 14-One vessel of more the Polish national committee, in a than 1,600 tons and one of less than statement issued today declares the an iron moulder, was sent to jail for said the Italian steamer Duca di Gen-that tonnage were sunk by mines or Austro-German peace with the four months in the police court to: ova, of 8,983 tons, had been torpedoed submarines during the week ending Ukraine affects the interests of Popeace with the ay for threatening with bodily harm only a mile off Murviedro beach, on Feb. 9, while one fishing vessel was land. The peace conditions concernmen employed by the Connecticut the Spanish coast. The Spanish steam-destroyed. One French merchantman ing the frontiers not only between the Electric Steel Co., which has govern- er Giralda was sunk on Jan. 28. A was unsuccessfully attacked. Eight Ukraine and Galicia but also between ment contracts. There was a strike protest against the sinking was pre- hundred and ninety-one vessels enterof Poland, he said.

GREATEST BUDGET OF ITS KIND EVER **BEFORE NATION**

PERSHING URGES CONSTRUCTION OF FACTORY IN FRANCE TO MANUFACTURE GAS-HOOV-ER INTIMATES FOOD CONSERVATION. WILL HAVE TO BE DONE BY LAW-HUGE AMOUNTS REQUESTED IN NEW HOUSE BILL.

Washington, Feb. 14-A billion dollar urgent deficiency appropriation bill, the largest of its kind in the bistory of congress, although cut half a billion from original estimates, was favoragains the new Italian line in the Frenzela and the Bélla valleys, where appropriation committee. Debate on the bill, which provides the Austrians a short time ago. The for the immediate needs of the war, navy and other departenemy preceded his infantry attacks ments, is expected to begin in the house tomorrow.

In presenting the measure Chairman Sherley made public testimony given to the committee by department chiefs during past month of committee investigation.

WILSON ORDERS PROBE OF HOG

Washington, Feb. #14-President eral Gregory to investigate the much discussed Hog Island ship yard contracts, which have been adversely \$564,000,000. criticised before the senate commerce committee, and determine, whether there has been any criminal misuse of government funds.

The president also directed the atmarine that sank the Spanish steamer Ceferino near Ferro Island, one of been involved in the Hog Island pro-ject, in which the American Internathe Canary group belonging to Spain, as reported from Madrid yesterday tional corporation, headed by Frank landed a party on Ferro Island when A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, has figured. it put ashore the crew of the steamer.

The Hog Island ship yard on the in France. Delaware river near Philadelphi planned to be the greatest in the urging a plant in France to enable country, with more than 50 ways in which to lay down ships.

The American International Co. through its subsidiary corporation the American International Ship Building Co., has contracts for its construction and for ship building there, from the emergency fleet corporation, acting for the United States shipping board.

One of the principal points of attack on the International Ship Building Co. in the senate committee's in vestigation has been that by its con-tract with the emergency fleet corporation it would receive a fee of \$6,ing the ship yard and getting out the ships.

170, BELIEF NOW Mr. Vanderlip's name was brought into the investigation as being president of the mother corporation and worth of ammunition contracts. as having countersigned the con-Washington, Feb. 14-Cablegrams It has developed among other are going forward to the American

things at the senate committee's hearing that Col. Black of Philadelphia plete the list of Tuscania survivors one of the former owners of Hog Isand untangle names which have been land, got \$2,000 an acre for his prop-Latest advices to the department option on Hog Island at \$1,000 an \$277,732,000 to procure bombs for the American soldiers were lost than the

Investigation by the department of justice was recommended by Chair-Reports place the American man Hurley of the shipping board, who asked that an assistant to the of \$50,000,000 more is needed for attorney general be sent to Hog Is- storage of quartermaster supplies land to work with Assistant General along the sea coast, including huge Manager Bowles of the emergency amounts for various specific terminals. fleet corporation. Mr. Bowles was Federal Food Administrator Hoover than 270 names of survivors it has put in active charge of the yard re-

cently. Mr. Bowles has been directed by Chairman Hurley to put the Hog Is land vard on an economic basis. Shipping board officials are of the opinio that there has been nothing worse at 272.8, leaving \$1,257,950 balance. He Hog Island than inefficient manage ment and a reckless spending of funds, but they want to ascertain all the facts.

Philadelphia, Feb. 14-Officials of the American Ship Building Co., de-clared today that they would welcome

Mr. Hoover testified the the investigation which President Wilson has directed the attorney general to conduct, in conjunction with Chairman Hurley of the United States shipping board, into the ship yard of the company under construction or Hog Island, on a Deleware river. Although the Shipping Board has

no facts to indicate that there has been criminal dereliction, it wants to ascertain the true situation and learn just how money put up by the government has been spent.

BRITISH STRETCH LINES IN ITALY

Ottawa, Feb. 14.-The British line in Italy has been considerably legnth-The Fire and Claims committees ened to the east of Montello ridge also the Board of Appraisal, will meet along the Piave river, according to a Poland in the City Hall tomorrow night. The London dispatch to the Ottawa agency 30, and that on June 5 there were etriment finance committee met last night and of Reuter's. The line now extends to 1,200,000 aliens—not enemy aliens some miles east of Nervesa.

Huge amounts were asked for various military activities. Among these was a total of almost \$81,000,000 for mountain, field and siege artillery in addition to more than \$1,000,000,000, already spent and contract authorizations of \$779,000,000 additional. The testimony of Col. Ames of the ordnance department, said the total amount available for this purpose since the beginning of the war under direct appropriations and contract/authorizations was \$1.816,000,000, of Wilson today directed Attorney Gen- which amount orders have been placed requiring ultimate expenditure of \$1,252,000,000, leaving still available \$564,000,000. He said the \$1,516. 000,000 was intended to supply ammunition, on revised estimates of the quantities needed, for 2,000,000 men. including the ammunition for the light trench mortars. He said the torney general to work in conjunction \$81,000,000 additional is asked as the with Chairman Hurley of the ship-ping board in his investigation. About \$42,000,000 of government money has for a larger number of shells, for ammunition guns mounted on tanks, and \$7,000,000 for a plant designed for the filling of projectiles with gases, and \$2,000,000 for a plant for the same purpose to be erected

Mai. Gen. him to handle these toxic materials properly. It is planned, ordnance officers explained, to dispatch a complete organization and equipment to France to enable the American expeditionary forces to meet the sudden shift in gas warfare.

At the examination before the com mittee Chairman Sherley's report said. Gen, Wheeler of the Ordnance Bureau brought out that the government had an arrangement with the French to supply artillery and ammunition to a certain number of American troops arriving in France, but after these units are supplied the United States would equp additional troops.

America's resources, Gen. Wheeler testified, were sufficient to meet all war needs. He asserted that the War Department had a billion

Major Gen. Squier, chief signal officer, testified that the Signal Corps had spent or obligated all the \$640 .-000,000 appropriated to carry out its aeroplane program, and has incurred obligations that will equal \$90,000.000. in addition, and may go beyond that, erty, whereas a year ago he held an for the present fiscal year. He asks

Discussing storage and shipping facilities, Gen. Goethals said approximately \$100,000,000 with authorization Federal Food Administrator Hoover said the combined food and fuel administrators so far have had total appropriations of \$5.515,000, out of which there has been an actual ex-penditure of \$1,985,429 and there are now outstanding obligations of \$2,asked for \$2,000,000 more now. said he and Dr. Garfield, fuel administrator, were agreed that the two administrations should be separate. He said the combined fund was divided in the proportion of two-thirds for

Mr. Hoover testified that the food administration is directing the buying of \$160,000,000 worth of foodstuffs a month for the Allies alone. "In addition," he explained, "we have the whole problem of conservation. Whether we can continue on a voluntary basis for the balance of the year I am not sure."

Fuel Administrator Garfield denied to the committee that he had advised that people ought not to buy coal last summer, and explained that what he meant was to buy all the coal neces sary but not in excess of needs and thus add to the transportation difficulties.

Provost Marshal General Crowder, n asking for an additional \$10,000 .-000 for draft registration and selection, testified that there is a complete registration already of all aliens, including enemy allens, between 21 and 30, and that on June 5 there were between the draft ages of 21 and 31,