

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.

WILL ARGUE ON PEACE FEB. 21 IN REICHSTAG

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

London, Feb. 14—An important peace debate will begin in the German reichstag on Feb. 21, according to a wireless dispatch from Amsterdam.

NEW RUMANIAN CABINET LEANS TOWARD PEACE

Jassy, Rumania, Monday, Feb. 12—(Delayed.)—The new cabinet, headed by Gen. Alexander Averescu, said to be the ablest commander in the army, is known to lean toward peace.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL IS OVERCROWDED

Hartford, Feb. 14—Secretary Chas. P. Kellogg of the state board of charities visited St. Vincent's hospital, Bridgeport, this week. He said today that he found the institution crowded and the management had been obliged to place cots in the corridors for the accommodation of patients.

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 shipbuilding plant of the Bethlehem Steel Co. in Sparrow's Point, and the Baltimore Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co.

JAIL PICKETER

Hartford, Feb. 14—John A. Manion, an iron moulder, was sent to jail for four months in the police court today for threatening with bodily harm men employed by the Connecticut Electric Steel Co., which has government contracts.

EVADERS OF DRAFT KILL 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 Sissous, sought for the murder of three Graham county officers in a fight in the Graham mountains last Sunday.

ALAND ISLANDS TERRORIZED BY RUSSIAN TROOPS

Stockholm, Feb. 14—Russian soldiers are reported to be committing shocking acts of terrorism on the Aland islands. In consequence of a statement that Swedish residents have fled to outlying islands, Swedish rescue expeditions will be sent.

DISAPPROVES OF CHAIN PLAN FOR WAR STAMP SALE

Hartford, Feb. 14—An emphatic statement of disapproval has been placed by Howell Cheney, state director of the National War Savings Committee, on the "endless chain" schemes which are now entering Connecticut from other states for the disposal of thrift stamps and war savings certificates.

COMMONS RESUMES DEBATE ON SPEECH

London, Feb. 13—The House of Commons today resumed the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Discussion of foreign and military affairs was dropped temporarily for consideration of the administration of the government at home.

ANNOUNCE PLAN FOR R. R. FINANCE

Washington, Feb. 13—The railroad administration's method of meeting emergency financial needs of roads under government operation was disclosed today by announcement that surpluses of some roads are transferred to others which need operating funds. Under approval of Director General McAdoo.

SPAIN DISCUSSES SPURLOS VERSENKT

Madrid, Feb. 13—The Spanish cabinet met yesterday to consider the sinking of the Italian steamer Duca di Genova and of the Spanish steamer Giralda. The case of the Giralda is regarded as one of the most important matters that the cabinet has had to consider since the beginning of the war.

Austrians 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.

STORROW CALLS CONFERENCE ON COAL SITUATION

Boston, Feb. 14—Whether restless Mondays would be continued in New England after the federal order which 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.

DANGER NOT YET GONE

Hartford, Feb. 14—Despite the sunlight of the fine 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.

COAL TIED UP IN ICE

New Haven, Feb. 14—The fleet of tug 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.

ASKS SHIPBUILDERS TO HEED U. S. CALL

Washington, Feb. 14—Secretary Wilson issued today a statement calling on ship workers to enroll in the United States public service reserve during the campaign to obtain 250,000 workers to build the country's merchant fleet.

UKRAINE PEACE AFFECTS POLAND

London, Feb. 14—Count Ladislav Sobanski, representative in London of the Polish national committee, in a statement issued today declares the Austro-German peace with the Ukraine affects the interests of Poland. The peace conditions concerning the frontiers, not only between the Ukraine and Galicia but also between the Ukraine and Russian Poland changes the frontiers to the detriment of Poland, he said.

U-BOAT TAKES SPANISH MAYOR FOR A HOSTAGE

Paris, Feb. 14—The German submarine that sank the Spanish steamer Cefiro near Ferro Island, one of the Canary group belonging to Spain, as reported from Madrid yesterday, landed a party on Ferro Island when it put ashore the crew of the steamer, according to advices to the Figaro.

TUSCANIA DEATH ROLL TO EXCEED 170, BELIEF NOW

Washington, Feb. 14—Cablegrams are going forward to the American embassy in London from the war department today in an effort to complete the list of Tuscania survivors and untangle names which have been garbled in transmission.

WILL PROSECUTE COAL HOARDERS IN CONNECTICUT

Hartford, Feb. 14—Thomas W. Russell, Federal Fuel Administrator for Connecticut, has received from Washington explicit directions to aid the National Fuel Administration in the prosecution of coal hoarders. Announcement of the order, received Wednesday, was made today by Charles W. Jaynes, first deputy to the state administrator.

BRITISH STRETCH LINES IN ITALY

Ottawa, Feb. 14—The British line in Italy has been considerably lengthened to the east of Montello ridge along the Piave river, according to a London dispatch to the Ottawa agency of Reuters. The line now extends to some miles east of Nervasa.

GREATEST BUDGET OF ITS KIND EVER BEFORE NATION

PERSHING URGES CONSTRUCTION OF FACTORY IN FRANCE TO MANUFACTURE GAS—HOOPER 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 history of congress, although cut half a billion from original estimates, was favorably reported to the house today by Chairman Sherley of the appropriation committee.

WILSON ORDERS PROBE OF HOG ISLAND SCRAP

Washington, Feb. 14—President Wilson today directed Attorney General Gregory to investigate the much discussed Hog Island ship yard contracts, which have been adversely criticized before the senate commerce committee, and determine whether there has been any criminal misuse of government funds.

MAJ. GEN. PERSHING CABLED STRONGLY URGING A PLANT IN FRANCE TO HANDLE THESE TOXIC MATERIALS PROPERLY

At the examination before the committee 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 equip additional troops.

DISCUSSING STORAGE AND SHIPPING FACILITIES, GEN. GOETHALS SAID APPROXIMATELY \$100,000,000 WITH AUTHORIZATION OF \$50,000,000 MORE IS NEEDED FOR STORAGE OF AMMUNITION SUPPLIES ALONG THE SEA COAST, INCLUDING HUGE AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS SPECIFIC TERMINALS

Investigation by the department of justice was recommended by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, who asked that an assistant to the attorney general be sent to Hog Island to work with Assistant General Manager Bowles of the emergency fleet corporation. Mr. Bowles was put in active charge of the yard recently.

FUEL ADMINISTRATOR GARFIELD DENIED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT HE HAD ADVISED THAT PEOPLE OUGHT NOT TO BUY COAL THIS SUMMER, AND EXPLAINED THAT HIS MEANING WAS TO BUY THE COAL NECESSARY BUT NOT IN EXCESS OF NEEDS AND THUS ADD TO THE TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES

Provost Marshal General Crowder, in 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 aliens, between 21 and 30, and that on June 5 there were 1,200,000 aliens—not enemy aliens—between the draft ages of 21 and 31.