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# NEWS

## OUR COAST MIGHT FEEL THE SHELL

Predicted That Submarine Itself Will Be Found to Be Best Defense Against That Craft.

New York, Nov. 18.—Predictions that enemy submarines will soon make their appearance off American ports, that the submarine will be found to be the best antidote for the submarine, and that the great world powers in the near future will have flotillas of "contra-submarines," especially built for operating against undersea craft, were made by speakers who addressed the annual convention of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers here today.

Simon Lake, the inventor, pointed to the possible danger to American shores from the submarine menace. He cited the trans-Atlantic trips of the merchantmen, Deutschland and the activities of the U-boat off the North Atlantic seaboard as examples of what is possible with the submarine.

Commander E. S. Land of the United States navy, took issue with Mr. Lake when he said that he did not believe the submarine could be effectively used against the submarine. "A submarine can fight a submarine as well as a battleship can fight a battleship," said the commander. Though he said foreign tendencies in submarine construction were toward displacements of 2,000, 3,000 and even 5,000 tons, Commander Land declared his belief that craft of the 800-ton type are now being most extensively built because of their adaptability for all-weather service.

Mr. F. P. Hay predicted the development of a "contra-submarine" or a submarine-fighting undersea boat which would be made of "his work while submerged."

Estimates that Germany had in commission over 100 submarines last May and that she would have a service total of 1,200 under way by the end of the year, were cited by Mr. Hay.

"It does not seem possible that Germany had more than 200 submarines in commission last May," said "Information at hand would indicate that the actual recent output has been approximately ten submarines a month."

Mr. Hay, in discussing the development of the submarine, declared Germany was determined to get world powers to admit the desirability or necessity for submarine warfare.

**HENRY FORD JOINS SHIPPING BOARD STAFF**  
Becomes Assistant to Vice President of Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Henry Ford joined the staff of the shipping board today to lend his talent to standardization of production and to the building of a merchant fleet. He was made a special assistant to Charles Fies, vice president of the board's emergency fleet corporation.

Mr. Ford will begin work next week. His particular task will be to introduce in shipbuilding the scientific production of methods he has used with such success in producing automobiles. He will give special attention to organization of the manufacture of ship parts.

Already Mr. Ford has been to turn over to the government the facilities of his plant at Detroit for the manufacture of war material. His factory is now making 2,500 air-ship cylinders, and a number of parts for Liberty motor trucks and more will be put to making equipment for merchant ships.

The fleet corporation is undergoing a complete reorganization, with widely known business men in charge of its departments. They are gradually taking over the work heretofore done by naval officers under Marine Corps, who should still serve as general manager of the corporation, is limiting his activities to technical matters.

## SEEK AN INCREASE IN PAY

Letter Carriers' Demand Attention to Their Status in National Association of Letter Carriers.

"Every class of workers in the United States has been granted an increase of wages except the postal employees. The letter carriers are a high grade class of employees recruited to the service by a rigid method of selective choice, who perform an important and indispensable service for the people, and that, too, in the only governmental business that shows a profit in operation.

"Some 1,500 of wages now paid postal clerks and letter carriers was fixed in 1907, more than ten years ago. In the meantime the cost of living has advanced fully 50 per cent. The purchasing price of this dollar has been cut in two. This means that the letter carrier has suffered a 50 per cent reduction in wages. It means just this and nothing else.

"To meet this increased cost of living, there has been a wholesale increase of wages to every other class of workers. In many instances, these increases usually voluntary, aggregate 100 per cent.

"An army of girls are now being recruited by the government at an initial salary of \$1,000, \$1,100 and \$1,200 per annum. Carpenters assigned to short-term jobs are paid a minimum wage of \$5.50 for eight hours work, with other trades in comparison. The Navy contractor recently set the following scale per day: Blacksmith \$4.90; crane man \$3.74; drop forger \$3.50 and \$5.00. Such wages are universally the rule, not the exception.

"The government has urged private employers to pattingly grant salary increases to avoid labor troubles. In many such instances wages have acted as intermediaries between the employer and the worker in their demands for a wage increase by a strike. Postal employees must wait until Congress acts, and it is impossible to believe that Congress will continue to permit the long suffering letter carrier to be an object of special discrimination. It is up to us to see that these facts are laid before the President of the United States, the Postmaster General, every Senator and Representative in Congress as well as the public."

## THE TENANT FARMERS' GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

The present high prices afford the tenant farmer an opportunity that could be his fortune. Many tenants have a few acres of land, and are bringing record prices and tenants farmers all over the South have surplus money about them, they have never had before. Income is high and this surplus is just going to determine a man's future—whether he is to remain a tenant farmer or become a home-owner, working his own land and living on the South's splendid money.

Right now is the time for tenants to make the successful effort. More money plentiful than we have ever seen in the South. Land is being sold for less than it has ever been. The price of farm-lands, because of the increased demand for them, already in the North and West lands at \$100 \$200 and \$300 an acre are practically out of the reach of the poor man.

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## MEASLES AMONG SOLDIERS

Men Not Allowed to Go Off Military Base in Intersecting Cases Will Be Considered.

Camp Sevier, Greenville, Nov. 17.—Major J. D. Gasser, acting chief of staff, Third Division, authorized the following statement tonight: "Due to an epidemic of measles and meningitis, the soldiers will be quarantined and not permitted to leave the recreation post at Camp Sevier or Paris.

"All amputees housed in the recreation will be suspended and not permitted to leave, including the Y. M. C. A. buildings the Knights of Columbus hall, the 'Hostess House' and any other such buildings. That post exchanges will be closed so far as allowing men to enter. They will be permitted to make openings so that the men can be served on the outside. The usual program of instruction and supply will be carried on."

"The quarantine does not prohibit visitors from entering the camp, but it does prohibit the men from entering the camp. The quarantine does not prohibit the men from entering the camp, but it does prohibit the men from entering the camp."

Major Gasser stated over the telephone that the situation was not considered serious, but that the quarantine had been decided upon as a precautionary measure, and that a ruling a likely in the near future.

## IF IT WOULD AWAKEN RESISTANCE

It is "booming, and it is really harmful, for a household to be succeeded in getting into his 'cell' as much coal as it has been his. It is not in to carry him through the winter? Not many people in this city or its vicinity have been able to do that, but a considerable number have managed, by using such extreme and paying high prices, to obtain enough fuel to enable them to view at least the first months of winter without the apprehension of freezing in their homes, and, except a minute fraction, of their scanty store.

It is this plan of the situation is or should it become, really desperate—if it, that suffering from cold, will be the portion of many within a few days or weeks until an immediate division of the available stock on hand is made. To make such a division, however, would be as difficult and expensive process, and it would constitute a penalizing method for the fact that they have deliberately started the present conflict. Both their condition and her prospects were enviable and her prospects brilliant.

She had demonstrated beyond the possibility of doubt her ability as a realistic importer, and she was, and more, in peaceful competition with the other manufacturing and trading nations of the world. Her mercantile marine tonnage had increased, more rapidly than that of any other nation, and her ships entered the ports of every sea on equal terms with those of her rivals. More than that, they were steadily taking away business from the midst of these rivals.

At home, rather, barren, land became bare, indifferently, not directly, to the detriment of the population, considering the area of her territory, and any German who had not been so fortunate as to have room was free to go where he would, sure of a welcome anywhere and in confident expectation of receiving the respect and recognition of his new neighbors of "race prejudice" he encountered.

In response to a resolution unanimously adopted President Gompers named a committee to report on the alleged shortage of fuel, existing in some parts of the country.

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"Do you always keep your temper when you telephone?" "No, I don't. One day a man called me and said, 'You don't know who this is talking, do you?'" "No, I don't."

The Weekly Club Calendar. Today, E. M. Church Day. Thursday, E. M. Church Day.

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## GERMAN PRISONERS TO GET UNIFORM WAR RATINGS

Profits From Americans Against War in Intersecting Cases Will Be Considered.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Possibility of measles and wheezing days in Germany camps, where Germans are being held in this country, grew today as protests were received against the rationed served enemies while Americans are degrading themselves.

"For breakfast today, Germans who are the 'best' of Uncle Sam for the duration of the war had something like this: 'Oatmeal with milk, canned peaches, bacon and potatoes,' 'corn bread, coffee.'

"In camps where the men of the new national army and militia are in training, the life is, about the same, varied a little, but no more substantial or appetizing. For lunch and dinner, the Germans are given the same, with plenty of good western beef."

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## MEASLES AND PNEUMONIA

Chief Elements of Soldiers at Various Gaseous.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Retail reports of health condition in National Guard and national army camps for the week ending November 9, made public today, show measles and pneumonia predominating among the ailments which have laid men in the hospitals. The sick and injured rate in the National Guard camps, was 13.9 per thousand and in the national army camps, 22.9.

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## INDUSTRIES WILL MAKE SQUARE DEAL

No Elimination of Business Without Full Hearing, Lowest and Garfield Declared. Garfield Hope Voluntary Economy Will Be Sufficient for Fuel Conservation.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Arbitrators of the "striking industries" regarded as non-essential to save coal and transportation will be undertaken by the government only after every defense threat has been given full hearing.

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## PEACE IN 1918 NOT POSSIBLE

Russia's Collapse and Unreadiness of World States to Make Peace in Opinion of McCormick.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Russia's collapse and the unreadiness of the world states to make peace in 1918, in the opinion of Mead McCormick, "Congressional Republican" of Illinois, who has just returned from a visit to most of the important fronts of the European battle line, Mr. McCormick, in a statement tonight, said: "The Germans are not winning the war."

"The war presents a stalemate from which we are unable to extricate ourselves because of the collapse of Russia and the unreadiness of the United States."

"Where in Europe did I find an informed opinion that the United States has any chance of winning the war? I believe that a military victory could be achieved before 1919, when the United States might add effectively to the military effort."

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