

GERMANS EVACUATE FAMOUS STRONGHOLD TO FRENCH

U. S. TO BUILD 1,270 SHIPS FOR FIGHT AGAINST PIRATES; WILL SPEND BILLION DOLLARS

American Government's Shipbuilding Program Calls For 1,270 Vessels With 7,968,000 Tonnage—Estimates Entail Vast Expenditure.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—The United States Government's shipbuilding program calls for a total of 1,270 ships of 7,968,000 tonnage, it was revealed today in estimates the shipping board has sent to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, on which to base a request for a new billion dollar appropriation.

This is in addition to nearly two million tons of shipping now building in American yards, which has been commandeered by the emergency fleet corporation. A large part of the government fleet and of the commandeered fleet will have been completed by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1918. Building, commandeering and purchases of vessels will total about two billion dollars.

KAISER PLEADS WITH TROOPS TO DEFEAT BRITISH

Calls England Spiteful Arch-Enemy In Latest Woe-ful Wall.

ALBION IS MAIN ENEMY

Wilhelm Tells Soldiers God Will Lead Them To Certain Victory.

Copenhagen, Aug. 24.—England, the arch-enemy of Germany, must be beaten down at whatever cost, Emperor William said in a speech to his troops today. He said that the British were the main enemy of Germany, and that the German people must be prepared to make great sacrifices to defeat them.

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1,000 INVALIDED DUE AT QUEBEC SATURDAY

Quebec, Aug. 24.—Close to 1,000 invalided men from the trenches will arrive in this city tomorrow evening on a British ship. Most of the men are from Ontario and the Canadian West.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 78; lowest, 56.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 67; lowest, 52.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOLER.

Toronto, Aug. 24.—8 a.m. Forecast: Today—Strong north wind, scattered showers, but on the whole, fair. Saturday—Strong north wind, scattered showers, but on the whole, fair.

TEMPERATURES.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	78	52	Clear
Calgary	65	42	Clear
Winnipeg	65	42	Clear
Port Arthur	72	44	Cloudy
Port Hope	72	44	Cloudy
Port Huron	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. Joseph	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. Mary	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. Charles	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. George	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. John	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. Michael	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. Peter	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. Paul	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. James	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. George	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. John	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. Michael	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. Peter	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. Paul	72	44	Cloudy
Port St. James	72	44	Cloudy

SECOND FIRE AT SALONIKI, 1,000 HOUSES ARE BURNED

Conflagration Doing Vast Damage to Entente Base.

Athens, Thursday, Aug. 23.—A second fire is burning in Saloniki, where great damage was done last Saturday by a conflagration which destroyed a considerable part of the city, making 60,000 persons homeless. Thus far a thousand houses have been destroyed.

Contractor Kelly Is Released From Cells Because of Illness

Served Ten Months of a Three Years' Sentence.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, Aug. 24.—Phonograph contractor Kelly, who was arrested for the Parliament Buildings, has been released from Stony Mountain Penitentiary owing to serious illness. Two doctors and nurses have been with him the last few days. He was sentenced to three years, and served about ten months at Stony Mountain and one year in the United States and Winnipeg on bail.

INDEMNITIES NECESSARY FOR THE LITTLE FELLOWS, IS THE VATICAN'S BELIEF

London, Aug. 24.—Telegrams received here from Rome say that prominent persons at the Vatican, interpreting the peace note as an indemnity for the restoration of Belgium and Serbia, take the view that restoration of Serbia is essential, but did not mention it in his note, as he believed the whole Balkan situation could be dealt with more effectively by negotiation as a separate problem.

NO BRITISH VESSELS HIT BY ZEPP RAIDERS

London, Aug. 24.—The Admiralty stated today that no British vessels had been hit by Zeppelin raiders.

FACES MURDER CHARGE.

London, Aug. 24.—A young man, 16-year-old girl, shot, accidentally the latter, by a friend, Rene Laroque, who was charged with the murder of the girl.

BATTLE ROYAL IS ON; JUST ONE WEEK WILL DECIDE THE CONTEST

Midnight August 31 Will Close Interesting Race—50,000 Extra Vote Offer From Now Until the Finish—London Old Boy Wins Grand Prize in California Contest.

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Berlin, Aug. 24.—Via London.—The evacuation by the Germans of Hill 304, the famous stronghold on the Verdun front, is announced by the war office. It is said a weak garrison was left there.

On the British front, the statement says, the Germans today wrested from their opponents the gains recently made by them south of the Ypres-Menin road.

UNION GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE IN WEST HOPEFUL—HUDSON, WOOD, CALDER, SIFTON, CRERAR FOR GOVT?

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, Aug. 24.—Indications this morning are that the conference at Winnipeg on union government will succeed. Everyone who is participating in the conference when spoken to is very hopeful and cheerful. The West will be largely represented, with Hudson, Calder, A. L. Sifton, Crerar and Wood. Cabinet is to be equally divided with Borden as premier. Calder and Sifton arrived today in the happiest mood from Ottawa.

NEGRO SOLDIERS KILL WHITES AT HOUSTON, TEX.

Members of the 24th U. S. Infantry Run Amuck With Rifles.

OVER ROW WITH POLICE

Houston, Texas, Aug. 24.—At least thirteen white men are dead today and more than twenty persons, including two young white boys, are suffering from gunshot wounds as the result of an outbreak of 150 negroes of the 24th U. S. Infantry, who last night entered the city and began a march toward headquarters at Camp Logan, near here, to fire their guns promiscuously, and for several hours terrorized the resident community.

Marital Law Proclaimed.

Major K. S. Snow, commanding the negro troops guarding Camp Logan, declared that he intended to enforce the law when he saw what was about to happen, but they were beyond control and some 150 of the troops, armed promiscuously in the camp, and soon scattered in every direction. An attempt was made to kill him, Major Snow declared.

Although he had been returned to a hospital after having been twice wounded, with two years' service overseas to his credit, Sergt. Ernest H. Dawson of Windsor has again enlisted as a private with the Cyclists Platoon at Carling Heights Camp.

Sergt. Dawson was promoted to the rank of bombing sergeant in that unit. During his service with the famous 18th Battalion, he was wounded twice, once severely, and he was also awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the field, when he saved a comrade's life under extremely heavy shell fire, at a very dangerous point on the firing line.

CONVERT \$150,000,000 INTO TREASURY NOTES

Washington, Aug. 24.—The conversion of New York bankers to convert \$150,000,000 in British obligations incurred here before the United States declared the war into short time British treasury notes has been sanctioned by the treasury department. A statement issued last night, Secretary McAdoo said that the transaction was merely designed to facilitate the payment of the obligation, created no new credits in American markets, and was in no sense a reversal of the federal reserve board's stand last fall in cautioning bankers not to invest too heavily in foreign government obligations. He added that the reserve board was in harmony with the treasury's action.

CHANCELLOR IS CALLED LIAR IN REICHSTAG ROW

Dr. Michaelis Causes Storm By Side-Tracking the Peace Policy.

Berlin Press ANGERED

Chancellor's Action Is Held Sufficient To Cause His Overthrow.

London, Aug. 24.—A Berlin dispatch received via Copenhagen said it is understood that Dr. Michaelis, the German imperial chancellor, and various parties in the Reichstag, are negotiating with a view to summoning their leading representatives to a conference for the consideration of important questions.

Michaelis Called Liar.

Dr. Michaelis in reply made a laborious explanation in which, approving the general spirit of the resolution, he said differences of opinion were possible regarding the details, and he had noted such differences among the majority parties. This provoked an outburst on the part of the representatives of the majority parties in the name of which Herr Friedrich Ebert, Socialist leader, made a declaration practically charging the chancellor with falsehood.

BERLIN PRESS "SORE"

Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—A large section of the Berlin press professes keen disapproval of the chancellor's speech. The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung even goes so far as to prophesy that the chancellor's speech will be the last of his political career.

THROUGH WAR ONCE, HE JOINS COLORS AGAIN

Sergt. Dawson Re-Enlists as Private in Cyclists Platoon.

But Need of Men Again Inspired Him to Offer His Services.

BERLIN SAYS BRITISH LOST TWENTY-ONE TANKS

Berlin, Aug. 24.—The German general staff reports that the British lost 21 tanks during futile fighting on Wednesday. Some of the occupants of the tanks were made prisoners.

COMBAT FOR LENS IS SLOWLY GOING IN BRITISH FAVOR; FRENCH PROGRESS

Canadians Hold the Green Crassier Despite All-Night Attacks By Germans—Portuguese Troops Beat Off Enemy—French Rush Ahead For Another Mile Along Meuse.

London, Aug. 24.—Heavy fighting was kept up through the night south of Lens, the war office announces. The British now hold German trenches immediately northwest of the bitterly disputed Green Crassier.

Portuguese troops repulsed German raiders at two points in the region of La Bassée. The official announcement follows:

"Fierce fighting continued in the night south of Lens, as a result of which we hold German trenches immediately northwest of the Green Crassier. The enemy losses in the close fighting have been especially heavy.

"Northwest of Ypres the enemy artillery has been active last night.

"Hostile raiders were repulsed in the night by the Portuguese at two points northwest of La Bassée."

NEW FRENCH SUCCESS.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French made an attack this morning on the left bank of the Meuse, between Avocourt Wood and Dead Man Hill. The war office announces the capture of Hill 304, Dead Man Wood and the fortified works between Haucourt Wood and Bethincourt. The French attained more than their objectives, advancing to an average depth of two kilometres (1½ miles).

ENEMY'S DIVISIONS ON WESTERN FRONT TERRIBLY CUT UP BY ALLIED DRIVES

Twenty-two Corps Have Been Withdrawn For Repairs.

London, Aug. 24.—The Times military correspondent, reviewing the Allied offensive, says: "The united operation of Gen. Gough and Gen. Antoin in Flanders have compelled the Germans to withdraw 22 divisions for repairs.

ONLY SCANT AFFAIRS IN RIGA REGION S PETROGRAD'S REPORT

Story That Riga Has Fallen to Germans Evidently Baseless.

ELLEN HOUSES BURNED IN A QUEBEC VILLAGE

Quebec, Aug. 24.—Fire last Wednesday night, destroyed eleven houses in the village of St. Adolphe, Champlain County. There were no casualties, but the fire loss is heavy.

ESKIMO MURDER TRIAL

Prisoner Tells of Killing Priest and Eating Liver.

Calgary, Aug. 23.—Evidence in the trial of the two Eskimos, accused of the murder of two priests in the Arctic region, was slow in coming out today. The trial is being held in the court of the province of Alberta.