## 1918 SHIP OUTPUT **SET AT 3,000,000**

Newport News Company Head Cites Errors in

Immediate Inquiry Into Conditions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The output of merchant ships in this country in 1918 will probably be 3,000,000 tons, according to Homer L. Ferguson, president and general manager of the Newsport News Shipbuilding Company, testifying at the Senate shipbuilding inquiry. Estimates frequently made of from 5,000,000 to 8 000,000 tons, he declared, were misleading to the public and should be be normitted to go unchallenged. set be permitted to go unchallenged. The greatest obstacle in the way rapid construction, Mr. Ferguson said, is poor housing facilities for shinyard workers. His story of housing conditions at Newport News so stirred the committee that a subcommittee, comprising chalman Fletcher and Senator Harding, was appointed to confer today with the proper Government officials with a view to obtaining immediate relief there and elsewhere.

and elsewhere. Mr. Ferguson, for seventeen years a d constructor, was on the stand t of yesterday. He blamed the Ship-Board and the Emergency Fleet orporation in large measure for the ow development of the Government's Mr. Ferguson said:

Mr. Ferguson said Lloyd George's esti-mated the steel output at only 2,500,000 tons. Mr. Ferguson said he doubted if wooden vessels would be fit for trans-atlantid service. They could be used to great advantage, he said, on coastwise

ested to know what had caused the delay in the Gevernment's providing housing facilities for shipyards, and Mr. Fergu-son said he thought it was due to a lack of co-ordination by the War and Navy Departments, the Shipping Board and the Council of National Defense.

Shipbuilding in established yards was hampered instead of expedited, Mr. Ferguson said, when the Fleet Corporation commandeered construction. Until December, he declared, the corporation was unwilling to pay additional costs for speeding up operations, atthough the private owners of ships under construction always were ready to pay for speed.

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# Appointments Here

Weldon, Forty-fourth, Jerome Jones, Seventeenth, and Anthony Familiar, Fifth; miscellaneous clerks, Simeon P. Collins, Thirty-sixth; Thomas A. Connor, Twenty-sixth, and Samuel Corran, Twenty-fifth; messenger, Charles Bostic, Kighth; docket clerks, John H. Ziest, Thirty-third; Thomas Egan, Thirty-fifth, and John Kuchfus, Fourth Ward.

Workers on Army Hats Strike Workers on Army Hats Strike
READING, Pa., Jan. 2.—Hatters employed by the G. W. Alexander Company. West Reading, which hes a 200,000 army order, struck for higher pay. They are members of the union and have been getting sixty cents a dozen. They ask for eighty cents and assert that in Philadelphia workers on army hats get \$1.14 a dozen. The manager asys the men recently were granted a 33 per cent raise. Meanwhile, the contract is held up.

Clayton Law Is Suspended WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Suspension of the provision of the Clayton law, the prohibit aterlocking purchasing fransactions between railroads and corporations, has been approved by the

Vindicates Detective Agency ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 3.—The convic-on of William J. Burns, head of a pri-ate detective agency, on a charge of ublishing private papers in connection ith efforts of J. P. Morgan & Co. to revent leaks of information concerning he allies" munition contracts, has been sclared illegal by the Court of Appeals. Burns was fined \$100 by the New York Court of General Sessions.

Organ Recital for War Relief
The first of a series of organ recitals,
der the auspices of the American OrPlayers' Club, will be given today
St. Clement's Church. Twentieth and
arry streets, the proceeds going to the
relief computers of the Inserts.

### MAY TAKE IN WOMEN City Club Expected to Invite Then to Become Members

come members of the former club.

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vania Delegation

Evangelist Puts Tabernacle will in all probability be given by the City Club in the form of an invitation Facilities at Disposal of to the members of the Civic Club, a similar organization among women, to be-Boys in Khaki

AGAIN SCORES KAISER

Praises Speech of President and Urges People to Back Governsion of women to its membership, but such a step is believed to be likely. ment's Conservation Plans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.

The War Department today placed twenty-five cots and as many army blankets in the Billy Sunday Tabernacie. blankets in the Billy Sunday Tabernacie, opposite Union Station. The evangelist has invited soldiers in Washington who are detained here too late to gqt back to camp to go over to the Tabernacie and make use of the beds.

He declared he didn't want them to "dig down in their jeans for any dough for hotel bills," and he has placed all the Tabernacie facilities at the disposa.

of the soldiers. The fires in the build-ing are being kept going and the cafe-teria adjoining the Tabernacle has been placed at the disposal of the "boys in khaki." More than 100 soldiers spent last night in the building. They slept on the benches and in the sawdust. and, is told in a letter to H. P. During the day and in the evening the tht, a broker here. The submarine During the day and in the evening the destroyed by an American war Tabernacle is at the disposal of any per-

trom New York and destroyers, and the trip was begun. Out at sea, the let-ter says, British men-of-war joined them. "At 7 o'clock September 14," the let-ter goes on, "as we were entering the English Channel our captain got a rocket

Bernstorff if he came back." He insisted that if the people of this country would back the Government in its conservation plans as the hotels and restaurants are doing, "we'd win the war will be taught useful trades for the war will be taught useful trades."

"Billy" said if he had nothing case against Germany he'd hate her for having locked arms with that gang of Turks that would murder men and women by the millions because they women by the millions because they professed Christianity. He urged his professed Christianity. He urged his audience to read carefully President "And you'll soon find out that there i only one of two stands you can take in this war matter. Either you are for Uncle Sam against the Kalser or you're for the Kaiser against Uncle Sam I never mention the name of the Kaiser that I don't feel I need a disinfectant."

### TUDOR NOW PREMIER

Labor Leader Named to Head New Government in Australia

MELEOURNE, Australia, Jan. 9.— As a result of the resignation of the Nationalist Government yesterday, •. G.

practical shipbuilder ever was asked officially for his advice or suggestions as to shipbuilding.

At the time Rear Admiral Capps resigned as general manager of the Fleet Corporation Mr. Ferguson was asked he said, to take the place, but when he found he would be given no authority. "If housing is needed that badly," ald Senator Edwin H. Vare that the people of Pennsylvania were given an opportunity to vote on suffrage following the can get the money within forty-eight hours for the purpose. It can get it before you leave the city."

Then I'll stay," said Mr. Ferguson. "The Pennsylvania delegation of Repression of the Legislature, and I feel that the Vares have been the warm for the purpose. It can get it before you leave the city."

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George M. Andrews, of the New York Shipbuilding Company, which has a plant at Camden, N. J., said his company wanted to add on a large number of employes, but coud not transport them to and from its yard.

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### 19,070 STARS IN FLAG COTS FOR SOLDIERS Workers to Display Service IN SUNDAY GLORY BARN Emblem at Convention

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 9.—A service flag so large it has to be hung in sections will be stretched out over the heads of the delegates to the conven-tion of the United Mine Workers of America when they meet in Indianapolis, January 15.

January 15.

The huge banner will contain 19,970 stars. It cannot be carried in the parades or placed over the street. Women have been working for two months putting it into shape, and it will cover virtually the entire overhead space in the big convention hall.

Officials of the association expect the flag to go far in doing away with the idea that mine workers are disloyal.

## U. S. WAR HOSPITALS TO RECONSTRUCT MEN

First of Group for Soldiers Invalided Home to Be Situated at Asheville

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. The first of the group of hospitals which the War Department will establish for the physical reconstruction and re-education of soldiers invalided home from France is to be situated in the new building being erected for Kenilworth Inn at Asheville, N. C.

an end to such barbarities.

The evangelist called attention to President Wilson's peace declarations in Congress earlier in the day, and declared it to be "Germany's only chance."

"And if she doesn't accept it." he shouted. "she's gone."

Billy rapped "some people in Washington," who, he declared, "would shake the hand of that infamous von Bernstorff if he came back." He in
"Wille, N. Y.; Camp Byrd, New Mexico."

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"This country suffering from France and in this control try suffering from Prance and in this country suffering from tuberculosis. This sanitarium, which it is planned to open tuberculosis sanitarium to be operated by the War Department. The Azalea sanitarium may be increased to 1000 beds and is expected to cost between \$300,000 and \$500,000. The other tuberculosis hospitals will be at Otis-

in jig time."

"What grave is big enough," shouted Billy, "in which to bury those German assassins of women and children, those pirates of the sea that sent the Lustiania to the bettom of the ocean, where the skeletons of her victims of so-called kultur cry out for vengeance?"

"Billy" said if he had nothing else against Germany he'd hate her for hay.

of the disease will then be taken to the Azalea, N. C., sanitarium, Denver or Camp Hyrd, and men who are unable to travel will remain at Otisville

Carlisle Council Democratic

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CARLISLE, Pa., Jan. 9.—Defection
of a Republican member broke the tie
in the Carlisle Council and sent an entire Democratic administration into office. A tie in all votes was forecast with
the power in the hands of Burgess Newsham, elected on a fusion tickst. One
man, taking advantage of the secret ballot, switched at the last moment.

**Troops Guard Council Session** SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 5. — When Councilmen in Old Porgo borough met for reorganization four armed State troopers from Wyoming were standing about the borough hall to preserve order. The meeting was the most exciting ever held by the borough fathers. A deadlock prevailed on every vote taken.

## BAKER TO BE CALLED IN U. S. ARMY INQUIRY

Rear Admiral McGowan, Too, Expected to Testify on Contracts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. Secretary Baker, of the War Departent, probably will testify before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs tomorrow. At least he will be requested to do so by the committee, which met in executive session yesterday afternoon and planned a hasty conclusion of the investigation of the Ordnance and Quartermusters' Bureaus of the War De-partment. The only other witnesses which the committee plans to call in estaget to these departments are Re-Admiral McGowan and A. L. Scott, of the Council of National Diense. It is expected that some interesting testimony will be obtained from Bear

Admiral McGowan, for as bend of the Bureau of Supplies of the Navy De-partment he has favored competitive bidding for contracts and is known to be apposed to the so-called secrecy methods of letting contracts in force in

the War Department.
The committee, it was said, was anxious to hear these witnesses and then end the investigation in order that recessary legislation might be consid taken on the three bills already intro-duced in the Senate; bills, sponsored re-spectively by Senators Chamberlain, Mc-Vessel.

After three days zigzag course the ship reached Hailfax and remained there eleven days, says the letter. On September 4 she was "joined by convoys from New York and destroyers," and the trip was begun. Out at sea, the letter says, British men-of-war joined them.

"At 7 o'clock September 14," the letter goes on, "as we were entering the "The coangelist called attention to "The evangelist called attention to "The ev

### SCORES MYSTERIOUSLY ILL

Ailment in Wilkes-Barre and Vicinity Ascribed to Water

WILKES-BARRE, Jan ?—Scores of persons in suburban towns and a few in this city are ill of a disease that has baffled many dectors. The outbreak is worse in Kingston and Forty Fort and while the cause has not been found, there is a strong suspicion that the water supply is the cause.

The patients suffer from disorders of the digestive organs. Many school children are suffering and in one room yesterday twenty-five were absent. An investigation is being made to determine the quality of the water in the mountain reservoirs. No deaths have been reported, but many of the patients are seriously ill.





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### PLIGHT OF BELGIAN GIRLS **JUDGE MILLER JOINS** Forced to Work for a Pittance Health Endangered

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Belgian egation has made public the following

"In various communes in the neighbot hood of Mons, as well as at Neufvilles near Naaste, the Germans have arrested young gir's in the village streets and mpelled them to work either at the ront in Flanders or in Germany. It is

day as wages. day as wages.
"A girl of Brussels, twenty-two years old, who escaped from the artificial silk factory of Oberbruck, where she had been working, and who reached a neutral country, sald Belgian women, forced to engage in insunitary work, are said to be given a small wage, but after three wrecked and they have to be sent to

Lining Up Farmers for Big Crops Hithervillars, N. J. Jan. 9.—To line the farmers for more effective work a crop raising fext season the executive committee of the Gloucester County Board of Agriculture, accompanied by a farm demonstrator, started a three-days our of the entire county. Meetings were held at Westville, Almonesson, tractfylle, Turnerville, Cross Keys and Williamstor.

Bauermester in Jail Again

CARLISLE, P.a. Jan. 9.—After spend, ing about one-third of his twenty-eight years in prison, Isaac Bauermester, once leader of the Southampton gang, is in tall here accused of attempting to shoot It. L. Shughart, a farmer, and threatening to stab Sarah Gilbert. A careful watch is being kept in the local jail, as he escaped at one time.

Merion; former County Treasurer renry former for

RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Montgomery County Jurist Yields to Request That He Become Harmony Candidate

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 9. - John Faber Miller, Judge of the Montgomery County Courts has agreed to the cor sideration of his name as a candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania. A com mittee of representative men of the county called upon him in the library of the courthouse yesterday afternoon and represented to him that the Republican party needed a harmonizer and a candidate not antagonistic to any fac-

After an hour's conference one of the members of the committee said the Judge had agreed to the use of his name as candidate of the United Republican party. The committee consisted of for-mer Senator Henry D. Saylor, Potts-town; William D. Heebner, County Controller, and former County Controller John N. Jacobs, Lansdale; County Commissioner William Warner Harper. Cheltenham: George C. Klauder, Lower Merion; former County Treasurer Henry W. Hallowell, Moreland, and Attorneys

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U. S. GUNNERS SAVED BALFOUR FROM U-BOAT Business Man Writes Home of Attack on Britisher's nstruction, Mr. Ferguson said. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 9. The story of an attempt by a German

submarine to sink the ship on board which Arthur J. Baifour, British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, returned to England, is told in a letter to H. P. Wright, a broker here. The submarine

"The housing problem is one of the most vital facing the Government in the sonduct of the war. You cannot get the thips unless houses are provided for is a prize that the control of the c

right argies and the shot intended tous passed by. The American war vessel that was on our left enveloped itself in a dense black smoke and was on top of the submarine before it could adjust itself to submerge, and blew it up. Members of the committee were interested to know what had caused the delay VARE PROMISES VOTE

Concentration of shipyards in the Phil- Congressman Also Agrees to delphia district was criticized by Mr. Fergusen as likely to increase housing difficulties and to add to railroad congeson. The industry, he sa'd, should have sen scattered more along the coasts.

Phipbuilding in established yards was

CAUSES OF DELAY

Wooden construction was delayed, Mr.
Ferguron said, because the corporation attempted too ambitious a program at the stari

"Would the program, in your opinion, have moved any faster if a practical shipbuilder, in the first place, had been put in as general manager of the Fleet Corporation?" Senator Martin asked.

"Tea," Mr. Ferguson replied. "So far as I know this is the first time since the program was put under way that a practical shipbuilder ever was asked officially for his advice or suggestions as to shipbuilding."

At the time Bear Adminst Cause of the suggestion of the support and now feel confident that a large majority will be given the amendment by the Pennsyl-tank of the support and now feel confident that a large majority will be given the amendment by the Pennsyl-tank of the program was put under way that a practical shipbuilding."

## INHERITANCE TAX OFFICERS Auditor General Snyder Announces Representatives Moore and Zihlman

Auditor General Snyder, in order ta carry out the new law relative to the direct inheritance tax, has announced the appointment of the following officers WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Federal control and operation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal for the duration of the war has been proposed to Congress in two measures, one of which, a joint resolution, was introduced by Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania. The other, a bill, was offered by Representative Zihiman, of Maryland.

Mr. Moore's resolution requests the President to take over the canal in the name of the United States and to improve and operate it for the purposes of national defense. It is pointed out that the acquisition and operation of the waterway would relieve to a great extent the railroad congestion and enable the Government to meet its own coal requirements here in Washington and vicinity. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. the appointment of the following officers to serve in this city: Chief clerk, Robert Boyle; assistant clerk, William Mulligan, Fifteenth Ward; appraiser, Edward Shellenberger, Forty-second Ward; clerks of wills, Hugh McGinley, Eighteenth Ward, and George Clifton, Twenty-fifth; clerks of administration, John Matthews, Eighth, and William A. Blewitt Theorem witt. Thirty-seventh; receipt clerk, John L. Fox, Twenty-third; recording clerks, Osrar Levy, Twelfth, and Thomas Hewitt. Thirteenth; duplidate appraisers. Samuel Blumberg, Fifth, Martin J. Condon, Ninth, and William Brown, Fortythird; debit and credit clerks, Thomas Weldon. Forty-fourth. Jerome Jones.

the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

The bill offered by Mr. Zihlman authorizes Federal control of the canal
and empowers the President, acting
through the Secretary of War, to take
over and operate it. Compensation is
fixed at an annual rate equivalent to the
average net operating income for the
three years ended June 30, 1917. The
sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated.

It already had been approved by the Senate. By joint resolution the opera-tion of the law is deferred until next

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