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THE whole history of industrial production there has not been, we believe, anything comparable in magnitude to the shipbuilding program of the United States.

General Goethals in the beginning very properly turned to the most efficient organizations existing: The National City Bank controlled the New York Shipbuilding Company and had available executives skilled in shipbuilding.

But because General Goethals had sacrificed many things to speed, taking the view that the first requisite was to get started, Mr. Denman and his associates refused to do so, demanding all sorts of papers and estimates, as if it were more important to avoid waste than it was to build ships.

There were engineers who declared that it would be impossible to spend in so short a time the millions involved in the Hog Island enterprise without stupendous waste, if it were possible to do it at all.

We know little of the merits of the controversy between Senator Vane and Representative Edmonds, but we do know that if the housing program of the Government is interfered with as was the Hog Island plant it will be nothing less than a national calamity.

The Mayor is to have a separate trial. The real condemnation of an official should be given in the ballot-box. But the trouble is to get the votes counted.

SNOW FIGHTS FOR BOTH SIDES... HEARD conditions bring sharply home to the imagination of the city what it must be in the theatre of military operations when it snows.

tured by the quartermaster's corps' estimate of the facilities required to move one field army of 80,000 men. To do that requires 6229 cars and 386 locomotives. And that equipment can move only one-sixtieth part of a modern army.

SHIPS AND MORE SHIPS

THE most important point in Secretary Baker's reply to Senator Chamberlain is his declaration concerning ships. "I am revealing no secret when I say that the crux of the whole problem is tonnage," said the Secretary.

RACING TO THE RESCUE

BRITISH authorities support Mr. Baker's view that Germany is about to launch terrific attacks by land and sea. Particularly significant is the Secretary's warning that U-boat raids upon American troopships and supply ships are to be looked for.

YOUNG McNICHO

IT IS not every young politician who has the good luck to start his career with a complete lexicon of "musts" and "don'ts" in his consciousness. Such luck should be William McNichols'. He has been endorsed for his father's seat in the State Senate by both factions of the organization.

CORPORATION POLICE

An act of February 27, 1865, provided that any corporation owning or using a railroad might apply to the Governor to have the same corporation police.

THE HANDING OUT OF CITY JOBS

The handing out of city jobs to secure the support of doubtful wards is the last way to secure the support of doubtful citizens.

JUDGING FROM GENERAL ALLENBY'S PROGRESS

The United States Chamber of Commerce calls for centralized control of the war. We are getting plenty of it, but not enough in the right direction.

THE TROUBLE WITH WASHINGTON'S SEARCH

The trouble with Washington's search for the prettiest girl in the United States was that it took in too much territory. The object could have been achieved in Philadelphia in a day.

PENNYPACKER'S MESSAGE OF 1906

Governor Discusses the Valley Forge Commission and Private Corporation Police

PENNYPACKER AUTOBIOGRAPHY—No. 47... THE work of the Dairy and Food Division of the Department of Agriculture is of great importance in its relations to the community at every point of view.

RAISING A SIEGE WITHOUT A SHOT

It was during a rising of the Sioux in 1862 that 200 Union soldiers were surrounded in Fort C. F. Smith by more than a thousand war-drunk braves.

VALLEY FORGE COMMISSION

The Valley Forge Commission has up to the present time purchased in all 391,499-1000 acres of ground and secured both the outer and inner lines of inclosure, which the latter have remained pretty much as they were at the time of the encampment of Washington's army.

FUNCTIONS OF SOVEREIGNTY

functions of sovereignty, and the protection of property and the prevention of breach of the peace and disturbance are among the most important of its duties.

ROOSEVELT AS GENERAL

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IF THE GERMANS FEARED SCALPING

A Few Cowboys or Frontiersmen Might Speedily End the Great War

IN A LETTER to the editor of this paper yesterday John W. Frasier, in referring to Roosevelt's proposed volunteer army of 500,000 men, spoke of it as an "army to be enrolled from the States bordering on both sides of the Rocky Mountains, an army that would be made up largely of hardy cowboys, virtually ready for action immediately they were put upon the firing line, and every man shooting to kill."

If that was the Colonel's thought, which apparently it was not, some many of the men pledged to him were residents of States thousands of miles this side of the Rockies, it would be interesting to inquire how many "hardy cowboys" the entire West could produce for such service.

The cowboys in their heyday were never a numerous band, and they are assuredly not as plentiful as they were, say, in 1858; and they were never at any time as picturesque as some eastern folk imagined. Somewhere in one of his books, O. Henry remarked, "I have seen many cowboys; but I have seen only one cowboy of the stage who looked like a cowboy on the range. It might not be unsafe to say that fictional literature (books and plays) of the last half century would assay a bigger roundup of cowboys than could now be mobilized upon the dwindling ranges of the cattle country."

MORE THAN ONE'S BIT, DUTY'S CALL

Urgent Demands on Patriots—T. R.'s Generalship—Other Views of Readers

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Everywhere one hears and reads the war slogan "Do your bit." A dollar toward the Red Cross, perhaps a Liberty Bond or two and a generally acquiescent attitude toward the administrative policy with the preconceived conviction that those in Washington and those over in France will steer the ship of State clear of rocks to the haven of liberty and victory, is the usual attitude of the man and woman about town.

Let us wake up before it is too late. Facts teach us that the civilized world is facing servility unless it does more than its "bit" to maintain its liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The greatest horde of organized outlaws under the leadership of his satanic majesty, the paranoic Kaiser of Germany, is bent upon the conquest of the world.

WHAT OUR FOLKS THINK OF THE WEATHER

Many persons seem to be engaged in trying to find some little snag to place in the way of the Administration; not that they like Roosevelt, but that they hate the Administration and all its people.

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUERIES

1. Residents born in Ohio: Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley, and Theodore R. Roosevelt.

EDITORIAL EPICUREAN

As an opportunity for the German Crown Prince to show his ability, the war may already be a failure.—Columbus Dispatch.

THE GOVERNMENT

The Government, it is said, is planning a change of German names. With a change of names, the war may already be a failure.—Columbus Dispatch.



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