

# WAR BILL MAY BE BURIED

## Measure Putting Power Into President's Hands Strongly Opposed

### ORGANIZATION NEEDED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.

President Wilson will have to fight hard to get the legislative authority to enforce, himself, that co-ordination of the war government that factions in Congress have demanded.

The method he has selected—a measure that would give him unprecedented powers of control over existing war machinery—is not to the liking of many in both houses. The prediction was made by its opponents that it would be smothered in committee or emasculated by amendments. The Senate Judiciary Committee probably will begin consideration of the measure Monday. It is possible the President may make a personal appeal to Congress for favorable action upon it.

Senator Overman, who suddenly precipitated the "empowering bill" on Congress Wednesday afternoon, says that "there's nothing so drastic about it as to shock the Capitol."

"It simply gives the President authority to combine and co-ordinate the various bureaus, commissions and agencies to meet the war situation," he said, "just as the statute enacted March 3, 1917, places this function in peace time in the hands of the Bureau of Efficiency." That bureau, which was prevented from making a report because of the war emergency, has been asked to furnish the committee with recommendations based upon its investigations under peace-time conditions.

"Improvements in the War Department made since the results of this investigation were made public," said Senator Frelinghuysen, "already prove its value. I am against Congress surrendering its prerogatives by such a law as is proposed in the Overman bill. There is no need of it."

"We have assembled a number of agencies for war work with men of experience and ability drafted to direct them. All that is needed is a directing hand. The munitions director bill proposes to establish such a head, which can be done without any confusion or loss of time."

The speech of Carter Glass in the House yesterday against the critics was a rallying cry for those who believe in standing by the President, and if expressions of approval are any indication there is no chance of the war cabinet bill passing the lower body. Present plans are to allow the duplicate of the Chamberlain bill to die in the House committee since both chairman Dent and ranking Republican Kahn oppose it.

# Restore Jitneys, Plea to Mayor by Tappan

ADMIRAL TAPPAN, Commandant of the League Island Navy Yard, has written a letter to Mayor Smith requesting that Jitneys be restored to relieve the congested trolley service for workers at the yard. His letter, which the Mayor sent to Councils, follows:

Dear Mr. Mayor: The Commandant has made repeated requests on the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company during the last several months for an improvement in the street-car service to this navy yard, but so far has not been able to secure satisfactory results. The most recent information received from the transit company, and which agrees with items that have just appeared in the public press, is to the effect that the transit company is not able to increase its service, due to lack of armatures and other essential parts for repairing a number of its cars that are out of commission. This indicates that so far as the navy yard is concerned no relief from this source is to be expected in the near future.

It appears that the only source that holds out any prospect of quick relief is transportation by motor vehicle. Today a large committee of yard employees called on the Commandant and stated that they would be very glad to avail themselves of such transportation, but that the so-called "jitneys" had been eliminated due to certain more or less prohibitory requirements in the form of license fees and furnishing of bonds. The efficiency of the yard is being seriously jeopardized by the lack of adequate transportation, and I am writing you now with the request that this restriction against motor-driven vehicles for carrying passengers be suspended as a wartime measure so far as the navy yard is concerned.

I can assure you of the urgency and importance of the situation and therefore trust that you may be able to give this matter your immediate attention.

Very respectfully yours,  
BENJ. TAPPAN,  
Commandant,  
Navy Yard, Philadelphia.  
(Rear Admiral, U. S. N. (Ret.))

# WILL CONQUER U-BOAT BY AUGUST, SAYS JELICOE

LONDON, England, Feb. 8.—Expressing the belief that the British are "in for a bad time for a few months" from submarine warfare, Admiral Sir John Jellicoe today declared the U-boat should be killed by August if the nation holds out. "This is the first time any British naval officer has predicted a definite date for the conquering of the submarine menace," he said. Admiral Jellicoe was formerly commander of the British Grand Fleet.

# Daniels Investigates Car Service Here

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into thoroughly and after the men have made their showing of facts they will propose their remedy, which is seizure and operation of the lines to and from the yard as a military necessity. The men have been working out in detail for operation of the lines, based on a thorough survey of the situation, including a census of the workers with data as to their places of residence.

While the frigate navy yard workers are in Washington to beg relief of Secretary Daniels, the city has officially begun its consideration of a proposal from Rear Admiral Tappan, the yard commandant, for the restoration of Jitneys—the automobiles providing cheap and quick transit for five cents a ride which were virtually legislated out of existence by Councils in September, 1915.

Major Smith has delivered to City Councils a letter from Admiral Tappan, in which the commandant on behalf of the men at the yard requests suspension of the restrictions which drove the Jitneys off the streets for five cents a ride as a wartime measure.

A high official of the Navy Yard, who is entirely familiar with the work done in the shops and with the situation there that has resulted from the collapse of the trolley service, but has authorized a statement to make today.

"The efficiency of the shops has been reduced 25 per cent by the inadequate trolley facilities to and from the yard. Patriotism if nothing else should move the responsible officials of the transit company to provide service that will enable the men to get to their work on time. They are working for the United States Government, which is at war, and their work is as important and necessary as that of any other citizen."

"At evening—between 4:30 and 6:30 o'clock—when most of the men are going off—we have 3000 civilians working in the shops—it is a common sight to see 500 or 1000 men trying to get on four cars, struggling and fighting for places on the cars in the hope of getting home. Each man has to pay a fare and and that all takes time. It is scratched situation. We have tried to get the company to build some sort of shed or station there and make some arrangement to handle such a crowd of men. But the company has done nothing. It seems to take the attitude that the men are there and have to get home and have to put up with whatever the company provides.

"Often they almost have riots. The other morning cars were going down Fifteenth street by Porter and then catching off and going back uptown, abandoning the rest of their trip to the yard. The men emancipated three or four cars—actually seized them—and made the crews take them down. They were in no mood to be refused their ride, although I believe in law and order, I don't blame them."

# Driver Seriously Hurt in Crash

Charles Testa, forty-six years old, of 526 8<sup>th</sup> Street, is in Mt. Sinai Hospital today suffering from internal injuries and a badly lacerated knee received when the wagon he was driving was struck by a trolley car. Testa's condition is said to be serious. The accident happened at Seventh and Reed streets.

# \$50,000 SLANDER SUIT AGAINST INSURANCE MAN

Neighbor Says Harrison S. Gill Accused Him of Disloyalty and Treasonable Acts

Suit for \$50,000 damages for alleged slander has been brought against Harrison S. Gill, supervisor of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, by Frederick J. von Flapp, an advertising agent. The men are next door neighbors in Wynwoodwood. Mr. von Flapp charged that Mr. Gill had publicly accused him of being disloyal and with treasonable utterances and acts, all of which are set forth in the bill of particulars.

The suit has been brought in the Montgomery County courts, at Norristown. A claim was made, demanding that Mr. Gill furnish \$2500 bail. "Mr. Gill has carried on a malicious and wholly unjust attack against me and my family," said Mr. von Flapp today. "He has been antagonistic toward me ever since I built my house next to his at Wynwoodwood three years ago, and ever since last November he has been slandering me with accusations of infidelity with Gertrude, which have injured me socially and in my business. As a result of his persecutions, my wife is prostrated and I have had to send her to a sanitarium in Atlantic City."

# FRENCH SURPRISE FOE ON MEUSE LINE

Successful Attack on German Outpost West of Forges Reported

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Actively during the night on the French front was confined to a successful surprise attack against a German outpost west of Forges, on the west bank of the Meuse, the War office announced today.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Hostile artillery fire during the night in the neighborhood of Prosperities was reported by Field Marshal Haig today.

# M'ADOO FORESEES POSSIBLE 'FIAT' MONEY

## Secretary Advocates \$500,000-000 Government Finance Corporation to Forestall It

### TO MARSHAL U. S. CREDIT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.

Warning that if the war lasted long enough the Government might have to issue a form of money with no gold reserve back of it, was given to the Senate Finance Committee by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo today.

McAdoo said, however, that the proposed \$500,000,000 Government Finance Corporation would forestall such a course.

"The bill does not contemplate in any sense an issue of uncovered paper," declared McAdoo in response to a question by Senator Spooner. "We may have to come to that, but this possibility is not easily met by the system proposed in the bill."

McAdoo explained that the main purpose of the bill was to marshal the nation's credit for war purposes, to prevent unnecessary expansion in any direction, to prevent the banks extending credit on anything but sound securities.

The provision of the bill which gives the Secretary of the Treasury the power to appoint the directors of the corporation was criticized by Senator Penrose.

The Secretary appeared before the committee to explain the measure, which was drawn by him.

"The present practice of the Government advancing as much as 10 per cent of war contracts to contractors at a low rate of interest was drawing more and more heavily on the Treasury," he said.

The Government Government corporation, proposed in the bill, is designed to take care of this needed credit, he explained.

"The bill means to say that present going concerns not engaged in war work should be prevented from issuing refunding bonds," said Senator Townsend.

"No, not exactly that," said McAdoo. "We think that all such issues should be first submitted to the Government for its approval, though."

McAdoo then explained that, with

# EDGE URGED TO NAME GARRISON AS SENATOR

## Name of Former War Secretary Put Forward for Vacant Post

### POLITICS MAY BAR HIM

TRENTON, Feb. 8.

The name of ex-Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison, who for three years sat beside President Wilson and aided him in guiding the destinies of the nation, has been put forward as one of the most available men in New Jersey, from most available men in New Jersey, from most available men in New Jersey, from most available men in New Jersey.

Garrison, who has served in the national affairs, for United States Senator, to succeed the late Senator Wilson, is a Republican. His name is being urged upon Governor Edge, who has the power of filling the vacancy until the next general election in November. At that time a successor to Senator Hughes will be elected to fill the unexpired term, which ends March 2, 1919, as well as a full-term successor.

Garrison is a Democrat and Edge is a Republican, and there is the hitch. The Governor has informed certain Democratic leaders that they need not agree with this line of reasoning. Senator Hughes was a Democrat, his temporary successor should be also of that political faith, but the Governor could not tell them, it is understood, that the election of United States Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen from this State in 1918 indicated that New Jersey was swinging solidly to the Republican side and to send a Democrat to the United States Senate would not be in accordance with the will of the majority of the voters of New Jersey.

Of course, this was before the name of ex-Secretary Garrison was suggested, but it is not believed that even the bringing of such a distinguished Jerseyman as the former Cabinet member into the matter has altered the Governor's views as to the politics of the situation.

It has been suggested that Edge's appointment of Garrison at this juncture would be a splendid example to the party and to the nation; that it would make Edge a national figure and give to him a standing of worth and weight, which

# GIRL TRYING TO ELOPE FALLS FROM WINDOW

## Her Companion Flees When Luckless Maiden Screams Arouse Her Parents

### ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 8.

The breaking of a piece of carpet caused the quick termination of an elopement last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stevens, Catawissa. The carpet was being used by Paul Pross, of Allentown, a boarder at the Stevens home, to lower Miss Meta Stevens from the second story. It broke just as the girl left the window and she fell to the ground. Her screams attracted the parents, as Pross made a hasty exit down a flight of stairs and through the yard. In his haste Pross lost his hat, but never stopped to regain it. The girl, who is seventeen years of age, was carried into the home and Dr. H. J. Kern summoned. The physician found she had sustained no more serious injuries than bruises about the back.

Pross has been employed at a lumber yard at Catawissa. He has not returned to the Stevens home to recover some belongings.

# Duck Farm Man Kills Himself

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 8.—Victor Kemmerer, fifty years old, proprietor of a noted duck farm near Allentown, committed suicide yesterday in his barn by shooting. The body was found last evening by an employe. His health is given as the cause of the suicide. Kemmerer leaves a family.

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