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PHILADELPHIA SOLDIERS

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North Fifty-sixth street (above), who is an observer in the signal corps has arrived in France. Morley W. Jennings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson W. Jennings, a Princeton graduate, has enlisted as an athletic director for overseas service with the Y. M. C. A.

PROPOSE COMMISSION

TO AID CONTRACTORS

**Declare War Conditions Cause** 

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calls continue to come steadily.

Marshai General Crowder sent to all States except Utah and for 5812 men to serve in the continues and again veterinary artermaster corps. Volunteers accepted up until May 20, and a will be mobilized June 1.

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ernment contracts and who are losing money because of abnormal war con-ditions, was proposed today by Con-gress. Senator Fletcher, of Florida, is the chairman of a subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee, which is as many troops could be handled the same amount of shipping until be brigading plan as could be suplished were divisional units kept and supplied from this side with personary material.

## **PAN TO BUIL**D 50 TELL SHIPS FOR U.S.

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By a Minf Correspondent Washington, May 9. ndous effort to make ever on to the American mer

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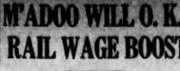
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The suit is based on an alleged assault by the Senator on Bannwart at the National Capitol on April 2, 1917, when a party of Boston pacifists, of which Bannwart was a member, asked Lodge to vote against the United States entering the war.

A suit for \$20,000 damages for alleged libel in publishing an account of the happening was entered at the same time against a Boston newspaper.

M., May 9.—The following granted licenses here this each P. Martin and Hannah Charles W. Lafferty and Custer, F. Randolph Miller G. Ward and Prederick mma Nunn, all of Philadel-Hatlem, Philadelphia, and





Director May Even Add to Increases Granted by Commission

REPORT URGES SPEED

Washington, May 9. A full dinner pail for all is to be the Government's policy toward the national

railroad employes during the war. Formal announcement of the railroad wage commission's report, advocating wage increases for all railroad workers making less than \$250 a month in 1913 was followed today by assurance that Director General McAdoo approve the increases proposed-and possibly may

Before acting upon his commission's report, he will confer with represents tives of the employes to determine whether the new schedules amounting to increases of nearly \$200,000,000 annually, with \$100,000,000 back pay to January 1-would work hardship on any class of workers

The policy of the Government toward its inbor is clearly set forth in the digest of the report, an excerpt from which

Organized and unorganized em-ployes are to be treated alice. Women and men who perform equal service are to be given equal pay and differ-ences in pay are not to be predicated on color.

In reaching its conclusions, the wage commission declined to accede to many requests made by the employes. The of the men that they wanted shorter day and more overtime to enorce it was met with the following from

the commission's report:

At this time, when urgent and serious necessity compels sacrifice from all, to penalize the Government for working its men as long as they have been in the habit of working under their private employers, is to take advantage of the twofold embarrassment of the Government—its need for the work and its inability to call in outside men. The commission does not believe the railroad employes really want thus to hamper the transportation facilities of the country in its hour of need.

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It would be a "splendld thing," says be commission, "if we could at this me crystallize the experience of the Creation of a commission to afford relief to those who hold long-time Govinto a conclusion concerning the length of the workday that would be of universal application. But this is not possible now for many reasons not the least of which is an insufficiency of data touching so many and such divers en Declaring that "this, moreover,

congress have been besieged by noiders of Government contracts, who declare that their contracts and fees were fixed at a time when conditions were normal, but with the advent of the war a great increase in the cost of labor and materials is causing them to lose money. railroad output. Our needs as a nation and the vital needs of those with whom we are allied have been im-periled by the shortcomings of our trans-portation system. There is no one who The War Department had proposed to furnish relief for those holding contracts under its supervision by presenting an amendment to the rivers and harbors wishes to risk a repetition of this con-

The increases proposed by the com-mission are based on the premise that the cost of living since 1915 has in-creased approximately 43 per cent, shown by a thorough study of actual living conditions.

The commission reports: bill giving Secretary of War Baker the authority to adjust contracts to existing conditions. It was estimated that contracts would call for increases amounting to about \$3,000,000.

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Roughly it may be said that the man who received \$85 a month on January 1, 1916, now needs 40 per cent additional to his wage to give him the same living he had then. Below that wage a Barger percentage must be allowed, because the opportunity of substitution and other methods of thrift have declined almost to a vanishing point. Above that wage a growing proportion of the increase will go to those things essential to cultured life, but nonessential to actual living. In fairness, therefore, upon those who can best afford to sacrifice should be cast the greater burden.

This being the basis of the commisother departments also notified Congress of the need of adjusting long-term contracts and members of the committee took the stand that there should be one tribunal to judge the necessity of adjustment for all departments and bureaus, rather than allowing each department to

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Boston, May 2.—United States Sention Henry Cabot Lodge was sued for the shipping board will 180,000 today in a naction brought in the Superior Court by Alexander Bannform Japan this year, Mr.

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During the period of Government conduct of the railroads no salaries raid to officials who are not essential to the operation of the roads shall be charged as part of the operating expenses, and that a careful study be made of the proper relations between the salaries of the higher officials and those of their subordinates with a view to readjustment in the interest of the highest efficiency of the service.

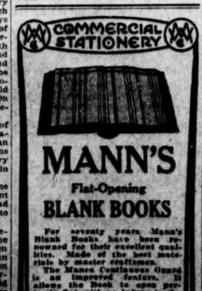
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Officials in touch with the railroad administration declared this would be accepted—and very likely followed—as a direct recommendation to dispense with the services of high-salaried presidents, vice presidents, and other numerous officials not vital to the operation of the different roads under Government control.

SOCIALISTS SENTENCED German Court Drastic With Dozen Who

Urge Revolt Amsterdam, May 9. - The Imperial Court at Leipsic has sentenced twelve independent Socialists from Dresden to terms of imprisonment ranging from three months to eight years on treason charges, said a dispatch from Berlin to-day. The men were accused of distrib-uting revolutionary pamphlets.



000 to Appropriation Washington, May 5.—At the urgent request of Secretary Daniels, the Sen-ate Naval Affairs Committee increased the naval ordnance appropriation in the navy appropriation bill by \$200,000,000

Secretary Daniels's request was recarded as significant in view of the fact that in the bill, as it passed the House ordnance appropriation was mo! the ordinance appropriation was more than \$227,006,000 under the sum appropriated last year. The additional \$200,000,000, it was intimated today, is to be used in providing heavy caliber guns for the use of the land forces.

The Senate committee will report the bill late this week. As it passed the House, the bill carried \$1,354,000,000. It will carry more than a billion and a half in the Senate.

## RECORD WAGES AWAIT FARMING VOLUNTEERS

Billion and Half Will Be Paid 5,000,000 Harvesters

Washington, May 9. A billion and a half dollars will be hands counted on to help America har-

From Cities

vest one of her greatest crops. Five million men, women and boy fruits of the vastest acreage ever planted in this country.

These volunteers are in addition to the paid regular all-the-year-around The wages to be paid this year are the highest in history—in many cases ex-ceeding those of high-class city shop-workers. Connecticut farmers are offering \$5 a day for hands to get in hay Stackers will receive \$7 n day it Nebraska, Colorado, Kansan and Mon-tana. Both these scales are in addition

board, which is estimated at from \$17 An army of 50,000 volunteer workers has been organized in Kansas alone where members are to receive a maxi-mum of \$5 a day with board. This is part of a big army of workers who will start in Oklahoma about June

through the Northwest har-The average wage for volunteer workole, will be at least \$3 with board. Fruit pickers in all parts get from \$2 to \$2.50. Cornhuskers potato pickers (machines dig the tub will carn between \$2 and \$3 daily. total value of all crops will be in neighborhood of \$10,000,000,000

#### STER OF GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO ASKED

Gompers Charges Island Executive Permits Workers to Labor for Starvation Wages

Washington, May 9.—Removal of Governor Robert Yeager, of Porto Rice, was asked of President Wilson by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. Compers acted upon request of Senator Santiago Iglesias of Porto Rico.

"Thirty-two thousand workers are striking in Porto Rico because American employers refuse to pay a living wage," said Iglesias. "The maximum wage is seventy cents a day. The Government has failed to enforce the law to protect the workers." to protect the workers."

Secretary Wilson asked the war labor board to investigate.

#### TO FIX ALUMINUM PRICE War Industries Board Will Guard Against Speculation

Washington. May 9.—A price-fixing policy for aluminum was discussed at a meeting today of the price-fixing committee of the war industries board. Seventy-five per cent of the aluminum of the country is now being used for war purposes. leaving only 25 per cent for domestic use. This condition has tended to unbalance the market. It was pointed out, and action will be necessary to safeguard both the public and Government against speculators.

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Senators Assail U.S. Agreement With Curtiss and Wright Companies

HOUSE WILL VOTE FUND

WASHINGTON, May 9. Requests of Major General Squier, Colonel Deeds and Colonel Montgomery, of the aviation service, for a military investigation into their work with the aircraft program have been temporarily laid aside by Secretary of War Baker, who said this afternoon he did not want to hamper the Justice Department and con gressional probes by holding a third military probe.

Washington, May 5 The investigation President Wilson ordered into the sweeping charges of the sculptor, Gutzon Borgium, against the United States aircraft production board was formally begun here today. William Frierson, Assistant Attorney General, equipped with much data, secret and otherwise, was prepared for a probe which will reach far into the corners of the air program, baring everything and

Meantime, the Senate Military nittee mapped out the inquiry it will nake on its own hook and planned to neet this week to agree on methods and manner of conducting it.

Most members of the committee today

apparently favored wide-open sersion, which will do away with conflicting majority and minerity reports at the con-clusion—and leave the country to choose which it will as the truth.

Senator Chamberlain this afterno

introduced a resolution authorizing the founded, committee to go into every phase of air-craft production, summon witnesses and publish an official record of the proceed-

charges. The committee, already somewhat familiar with these, now prefers, it was stated, to summon men of high standing in the field and to sift unquestioned facts.

Debate in the Senate this afternoon cloped the charge by Senator mas, Colorado, that the Curtiss and Wright airplane companies, through control of basic patents, "dominate the

was brought about by agreement sanctioned by the Government under which the two companies will exchange patents can people," Thomas said. The Government, Thomas said, should

have obtained control of all basic pat ents, permitting any firm which could produce planes to use them during the

for the Wright-Martin and Curtiss com-panies were members of the subcommittee that drew the agreement. Intimatious that the House will re-

fuse to pass the \$15,000,000,000 military appropriation bill, carrying a billion dollars in lump appropriation for alreraft until the manner in which the hundreds of millions appropriated last year were expended had been satisfactorily ex-plained, were said by House leaders today to be without foundation.

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Both majority leader Kitchin and minority leader Gillett had beard suggestions of such a plan, but neither believed it would be put into practice. The present temper of both Houses is to give the War Department all the money it can possibly use at once, and to ask questions afterward.

### DANBURY HATTERS' CASE

### Railroad Administration to Sand tion Combination of Four Great Companies

Companies

Washington, May 3.—A merger of the four leading express companies—Wells-Fargo, United States, Adams and American—with a capitalization of 135,000,000, is to be sanctioned by the railroad administration for the period of the war. The agreement, virtually effected gives the national railroad 50 per cent of the gross earnings and a share of the excess profits.

Each company will enter the combination on the basis of the physical valuation of its property assets. No guarantee is provided, but terms will be fixed on a sliding scale so that the net revenue will be at least 5 per cent.

With the merger Government operation of the concerns apparently will be eliminated. The four companies first sought to have the Government take them over when their financial returns began to show dangerous reductions.

# RELEASE OF STIELOW ORDERED BY WHITMAN

Inquiry Convinces Governor Convicted Men are Innocent of Double Murder

Albany, N. Y., May 9 .murder of Charles B. Phelps and Margaret Wolcott at West Shelby, N. Y. on March 21, 1915, Nelson I. Green, Stellow's brother-in-law, who pleaded same crime, was also ordered freed.

Blame for the murders is laid at the door of Clarence F. O'Connell, a prisoner at Auburn, with Erwin King, who Deputy Attorney General Bond, on which the action of the Governor

Since Stielow's conviction in July, 1915, the verdict was affirmed by the Court of Appeals, three applications for ings. Court of Appeals, three applications for Small attention, it developed, will be new trials were denied, the Governor paid at the outset to the Borglum has granted several respites and, in December, 1916, commuted the sentence

housekeeper, Margaret Wolcott, were murdered in Phelps's house on the night of March 21, 1915. The murder was discovered the next morning by Stielow, who was Phelps's hired man, Phelps had been shot three The housekeeper was found clad only in a night dress, steps of Sticlow's home. Robber Stielow's home. Robbery assigned as the motive. Stielow

## FIRST JAPANESE SHIPS HERE From West Coast

Washington, May 9 .- Four of the Jananese ships which were chartered by the United States Shiping Board arrived yesterday at Pacific ports and will be rushed through the Panama Canal. They will be the first ships manned by Japanese and flying the flag of Japan to go into service in the Atlantic since the war began. In all, the shipping board has chartered 150,000 tons of shipping from Japan and purchased another 100,000 tons.

Kaiser's Military Chiefs Seek to Encourage Apprehensive Nation

PUBLIC DISTRUST GROWS

Washington, May 9. Von Hindenburg, Teuton military master, intends to force "a strong German

of blood" made by the Germans. He has given this message to the in the Seicheprey engagement. Reichstag, apparently to reassure its members and the nation in view of a tion for inspection. Members of the growing apprehension over Teuton cas-

had been growing too materialistic, that the Kaiser to the last had desired peace Governor Whitman has ordered the release from Sing Sing prison of Charles
F. Stielow, who was convicted of the

Roth in German Last had desired peace and warned that the Government must act firmly to keep the people contented in view of certain high prices and scarcity of food and clothing.

Both in Germany and Austria propaganda is being pressed to keep up morale. The outbreak of the Czechs. Slovenes and Bohemians in Austria-Hun-

Germany, Propagaids designed to ter-rorized neutrals by warning them of the fate which beful Belgium is being dis-seminated in Spain and elsewhere. But Germany's tactice in some quarters are meeting only with increased fires of distrust and hatred.

Pro-Ally sympathy is developing fast in Switzerland, press comment shows, according to confidential summaries re-ceived through Government agencies.

# LABOR MISSION VISITS FRONT

Congratulates Americans for Gallant Fight at Seicheprey With The American Army in France,

May 10.—The American labor mis which is visiting Europe, arrived a American field headquarters Wednes day afternoon and visited billets bepeace" to pay for the "fresh sacrifices hind the Toul front, including those occupied by the Americans who took par

The troops were drawn up at attenusities on the west front. according to official advices today.

There must be "a strong German peace visitors were guests of General Persented and the control of the cont

There must be "a strong German peace which alone can preserve us from war in the future." he said.

German officials are trying to instill be achieved this year. Former Chancellor Michaells said the German people had been growing too materialistic, the

COURT-MARTIAL HELD UP

Donnelly to Face Germans Instead of Military Trial

Washington, May 9,-The courtmartial of Brigadier General Arthur B morale. The outbreak of the Czechs, Slovenes and Bohemians in Austria-Humgary is becoming increasingly serious. Changes are being made in the high command of the Austrian fleet because of threatened uprisings, and a new naval to school is being established at Trieste to train Germans and Austrians for naval work.

Meantime the increasing enmity in Manufacture of the Kansas-Missouri national guard division. Donnelly was to be part, of the Kansas-Missouri national guard division. Donnelly was to be court-martialed on charge of gambling and having liquor in his possession.

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