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## AMERICA IS LEADING WORLD IN BUILDING WAR TONNAGE

### Twelve Superdreadnaughts and Six Great Battle Cruisers are Now Under Construction

Washington, March 18.—The United States, American naval experts say, is building more warship tonnage than any other nation.

Twelve super-dreadnaughts and six great battle cruisers, aggregating 655,400 tons, are under construction in private and navy yards. They will carry a total of 512 sixteen inch rifles and twenty-four fourteen inch rifles and all will have the new electric drive engines.

With the completion of this fleet, probably in 1923, the United States will have a battle force of 19 super-dreadnaughts, and six battle cruisers in the first line and eight dreadnaughts and a number of smaller battleships in the second line.

American naval men say that among the world's fighting craft the six battle cruisers and six of the new battleships—the South Dakota, Montana, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Indiana and Iowa—will be in a class by themselves. The cruisers will have a speed of about 33 knots—37 land miles—and each will carry eight sixteen inch guns. They will be 874 feet long over all, ninety feet wide, will displace 33,500 tons, and have 180,000 horsepower.

**684 Feet Long**  
The six super-dreadnaughts will be even more powerful, each mounting in its main battery 12 sixteen inch rifles. They will be 684 feet long, 105 feet broad and displace 43,000 tons. Their speed will be 23 knots and horsepower 60,000.

These ships and the battle cruisers are just now being gotten under way, but most of the other six battleships are well on the road to completion. The Maryland, to be launched at Newport News Saturday, and the Colorado, Washington and West Virginia will carry eight sixteen inch rifles each, will be 624 feet long, 93 feet broad, and displace 32,600 tons. Their speed will be 31 knots and horsepower 29,000.

The Tennessee to be commissioned in May and the California will carry twelve fourteen inch rifles, and will be 624 feet long, 97 feet broad, and displace 32,000 tons. Their speed also will be 21 knots and their horsepower 28,500 tons.

## Detectives Charged With Abducting Street Railway Man

Nashville, Tenn., March 18.—The Davidson county jury today returned indictments against City Detectives Walter Reese, George Redman, Gus Kiger and Earl Kiger, and Patrolman H. M. Bills, charging them with the abduction on November 19 last of A. B. Lawson, a visiting official of the Street Railway Employees' Association.

Three sets of indictments were returned. One charged the officers with oppression, and another charged them with malicious threats. A third charged the officers and "other persons to the grand jury unknown" with conspiracy.

Lawson, who alleged that he was taken from the streets of Nashville and carried to Springfield, Tennessee, in an automobile and put aboard a train with a warning not to return to Nashville, went before the grand jury sometime ago, but no report from the inquisitorial body followed. It developed later that Attorney General G. B. Kirkpatrick had declined to draw an indictment. Lawson subsequently went before a magistrate and swore out warrants against the five officers indicted today, and pending action of the grand jury they have been at liberty on bonds signed by citizens qualifying to the extent of two million dollars.

### CENSUS STATISTICS

Washington, Mar. 18.—Population statistics for 1920, announced today by the census bureau included:

Port Jervis, N. Y., 10,171, an increase of 607, or 6.3 per cent over 1910.

Beacon, N. Y., 10,996, increase 376, or 3.5 per cent over the 1910 census combined populations of Fishkill Landing and Mattewan which were incorporated as the town of Beacon in 1912.

### COTTON MARKET.

Spot Cotton	40.50
March	40.25
May	38.00
July	35.30
October	32.34
December	31.44

## This Canadian "Got" 378 Huns

Ottawa, March 18.—Corporal Francis Pegahmagabow, one of more than 4,000 Canadians who volunteered with the "scoups" of 378 Germans in a report submitted to the House of Commons by Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior.

Corporal Pegahmagabow, who hails from Perry Sound, was one of a large number of Indian crack shots who were detailed as snipers. He received the military medal with two bars for his exploits.

Mr. Meighen's report cites numerous instances of gallantry on the part of the Indian contingent which numbered more than 35 per cent of the total male population of military age. One Indian, John Campbell, traveled 3,000 miles by canoe, train and steamer to reach Vancouver so that he could enlist.

## Clemson Freshman Urges Classmates To Return 21st

Greenville, S. C., March 18.—Harold R. Turner, of Greenville, president of the freshman class at Clemson College, today issued a statement to fellow cadets in which he advises all freshmen and sophomores to prepare to return on Sunday, March 21, pending the action of the parents' meeting in Columbia Friday and the junior-senior meeting at Clemson Saturday. He counsels that the cadets go back cheerfully, unless a different course is decided upon by the parents and upper classmen.

## TOWN OF BILTMORE IS SOLD BY MRS. VANDERBILT

Asheville, N. C., March 18.—Practically the entire town of Biltmore has been sold by Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt to Dr. J. A. Sinclair, of Asheville, George Stephens, of Charlotte, N. C., and the Southern Railway Company.

## Constantinople Is Quiet Under the Allied Occupation

Constantinople, March 17.—The second day of the inter-allied occupation of Constantinople, carried out on Tuesday by large forces from the imposing war fleet in the Bosphorus, passed entire calm, the Turkish police cooperating in keeping order. The ferry and telephone service have been resumed. Only small detachments of allied soldiers are visible in the streets and about the public buildings.

The French and the Italians had only small forces here and they are far less active than the British forces, which are excellently organized and took over the city with the precision of clock-work.

Among the prisoners taken were Essad Pasha, nationalist leader, and Mohammed Pasha, who was minister of war just before the great war opened and has been the chief organizer of the propaganda for an American mandate.

## Bainbridge Colby Delivers "Knockout" Says Hitchcock

Washington, Mar. 18.—Bainbridge Colby made an extensive statement to the Senate foreign relations committee today regarding the information on which the committee is delaying action on his confirmation as secretary of state.

Those present maintained the silence which has surrounded all previous hearings on the subject, but it was said the nominee would not be asked to appear again. The committee will meet again tomorrow and some members expect that it may take final action then.

Mr. Colby declined to talk about the matters discussed, but Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, Nebraska, said he considered Mr. Colby's statement "a complete knockout for the opposition."

## LAST ARGUMENTS IN THE NEWBERRY CASE TODAY

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 18.—Last arguments in the Newberry elections conspiracy trial were delivered to the jury today by Frank C. Dailey, assistant attorney general. Speaking before another crowded court room, he took up the debate with renewed vigor.

Mr. Dailey again accented frequently that there was nothing essentially mysterious about the conspiracy, as charged in the indictment. He usually discarded the legal term and called the alleged offense "an arrangement to spend more money than the law said could be spent in the 1918 Senate campaign."

# TWO GOSSETTS TO BE TRIED APRIL 5

## Governor Cooper Sets Date for Early Trial at Request of Solicitor Blackwell—Judge Sease of Spartanburg To Preside.

County Clerk J. L. Perrin received notice Friday from Governor Cooper that he had ordered a special term of court to be held here April 5 to try Kenneth and John Gossett on the charge of criminally assaulting two young white girls of this place last Sunday. The action of the governor was taken at the request of Solicitor H. S. Blackwell. Judge Thomas B. Sease, Spartanburg, will be the presiding judge at the trial.

Sheriff Burts said Friday morning that he had not fully made his plans for providing protection at the trial but that he would take proper measures to obviate any possibility of mob violence.

News from Honea Path, the home of the two Gossetts, is to the effect that the Ford touring car, in which they drove to Abbeville Sunday was a stolen car, brought to Honea Path from Columbia and bought by John Gossett.

It is also learned that Kenneth Gossett was employed here last week with his father as a brick mason, returning Saturday to Honea Path.

Columbia, March 17.—John Gossett and Kenneth Gossett, young white men arrested yesterday in Greenville and Honea Path, respectively, on the charge of criminally assaulting two young white women in Abbeville last Sunday, were brought to Columbia late last night and lodged in the state penitentiary for safe keeping. The young men admit having been in Abbeville last Sunday and taking the two young girls out riding. The boys are first cousins. Kenneth Gossett is the younger of the two, being about 21 years of age, but is married. John Gossett bears a good reputation in his community.

The Gossett boys were placed in the same cells occupied the previous two days by James B. Wallace and Lee Rourne, young men from Greenville, who were arrested in connection with this case last Sunday night, but released yesterday after the young women had declared positively that Wallace and Bourne were not their assailants.

Kenneth Gossett, whose assault is said to have been successful, claims that he did not get out of the automobile. John says he walked back up the road a short distance to Long Cane bridge with the other girl, where the car was first stopped. When the latter two came back the girl who remained behind in the car with Kenneth the other girl says, came running down the road crying, "He has ruined me." Kenneth denied last night that he had made further advances than laying his hands on the young woman.

Honea Path, March 17.—John Gossett and Kenneth Gossett, arrested this morning charged with criminal assault, live in Honea Path, and have made their home here for some time. They are first cousins. John Gossett, who was taken into custody at Greenville, is 22 years of age and unmarried. Kenneth Gossett, arrested here at 4:30 o'clock this morning, is a married man and is about 19 or 20 years of age. The former is a mechanic and the latter a brick mason.

After the arrest, Kenneth Gossett was taken to Anderson, and it is understood that John Gossett was

brought there from Greenville. The young women were brought to Anderson from Abbeville and according to advices received from them, the men were identified by the girls.

Anderson, March 17.—John Gossett, arrested in Greenville this morning and Kenneth Gossett, arrested in Honea Path at an early hour, were brought here today, where the young women from Abbeville identified them as their assailants. The Gossetts were held here for several hours and then were taken away by officers to parts unknown here.

The Gossetts are from Honea Path, John Gossett is about 22 years of age and Kenneth is about two years younger.

Greenville, March 17.—Governor Cooper, here to deliver an address tonight, said that he would meet solicitor Blackwell in Laurens tomorrow and would call a special term of court of so requested by the solicitor.

(From Index-Journal)

The Index-Journal was informed over the telephone this afternoon by Solicitor Homer S. Blackwell from Laurens that upon his request, Governor Robert A. Cooper has ordered a special term of court to be held at Abbeville the first week in April for the trial of John and Kenneth Gossett, the young white men held in the penitentiary at Columbia on the charge of assaulting two young white women near Abbeville last Sunday afternoon. The first day of April falls on Thursday and it is presumed that the trial will begin on that day.

Solicitor Blackwell returned to Laurens last night from Abbeville where he went as soon as he heard of the attack on the young girls and where he did everything possible to assist in apprehending the guilty parties as soon as it was established that a serious error had been made when the first two young men were taken in custody.

Solicitor Blackwell stated that he did not know who would preside at the special term, but that he had suggested that the Governor recommend the appointment of Judge Thomas S. Sease, of Spartanburg, who will be disengaged at the time. Chief Justice Gary will name the presiding judge at once.

It is not known here whether or not the Gossett brothers have retained counsel.

## CHICAGO EXPRESS EMBARGO IS PARTIALLY LIFTED

Chicago, March 18.—Partial lifting of the embargo on express shipments imposed more than a week ago as the result of a strike of Chicago express workers was announced today. Restrictions on outgoing shipments except ordinary parcels, to southwestern points and on all through shipments from Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore via New York were removed.

Shipments of perishable goods, fruits and vegetables from Florida to Chicago over the Chicago Northwestern system were also included.

Officials of the American Railway Express Company said 25 per cent of the strikers had returned to work.

The St. Louis Cardinals were the first big leaguers to get action in regular ball games. The Rickses started in playing Texas league teams right off the reel.

Among the eatables consumed in one recent voyage of a giant Atlantic liner were 75,000,000 pounds of meat, 1,500,000 pounds of flour, 107,500 pounds of flour, and forty tons of potatoes.

From all accounts the Athletics indulging in strenuous stunts at Lake Charles, which probably means that the Mickmen will not be the soft proposition they were last season.

## Deported Radicals Suffer Privations

Moscow, March 12.—Many radicals who were deported from the United States on the steamship Buford have been suffering privations since they arrived in Russia. They failed to locate their relatives and have not secured employment. Efforts are now being made by Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman, leaders of the deportees, to form an organization which will give employment to members of the party who are in distress and care for them pending permanent arrangements.

Headquarters of this organization will be established at Petrograd with planned to give all deportees from a branch in Moscow, and it is the United States advantage of the facilities it offers.

## HOW A LITTLE GIRL FOUGHT BURGLARS

New York, March 18.—This is the story of a little girl's brave fight against the two meanest burglars in New York:

Margaret Hagney, 12 years old, was asleep in her home in West Twenty-Fifth street last night when she was awakened by a noise in an adjoining room. Her parents being absent, she called "who's there?" and, receiving no answer, turned on a light to discover two men rattling her bank, containing 75 pennies. The men sprang for the doorway, with the girl giving chase, screaming at the top of her voice.

She caught the man with the bank, meantime, fighting off his companion, who was endeavoring to stifle her screams and finally was knocked unconscious with a blow on her forehead with her own bank.

The men escaped, taking the bank with them and neighbors a few moments later broke into the house and found Margaret insensible on the floor.

She was revived by a hospital surgeon and between sobs was able to give the police a good description of her assailants.

## Virginia G. O. P. Are Pledged to Lowden

Roanoke, Va., March 18.—Virginia delegates at large to the Republican national convention will vote for Governor Lowden, of Illinois, as the Republican nominee for President, and Henry W. Aderson, of Richmond, Va., for vice president.

The instructions for Governor Lowden were adopted at the State Republican convention last night after one of the stormiest sessions of a political convention ever witnessed in Virginia. Representative C. Bascom Slemph, of the Ninth district, led the fight for the Lowden forces.

## STOCK MARKET HAD A VERY BUSY MORNING

New York, March 18.—Heavy trading in speculative issues in the stock market here resulted in one of the busiest morning sessions in recent weeks, shares with stock dividend possibilities scoring gains of 2 to 18 points. The heavy buying and extensive short covering was caused financial experts agreed, by the recommendations of the Secretary of the Treasury urging modification or repeal of the excess profits tax. Sales of the first hour exceeded 500,000 shares.

The leaders in the advance included Motor Railway equipment, Leather Textile and Shipping shares.

These were supplemented by food shares. Tobacco and numerous unclassified stocks, the movement embracing a wider variety of issues than at any time since the early weeks of the year. A very large part of the early trading originated with commission houses and indicated that a considerable volume of the buying power came from interior points.

## RED CROSS SAVES 30,000 PEOPLE FROM STARVING

Dvnick, March 16.—Thirty thousand persons have been saved from starvation here by the timely arrival of an American Red Cross relief unit from Warsaw. When the Americans arrived with the Polish army they found the people dying by scores from hunger. Food had been exhausted for two weeks before the Poles had reached the city and the amount of the population was demolishing all wooden houses to procure firewood when relief reached them.

# NAVY NOT READY WHEN WAR CAME DECLARES SIMS

## The Admiral is About to Reach the End of His Lengthy Statement of Criticism

Washington, March 18.—Concluding his long arraignment of the Navy Department's conduct of the war, Rear Admiral Sims laid before the Senate investigating committee today thirteen specific counts in his indictment charging mistakes and costly delays.

He reiterated his declaration that his criticisms were aimed at no individual but that "responsibility for any failures" rested upon "the Navy Department as an organization."

The admiral's summary of his charges follows:

"That, in spite of the fact that war had been going on for nearly three years, and our entry into it had been imminent at least from February 2, 1917, the vessels of the navy were not ready for war service when the United States entered."

"That the first few months after America entered the war were extremely critical ones for the whole allied cause, due to the success of enemy submarines."

"That this critical situation was made clear to the Navy Department a few days after America entered the war and repeatedly thereafter by cables and letters, supported by independent advices to the government from the American ambassador in London and by Mr. Hoover."

"That the Navy Department supplied me with no plans or policy covering our participation in the war three months after our entry therein."

**No Prompt Assistance**  
"That, having information as to the critical situation of the allies, the Navy Department did not promptly assist them, and thereby prolonged the war by delaying the sending of anti-submarine vessels, none reaching Europe for nearly a month after war was declared, and two and a half months elapsing before thirty vessels arrived."

"That the Navy Department failed to appreciate the military value of time."

"That the Department's representation with the allied admiralties was not supported, during the most critical months of the war, either by adequate personnel or by adequate forces that could have been supplied."

"That the Navy Department violated fundamental military principles the situation was changing from day to day."

"That the Navy Department, in not clearly defining the responsibility and delegating authority to its representative in Europe, failed to follow sound principles, common alike the direction of details although three thousand miles distant from the scene of active operations, where knowledge of the whole situation."

**Dictated 3,000 Miles Away**  
"That the Navy Department violated in dispersing forces away from the critical area in order to meet diversions of the enemy."

"That the Navy Department, in the first months of the war, attempted to the business and military profession without having sufficient fundamental military principles in attempting to formulate war plans of sions."

"That the Navy Department, by controlling the operations and movements of certain forces within the war area, violated the fundamental military principles of unity of command."

"That the Navy Department failed to keep its representation abroad completely informed as to its plans affecting dispatch and disposition of forces in the war zone, and frequently reached decisions in such matters through information gained from sources other than its representative in the war zone."

## Clad in Rags, Grand Duchess Olga Is Found in Box Car

Washington, March 18.—Grand Duchess Olga, sister of the late Czar Nicholas of Russia has been found by American Red Cross workers, living in a box car near Novorossick, south Russia, it was announced today at the headquarters of the American Red Cross here.

The grand duchess, according to the announcement, is one of three surviving members of the house of Romanoff. She was found "floating among fellow refugees from the territory recently conquered by the Bolsheviki, giving such assistance as she could, although herself clad in rags and grateful for any food and clothing she could find."

**Tennessee G. O. P. For Wood.**  
Nashville, Tenn., Mar. 18.—The Republican convention of the fifth Tennessee district today at Murfreesboro instructed for Leonard Wood for president.