

WAR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM INCLUDES ALMOST 800 SHIPS

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WHERE THE CONTRACTS GO

First of New Destroyers Expected to Be Launched Within Nine Months.

Washington, Oct. 9.—The American navy's war construction program consists of 787 vessels, including all types from super-dreadnaughts to submarine chasers.

In making this announcement today Secretary Daniels said some of the vessels have been completed within the past few weeks and are now in service. The total cost is estimated at \$1,150,400,000.

Many of the vessels are destroyers and arrangements have been made for carrying out the \$350,000,000 supplemental destroyer program, which the navy expects to be completed in eighteen months. Examination of contracts by the legal representatives of the builders prevented the formal signing of the agreements today with the six companies which are to build the craft, but Mr. Daniels said only minor details stood in the way of getting the vessels under construction.

Where the Contracts Go.

The companies awarded the contracts are the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, the Cramp Company, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation, the Bath Iron Works and the Union Iron Works.

The Fore River Company, Mr. Daniels explained, was the only one that had offered to build more vessels than were awarded it. The other builders were given all the work it is estimated that they could undertake, and the remainder of the order went to the Fore River company.

Secretary Daniels said he expected the first of the new destroyers to be launched and commissioned within nine months. They will be of the latest, largest and improved types, which have just been tried by the American navy, he said, and found to be unsurpassed by any destroyer in the world. "Thousands of men will be required to man these destroyers," the Secretary's statement said. "By the time the vessels are completed the crews will be ready."

PAXVILLE W. C. T. U.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held in the Methodist church on next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The subject: "Scientific Temperance Instructions."

Song: "The College Boys," No. 49. Scripture: Joel 1:1-7. Prayer.

Song: "Rally Song," No. 64. Leaflets: "Moral Training in Public Schools," "Good Citizenship the Object of Public School Training," "Scientific Temperance Truths and the Bible."

At the September meeting the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: President, Mrs. Hastings Broadway; vice-president, Mrs. Graham Broadway; secretary, Mrs. W. R. Keels; treasurer, Mrs. T. W. Gunter. The departments are as follows: Flower Mission, Miss Jessie Curtis; White Ribbon Recruits, Mrs. T. W. Gunter; Medal Contest, Misses Lethea Edwards, Alice Broadway and Earle Perritt; Christian Citizenship, Miss Annie Bradham; Scientific Temperance Instructions, Mrs. J. H. Kelley; Press, Mrs. Gunter; Medical Temperance, Mrs. F. S. Geddings.

Plans were discussed for the flower show, and the community fair to be held at the school building on Oct. 31st.

Miss Jessie Curtis and Mrs. Hastings Broadway have been elected delegates to the annual convention which convenes at Wilson, Oct. 19th, in the First Baptist church, and will close Sunday night, Oct. 21st.

Mrs. T. W. Gunter, Press Superintendent, October 8, 1917.

DAVIS STATION SCHOOL NOTES

The opening of Davis Station school was delayed this session on beyond the usual time that the children might help in harvesting the fine crops made in the vicinity. The patrons asked for this delay on account of the scarcity of labor; and the injunctions of the government that we conserve all our agricultural products, no doubt caused them to emphasize the necessity.

The school opened, however, on Monday, the first day of October, under unusually favorable conditions. A number of patrons and friends showed their interest in their presence, and there were at least the usual complement of children. The county superintendent of education had been invited to be there and give one of his good talks, but, unluckily, he had a previous engagement for the same date, and could not come.

First on the program of opening exercises came the song, "America," sung by the school. Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Dr. W. B. Duncan, of the Methodist church in Manning, followed. Mr. E. G. Stukes, chairman of board of trustees, then made a short speech in which he welcomed the teachers, and told of some things that was being planned for the good of the school, one of which was the bringing of artesian water to it from his own well. He made a special plea for the co-operation of all with trustees and teachers, that a school "second to none" might be built up.

Rev. Dr. W. B. Duncan next made an excellent address on the fruitful subject "Mastery." It was an appeal to the pupil "to go in to win," and was so variously and pleasingly illustrated that it could hardly fail to wake a response in each young mind and heart.

Miss Helen E. Malone, principal of the school, then made a short talk in which she welcomed the new teachers, gave a few practical suggestions to the patrons, and made announcements in regard to the work.

The exercises were closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Gordon of Summerton.

The new teachers are: Miss Willie Gordon of Summerton, first assistant; and Miss Novel Richardson of Andrews, second assistant.

On Tuesday morning following, the school had the pleasure of an address by Rev. W. O. Henderson of the Jordan charge. Mr. Henderson's talk was full of good advice. He made a much needed suggestion in advising the boys not to drop out of school for work, or any other reason, thus letting the girls get ahead of them in education.

The first of October, marked as it were, afresh not only in the day school, but in religious activities in the community as well. It was preceded in Bethlehem Sunday school by "Promotion Sunday," when pupils prepared for advancement were transferred to higher classes, and new teachers were chosen to meet the necessities of the growth of the Sunday school.

On Friday afternoon a "Workers Council," consisting of teachers and officials of Bethlehem Sunday school, was held by the pastor, Rev. W. O. Henderson. Mrs. Eugene Davis acted as secretary. Mr. Henderson addressed the meeting along general lines of its scope and purposes. There was a talk by Miss Helen E. Malone on the subject, "The Bible." There were full and free discussions of matters pertaining to reorganization of the work of the Sunday school. Davis Station will not be behind in the effort to have a good and progressive public school and Sunday school. The trustees of the former are planning for a nine months' session.

PAXVILLE NEWS ITEMS.

Miss Mattie Herling left on last Saturday to begin her teaching duties near Lugoff.

Mrs. Thos. DuRant of Elliott spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. S. E. Curtis.

Miss Emily Broadway left last week to resume her work in the school at Bryan.

Rev. J. D. Bowen returned to his pastorate last week after a month's vacation spent at the North Carolina resorts.

Among the visitors to Camp Jackson on last Sunday were L. M. Curtis, J. W. Mims, Jr., and Dr. Thos. W. Gunter.

BIG FOOD CAMPAIGN OCTOBER 22-27th--WAR CAN ONLY BE WON BY FOOD CONSERVATION

As is well known there is to be during the week of October 22-27th a house to house canvass of the entire County. This is a big job, and a man's job. The head of every household (man or woman) must be interviewed and his or her signature to a pledge card obtained. The pledge is voluntary and of a very simple nature, but vital to the success of the campaign. To do this work the County Council of National Defense has been conscripted.

Captain W. C. Davis, County Chairman, makes the following appointments for the big drive: Campaign Manager, E. C. Horton, Manning, S. C.

Publicity Manager, J. K. Breedin, Manning, S. C.

Captains, Charlton DuRant, Manning, S. C., E. M. Lightfoot, Manning, S. C., S. O. O'Bryan, Manning, S. C.

Lieutenants, I. I. Appelt, Manning, S. C., Manning Township; C. M. Mason, St. Paul, S. C., St. Paul Township; W. D. Allen, Summerton, S. C., Friendship Township; W. H. Anderson, Summerton, S. C., Concord Township; E. A. Rowe, Summerton, S. C., R. F. D., St. James Township; Walter Epperson, Pinewood, S. C., Calvary Township; R. C. Richardson, Jr., Pinewood, S. C., Sammy Swamp Township; R. J. Alderman, Alcolu, S. C., Plowden Mill Township; J. H. DuBose, New Zion, S. C., New Zion Township; E. M. McElveen, Alcolu, S. C., Harmony Township; J. K. Harrington, New Zion, S. C., Midway Township; W. J. Turbeville, Turbeville, S. C., Douglas Township; E. L. Langston, Lake City, S. C., New Town Township; Leon M. Galloway, Manning, S. C., R. F. D., Mt. Zion Township; T. Leslie Bagnal, Foreston, S. C., Brewington Township; Howard Stukes, Wilson, S. C., St. Marks Township.

Executive Committee: W. C. Davis, Charlton DuRant, E. M. Lightfoot, S. O. O'Bryan, W. B. Duncan, Miss Katherine Richardson, Miss Corinne Barfield, E. J. Browne, J. K. Breedin, E. C. Horton and A. W. Timmons.

Urban Organization: (Care of Organizations in Town) Rev. W. B. Duncan, Chairman, T. F. Coffey, C. R. Spott.

Rural Organizations: (Organization and Cooperation of all County Districts and Rural Forces) Miss Katherine Richardson, Chairman, P. H. Senn and G. L. Dickson.

Women's Organizations: (Securing Cooperation and support of all Women's Organizations) Miss Corinne Barfield, Chairman, Mrs. T. M. Mouzon and Mrs. J. K. Breedin.

Cooperating Agencies: (Securing Support of Schools, Red Cross Chapter, Churches, Public Officials, Police Force, Etc.) E. J. Browne, Chairman, F. S. Long and F. P. Burgess.

Publicity Meetings and Speakers: J. K. Breedin, Chairman, W. M. Plowden and Joseph Spott.

Finance: E. C. Horton, Chairman, Miss Lucy Johnson and S. L. Huggins.

Misses Vannie McLeod and Fannie Mae Barwick are visiting at the home of Rev. M. J. Kyzer, at Cordova.

Mr. Conner Davis of Charleston was here for a short while to see his relatives last week.

RUSSIANS IN AGREEMENT

Premier Kerensky Will Immediately Form Coalition Cabinet.

Petrograd, Oct. 8.—After a conference of three hours of members of the government, including Premier Kerensky, with a delegation representing the democratic congress and with representatives of the bourgeois yesterday, a complete agreement was reached on all questions. The premier declared that the government purposed immediately to form a complete Cabinet so that the reconstituted coalition government might be able to go to work at once on the basis laid down.

FEEDING WHEAT TO STOCK

Oklahoma Farmers Getting Rid of Their Grain.

Oklahoma City, Oct. 8.—Half a million bushels of wheat will be fed to live stock in Oklahoma this fall,

Negro Cooperation: (To enlist the support of the negro leaders and through them the entire negro population) Rev. A. W. Timons, Chairman, I. M. A. Myers and Frank King.

The Captain should immediately get in touch with their lieutenants. The Lieutenants should immediately sign up ten workers in their Township who will give three hours a week a day during Campaign Week. Two or three of these workers should be influential negroes. The Workers report to their lieutenants, the lieutenants to their Captain and the Captains to the County Chairman or the Campaign Manager. The Lieutenants of Plowden Mill, Harmony, New Zion, Midway, Douglas and New Town Townships report to Capt. Charlton DuRant. The Lieutenants of Santee, St. Paul, Friendship, Concord, St. James and Manning Townships report to Capt. E. W. Lightfoot. The Lieutenants of Calvary, Fulton, Sammy Swamp, Mt. Zion, Brewington and St. Marks Townships, report to Capt. S. O. O'Bryan.

Mr. A. V. Snell, of the U. S. Food Commission, will doubtless visit us upon four or five hours notice. When he does, every Captain, Lieutenant, Worker, and Committeeman is expected to be present. In the event he does not visit us before Friday, October 19th inst., every Captain, Lieutenant, Worker and Committeeman is hereby called to a meeting in the Court House at Manning, S. C., at 4 P. M., of the 19th inst. The Lieutenants are responsible for their workers thoroughly understanding their duties, to see that the pledge cards, instruction cards and window cards are placed in their hands. These cards will be furnished them by the Publicity Committee.

It will be seen that the time is short and that there can be no slackers in Clarendon's Organization if we are to show up well with the other counties of the State.

Every minister, white and colored, in the County, is urged to present to their congregation Food Conservation before the opening of this Campaign. Every School Teacher in the County, both white and colored, is urged to bring to the attention of their scholars this campaign and the importance of their aid in preventing waste and conserving food, that the war may not be lost for lack of food.

There will be a contest feature between the Townships of the County, and every one wants his Township to show up well.

For the remainder of the time before opening our Campaign think about conserving food and talk about it on every occasion, and let every informed person enlighten the uniformed, of the absolute necessity of furnishing our soldiers and our allies with food to eat, if this war is to be won, and that it only can be done by a little economy and by patriotically depriving ourselves of only a little flour, meat and sugar.

By order of State Council of Defense. W. C. DAVIS, County Chairman.

It is indicated by reports received today by the State Council of Defense from twenty-three Western counties. In most of the counties an increased acreage of wheat planted is indicated, but no hope is held out that planting will be further stimulated by an increase of a few cents a bushel possible under new marketing arrangements.

In Grant County alone, it is estimated that 1,500 bushels of wheat is being fed to live stock daily.

Sultan of Egypt Dead.

London, Oct. 10.—The Daily Telegraph says it learns that the Sultan of Egypt died at noon Tuesday.

Huss Elin Kemal was chosen by Great Britain in 1914 to succeed his uncle, Khedive Abbas Hilmi, as ruler of Egypt, simultaneously with the proclamation of a British protectorate. His father was Khedive from 1865 to 1879.

MORE LOANS TO THE ALLIES

Washington, Oct. 9.—Additional loans of \$40,000,000 each to Great Britain and France were made today by the government.

With this transaction, the total thus far loaned to the Allies is \$12,163,400,000.

Information to Poultry Raisers.

Mr. Editor:—Kindly allow me space in your paper for a few lines to the poultry men of the county.

The Poultry Association has seven beautiful silver cups given by the four banks of Manning, the Alcolu Railroad Company and the Poultry Association. These cups must be won three years in succession to become the property of the exhibitor. The winner has the custody of the handsome trophy one year, when it must be returned for the next show. Only members of the Association in good standing can compete for these cups.

The officers of the Association will appreciate it if the members winning the cups at the last show will return them at once to The Home Bank & Trust Company, where they will be exhibited until the Fair.

These business men, realizing the benefit a successful Poultry Association would be to the county, invested their money in these cups to encourage the people of the county to raise more and better poultry. Every person interested in our county's having a progressive Poultry Association is invited to join and "Do Your Bit." Send your name and fifty cents membership fee for one year to Mrs. J. W. Heroit, Manning, S. C., R. F. D. 2. Then work to raise more poultry than you can use in your home, and help us to make our association a success. Just a little trouble and care and the use of what would otherwise go to waste in the fields, and you can raise hundreds of broilers on each farm, which will mean hundreds of dollars to the county.

With hens bringing 29 cents per pound and eggs 50 and 60 cents per dozen on today's market; with so many soldiers in the various camps in the State to be supplied with poultry and eggs, will South Carolina farmers let the opportunity slip? Are we going to let North Carolina and Tennessee furnish the poultry and eggs for our State as they have done in the past? Prof. Hare has offered to come and show us how to kill, dry-pick and pack poultry for the Florida market this winter.

I hope our Clarendon people will take an interest in this work and try to make the poultry industry what it should be in our county.

(Mrs.) F. P. Ervin,

Pres. Clarendon Poultry Association.

American Wounded.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 9.—H. Moody, of Pensacola, Fla., is listed among the wounded in tonight's Canadian casualty list.

GERMAN FRONT SMASHED BY ALLIES IN ANOTHER POWERFUL DRIVE

Allies Attack Simultaneously and Continue Their Advance Until Nightfall.

POLECAPPELLE CAPTURED

Victorious French Forces Also Occupy Several Villages and Capture Blackheuses.

The big fight is on again in Flanders and the Germans are being hammered hard. Field Marshal Haig is battering away on the sector east and northeast of Ypres, while French troops have joined with the British left wing to the south of Dixmude in an endeavor to bring that section of the line even with the sharp wedge that has been driven into the German front by Haig's men east of Broodseinde.

Launching their attacks simultaneously Tuesday morning, both armies had made considerable gains before nightfall, in addition to inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans and taking many prisoners.

Unexpected Feature.

Prior to the announcement of the commencement of the attack there had been no intimation that the French were ready for an advance. With apparent ease the French crossed the flooded Broeck and Jansbeek rivers and captured the villages of St. Jean De Mangelare and Veldhoek, together with numerous block houses and took prisoners several hundred Germans. The advance of the French was over a front of more than a mile and a half and they penetrated the German lines to a depth of a quarter-mile.

Haig's principal offensive centered upon the portions of the Passchendaele-Gheluvelt ridge still held by the Germans, being directed eastward from Poelcapelle, which was captured, and northeastward from Broodseinde toward Passchendaele, the ultimate objective still being the Ostend-Lille road.

British Casualties.

London, Oct. 9.—British casualties reported during the week ending today totalled 17,505. The losses were divided as follows:

Officers killed or died of wounds, 311; men, 2,965.
Officers wounded or missing, 862; men, 13,347.

What is Council Considering? The Law is Plain Enough

THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD.

Manning, S. C., Oct. 9, 1917. Editor of The Times:

That our fellow citizens may be fully informed we make the following statement:

Some time ago Mayor A. C. Bradham was appointed to a Federal Office. The present Council's term expires in April at which time the regular town election for Mayor and Aldermen comes off. The time before this election being short members of council and citizens requested Mayor Bradham, if possible under the law, to continue in Office; and act as Mayor until after the coming election—and thus avoid the expense and inconvenience of an election during the rush of our busy season. This we thought would be gratifying to all of our townsmen, as the Mayor had been elected without opposition, and his administration of the office has given universal satisfaction. This however the Mayor informed us could not be done, but that he could and would continue to act as Mayor until he received his Commission to his new office. On the 17th day of Sept. the Mayor was called upon to sign his Commission, and on the same day tendered his resignation to the Council.

E. S. Ervin was elected by his Fellow Councilmen to act as Mayor until an election could be held, as the law requires an election must be held to fill a vacancy occurring on the Board of Aldermen, provided the time between the occurrence of the vacancy and the regular election date exceeds sixty (60) days.

The Council has the matter of this election under consideration, and as soon as all requirements of the law have been complied with, the election will be ordered. There are two vacancies to be filled for the unexpired term—that of Mayor, to succeed Mayor A. C. Bradham, resigned; and one Alderman, to succeed J. G. Dinkins, resigned.

E. S. Ervin,
Acting Mayor.

Mr. Ervin says: "The Council has the matter of this election under consideration, and soon as all requirements of the law have been complied with, the election will be ordered."

The Attorney General's ruling in this case is: "When Mayor Bradham accepted his commission to a Federal office, his seat as mayor automatically becomes vacant." And the law is: Where there is a vacancy of office exceeding 60 days of a general election, a special election must be held to fill the vacancy. We have learned that the attorney for the city has given to council all information necessary for the holding of this election, and we cannot understand what the Council is "considering," or what is meant by "as soon as all requirements of the law have been complied with the election will be ordered." Mayor Bradham tendered his resignation on the 17th day of September, and it was accepted, therefore, since that day his seat has been declared vacant by law. This is a public matter and unless something is done immediately, our town may be put to a lot of trouble and expense.

I. I. APPELT,
Editor.