

MANY CONCRETE SHIPS.

Hurley to Ask Congress for \$50,000,000 for Yards and Ship Construction.

Washington, April 8.—Fifty million dollars will be asked of congress tomorrow by Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board, for development of concrete ship building. The plan is to establish at once five government yards, two on the Pacific Coast and three in the South.

Sites for the plants already are under consideration and will be announced shortly. The three in the South probably will include one already planned for Wilmington, N. C. Transportation facilities and easy access to cement and sand will govern the selections.

The first vessels turned out by the government yards will be 7,500 tons tankers both because of the shortage of oil carriers and because of the present stage of concrete ship development. The board is more confident of success with the tankers than with general cargo craft.

As yet concrete ships are admitted frankly by experts to be "a gamble" because the behavior of such a vessel under load in a heavy sea is unknown. Mr. Hurley and General Manager Piez of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, hold that in the present emergency every possible means of adding quickly to the tonnage available for war purposes should be utilized.

Greater chance of success is expected from the operation of concrete tankers because the liquid load will constantly seek a level and not entail the strain on the ship that a solid load would do in a heavy sea.

The concrete ship "Faith" built on the Pacific coast for private account is almost ready to undertake a voyage. Preliminary reports on the launching of the "Faith" have been very enthusiastic as to her possibilities.

Mr. Hurley, Mr. Piez and Mr. Wig conferred today at the capital with Senators McCumber and Simmons, both of whom are understood to have agreed that experiments on a large scale with the new construction should be made as soon as possible. The \$50,000,000 requested will be spent almost entirely for ships, as each yard can be built for perhaps \$25,000. The yards will have from four to seven ways each. Locations in the West and South will be sought to avoid moisture and cold which retard concrete pouring.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Resolutions by the Sumter Chamber of Commerce on the Death of Dr. S. C. Baker.

Whereas, in 1911 Samuel Chandler Baker reorganized this Chamber of Commerce and acted as its president for the years 1912 and 1913, and through his efforts placed it on a practical and permanent basis, making it what it should be to our city and county, and

Whereas, Having answered the call of his country in this hour of its stress, he has now been taken by an all-wise Providence from within our midst, therefore

Be it Resolved, By the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, that in the loss of Dr. S. C. Baker, our body and our community has lost a most valued member, and that the nation has lost a gallant and devoted son, and further:

Be it Resolved, That the heart felt sympathies of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce be extended to the loved ones through a copy of these resolutions; that these be printed in our local press; that they be spread upon our minutes, and that a page in our minute book be dedicated to his memory.

W. Percy Smith,
Enamett I. Reardon,
Herbert A. Moses,
Committee

BIG GUN DISCOVERED.

Bombardment by French Artillery and Airplanes Make Its Use Difficult.

Paris, April 9.—French aviators have discovered the location of the big gun with which the Germans are shelling Paris. Bombardment by the French artillery airplanes has made handling the piece difficult. The gun is mounted at Crepy Enlaonnis, near the road from Laferre to Laon.

ENGLISH PARLIAMENT RE-ASSEMBLES.

Two Important Questions to Decide Raising the Military Age Limit, and Irish Government.

London, April 9.—Parliament re-assembled today after the Easter recess with two questions of great importance upon its hands. First is the new military service bill which raises the age limit eight years. The second is another attempt to deal with the problem of government for Ireland. Lloyd George will make the opening speech and will expound the military situation which confronts the nation.

BUY LIBERTY BONDS.

Secretary McAdoo Calls on Twenty Million Americans to Show Patriotism.

Washington, April 9.—Secretary McAdoo, in a statement wired from Raleigh and given out at the treasury here today, called on the country to furnish twenty million subscribers to the new Liberty Loan. That number of purchasers would mean a loan of four to five billions, he said. "There is no answer that would carry such discouragement to the enemies of America and civilization."

RED CROSS NOTES.

Surgical Dressings Department.

In spite of the inclement weather, there have been many workers in the surgical dressings work room. A box of miscellaneous dressings, made while Miss Smith was here, has already been sent to Red Cross headquarters in Atlanta, and if the work keeps up as it has begun, the quota of 1,500 pads will soon be filled. Remember: the workroom is open from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. and from 4 P. M. to 7 P. M. and that every spare moment you give to it is appreciated. Workers are requested to wear large sleeved aprons and white squares of cloth for caps.

Just as soon as 10 or more ladies register at headquarters, an afternoon class will be formed. This class will be taught by Miss Mabel Booth and Miss Hassie Parrott, graduate instructors in Surgical Dressings, and will charge a fee of \$1.50. Such a class should appeal to teachers and other ladies who are perhaps too busy to attend morning classes.

Colored Auxiliary.

The Kendall Institute has formed a Red Cross Auxiliary with a membership of 20. Besides the many garments that have been made, \$5 was turned over to the local chapter.

King George V Expresses His Opinion of the Red Cross.

That the American Red Cross is the greatest existing boon to humanity and one of the most marvelous of all American achievements is the opinion of King George V of England, as expressed in an interview with Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross War Council, who is now in England.

The appropriation of \$1,000,000 which was made last October by the Red Cross for work in England, he went on to say, aroused the enthusiasm of the whole nation, coming as it did, not from the government, but as a gift from the American people. He also declared that one of the most amazing things of the war was the fact that the American Red Cross had raised \$100,000,000 in one week, when the British Red Cross had succeeded in raising only \$50,000,000 during the entire period of the war.

The American Red Cross in France.

The American Red Cross has divided among the "departments" of France five millions of francs to aid the soldier families which have suffered most grievously in the war. To say that the French nation has been touched to its heart is no exaggeration.

Confederate Reunion.

General Orders No. 1, Series of 1913. Another of the cities of the western part of the State has invited the members of South Carolina Division to be its guests, surely this part of South Carolina is appreciative of her son who battled for her in the long ago.

The State Re-union will be held this year at Abbeville, S. C., May 7th and 8th.

The annual oration will be delivered by General M. L. Bonham of Anderson, S. C.

The Sponsor for the Division this year is Miss Sara Calhoun Haskell of the re-union city, the Maid of Honor, Miss Lucia Featherstone of Rock Hill, S. C., and the Matron of Honor Mrs. Samuel Reid of Abbeville, S. C.

Application for entertainment should be made to Hon. C. C. Gambrell, Mayor of Abbeville.

The Camps are urged to make their reports and remit the dues (5c per member) to the Chief of Staff, Col. S. E. Welch, 77 Market Street, Charleston, S. C.

The railroads of the State have been requested through the Railroad Commissioner to make the usual reduced rates for Veterans.

Let every Confederate soldier attend the Re-union and thus show to our hosts our regard for the kindly spirit that has prompted their generous and hospitable invitation.

Commanders of Camps are requested to remit their dues for the general organization (10c per member) as early as possible to Gen. Wm. E. Mickle, Adjutant General, U. C. V., New Orleans, La.

B. H. TEAGUE,
Major General, South Carolina Division.
Official: S. E. Welch, Adjutant General, Chief of Staff.
Allen, S. C., April 1, 1918.

FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC.

Unfounded Rumor of Great American Achievement Sets All London Talking.

London, April 9.—All London is talking today of the latest war rumor—the landing in England last night of an American airplane after a non-stop flight from New York with twelve passengers. The authorities declare that there is no basis for the story. According to the popular version this is the "big surprise" Premier Lloyd-George said last week the Americans would soon give Germany.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE AT NOYON.

Violent Artillery Fighting Between Montdidier and Noyon.

Paris, April 9.—Violent artillery fighting occurred last night at various points north of Montdidier, and between Montdidier and Noyon, it was announced officially. No infantry action developed.

The French advanced troops south of the Oise River withdrew to prepared positions southwest of the lower forest of Councy and south of Councy and Lechateau. The statement says the Germans were kept constantly under French artillery fire and suffered heavy losses. Two German raids northwest of Rheims were repulsed.

AMERICANS ATTACK GERMANS.

One German Killed in Raid and No Americans Injured.

With the American Army in France. Monday, April 8.—American outposts in the Lorraine sector attacked a German patrol this morning, and killed one of the enemy party. They dragged the body into the enemy trenches for identification. There were no American casualties.

SHRINERS BUY BONDS.

Nobles of Georgia, Florida and Alabama Take \$100,000.

Macon, April 9.—Shriners from Georgia, Florida and Alabama, assembled here for the opening ceremonial, yesterday subscribed one hundred thousand dollars for Liberty Bonds. They held a huge masquerade ball on the streets last night, which was attended by record breaking crowds.

AVIATION CADET KILLED.

Two Machines Crashed Together in Air.

Dallas, Texas, April 9.—Cadet John Insinger, of Colorado, was killed at Love field today when two machines crashed together five hundred feet in the air.

LOAN TO GREECE.

United States Will Advance Forty-Four Millions Soon.

Washington, April 9.—Greece will receive a loan of forty-four millions from the United States soon. The Greek parliament has passed the necessary authorizing legislation, it is announced.

TAMPA BAKER ARRESTED.

Charged With Putting Glass in Bread.

Tampa, April 9.—Frank Hallen, the proprietor of a large bakery and four negro employees were arrested today charged with violating the State pure food act, based on the alleged finding of glass in bread baked in Hallen's shop.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Charlie Chaplin to Speak For Liberty Bonds.

Charlie Chaplin, the celebrated movie actor, will speak for the Liberty Loan in Sumter on the evening of April 15th. The date for Mr. Chaplin's appearance has been definitely fixed in a communication sent to the State Council for Defense from the National Council for Defense at Washington.

The local committee in charge of putting through the Third Liberty Loan in Sumter in connection with the local members of the State Council for Defense and of the Sumter County Council, are looking forward to the occasion, and propose to make it one of the most successful meetings of the many to be held in this State in connection with the Third Liberty Loan drive.

The Liberty Loan Committees are hard at work and the goal of \$500,000 in subscriptions for Sumter county will be attained and probably exceeded. There are thousands of men and women, boys and girls in Sumter county who can, but have not yet bought a bond.

Every person who is able to own and use an automobile is able to buy Liberty Bonds—and automobiles are luxuries, while Liberty Bonds are a necessity.

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NORTH AND SOUTH TOURNAMENT.

Robert Shelor One of the Leading Trio at Pinehurst, N. C.

Pinehurst, N. C., April 9.—The Southern team led the Yankees at the end of the first day's shooting in the first annual North and South amateur trap shooting tournament at Pinehurst today. The three leading scores among these Southern guns aggregated 411 out of 450, as against 466 for the three guns from the North.

T. T. Todd, of Greenville, at 140, with J. D. Allen, of Charlotte also 140, and Robert Shelor, of Sumter, S. C., 131, comprise the three leading Southern trio present. The final 50 in the sectional race and the North and South handicap will both be shot off tomorrow, bringing the tournament to a close.

Washington, April 9.—Railroad publicity and advertising in future must be limited to information needed by the public under orders issued today by Director General McAdoo.

BOLO MAKES REVELATIONS.

Convicted Traitor Gives Important Evidence to French Government.

Paris, April 9.—Revelations of the highest importance are said to have been made by Bolo Pasha, who is under sentence of death for treason and to whom a reprieve was granted yesterday.

Every Liberty Loan advertisement in the newspaper is an argument for loyalty and a blow against the Huns.



Lend Him a Hand

Your hand—my hand—

Every hand in the land stretched out to help him to VICTORY! That is the way that America is going to win this war. It is the only way she can win it.

We are fighting a United German people. Until every American is backing the boys in the trenches, until every hand in the land is stretched out to help, we cannot expect our army to defeat the German armies strengthened by the toil and sacrifice of the one hundred and fifty million people of Germany and her allies.

This is a war of national resources, and every one must add his share to America's fighting strength if we are to make our superior resources count. Every hand in the land must be stretched out to help our boys if we would send them over the top to early and certain victory.

Save for the Third Liberty Loan. Invest in the Third Liberty Loan. That is the way to lend a hand. That is the way to make a nation invincible for freedom and justice.

Every bond bought now is a direct fighting aid to this boy in the trenches in France.

Lend Him a Hand

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