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OUTCOME OF WAR MAY TURN ON AMERICAN SHIP YARDS

Allies Shipping Being Swept From the Sea by Submarines at Amazing Speed. Efforts to Block U.S. Yards Detected

By International News Service.
Washington, May 2.—The amazing increases in the destruction of Allied shipping by German submarines has revolutionized the government's shipping plans and brought into play every possible factor the nation can employ to make the American merchant marine the greatest single force in winning the war.
Sensational developments, disclosed tonight by the United States Shipping Board, showed that Alien influences are endeavoring to glut the shippers with slow contracts to impede the nation's building program.
The National defense heads, astounded at the activities of private concerns, seeking to engage the principal yards for work on foreign account, decided tonight upon action of the most drastic character by Congress to vest the President with security.
Plans to give the President power to bring the yards to their greatest state of productiveness through legislative action are being whipped into shape tonight, at the President's expressed direction. Such bills will be introduced Friday.
Instead of one thousand wooden ships as at first planned, the government may construct double or triple that number.
Secretary Lane told the governors conferring here today with the national defense on the

HOMES RAIDED, BIG BOOTY SECURED

THIEVES TAKE \$2,000 IN JEWELS FROM ORR RESIDENCE

FORMER EMPLOYE IS SOUGHT

Esplanade Resident Robbed of \$2,000 Worth of Old Coins, Clothing and Cut Glass
Two robberies, amounting to \$2,500, were reported to the police yesterday. No arrests have been made, but suspects are under surveillance.
The victims were Alexander B. Orr, 7307 St. Charles street, whose loss is \$1,955 worth of jewelry, and Mrs. Frank Barry, 3331 Esplanade avenue. Her store room at the Old Country club, Bayou St. John and Esplanade avenue, was broken into and robbed of old coins, cut glass and clothing valued at \$596.
Mr. Orr told the police a thief entered his residence, apparently by means of a false key, and stole the jewelry from a dresser on the second floor. Little difficulty was experienced in opening the drawer containing the jewelry as a key lay on the mantelpiece conveniently near.

ACCIDENT ENDS LIFE OF GRAVOIS

WASHINGTON ARTILLERY CREW SHOT BY OWN WEAPON

SHOWING FRIEND PISTOL DRILL

When Accidental Bullet Penetrated Heart—Died Almost Instantly in Mother's Arms
By a trick of fate, the life of Louis E. Gravois, 17, 3007 Dauphine street, which he would have willingly sacrificed for his country upon the battlefield, was snuffed out yesterday in his own home amid peaceful surroundings.
Although quite young, Louis was patriotic and answered the call of his country by enlisting in the National Guard. Yesterday morning, only a few minutes before he was to leave for his uniform, he demonstrated to a friend how soldiers use revolvers and was accidentally shot, the police say. The bullet pierced his left breast, causing almost instantaneous death.
"Mother, I have been shot," the wounded boy cried as he fell near the rear yard and dropped at his mother's feet. "I am dying. I—"

NATIONAL GUARD UNITS TO BE FIRST ON FRENCH WAR FRONT

May Be Dispatched and in France Within Thirty Days, Washington Says—Definite Plans Laid at Conference Yesterday Between the President and Marshal Joffre

By International News Service.
Washington, May 2.—President Wilson and General Joffre conferred today regarding the sending of American troops to France.
No announcement was made after the conference, although everything indicated that a small group of American troops, probably drawn from the National Guard, will be sent to France within a month.
This decision was reached on account of the moral effect of having American troops on the western front.
The administration has put aside the objections of the army general staff to sending any troops to the battle front until a big force has been raised and trained for nearly a year, and has decided that for the sake of the moral effect of America's actual participation in the French battling, a small contingent shall go forward as soon as possible. The government is mindful that nearly 500,000 tons of shipping would be required for a regular army unit of 25,000 men, and that this amount would have to be diverted from carrying food.
Both British and French commissioners were enthusiastic over the prospects.
The Senate will probably pass the budget bill, appropriating \$2,800,000,000, before the end of the week. The bill passed the House today.
The Federal reserve banks tomorrow will begin receiving subscriptions to the government bond issue.

HOME BUILDERS MEET TOMORROW

ANNUAL MEETING HERE OF THE STATE HOMESTEAD LEAGUE

INTERESTING 2-DAYS SESSION

Addresses on Topics of Great Importance To Be Delivered—Large Attendance Is Forecast
The Louisiana League of Homestead and Building and Loan Associations will meet tomorrow morning at the St. Charles Hotel for a two days' annual session. Increasing interest is taken over the State of Louisiana in the work of the homestead associations, and it is expected that every association in the state will be represented. As an agency for building homes and providing investment for small savings, their work has long been recognized in New Orleans, and their popularity increases year by year in the country parishes.
At the opening of the session at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning the usual addresses of welcome will be delivered and replied to, and then the league will get down to routine business. The president, secretary and treasurer will make their annual reports. These reports will be read by the following: Delegate to United States League, W. G. Weeks; legislative committee, Charles F. Buck; publicity committee, A. F. Livaudais. A credentials committee will be named to report immediately after lunch.
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POLICE CAPTURE 19 IN "CRAPS" RAID

Eleven did not follow seven, but the police did yesterday afternoon when an exciting game of "craps" in the saloon of Victor Carrano, 636 South Rampart street, was unceremoniously interfered with and 19 arrests made, including the proprietor. Carrano was charged with allowing gambling on his premises. The others, all negroes, were booked for gambling with dice. The "bones" were confiscated and are being held as evidence.

Captain James Glavin, of the Central station, had been tipped off that a big game was in progress at the South Rampart street saloon and sent Patrolmen Greud, Roach and McNamara there to do their duty. They did.

As they approached, police say, the officers saw a negro "lookout" on the outside of the saloon press a button on the wall. It was a light signal, warning those within of the approach of the police.

But the policemen were too quick. They rushed into the place and before the dazed players could recover their senses had every exit guarded and obliged them to submit to arrest at the point of guns.

RINTELEN WAS AN ARCH PLOTTER

New York, May 2.—Startling disclosures, showing to what extent Franz Rintelen and his co-defendants plotted in pro-German activities, were made at the trial of Rintelen in the Federal court today.

It was shown that Rintelen was ready to go to any extreme to prevent the shipment of munitions. He worked for war with Mexico; boasted that Japan was aligned against the United States, and asserted that the war would be won on American soil.

John Hammond testified that Rintelen promised him \$25,000 to conduct an advertising campaign and paid between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Samuel Gompers was one of the main witnesses.