

RAPID PROGRESS IN OUTPUT OF AMERICAN GUNS

U. S. Army Munition Plants
Turning Out Quantity of
Guns for Men Overseas.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—In an informal summary of the army munitions situation today Assistant Secretary Crowell, Director of Munitions, indicated that rapid progress was being made in the production of rifles, machine guns and some types of artillery. In a majority of the 24 plants at work on artillery contracts, however, he said, the flow of manufacture had not yet reached the production stage.

The output of 155-millimetre howitzers is an exception to this rule, approximately 250 weapons of this caliber having been shipped to France.

Mr. Crowell pointed out that the Bethlehem Steel company was the only experienced ordnance manufacturing concern at work, 19 others being wholly new to this industry. In all of them, however, the raw material is being steadily fed in at one end of the plant and the time is nearing when it will emerge at the opposite end in completing guns of all sizes.

In this connection Mr. Crowell said the new government plant on Neville Island, near Pittsburgh, was designed for the manufacture of largest caliber high-power guns only, and will turn out nothing smaller than 14-inch rifles. The contract made with the United States Steel Corporation, which is erecting and will operate the plant for the government without profit for the company, contemplates an expenditure of \$150,000,000 on this project alone. The plant has a ground area of 1,600 acres in addition to large housing projects for the employees. 9,000 Brownings a Month.

The flow of Browning machine guns from the plants is increasing rapidly. From 6,000 to 7,000 heavy and from 8,000 to 9,000 light Brownings per month are being delivered, Mr. Crowell said, or enough to meet all requirements in France. Later on it will be possible to supply large numbers of these weapons for training in the United States.

So far no report has come showing that divisions equipped with the Browning guns have been in action, but such reports cannot long be delayed, for a large part of the army in France is now supplied with these weapons.

The output of artillery tractors has reached about 1,200 a month. Mr. Crowell's figures showed. He regarded it as still far below the rate of production desired.

There is no shortage of powder and no shortage whatever in Quartermaster's supplies. The rifle production, Mr. Crowell said, is steady at about 200,000 a month and the output of revolvers and pistols ranges from 50,000 to 60,000 a month, which it is expected will be largely increased within another 60 days.

The Assistant Secretary would attempt no estimate upon the relative strength in artillery between the allied and American forces and the Germans which the completion of American projects would give. He said, however, that it seemed evident that the American troops or the allied forces would be able to make good use of all the guns that could be turned out and shipped.

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September 25, 26, 27!

English Girls Marry U. S. Soldiers Serving Overseas

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN ENGLAND, Sept. 4.—When the American army returns to the United States there will go with it, or at about that time, many women who, though British born, have become American citizens. They have married American soldiers and the indications are that their example will be followed by many others.

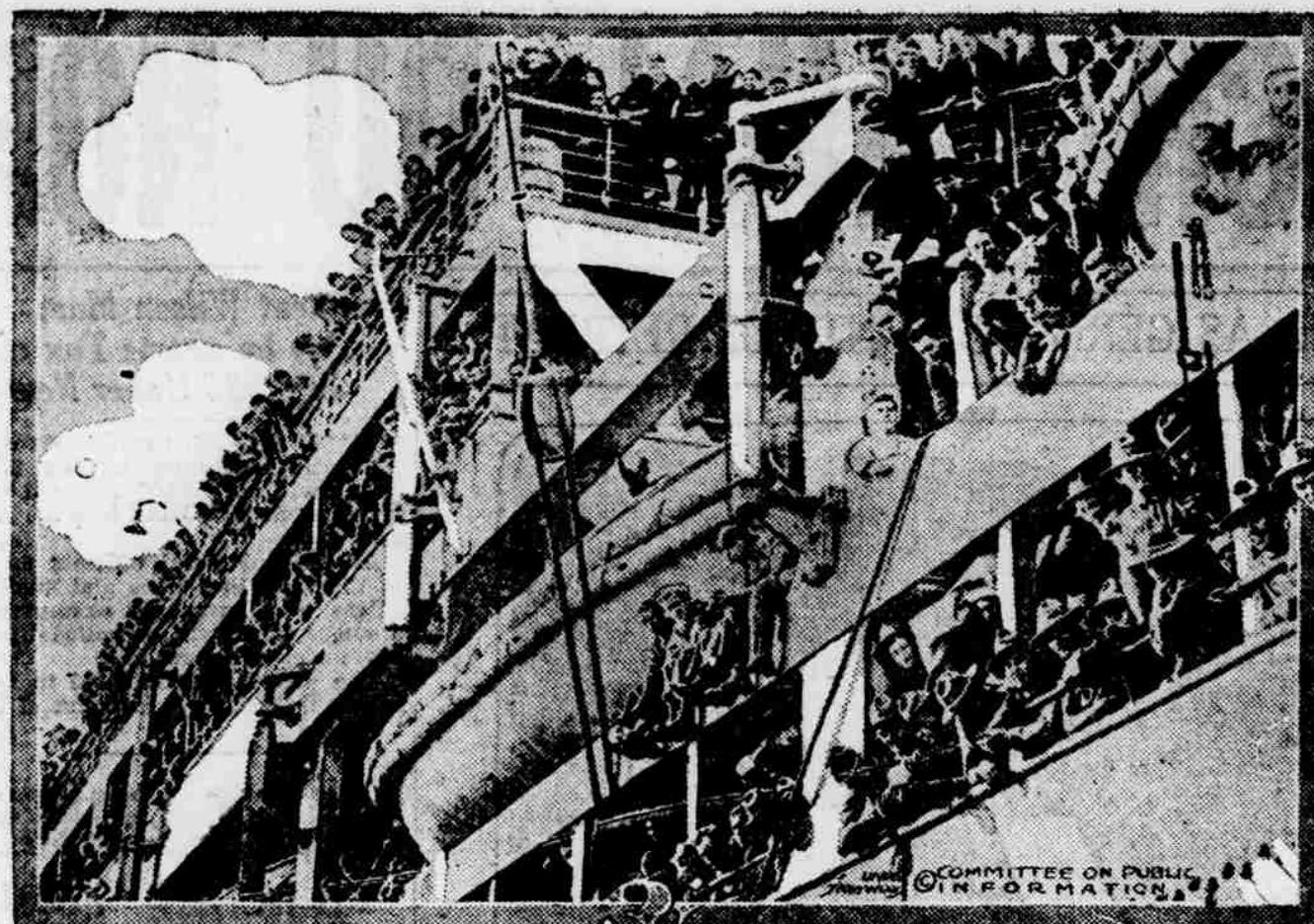
Marriage of men while in the service is not regarded with favor either by the war department or by officers at headquarters in England but consent to a wedding has been given in more than one camp.

So far the marriages have been between the English girls and the enlisted men, and in some cases the bride has worn the uniform of one of the many women's auxiliary corps of the British army. In such cases the girl has continued in the service of her country and the goodbyes when orders have come for moving have included the expression of the hope that they may "see each other in France."

PHYSICIAN ENTERS SERVICE.

EATON, O., Sept. 4.—Dr. J. I. Nisbet, local physician, has gone to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., to report for duty in the medical division of the army. He has been commissioned a Lieutenant.

ALL OFF! NOW FOR A CHANCE AT THE KAISER



Transport load of American soldiers arriving at France

These American soldiers are having their first glimpse of France and the heroic folk of that nation. On board a former Hamburg-American liner these U. S. boys have just arrived at France. They are happy in the thought that they're going to get their chance at the front soon.

APPOINTS WOMEN LOAN WORKERS

Mrs. Charles Druitt, chairman of the Woman's section of the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign has announced her township chairmen as follows:

Abington, Mrs. Charles J. Kauffman; Boston, Mrs. Lewis Beeson; Center, Mrs. Nelson Carlson; Clay, Mrs. Marion Meyers; Dalton, Mrs. Cora Thornburgh.

Franklin, Mrs. Ed Saxton; Greene, Mrs. L. I. Cranor; Harrison, Mrs. L. D. Daugherty; Jackson, Mrs. F. W. Marson; Jefferson, Mrs. Frank Mason; New Garden, Mrs. Lloyd Pyle; Perry, Mrs. Charles Morrison; Washington, Mrs. Wallace Warren; Webster, Mrs. Joe Thompson.

Wayne, Mrs. Richard Smelser, Mrs. Forest Meek, Mrs. C. D. Shideler, Mrs. Will Barton, Mrs. Cutler, Mrs. Frank Raper, Miss Lena Hiatt.

MASS MEETING OF WORKMEN TONIGHT

A mass meeting will be held Wednesday evening at Vaughn hall for all union and non-union wage earners in the City of Richmond. The report of the General Wage Conference committee, composed of men from each manufacturing plant in the city.

This committee had a meeting Tuesday night and the report which will be submitted will show that nothing has been accomplished so far by peaceful negotiations.

The Metal Polishers met Tuesday evening to perfect their organization. As the work was not completed they will meet again Thursday night.

The shop painters will meet Friday evening at Lukens' hall to perfect their organization.

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RICHMOND MUST GIVE \$900,000 TO FOURTH LOAN

Wayne Township's Quota is \$1,187,150 — Plans for Campaign Well Under Way.

At a meeting of the Wayne county Liberty Loan committee yesterday afternoon, the quotas for each of the fifteen townships in Wayne county were announced. Each township chairman has received the notice of the quota for his township and plans are now well under way for the canvass of the entire county on September 25, 26 and 27.

The townships' quotas have been based on the taxable wealth of each, which is the only available index to a township's ability to purchase Liberty Bonds. Under this distribution of the county's quota of \$2,000,000, Wayne township in which Richmond is located and which has more than one-half of the taxable wealth of the county will be called on to sell Liberty bonds in the sum of \$1,187,150. Of this sum approximately \$900,000 is the quota for Richmond alone, the remainder being for the township outside of the city. The township quotas follow:

Abington Township	39,747
Boston Township	59,459
Center Township	142,859
Clay Township	53,765
Dalton Township	22,095
Franklin Township	58,209
Green Township	65,712
Harrison Township	24,052
Jackson Township	182,489
Jefferson Township	112,984
New Garden Township	60,975
Perry Township	37,929
Webster Township	1,592
Washington Township	100,676
Wayne Township	1,187,150

The county committee yesterday discussed arrangements for the county mass meeting to be held in Richmond on the night of September 24, on which occasion Mayor Charles W. Jewett, of Indianapolis, will make the principal address. Charles W. Jordan, chairman of the speakers' bureau for Wayne county will be in charge of this meeting and his assignment of committees to look after details will be announced in a few days.

The mass meeting will be preceded by a service flag parade which has been placed under the direction of L. A. Handley. Probably this feature of the Liberty Loan celebration will be the most unique as well as impressive that the county has ever seen. The marchers will be limited absolutely to the close relatives of men in the service, those overseas and in the various cantonments. The parents, grand-

FINISH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements which have been made at the High school have progressed slowly during the summer vacation, but will be completed by the end of the week, according to A. L. Dingley, who is in charge of the work.

David Rost Takes Place With Fleet Corporation

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