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Navy Was Prepared and Waiting in 1917 When War Was Declared, Says Writer in New Service Publication

Much of the bitterest criticism made against the Administration during the war was directed toward the apparent state of unpreparedness in which the country found itself when Congress decided that the American boys were to be sent "over there" to join the allied battle line. The knowledge that we were in reality not as completely taken unawares as most of us were led to believe may come as startling news to those who have been indulging in wholesale criticism of the government.

Advance sheets of a publication issued by the Navy Department, written by Lloyd N. Scott, late captain in the United States Army, who was closely connected with the Naval Consulting Board, tend to show that as far back as 1915 the Navy Department, under the direction of Josephus Daniels, had inaugurated a campaign of naval preparedness the like of which had never before been seen in this country. It was not a campaign of building ships or mobilizing sailors; it was of financing the country and conducting the inventive, scientific and industrial genius of the nation.

The war notes of the President and the answers to them were considered by the far-seeing men behind this work as warnings that war might come at any time. Germany began her program of sinking merchant ships on Feb. 4, 1915, when she issued her formal proclamation that the waters around Great Britain and Ireland were to be considered as part of the war zone. On March 9, 1915, she torpedoed three ships without warning. This was followed by subsequent sinkings, culminating in the Lusitania disaster of May 7, 1915.

Events moved more quickly in the Navy Department than the public was cognizant of. On July 7, 1915, Secretary Daniels took the first step toward organizing that branch of the Navy Department which made it possible to render the wonderful protection to the millions of men who were safely ferried over the Atlantic. Here it is made known that it was not by the element of chance or luck that a gigantic task became possible, but the co-operation of brains and the co-ordination of talent which found their realization in listening devices inventions that could detect a submarine's torpedo in sufficient time to give our gunners a chance to defend themselves; in smoke-screen devices allowing the ship to steam against the water behind a cloud of mist which from a distance appeared as a manifestation of natural phenomena, in color and light effects which made the ship a part of the tossing spray and the changing undulating horizon. All this was not done in the short space immediately after the war was declared; it was the result of months and months of experimentation carried on quietly and diligently with the hope that there might be no occasion to use them, but with the knowledge that we could not keep balancing on the fence forever and that some day the limit of our endurance would be reached.

Had Lead of Forty Years. The thing that most impressed itself on the minds of the men who were leading all their efforts in working out an organization which at short notice could draft for war service the leaders of industry and invention was the fact that if indeed we were to be drawn into the struggle it was the army behind the army which would be called upon to render the service which would determine victory. It was well known to them that for forty years Germany had been building up her industrial strength with the one aim in view of preparing herself for mobilization for war purposes at a moment's notice. The almost fiendish adaptability of her plants and factories was the result of continued concentrated effort with the end of war in view.

With a year's experience with this kind of preparedness constantly brought to their attention by the daily dispatches in the newspapers, the men who had been called in to organize the machinery for national industrial preparedness as affecting the mechanical features and elements of a naval program lost no time in completing a powerful organization to make ready for the contingency of war. On Oct. 7, 1915, the organization meeting of the Naval Consulting Board was held at the Navy Department at Washington, D. C. Its personnel consisted of twenty-four men who were considered the leaders of the industry or science they represented. Some idea of the types of work they did can be gained from the names of the societies or organizations from which they were hailed. These were the American Chemical Society, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the American Mathematical Society, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Aeronautical Society, the Inventors' Guild, the American Society of Automotive Engineers, the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the American Electromechanical Society, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the

American Society of Aeronautical Engineers and the War Committee of Technical Societies. Thomas A. Edison was elected chairman of the committee.

The men chosen to sit on the committee were not only authorities of the science or industry which they represented, but what was equally important, they were in a position to bring into play their influence in turning the peacetime industries into war industries at short notice.

Shortly after the Naval Consulting Board began functioning, a committee on Production, Organization, Manufacture and Standardization, later called the Industrial Preparedness Committee, was organized. This was in December, 1915.

Their purpose, as outlined by Mr. Scott, was: "1. To give accurate statistics as to the resources of the country for the production of war materials; 2. To evolve a plan through which the mills and factories could receive educational orders for war material for which their plants were suited; and 3. To get accurate information as to the number of skilled men employed who should be retained in the industry in the event of hostilities.

The upshot of this was that before very long the Industrial Preparedness Committee had not only become a card index for the names of men who were experts and specialists in important mechanical work of every sort, but was besides a clearing house for information of every phase of industrial endeavor of the nation which could in any way be connected with war work of any kind.

Council Takes Charge. War was declared, and the work of industrial preparedness initiated by the Naval Consulting Board was taken over by the Council of National Defense, which was created by an act of Congress in August, 1916. Mr. Howard E. Coffin was retained as chairman.

Believed of this work, the Naval Consulting Board now turned most of its attention to the invention and improvement of warfare devices. Our soldiers and sailors were crossing the ocean, and they were in danger of being attacked. The work of the board was to reduce the danger to their lives to a minimum by inducing into war service the inventive mind of the country.

A special problems committee and a naval laboratory were organized for the purpose of maintaining a centralized clearing house to which all problems, inventions and ideas could be submitted. The big inventive brains of the country were at the head of it. The less known and the least known inventors and scientists were card catalogued and indexed, so that they might be called in for consultation on any special problem where they might lend assistance. In addition to this, it was widely circulated among all men interested in developing devices of any sort that this bureau had been organized, and that all who had anything valuable to submit would be given a hearing.

The inventions submitted by public, which means by those inventors who were not immediately connected with the board nor called into consultation by them, amounted to some 100,000. They were classified into the various branches of warfare which they were intended to improve. Some idea of their scope can be gained from a part classification of 30,000 of these: 407 were concerned with submarine improvements, 1886 with bombs, 99 with methods of camouflage, 814 with life-saving devices, 913 with nets, 592 with periscopes, 751 with torpedo deflectors, 3996 with aircraft devices. Of the total number that were submitted by the public, it may be interesting to note that only 119 were considered of sufficient value to be considered by the committee of experts. Of these 119, was put into production.

Several others were considered valuable enough to be similarly dealt with, but the cessation of hostilities eliminated any need for them.

Un Changement pour le mieux

ET DES DOULEURS AUX COTES SOULAGEES EN PRENANT DU CARDUI, LE TONIQUE DE LA FEMME, DIT UNE DAME DU TEXAS.

Kemp, Texas.—Mme Minnie Cheek de cette ville, écrit: "Je souffrais de douleurs aux côtes, et parfois ne pouvais rester debout. Je ne pouvais pas faire mon ouvrage. Je faisais que ce qu'il fallait qu'il soit fait. J'avais un médecin qui me donna des médicaments, qui ne me firent aucun bien, et il me conseilla une opération. J'avais en ce sujet de Cardui dans l'Almanach de l'Anniversaire des Dames, alors je me suis décidée à en prendre. Après avoir pris une bouteille je me sentis mieux. Je pris 9 ou 10 bouteilles, et depuis je suis parfaitement bien.

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Société Française de Bienfaisance et d'Assistance Mutuelle de la Nouvelle-Orléans, organisée le 14 mars 1843. Local de la société, 1820 Ste. Anne. Officiers: Président, J. M. Vergnolle; Vice-Président, François Bidstein; Secrétaire, A. J. Bonnier; Trésorier, William Gomez. Séances le 1er et 3ème jeudi de chaque mois, au local de la société.

L'Union Française, fondée le 12 octobre 1872. Local de la société, 924 Rue des Remparts. (Ecole gratuite pour filles.) Officiers: Président, Emile J. Euyeur; Vice-Président, F. Surmerly; Secrétaire, René F. Clerc. Séances le 1er mercredi de chaque mois, au local de la société.

Société des Bouchers, organisée en 1808, incorporée le 17 octobre 1867. Officiers: Président, Sylvain Dumestre; Vice-Président, Maurice Cazabonne; Secrétaire, Paul Vauderhorre. Séances le 1er jeudi de chaque mois, chez Laudumy & Cie, 112 Rue des Remparts.

Société d'Assistance et de Bienfaisance Mutuelle de St. Maurice, organisée le 20 janvier 1871. (Fête anniversaire le 22 septembre.) Officiers: Président, Emile J. Naudou; Premier Vice-Président, Mateaux; Secrétaire, Deuixième Vice-Président J. P. Nunez; Trésorier, Nemours H. Nunez, Jr. Réunions générales le dernier jeudi de chaque mois. Salle de réceptions au coin des rues Chartres et Charbonnet.

L'Athénée Louisianais, organisé le 12 janvier 1876. Officiers: Président, Bussière Rouen; Premier Vice-Président, Edgar Grima; Deuxième Vice-Président, Charles F. Claiborne; Secrétaire, Lionel C. Durel; Assistant-Secrétaire, André Lafargue. Jours de réunions fixes par le comité du Président, Banque Hibernia.

La Société Protectrice des Laitiers, organisée en 1879. Incorporée en 1917. Officiers: Président, John Bordes; Vice-Président, N. Charouchez F. Lauoumy & Cie., 112 Rue Jean; Secrétaire, F. E. Fagot; Trésorier, P. Cazalot. Séances le troisième mercredi de chaque mois, au local premier lundi de chaque mois, de la société.

Local des réunions au coin des rues Dryades et Poydras.
La Société de 14 Juillet, incorporée le 25 avril 1890. (Ecole gratuite pour garçons.) Local de la société, au coin des rues Esplanade et Bourbon. Officiers: Président, F. Bidstein; Premier Vice-Président, Charles D. Fouché; Deuxième Vice-Président, H. Dalzies; Secrétaire, Adrien Daste; Trésorier, L. F. Martin. Séances le 3ème vendredi de chaque mois, au local de la société.

Les Enfants de la France, fondée en septembre, 1891. Local social, 710 Avenue de l'Esplanade. Officiers: Président, J. A. Buisson; Premier Vice-Président, J. Labourdelle; Deuxième Vice-Président, L. Fournier; Trésorier, J. Darrière; Secrétaire aux finances, H. J. Mathé. Séances le deuxième mardi de chaque mois, au local de la société.

L'Alliance Franco-Louisianaise, fondée le 16 octobre, 1908. Officiers: Président, J. M. Vergnolle; Vice-Président, Emile Euyeur; Secrétaire, André Lafargue, 407 Rue Canondelet. Local des réunions, l'Union Française, 928 Rue de Remparts, le deuxième samedi de chaque mois à 8 heures p. m.

Le Secours à la France, fondée en août 1916. Local social, 740 Avenue de l'Esplanade. Officiers: Président, J. A. Buisson; Premier Vice-Président, L. A. Maurin; Deuxième Vice-Président, J. Darrière; Trésorier, Mlle Amélie Pujof; Secrétaire, Mlle M. Despoux. Réunions générales le dernier vendredi de chaque mois, au local de la société.

Société de Secours Mutuels la France, fondée le 16 avril 1891. Officiers: M. le Consul de France Président d'Honneur; Président, H. J. Preau; Vice-Président, F. Laudoumy; Secrétaire, J. Seris; Trésorier, A. Gaillard. Local social, chez F. Lauoumy & Cie., 112 Rue Jean; Secrétaire, F. E. Fagot; Trésorier, P. Cazalot. Séances le troisième mercredi de chaque mois, au local premier lundi de chaque mois, de la société.

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RESUME DU RAPPORT ANNUEL DE LA
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POUR L'ANNEE TERMINANT LE 31 DECEMBRE 1919.
RESOURCES

Du par d'autres compagnies pour pertes ou réclamations sur polices d'assurance	22,500.00
Biens immeubles	72,500.00
Biens inclus dans la réserve	2,400.00
Emprunts assurés	21,200.00
Bons et actions possédés (évaluation de la bourse)	22,500.00
Argent en caisse	12,500.00
Primes en cours de collection, ou collectées et pas rapportées	22,500.00
Intérêts et loyers dus et à recevoir	600.00
Primes d'assurance sur la vie non gagnées	473.81
Autres ressources	5,500.00
Total	\$108,563.81

RESPONSABILITES

Assurance et rentes annuelles en réserve	\$156,527.09
Montants dus sur polices d'assurance et contrats de police	6,582.00
Primes d'assurance, loyers et intérêts payés	2,234.12
Items divers (Capital et Surplus inclus)	22,349.12
Total	\$187,692.33

RECETTES

Primes d'assurance—Nouveilles affaires	\$ 97,734.84
Primes d'assurance—Renouveils	86,314.87
Total reçu des détenteurs des polices	184,049.71
Intérêts, dividendes et loyers	22,500.00
Autre argent reçu	2,119.16
Total des recettes	\$208,723.67

DEBORSMENTS

Réclamations à cause de décès	\$ 23,250.09
Four valeurs réduites	8,594.10
Total payé aux détenteurs de contrats et de polices d'assurance	\$31,844.19
Pour les frais des affaires courantes	147,240.28
Total débours	\$179,084.47
Gain net	\$29,639.20

LISTES DES PROFITS ET DES PERTES

Surplus, 31 décembre, année précédente	7,002.57
Total des pertes pour compte des assurances pendant l'année	28,705.89
Total (gain) pour compte d'argent investi pendant l'année	66,641.60
Surplus à la fin de l'année	\$44,939.28
*Comprenant \$25.25 pertes, montant pas rendu.	

BIENS IMMEUBLES POSSEDES.

Montant des hypothèques	\$ 42,500.00
Coût actuel	82,500.00
Valeur sur les livres le 31 décembre 1919	42,500.00
Valeur sur le marché	22,500.00
Revenu en gros, 1919	2,500.00
Revenu net	14,000.00
Valeur en livres de l'assurance occupée par la compagnie, 1919	1,500.00
Hypothèques foncières appartenant à la compagnie	80,450.25
Emprunts existant le 31 décembre 1919, liquidés en 1919	2,200.00

BALANCE IN EACH DEPOSITORY AT END OF YEAR

Names of banks and month of year selected	
American National, Beaumont, Dec. 31	\$12,500.00
Crowley Bank and Trust Company, Crowley, La	15,000.00
Denison Bank and Trust Company, Denison, Texas	15,000.00
Farmers and Merchants National, Childress	15,000.00
Farmers and Merchants National, Nacogdoches	15,000.00
Farmers State, Odell	15,000.00
First Guaranty State, Oklahoma	15,000.00
First National, Orange	15,000.00
First State, Kitzland	15,000.00
First State, Teal	15,000.00
Guarantee State, Chillicothe	15,000.00
Herring National, Vernon	15,000.00
Texas Bank and Trust Company, Beaumont, Texas	15,000.00

RECELVATIONS A CAUSE DE DECES (CONTRATS ET PERTES)

Nombre de personnes, 1; montant recomb., \$100,000; montant payé, pas reçu (premier cas de suicide)	\$12,500.00
Nombre de personnes, 5; montant payé	\$12,500.00
Dépenses pour frais de cour, 1919 (davantage reçu un salaire)	\$1,250.00

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