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- In the Quarnaro shipyards the construction of MAS boats for the Yugoslav Navy has begun. The work, however, is going very slowly because of the lack of skilled workers. Despite frequent visits of technicians (presumably Russian), the work in the Lussimpiccolo shipyards alone, where construction on 16 MAS boats has been started, will not be finished within a year.
- 2. The last call-up to arms of personnel was in the 1920-28 classes; the 1908-20 classes have begun to receive medical check-ups.
- 3. Coastal patrolling has been intensified in view of the numerous clandestine expatriations. The patrolling of the waters in the vicinity of Lussino is controlled by one MAS boat and four motor boats.
- 4. A "representative of the unified syndicate", acting as a political commissar, has been placed on board merchant ships.

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