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Making Shipbuilding Permanent.

The reason orders have been cancelled for a large amount of wooden ship construction is because these are not the best type of craft for sea traffic of any kind. Wooden ships have been built for the reason that the country was confronted by an emergency which required rapid provision for ships, both in the way of construction and because the tonnage was needed at the earliest possible date. A wooden ship is a makeshift as compared to a ship constructed of steel, and the government can now take more time and get the benefit of a more substantial and useful product, even if it does require more time.

For a solid, substantial merchant marine wooden vessels will never fully fill the bill. The construction of this class of vessels, while a necessity in war times, is now a waste.

America in Not Much Danger.

The little demonstration in New York looms up like a beacon light that America's ship of state is not going to founder on the rocks of anarchy and Bolshevism. The stars and stripes as an emblem of liberty and equality is not going to be supplanted by the red flag of unbridled license—not in this country.

While no one approves mob violence or anything of that nature, the indignation of the soldiers and sailors and marines can well be condoned since it stood for the honor and protection of the flag.

The red-ragger hates a soldier by instinct; they hate the flag and everything it stands for because they have an abnormal and abominable idea as to just what liberty and equality mean. They have less regard than information as to the class differences in the United States and their efforts to become a dominant force in this country will meet with much more drastic handling than that meted out by the soldiers, sailors and marines. There are about four million of men belonging to the United States and about half of these have been through the experience of enacting by force the application of the principles for which the American flag, and not the red rag, stands.

The country is in little danger of Bolshevism at any hazard and it will be much more secure from any threatening outbreak in that direction when the others come home.

Open Up the Cables!

Some reasons are given by Postmaster General Bursleson for the government's assumption of control of the marine cable lines after the war has been ended, and "many other reasons" are held back. The stated reasons are chiefly that "the absolute necessity of uninterrupted, continuous communication should be apparent to all," says the New York World.

This implies that all the time

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SCHOOL CHILDREN CLAIM ATTENTION.



since the United States entered the war there has been an interrupted and discontinuous and generally unsatisfactory cable service, and it must accordingly be assumed that this has not been due to the government's censorship control of the American ends of the cables which has prevailed all along. For if government war control had been at fault, then a more general government peace or readjustment control could not easily improve matters.

There has been much complaint. The service has met with constant accusations of interruptions and suppressions and exclusions in the flow of legitimate news from Europe which support very well the indictment implied by the Postmaster General's statement. He can easily dispose of them under the new order of things. Let him open up the cables to a continuous and uninterrupted flow of international public intelligence as given rise to by passing events.

The question of public ownership is not now at issue. That can wait, and it must wait. The issue now is an uninterrupted cable service, and the way to meet all complaints on that score is to open up the wires.

Armageddon.

The last significant campaign of the Crusades took place when, one after another, the Christian strongholds on the edges of the plain of Armageddon were captured by the Saracens army under Saladin. Six hundred years later East and West met on the historic battlefield, when Napoleon Bonaparte was victorious over the Turks, though the victory was at such a great cost that he had to retreat to Acre and give up his ambitious dreams of rivaling Alexander the Great as the conqueror of Asia.

United in Control of Lakes.

The boundary line between the United States and Canada runs through the center of each of the four border lakes that lie along or between the two countries, and jurisdiction over the lakes is shared. There is a permanent international waterways commission, consisting of three Americans and three Canadians, that has control of the use of the waters of the lakes for power and other purposes.

Surely Educational.

Slavin (outside movie theater)—"Wor there any educational films shown, Martin?" Conlin—"Faith an' there wor, Terrence. I learned among other things, how to act towards me butler, how to enter me club properly, an' how to hang me coat and cane on th' ar-m by th' gentlemanly attendant."—Buffalo Express.

Mrs. P. O. Sturcell Tells How She Cured Her Son of a Cold "When my son Ellis was sick with a cold last winter I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It helped him at once and quickly broke up his cold," writes Mrs. P. O. Sturcell, Homer City, Pa. This remedy has been in use for many years. Its good qualities have been fully proven by many thousands of people. It is pleasant and safe to take. Adv.

It is the children of school age, and the young folks going away to school that claim attention in August. Early in September they begin another year's work and must be outfitted with clothes for the first quarter of the school year, at least, and often for half of it.

The early display of clothing is a great help to those mothers who undertake to have their children's clothes made at home. It is probably quite as economical to buy little cotton dresses ready-made as to make them at home; but in home-made garments individual taste can be brought into play and more handwork and "stitchery" used than can be had in moderately priced frocks bought ready made.

Besides, remodeling is an item in wartime economy that every mother should consider. All woolen frocks that are either remodeled for the children or handed on to some one who can wear them save the consumption of energy, and this is a patriotic service that is worth while.

Blue serge—the never failing—is featured in the new displays. Sometimes it is combined with heavy linen as in a model showing a plaited, long-waisted blouse of amethyst-colored

linen to which a plaited blue serge skirt is buttoned. A broad belt of patent leather slips through crocheted loops of amethyst silk floss that hang from the blouse. They are fastened to it with a few fancy stitches, an inch or so above the buttons so that the belt covers the joining of skirt and blouse.

Heavy linen in natural color makes collars and cuffs and sometimes vests on serge one-piece frocks. Needle work in yarn or silk floss is more used for decoration than anything else. Usually one or two colors in contrast to the frock are used and the designs must be simple. The little frock pictured for the girl of six years is a good model for any sort of material—wool, linen, heavy cotton or plain wash silk. Wool and linen are most worth while, for the stitchery that must be put in by hand.

Collars and cuffs or vests in heavy natural linen are beautiful in combination with blue, brown or green woollens. They are made so that they can be taken out and washed; hence two sets are necessary to each dress.

Julius Bottomley

All Millinery--

Must go this week. Pattern Hats at cost. Christie & Amsden Variety Store

Wanted to Know.

Mother—"Writing to Harry? Why, he's only gone five minutes, and sure, if you must have said all you wanted to say to each other when you were on the porch!" Lillian—"No, mother, I asked him if he really, truly loved me, and he said he did; but I forgot to ask him if he would go on loving me for ever and ever, and that's why I am writing."

THAT BAD BACK.

Do you have a dull, steady ache in the small of the back—sharp, stabbing twinges when stooping or lifting—distressing urinary disorders? For bad back and weakened kidneys, La Grande residents recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Read this La Grande woman's statement: Mrs. F. J. Bartlett, 603 Adams St., says: "I know from my own exper-

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