

SHIP PROGRAMME TO BE SPEEDED UP

General Goethals Assumes
Full Charge of Building
Craft for Government.

WOODEN PROGRAMME BIG

Two Government Plants Will Be
Erected to Build 400 Steel Mer-
chant Ships—Vast Ton-
nage to Be Completed.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Major-General Goethals, manager of the Shipping Board's emergency fleet corporation, took full charge of the Government's shipbuilding programme today and announced sweeping plans for constructing the great merchant fleet with which the United States hopes to defeat the German submarine campaign. The most important steps contemplated by General Goethals are the immediate construction of two Government-owned shipbuilding plants for building 400 fabricated steel ships of 2,500,000 tons.

Commandeering of 1,500,000 tons of shipping now building for private account in American yards.

A request for another great appropriation for building ships.

General Goethals' announcement was made in a letter to Chairman Denman, of the Shipping Board, which said the fleet corporation, under powers just granted by President Wilson, would start on its building programme Monday by offering contracts for construction of the two Government ship plants and by outbidding to shipbuilders the plans for commandeering vessels under construction.

General Goethals' letter to Chairman Denman follows:

"Now that the President has authorized the Emergency Fleet Corporation to exercise the powers granted by Congress to build and commandeer ships, I intend on Monday to start ship construction which will complete my shipbuilding programme. My full programme is as follows:

Programme is Completed.

"1. Ships now building.

"Contracts for 348 wooden ships have been let or agreed upon, with a tonnage capacity of 1,218,000 tons, at a cost, completed, of approximately \$174,000,000.

"In addition I have under negotiation contracts for about 100 wooden ships.

"Contracts for 77 steel ships have been let, or agreed upon, with a tonnage of 642,800 tons, at a cost of approximately \$101,660,350.

"There are thus provided 425 ships of all sorts, with an aggregate tonnage of 1,860,800, at a cost of approximately \$275,660,350, besides 100 more wooden ships under negotiation. I shall continue to let all contracts for wooden ships (of design approved by the naval architect of the corporation) which I can obtain from responsible bidders.

"2. Construction of standardized ships.

"My main reliance for getting the greatest amount of the most serviceable tonnage in the shortest time will be on the construction of fabricated steel ships at standardized pattern. For that purpose I shall use, to some extent, the existing yards.

Government to Build Plants.

"On Monday I shall offer contracts for the building of two plants (to be owned by the Government) for the construction of fabricated steel ships, to produce 400 ships of an aggregate tonnage capacity of 2,500,000 tons within the next 18 to 24 months. For the building of these two yards and the construction of ships in them, I shall offer as compensation to the agents who undertake the work, a fee of approximately 5 per cent of the total cost of the work, with rewards for savings in cost and for speed in delivery. Provision will be made for decreasing the fee to prevent unnecessary cost. The contracts will give the Government the benefit of Government fixed commodity prices and will provide for cessation of work at any time so that the appropriation may not be exceeded. Options will be given to the contractors to purchase the plants at arbitrated values on the completion of the work.

Details All Arranged.

"3. The design of the ship is ready, the plans of the yards are ready, the distribution of the work of furnishing the material and of fabrication is arranged.

"This part of the programme will take all the \$550,000,000 available, not absorbed by contracts made or making as stated in the beginning of this letter. The programme will more than redeem my estimates to the congressional committee at the time this appropriation was asked for, of 3,000,000 tons of new construction within 18 months.

"The additional contracts for wood ships which I expect to place, together with the full number of fabricated steel ships which it is planned to build, will require more money than Congress has authorized. When I know how much will be needed, it will be necessary to ask Congress for further sums.

"4. Commandeering of ships in yards.

"On Monday I shall deliver to shipbuilders a general statement of the programme which I have long been maturing for commandeering ships now under construction for private account (such ships having an aggregate tonnage considerably in excess of 1,500,000 tons).

Work to Be Speeded.

"The essence of the programme is to commandeer all such ships and expedite their construction by adding labor and cutting out refinements. By thus federalizing each yard, giving it Government help, and putting it on a speed basis, we shall produce its greatest efficiency. As fast as the berths are cleared, each yard will be devoted to the production of a single type of tonnage for which it is best suited. I count upon the complete co-operation of the yards.

"This programme is made competitive because competition cannot be obtained in a yard engaged partly on rush work and partly on pre-war time schedules. My investigation has satisfied me that citizens of the United States and of our allies will pay the cost of expediting ships now building for them and take them off our hands. If this policy is adopted it will conserve our funds.

"I agree that it is essential for the Shipping Board to restrict the number of the neutral ships which are constructed

HEAD OF THE SHIPPING BOARD, WHO IS ADVISED BY GENERAL GOETHALS OF SHIP-BUILDING PROGRAMME.



WILLIAM DENMAN.

ed and ready to sail. I have no data to make an estimate as to how many of these ships there are or how much money will be required for this purchase. I shall therefore cut my programme to the extent of \$50,000,000. Please notify me at once whether this is enough.

"Each day's delay in Summer—in commandeering or contracting—means two days' loss of time in throwing the work into the winter months. It is for that reason I am urging that the programme start Monday."

CONTRACTS TO BE PLENTIFUL

All Responsible Coast Shipbuilders to Have Government Work.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 13.—Responsible Pacific Coast shipbuilders, whether builders of wooden or steel vessels, will get all the Government contracts they can handle. This is assured by the statement of General Goethals tonight.

There are now pending before the General proposed contracts for 40 wooden ships to be built at various yards on the Pacific Coast and as an indication that at least 100 wooden ships are to be built on the Pacific Coast, the Douglas Fir Emergency Bureau, representing most of the Coast lumber mills, has been asked if it can close contracts for lumber for 40 additional ships.

The association some time ago closed contracts for lumber for 60 ships and is now ready to sign up for the additional number. The action of the President yesterday in settling the row between General Goethals and Chairman Denman, of the Shipping Board, and placing absolutely in Goethals' hands jurisdiction over all shipbuilding paved the way to the expedition of shipbuilding.

General Goethals' announcement in this "I shall continue to let all contracts for wood ships (of design approved by the Naval architect of the Corporation) for which I can secure from reputable bidders." Activity is to start Monday.

35-FOOT CHANNEL PLAN

REQUEST FOR 40 FEET OF WATER TO BE MODIFIED.

Senator McNary Will Offer Proposal for Survey When Bill Comes to Floor of Senate.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 13.—Senator McNary, at the suggestion of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, will modify his amendment to the river and harbor bill so as to call for a survey looking to the development of a 35-foot channel from Portland to Astoria instead of 40 feet as he originally proposed.

The Chamber advised the Senator that a 35-foot channel would be adequate for many years to come, would cost less and would better meet the ideas of engineers who will have to pass on the proposed project.

Senator McNary will have to offer this amendment on the floor, the commerce committee having failed to incorporate it in the bill, after promising to do so. The War Department informs the Senator it has no objection to the amendment.

WOMEN CHALLENGE CRITIC

Association of Commerce Invites Minister to Defend Words.

CHICAGO, July 13.—The Women's Association of Commerce today "dared" the Rev. J. P. Frost, of Evanston, Ill., to appear before its convention here and tell why, in an address at the Des Moines, Ill., campmeeting Thursday, he was quoted as saying: "There is danger that the feminist movement will coarsen feminine fiber and woman will not be so angelic as she used to be."

The 200 delegates, representing business women from all sections of the country sent Rev. Mr. Frost a militant challenge in the form of a resolution. The minister replied that he had been misquoted and declined to appear.

Seattle's Water Trade \$58,307,000.

SEATTLE, July 13.—Port Warden Payne's report shows that the water-borne commerce of Seattle for June was \$58,307,000, a daily average of nearly \$2,000,000.

CHANG HSUN FLEES TO DUTCH LEGATION

Republicans Completely Victorious and Control the Capital of China.

MONARCHISTS GIVE UP

Forces of Republic Hesitate to Attack Imperial City for Fear of Causing Injury to Foreign Legations.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Chinese legation dispatches from Peking, dated at noon today, said that quiet had been restored in the capital after a battle in which the monarchist troops of General Chang Hsun were overwhelmed by Republican forces.

The Republican victory was complete, the dispatches said, the last contingents of Chang Hsun's men having been forced to surrender. The monarchist leader himself was reported a refugee in the Dutch legation.

LONDON, July 13.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Tien Tsin says that fighting again began outside of Peking yesterday.

TIENTSIN, July 13.—Republican headquarters say that owing to General Chang Hsun's refusal to mediate, they intend to attack the Forbidden City at the first opportunity. Hereafter they have been reluctant to do so owing to the proximity of Chang Hsun's residence to the legation quarter. Chang Hsun has artillery and Republicans fear that in the event of their entering Peking Chang Hsun will fire into the legations.

Wang Tah Sieh, the new Foreign Minister, went to Peking today, apparently to negotiate with the foreign legations regarding the situation. The Republicans say that with their 60,000 troops in and around Peking they could promptly overcome Chang Hsun's resistance, were there no fears that he would savagely attack foreign property generally.

SHANGHAI, July 13.—(Delayed.)—A Tien Tsin telegram says the Republic can attack on Peking began at 4 o'clock this morning and that artillery, machine guns and airplanes are being used. Five or six foreigners who were watching the fighting from the wall of the city were wounded.

The legations at Peking are receiving foreigners for protection and taking every precaution.

It is reported that telegraphic communication has been interrupted.

U. S. TO CONTROL EXPORTS

Suggestions Come as Result of German Intrigue.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Continued and unrelenting activities of German agents in certain South American countries have resulted in a suggestion that the United States take advantage of the recent enactment controlling exports to retaliate against nations permitting such activities.

An American consular officer in at

EMBARGO IS LAID

Railroads Directed to Restrict Export Shipments.

License Number Needed

Port Roads Cautioned Against Allowing Unlicensed Material to Accumulate in Terminals to Crowd Facilities.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—An embargo, effective immediately against all shipments intended for export of commodities named in President Wilson's recent export proclamation except when bill of lading is presented with a Federal license number furnished or authorized by the export council at Washington was ordered today by the American Railway Association's commission on car service.

The notice to all railroads follows:

"Pursuant to the proclamation of the President of the United States, dated July 2, barring certain exports except under Federal license, railroads are directed to place telegraphic embargo, effective immediately against all shipments of coal, coke, feed grain, flour and meal therefrom; fodder, meat and mats, fuel oils, kerosene, gasoline, pigiron, steel, ship, scrap iron and steel, ferro manganese, fertilizers, arms, ammunition, explosives, consignees, reconsigned, or to be reconsigned, or intended for export, except when bill of lading presented with a Federal license number furnished or authorized by export council at Washington and according to announcement of Department of Commerce, together with permit number authorized by the port delivery road.

"Arrangements have been made under which all shipments consigned to points in Canada can go forward as heretofore, special licenses covering same having been issued through the customs service. It is suggested that port lines protect against accumulations at ports by placing such embargo as necessary against cars in transit.

"All port lines should immediately inaugurate permit system covering all export traffic."

FUNDS ARE APPORTIONED

Red Cross Provides for Work in Foreign Lands.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—In pursuance of its policy of giving publicity to expenditures from the \$100,000,000 war fund, the American Red Cross War Council yesterday announced through Henry P. Davison, the chairman, that \$1,506,500 already has been appropriated for relief work in foreign countries. This sum includes \$1,000,000 for France, \$206,500 for Russia, \$200,000 for Roumania and \$100,000 for Armenia.

"No appropriations for use in any country will be made until investigation," said Mr. Davison. "It is also the policy of the War Council to withhold any very large expenditures abroad until it is made certain that every necessary provision has been made to take care of our own soldiers and sailors."

Mr. Davison denied published reports that \$10,000,000 has been appropriated for relief work in Italy.

SEA SCHOOLS ORDERED

Tuition Will Be Free for Students for Merchant Marine.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—Nautical schools to train men for deck officers in the American merchant marine are to be established here and in Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle, according to advice received here today by Captain John K. Bulger, supervising inspector of steamboats, from the Department of Commerce.

Tuition will be free, but applicants will have to pass physical examinations, Captain Bulger said.

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Another Saturday Sale of Drug Sundries

1-pound roll Hospital Cotton at.....29¢
Imperial Dental Floss priced at.....15¢
Freezone, priced for this sale at.....29¢
Dandarine, priced this sale at.....39¢
Toilet Water, this sale at.....19¢
Bulk Perfume, all odors, at, ounce.....35¢
1-pound bottle Peroxide at.....24¢
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Delightfully pretty Summer Neckwear at an unusually attractive price reduction. Included are Georgette Crepe Collars, plain, lace trimmed and embroidered; also Imported Organdie Collars in medium shapes, large Organdie Collars, Sets, 29¢

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Women's Knitted Bathing Suits in styles with 18-inch skirt. They come in all sizes and in wanted color combinations. All prices—\$1.98, \$2.98, \$4.25 to \$5.95.

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