

250,000 TONS OF SHIPS LOST IN WAR

Geddes Gives Out Figures for Allies for Period Up to End of Last Year.

BUILDING ON LARGE SCALE

Seventy-Five Per Cent of Vessels Destroyed Are Being Replaced Through Activities at Yards in Last Quarter of 1917.

LONDON, March 20.—

Figures on the shipping output of the Allies for the last quarter of 1917, said Sir Eric Geddes, chairman of the Harland & Wolff shipbuilding company, controller-general of merchant shipping.

Pirrie Gets Important Place.

Sir Eric announced the appointment of Sir Pirrie, chairman of the Harland & Wolff shipbuilding company, as controller-general of merchant shipping.

First—Patrol and other craft to destroy submarines and safeguard ships at sea.

Second—Strategic and repair work.

Third—The building of new merchant ships.

Sir Eric admitted that the disappointing results for the January and February building gave justifiable cause for anxiety.

The drop in the curve of merchant tonnage losses was attributed by the speaker mainly to the efficiency of the patrol and anti-submarine craft and to the valuable convoy work of other vessels.

The first Lord defended the shipping controller and the Admiralty against charges that shipbuilding had been delayed in the design of ships on the stocks.

The reasons for the changes were, he said, to secure increased speed that submarine attacks might be evaded, to secure greater comfort for the crews, to simplify the designs, to convert ships into oil tankers, and to provide additional heating and mounting.

Withdrawals From Army Favored.

The head of the Admiralty emphasized the importance of gradual withdrawal of men from the army for the shipyards, so that the army should not be impaired and that men might be replaced by efficient substitutes.

The Admiralty announced today that the arrivals of ships at British ports during the week were 2988, and the sailings 2317.

The Admiralty reports the loss by mine or submarine of 17 British merchantmen last week. Of these 11 were 1690 tons or over, and six under that tonnage. Two fishing vessels were lost.

Eleven merchantmen were unsuccessfully attacked.

The losses of British merchantmen in the last week are slightly under the losses for the three preceding weeks, when during each of these periods 18 vessels were sunk by mine or submarine.

The Daily Mail today publishes a Paris dispatch which says that the Germans sank 233 ships last year.

GRAIN SHIP STERLING SUNK

Cargo Intended for Switzerland Lost as Result of Collision.

BERNE, March 19.—It has been learned through official sources that the steamer Sterling, with a large cargo of grain for Switzerland, has just been sunk as the result of a collision.

LONDON, March 20.—

The crew of the Norwegian steamship Wagaadek, 471 tons gross, has been rescued from the sea, according to a report of the Norwegian foreign office as forwarded in a Central News despatch from Copenhagen. Remains from a German submarine were placed on the Wagaadek, but no word as to her fate has been received.

The Norwegian sailing vessel Carla, 1628 tons gross, has been sunk by a German submarine, the despatch reports. The captain was killed, but his crew was rescued.

BILBOA, Spain, March 20.—

The Spanish steamer Regon No. 4, 2407 tons gross, has been torpedoed. The crew has been landed at Naples.

LONDON, March 20.—

Lloyd's announces that the American schooner

TRAINED NURSE GIVES RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR

Gives Recipe for Simple Home-Made Remedy That Quickly Darkens It.

Mrs. A. Dixon, a well-known Brooklyn trained nurse, made the following statement regarding gray hair: "Dried, faded or gray hair can be quickly turned black, brown or light brown by the use of the following remedy that you can make at home:

"Merely get a small box of Orlex powder at any drug store. It costs only 25 cents and no extract for hair. Dissolve it in one ounce of water and comb it through the hair. Full directions for use come in each box.

"You need not hesitate to use Orlex as a \$100.00 gold bond comes in each box guaranteeing the user that Orlex does not contain silver, lead, zinc, mercury, arsenic, coal-tar products or their derivatives.

"It does not rub off, is not sticky or gummy and leaves the hair fluffy. It will make a gray-haired person look twenty years younger."—Adv.

WHEN CHILDREN CRY OUT

An exhausted mother who can't sleep well, or who is worried and has symptoms of a cold, will find quick relief in Mother's Own Sweet Powder for Children. They are easy to use and children like it. They cleanse the stomach, act gently on the bowels and break up colds. Believe headaches, colds, teething, colic, have the 10-cent Mother's Own Sweet Powder for Children. Ask your druggist and be sure to get Mother's Own Sweet Powder for Children.

Carrie A. Lane has been wrecked at Asmara on the Gulf of Guinea, Africa. The crew abandoned the vessel.

The Carrie A. Lane was a vessel of 802 tons and was owned by John B. Phillips, of New York.

RIO JANEIRO, March 20.—

A large French sailing vessel named St. Martin ran aground today near Copacabana. The crew of 19 men was rescued by a Brazilian torpedo-boat destroyer. The vessel was bound from Havre for Buenos Aires.

MISS EHRMANN NEW DEAN

California Teacher Heads Woman's Department at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., March 20.—

Miss Louise Ehrmann, a graduate of the University of California in 1912, was named as dean of the women of the university during the absence of Miss Elizabeth Fox at a meeting of the executive committee of the board of regents last evening.

Miss Ehrmann is a teacher of English in the Los Angeles Polytechnic High School.

JEWISH TROOPS FAVORED

Britain to Send Hebrew Battalions to Palestine Whenever Possible.

LONDON, Tuesday, March 19.—

So long as the exigencies of the service permit, Jewish battalions in the British army are definitely intended for employment in Palestine.

This announcement was made in the House of Commons today by J. L. MacPherson, parliamentary under-secretary of the War Office.

BAKER GETS CLOSE VIEW

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of the supplies and for no attention which will safeguard your health.

"Your own communities and the Nation as a whole may be proud of your good conduct and clean living which go with clean, hard fighting and the principles for which you fight."

Secretary Baker had his baptism of fire yesterday morning in the front-line trenches, and while he was returning a German shell burst within less than 10 yards of his motor car. He was not injured.

On Monday evening, accompanied only by the demobilized and the demobilized, Secretary Baker motored to a point accessible to the sector selected for his inspection.

He dined and slept in the cleanest of French friends of the officers. Retiring early, the Secretary arose at 4 o'clock in the dark of an overcast, chill March day.

Taking breakfast quickly on Tuesday, he drove through the misty dawn to his destination.

As the lines were approached, the steady reverberation of guns signaled great activity of the artillery.

This was confirmed when on arrival it was found that the road selected for approach to the trenches was under brisk shell fire.

Indeed the firing was so active as to obscure the normal considerable attention for the safety of his distinguished guest. He endeavored to dissuade Mr. Baker from going on with the expedition, explaining the danger.

But the Secretary overrode his protest. Accordingly, another route was reluctantly selected.

The party re-entered the motor and was forwarded as motoring was safe. With the General and the other officer, Mr. Baker walked over the shell-ravaged region to a communication trench. He put on a strapped helmet.

Gas Mask Drill Given.

The Secretary was first put through the regular gas mask drill. He carried his mask along at the prescribed position when he went in. A sentry halted the party as it was entering the trench and demanded a pass.

Division Commander and Secretary of War, replied the General.

"Didn't you know that was the Secretary?" the sentry was asked as the party passed by.

"Yes, sir; no sir," stammered the confused sentry.

Secretary Seeks Information.

Mr. Baker displayed the keenest curiosity in the surroundings, so strange to him. He asked explanations of every unfamiliar thing, its purpose and use, and frequently broke in with interrogations as technical matters were being explained. Several times he asked the caliber of shells which burst close by.

"Ah, that's a machine gun!" he exclaimed when one opened up from the American trench.

Often the Secretary stopped to speak to the men, asking homely questions, such as:

"Well, how is it going?" or "Where are you from?"

"Fife, sir," or "going very well, sir," was the usual reply, since the Secretary asked a private if much was going on.

"It's pretty quiet, sir," came the easy response.

Mr. Baker's questions showed familiarity with trench construction and technicalities which had been gained from study. There was no mistaking his untroubled and eager interest.

COURTHOUSE FEUD IS ON

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an old advocate of the other site was elected judge on a pledge to the people, however, that the Hot Springs Courthouse would be completed.

Following his election, however, no move was made to continue the work and the building has stood exposed to weather conditions since that time. Some cracks have developed, the seriousness of which different architects employed by the court this winter, have given widely varying reports.

Bids have been submitted for the completion which varied from \$116,000 for completion on modified specifications, up to more than \$200,000 for the original specifications.

Bids Are Called For.

Last month at a stormy meeting the court decided to advertise for bids for the completion of the building on the Hot Springs site and the erection of a new building on the site of the old structure now in use. The winning firm today bid \$117,000 for the completion of the building on the Hot Springs site.

Commissioner Short has stood firmly with the opposing faction throughout the controversy alleging that the duty of the court was plain to complete the building on the site chosen by vote of the people and deploring the absolute waste of \$100,000 of the taxpayers' money as well as the case of the building on the Hot Springs site is uncompleted and abandoned.

On the other hand Judge Hanks contends that to complete the Hot Springs structure would cost more than to build an entirely new building. He supports his view by showing that the bid for completing the Hot Springs building was \$117,000 as compared with \$117,750 bid for constructing a new courthouse.

The new contract signed today authorizes a commission of 7 1/2 per cent of the cost of the building to the contractor.

PARTIES NEED NEW IDEAL, SAYS WILSON

New Jersey Democrats Told That Service to Humanity Is Demand of Today.

OPPORTUNITY IS FORESEEN

President Declares That Old Party Slogans Have Lost Their Significance and Will Mean Nothing to Voter of Future.

NEWARK, N. J., March 20.—

New Jersey Democratic leaders assembled tonight for a reorganization banquet were greeted by a message from President Wilson, as National head of the party, urging upon them to rise to the test of a new time when old party slogans have lost their significance and to commit themselves to disinterested service to humanity.

In a letter presented by Secretary Tumulty the President said the necessity for his staying "on the job" made it impossible for him to be present, but it was clear that in the present posture of affairs in New Jersey he could not overlook his responsibility to point out what he believed to be the duty of the state in a great hour of crisis.

New Day Foreseen.

"Every sign of these terrible days of war and revolutionary changes, when new social forces are being released upon the world whose effect no political seer dare venture to conjecture," wrote the President, "hides as much our hearts through and through and make them ready for the birth of a new day. We hope and believe of greater opportunity and greater prosperity for the average mass of struggling men and women and of greater safety and opportunity for children.

The old party slogans have lost their significance and will mean nothing to the voter of the future for the war is certain to change the mind of Europe, as well as the mind of America. Men everywhere are searching for democratic principles to their hearts in order to determine their soundness, their sincerity, their adaptability to the real needs of their life, and every man with the faintest vision of the real test of justice and right action is presently to come as it never came before. The men in the trenches, who have been freed from the shackles of freedom to which some of them had been accustomed, will, it is likely, return to their homes with a new view and a new impatience of all mere political phrases, and will demand real thinking and sincere action.

New Service Demanded.

"Let the Democratic party in New Jersey, therefore, forget everything but the new vision of the future to be called upon to render. The days of political and economic reconstruction which are ahead of us no man can deny definitely, and we must see that every program must be shot through and through with utter disinterestedness; that no party must try to serve itself, but that the task is a very practical one, meaning that every program, every measure in every department must be tested by this question and this question only: Is it just, is it for the benefit of the average man, without influence or special privilege, and in real fact the highest conception of social justice and of right dealing, without respect of person or class or particular interest?"

"This is a high test. It can be met only by those who have genuine sympathy with the mass of men and real interest in the welfare of the people and a purpose which is purged alike of selfish and of partisan intention. The party which rises to this test will receive the support of the people because it deserves it."

Tumulty Gives Opinion.

Secretary Tumulty told the diners that in his opinion they had listened to a letter which embodied the gospel of Democracy of this new day.

"These principles," he said, "represent the outpourings of the heart of one of the greatest leaders of Democratic forces in the world at this time—a leader whose moral weight and influence is as dominant in the councils of Europe as it is in the councils of the Democratic hosts in our own country. He has given expression to the yearnings that come from the hearts of common men. What a mighty difference there is when you contrast these stirring doctrines with that much-vaunted, over-advertised programme of efficiency whose wrecks and ruins are strewn along the legislative pathway of New Jersey. In the one you hear the cry of humanity; in the other you hear the demands of the counting-houses, the vociferous urgings of special privilege."

Umatilla Men Knit Sweaters.

PENDLETON, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—Pendleton men are not to be outdone by the male population of other towns when it comes to knitting sweaters, as the records of the Umatilla County chapter of the Red Cross

Lipman Wolfe & Co. Merchandise of Merit Only

Announce Their Easter Showing of Military BOOTS

—Stunning new models, 8 1/2 inches high, in the most graceful lines. Tipped toes, welt soles and military heels, in such fashionable combinations as brown kid, with tops of field mouse; and black kid, with fawn cloth tops.

—Don't neglect the most important adjunct to your Easter costume—SHOES!

Second Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

will show. Fourteen of the sweaters which have been sent away by the chapter are the work of men of Pendleton. D. B. Snyder, Pendleton insurance man, is first with four to his credit; J. H. Smith has turned in three, J. H. Gault and George Plagman, two each, and E. J. King, A. M. Winn and F. E. King, one each.

VICTORY HALL PLANNED

TACOMA TO HAVE LIBERTY LOAN HEADQUARTERS.

Structure, Like Portland's Liberty Temple, to Be Built in Day, Labor and Materials Donated.

TACOMA, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—Victory Hall, raised in a day by the swift hand of Tacoma union labor as part of its contribution to the liberty loan campaign, built of materials that came from the mills and markets of Tacoma, heated by the city with a brilliant line of glowing incandescents and bafners to approach it, born of the "patriotic urge" of Tacoma alone, without one cent of cost to the country or the campaign which it is to represent, will be an architectural reality Sunday evening.

This was the announcement today of Elmer Dover, chairman of the city liberty loan campaign.

Meals to the workers will be served at the Commercial Club Sunday, and "waiters" will be bankers, doctors, lawyers and business men who are members of the club.

The hall was named "Victory Hall" by Mrs. G. G. Ellis, chairman of the woman's committee. About one minute was required by the Commercial Club to decide to provide two meals for the workmen.

BANKS GOBBLE U. S. NOTES

Spokane Institutions Take Treasury Certificates Readily.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—Banks of Spokane are subscribing this week to \$1,263,000 of United States Treasury certificates, and may add somewhat to this amount. This makes a total subscription to these certificates by Spokane banks of \$2,788,000.

"We have no means of knowing what country banks are subscribing this time, for they are making their purchases by wire direct to San Francisco," said C. L. McLean, manager of the Federal Reserve Bank in Spokane. It is said Spokane's payment of income and excess profit tax between now and June 15 will be about \$2,000,000.

DRAFT EVADER EXAMINED

Approval by Medical Officer Will Mean Induction Into Army.

ASTORIA, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—Under instructions received from the Federal District Attorney's office, Sheriff Burns gave a questionnaire to Ernest Heikka, clerk, who was arrested a few days ago for failure to register under the military draft.

Heikka was released from custody, with instructions to report for medical examination. If he passes that examination he will be sent at once to Camp Lewis and be inducted into the military service.

PENDLETON FURNISHES 9

Women Relatives of Enlisted Men Sew Stars Upon Flag.

PENDLETON, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The Pendleton division of the G. W. R. & N. Company furnishes nine stars for the great service flag which

Advertisement for Lipman Wolfe & Co. featuring 'Stylish Stout' corsets. Text: 'You are just as stout as you look and the proper corset will slenderize your figure. Scores of women have told us during the past ten days that they had never looked or felt so slender in all their lives until fitted with a Stylish Stout Corset.' Includes an illustration of a woman in a corset.

Advertisement for The Portland Hotel. Text: 'Portland Hotel chefs are helping to save food. Yet the menu here shows no lack of tempting dishes. Try our 50c Noonday Luncheon. Convenient for business men. Quiet, prompt service. THE PORTLAND "A generation of hotel leadership"' Includes an illustration of a hotel building.

Large advertisement for Olive Thomas in her latest comedy gem 'Betty Takes a Hand' at the Columbia Theatre. Text: 'Today Tomorrow Saturday Fetching, Vivacious OLIVE THOMAS in her latest sprightly comedy gem "BETTY TAKES A HAND" COLUMBIA TRY TO GET IN' Includes an illustration of Olive Thomas.

Advertisement for The Northwestern National Bank. Text: 'SYSTEMATIZING HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURES MRS. HOUSEWIFE, do you keep a record of every penny received and spent? Do you know the purpose and amount of each expenditure? If you would like to have a simple, easy and practical HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE RECORD BOOK—write or call at our Savings Department for one. IT'S YOURS FOR THE ASKING. Help Stop War Rumors The Northwestern National Bank Portland Oregon' Includes an illustration of the bank building.