

SHIPBUILDING ZONE SYSTEM PLANNED

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SIX DISTRICTS PROPOSED

Director to Preside Over Each Division of Operations—Good Results Expected to Result at All of 122 Plants.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Division of the country into six shipbuilding zones, with a competent shipbuilder in charge of each as zone director, is planned by the Emergency Fleet Corporation as a means of speeding up shipbuilding operations. There will be two zones each on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and one each on the Gulf and on the Great Lakes.

The plan calls for almost complete decentralization of shipbuilding work. Construction in each zone will be put into the hands of the zone director, who will be given full authority to act for the fleet corporation. The directors in each instance will be chosen from the heads of the large shipbuilding companies in the particular zone.

Greater Efficiency Expected. "With 122 yards established in all sections of the country," said Chairman Harney, of the Shipping Board, tonight, the question of concentrating the efforts of a compact and complete organization in each zone should produce a greater degree of efficiency and more development in the work of shipbuilding.

The decentralization plan has been given full approval by the Atlantic Coast Shipbuilders' Association committee, comprising Homer L. Ferguson, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company, Joseph Powell, vice-president of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, and Wallace Downey, of the Downey Shipbuilding Company, which was named to advise the fleet corporation.

The zone districts will be named within a few days and General Manager Pies, of the fleet corporation, hopes to have the zone system in operation within two or three weeks.

Hog Island Center of Attention. Mr. Howles is centering his attention now on the fabricating plant under construction at Hog Island, Pa., by the American International Corporation.

There has been considerable delay in getting the plant under way, but in his reports to the fleet corporation, Mr. Howles indicated the belief that, once started, the yard will produce ships rapidly.

Construction in many yards is lagging because of labor shortage, according to reports to the fleet corporation. To meet the situation the corporation is forming a reserve of 250,000 shipyard workers.

SHIPYARDS FORTS OF FREEDOM. Former Australian Premier Makes Stirring Appeal for Tonnage.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 9.—The biggest asset the Kaiser possesses is the allied lack of ships, Crawford Langham, ex-Prime Minister of Australia, told several thousand shipbuilders here today.

Speaking at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, Mr. Langham said the United States must "lift 5,000,000 men to Europe," and that ships and more ships must be built to carry and supply them.

"Every shipyard is a fort for freedom," the speaker said. "Every man behind a riveting machine is in effect firing right into the enemy ranks. Don't slacken fire in the yards, because that means that the barrage fire under cover of which our boys go over the top cannot be maintained."

"The world's tonnage is less today than it was before the war. The tonnage to be carried is infinitely greater than it was before the war."

"Five million Americans in Europe mean a greater bridge of ships. You men of the shipyards have got to build the ships. If the ships do not go across in big enough numbers your army will be cut off from its base of supplies."

"Maybe there are big difficulties under which you have to labor in the yards. The Government, under Mr. Bloomfield, is doing its level best to remedy these. It is making heroic efforts to provide proper housing, to improve the transportation facilities to and from your homes, to provide more comfort during working time and to remove any pinpricks that cause dissatisfaction."

WILL TAKE SHIPS FOR TROOPS. President to Put All Exports and Imports Under License.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Plans for reducing the country's less essential foreign trade to release ships for the transport of troops and supplies to Europe will be completed within a few days and President Wilson's proclamation putting all export and imports under license as a preliminary step will be issued probably February 11.

The programme, it is understood, calls for a considerable enlargement of the War Trade Board and its functions and contemplates a larger representation on the board of other Government departments. The allies, too, probably will be given representation in some manner, inasmuch as they also intend further reduction of other foreign commerce.

All the countries fighting Germany are preparing to put their ships to war use, eliminating services which cannot be regarded as essential. The Shipping Board today created a division of planning and statistics with E. P. Gay, of Harvard, at its head. The division will work with the War Trade Board in determining what imports and exports can be reduced or eliminated.

BOYS IN FRIENDS' HANDS. (Continued From First Page.)

were received in the British officers' mess in the heartiest fashion. One of the first things the British Tommy did after seeing that the Americans had plenty of good things to eat was to put on a show for them.

Then all hands joined in singing some of the latest American ragtime pieces, the British soldiers surprising their guests by their knowledge of Broadway melodies.

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A few more names were in possession of the War Department, but will not be arranged for publication before tomorrow, by which time it is expected the remainder of the survivors' list will have come over the cables from England.

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CLUB WILL BE OPENED

BNAL BRITH OF PORTLAND GIVES PHONOGRAPH TO BOYS.

Tacoma Building for Soldiers to Be Dedicated and Prominent Men Will Give Talks.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Portland members of the Order of Bnal Brith have sent a phonograph for the new soldiers' club established in Tacoma by the society. The dedication will be held tomorrow, but the exercises will not be held at the house, due to the size of the crowd expected. The Elks temple will be used instead.

Rabbi Jonah Wise, Ben Selling, Julius Meier and other prominent Portland residents will be here for the dedication. Rabbi Wise will deliver an address.

The club has every facility for providing comforts for the soldiers. A fine residence was leased and remodeled to meet present needs. More than 100 men can be given beds there.

Lucius L. Solomons, San Francisco attorney, will deliver the principal address at the dedication.

"World Democracy" and National Brotherhood will be Mr. Solomons' subject. Rev. Jonah B. Wise, of Portland, will deliver the invocation, and David N. Mossesolin, Portland president of the district grand lodge of the Bnal Brith, also will speak.

San Francisco donated a Steinway grand piano to the clubhouse, and Jewish women of Portland sent a victrola and \$100 worth of records.

SOLDIERS TO BE SPEAKERS Programme for Tacoma's Lincoln Day Banquet Complete.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Soldier-lawyers will be the orators at the Lincoln day banquet to be held Tuesday night by the Pierce County Bar Association. Captain Walter J. Tooz, Jr., formerly an attorney of Dallas, Or., will be one of the speakers.

Major Breckenridge, former Assistant Secretary of War, and Alexander Powell, head of the intelligence school, and Captain H. E. Conner, former Speaker of the Idaho Legislature, are scheduled to give addresses.

Justices of the State Supreme Court will be present and Judge Edward E. Cushman will represent the Federal courts.

CANADA TURNS OFF HEAT Three Days of Fuel Saving Being Observed in Dominion.

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 9.—Canada is experiencing its first heatless day. Only industries necessary to the sustenance of life and the prosecution of the war were exempted.

The heatless period will continue tomorrow and Monday.

Hyde Faces Charge. OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Governor Lister today granted extradition for O. W. Hyde, a soldier at Camp Lewis, who is wanted in San Joaquin County, California, on an embezzlement charge and the camp commander has consented to his apprehension.

An soldier for the Monte Lodge, it is stated, Hyde collected \$4500 to be used in paying expenses of a lodge delegation to a convention at Pittsburgh. He failed to turn in the funds, it is alleged, and later enlisted in the Army at Vancouver, Wash.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Feb. 9.—A call for immediate assistance from a steamer in distress far out at sea