## SHIP EACH MONTH LAUNCHING RECORD

Steamer Western Plains Glides Down Ways at Columbia Corporation's Plant.

**HULL NINTH 8800-TON TYPE** 

"Best Progress" Pennant Awarded by Emergency Fleet Corporation for Work Done in June Flown

Vessel Is Launched.

At least five days ahead of the offi-At least five days ahead of the official date of launching under the contract, the atteamer Western Plains was floated by the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation at 4:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, making the ninth of the \$590-ton type to leave the ways there, eight of which were set affoat since January I, the corporation keeping up its record of a ship each month. And that the headway is appreciated by the officials of the steel construction division of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, in that it compares with some of the leading plants of the country, is evidenced from the fact the yard has been prosented with a white "best progress" pennant, it having been the

progress" pennant, it having been the third highest plant for work accom-plished in June. The flag was flown yesterday as the latest ship left the

ways.
Ivy Brown, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown, the formet being superintendent of the plant, christened the ship. And as the miss traveled from Seaside to carry out her share in an event her father had much enare in an event her father had muca to do with, it was regarded a highly important one. Escorted to the plat-form by Alfred F. Smith, president of the corporation, and carrying a huge bouquet of pink roses, Miss Brown was accorded marked attention, and after the Western Plains was in the water Mr. Smith presented her with a gold wrist watch.

Taking a last look at the big ship floating off the plant, the sponsor hastened from the platform, bent on catching a train back to the beach, for the attractions are great along the shore of the old Pacific, on which the vessel she christened will soon be churning her way.

In obtaining third place for work in June the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation had two competitors which have played leading parts in the past in the rapid construction of ships, the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, of rore River, which was first, and Skin ner & Eddy, of Seattle, second. First place draws a blue pennant, second place a red pennant and third place a white pennant. In presenting the handle stime of the branch hydrographic office. place draws a blue pennant, second place a red pennant and third place a white pennant. In presenting the banners to the yards the Emergency Fleet Corporation has arranged for them to become the property of the winners, as a new set is distributed every month the pennants not being passed from one plant to another, as is a cup.

At the Columbia River yard there is a determination on the part of the men not to fall from third place, and to creep into the more coveted positions if possible.

In a list complied by the steel division of reports made up to July 18 the plant is shown 21st in having fitted out ships in the fastest time, 28 plants being listed. The position was won with the steamer Westgrove, the hull of which was built in 61 days and the vessel finished in 83 days.

CONCRETE SHIPYARD RUSHED

Vancouver Company Gets Ready to Turn Out Government Vessels.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The yard of the Great Northern which was a built up on Kangaroo Island, South Australia, Captain Hanson losing his life with his ship.

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om the waterfront from which pictures may be taken without permission.

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Lieutenant William B. Ryan, U. S. Lieutenant William B. Ryan, U. S. M. C., aviation section, is the way an ex-newspaper man dreams of seeing his name shortly. He left Portland last night for Bostom with a determination to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to obtain a commission in the flighting Marine Corps if application and determined to the properti

AVERAGE OF ONE BIG STEEL SHIP MONTH BEING MAINTAINED BY PLANT FORCE OF THE COLUM-BIA RIVER SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION, THIRD IN PROGRESS IN UNITED STATES.



Launching of the Western Plains Marked by Display of "Best Progress"
Pennant. Mrs. Alfred F. Smith, Wife of the President of the Corporation, and Ivy Brown, Sponsor of Western Plains, Holding Banner.

ships to be commissioned in the next few weeks. The list of available chief engineers is now totally exhausted and a call for enrollment of all men competent to hold this position is issued by E. J. Griffith, head of the bureau for this district. It is estimated that 30 wood ships and 35 steel vessels are to require chief engineers during the next two months.

Seven new wood ships, mostly March.

Later to Be Passed on by Emergency Fleet Experts—Portland Builders Pleased.

When technical experts of the Emergency Fleet Corporation are asked to pass on the design of a 5000-ton all wooden steamer, a distinctive Columbia River type, in which Emergency Fleet Corporation officials of the Oregon district and builders of Government tonnage here are interested, it will be after the details have been submitted to the chief surveyors of Lloyds and the American Bureau at New York.

J. L. Hubbard, chief hull inspector, and C. L. Reed, chief draftsman, who worked diligently on the plans and specifications under Supervisor Wall, of the Oregon district, will leave for New York today to confer with the surveyors of the big marine classification societies.

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A RICKHAR, SMIGHT, SINGER, SAME: \$50.

COLUMBIA ENG. WENTWORTH—Erect shed and loft, Linnton district; builder, same: \$200.

GEORGE G. WENTWORTH—Erect garage, 1130 East Flanders, between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth; builder, same: \$250.

Builders Approve Designs. Portland agents of both societies are familiar with the design, having par-ticipated in conferences regarding it. At a meeting of the wooden shipbuild-ers of the district Friday night, the gathering being in the nature of a din-ner with Mr. Wentworth and Mr. Hall as hosts, the plans were indersed as

as noats, the plans were indorsed as those of the district.

The adoption of the design means no change in the present shipbuilding plants or equipment. Machinery ordered for the present 3500-ton types is to be installed in the larger ship. The latter's lines and general construction are to be such that the machinery can be utilized advantageously, so the Government will be placed at no great relative expense in building them. The ships will be made up of long lengths and large dimension material that today is the envy of builders of Festern and large dimension material that today is the envy of builders of Festern and large dimension material that today is the envy of builders of Festern and specific properties. The rigors of the Maine Winter will not deter the workers, as evidenced by many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when in one yard more than 18,000 many sub-zero days of last December when the properties when t the envy of builders of Eastern and Southern yards.

Design for Western Yards.

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The Industrial Accident Commission filed a supplementary report showing that it probably will have a deficiency for the present blennium of \$110,000.

Other reports received follow:

Department of state \$55,300 receipts Corporation, for by then the surveyors will have passed on the plans, and they will be referred to the Government's experts. Another 5000-ton ship is being worked on there that can be built in Eastern yards with smaller material and the adoption of both is a move anticipated by the builders.

this Coast, has been named to com-mand the War Cariboo, fifth of the wooden steamers to be completed by the Imperial Munitions Board. The

BOLTS SHIP RIVETS

NORTHWEST STEEL CO. Portland, Oregon

of Portland, and Miss Nottle Rumage, 32, of Portland, and Miss Ellen Powers, 44, of Portland, and Miss Ellen Powers, 44, of Portland, Portland, and Miss Ellen Powers, 44, of Portland. BRADFORD-SIVENER — John Bradford, 28, of Coshocton, O., and Miss Elsie Sivener, 13, of Portland.

Details of New Type to Be Submitted to Surveyors.

STANDARD OIL CO.—Repair storeroom, East Main, between Water and First; Cascade Investment Co., builder; \$200, E. J. GEISER—Repair residence, 487 East Thirty-seventh street, between Division and Clinton; L. A. Bernard, builder; \$220, H. WEINHARD ESTATE—Repair hotel, 450 Larrabee, between Mississippi and Albina; J. W. Thurman, builder; \$4000, R. BUYS—Repair residence, 4402 Eightieth street, between Forty-fifth and Forty-third avenues; builder, same; \$25, C. W. BEEBE—Repair residence, 112 East Forty-sixth street, between Washington and Alder, \$75, H. FAGUE—Erect garage, 8604 Sixty-fifth avenue Southeast, between Eighty-sixth and Eighty-seventh; builder, same; \$26, IDA K. SHEAL—Repair residence, 908

HARROR PATROLS. Expense of Conducting Naval Militia

for Next Blennium Fixed at \$30,-

700-State Cost Grows.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 10 .- (Special.)-The Oregon Naval Militla will seek state funds for paying the expense of

mission. The estimate places the probable cost of the Naval Militia for the next bi-Only on the Pacific side can the ma-rial specified be obtained and it is wanted for the harbor patrols. These the understanding that, if the design patrols, he said, will watch for viola-is acceptable to the Government, it will thous of harbor regulations and guard be contracted for only in the Western war industries and shipbuilding plants

Department of state, \$52,300, receipts, \$30,000; elections, \$45,000; Capitol and war Cariboo's Captain Named.

VICTORIA. B. C., Aug. 10.—Captain Alan Morton Davies, long associated with Grand Trunk Pacific steamers on this Coast, has been named to see the content of the coast, has been named to see the content of the coast, has been named to see the coast to see the coast

The tendency to allow initiative and referendum petitions to decrease in numbers is recognized by Secretary Olcott in his estimate of expenses for

State Once More Big Center of Shipbuilding.

THIRTY-NINE YARDS BUSY

Construction of 116 Craft in Prog-

\$10,500,000 Vessels Building. In Portland alone, which before the

war only repaired boats, 4500 men are employed on vessels worth \$10,500,000 In Bath 50,000 deadweight ton of ships are under construction by the Texas company, the site of whose yard was a waste of land. The yard has turned out three steel ships of almos STATE MAY BE ASKED TO AID four wooden yards in Bath. At Booth Bay and East Booth Bay, six shipbuilding concerns expect to

turn out 12 or more schooners rang-ing from 500 to 1600 tons each. At Rockland a 1600 gross ton schooner was launched recently. Camden and Thomaston yards also expect to complete several vessels this year. South Freeport and Belfast also are bustling with shipbuilding activity. Winter Rigons Ignored.

when in one yard more than 15,000 rivets were driven daily, an average of more than 200 rivets a day for each group of workmen.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—Maximum temperature, 72 degrees; minimum. 60 degrees.

Biver reading at 8 A. M., 6.4 feet change in last 24 hours, 6.2 foot fall. Total rainfall f5 P. M. to 5 P. M., 0.01 inch: total rainfall since September 1, 1917, 38.11 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 44.65 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1917, 3.55 inches. Sunrise, 6:04 A. M.; sunset. 8:28 P. M. Total sunshine August 10, 3 hours, 29 minutes; pessible sunshine, 14 hours, 24 minutes. Moonrise, 19:12 A. M.; mesonset, 8:42 P. M. Baromster freduced to sea-level) at 5 P. M., 20:96 inches, Relative humidity at noon, 68 per cent.

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