

CANCELLATIONS OF SHIP ORDERS ARE ANNOUNCED

Report of Director General Piez Shows 135 Steel Craft Contracts Dropped Since Dec. 31.

FEW MORE CONTEMPLATED

Careful Surveys Are Under Way in Each Yard to Determine Status of All Vessels.

Washington, March 6.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Cancellations of ship contracts by the shipping board, according to a statement given today by Director General Piez of the Emergency Fleet corporation, covered 262 vessels up to December 31, and 25 steel ship contracts have been cancelled since that time.

The period of cancellations is about ended, Mr. Piez stated, as the board has reached the point where the disturbances that would be caused and the actual cost of cancellation would more than balance the savings to be made. Careful surveys are under way at each yard to determine the status of each vessel under contract.

The general policy of cancelling where the cost will not exceed a certain proportion of the cost, Mr. Piez stated, is dictated by recognition of the fact that the merchant fleet building under stress of the war emergency is not well balanced and does not fit in with the need of commerce for ships of certain types in certain trades.

Hog Island Contracts Included

Twenty out of 180 contracts at Hog Island have been cancelled, he said, and 20 out of 60 at the Bristol plant on the Midway. The Hog Island plant with its 50 ways was planned to turn out ships of uniform design, "the Ford idea transferred to shipbuilding," but Hog Island has no future now, says Mr. Piez, because it was designed in that way and these ships, turned out in large quantities, will not fit the demands of trade.

He declared his belief that the Hog Island yard should be reduced to a 10-way yard, because under ordinary operation no contract for order of 25 or 30 ships of a single type, and to do job work the yard will have to be equipped with machine shops and structural shops.

The government had an offer from foreign governments for 25 ships to be produced at Hog Island, Mr. Piez stated, and he believed they should have been sold. "The same thing is true of 3500 and 4200 ton steel vessels built at the Great Lakes, for which offers have also been made."

Unwise to Make Any Sale

"Apparently, Mr. Hurley and the president both feel that it would be unwise to make any sale," said Mr. Piez, "and so we have been estopped, practically, from selling."

The Hog Island program was for delivery of 48 ships up to this time, and four have actually been delivered. Mr. Piez added that all the fabricating yards have "fallen down."

"We cannot build a ready-to-use merchant marine," he said, "and we ought to give up our program wherever we can. If necessary, if we cannot cancel, we should at least substitute very much better types of ships. Many of our ships are single deck ships, and we ought to have double deck and triple deck ships."

Other ships have been equipped with water tube boilers and turbine engines which should carry Scotch boilers and reciprocating engines, it was explained, but the emergency did not permit waiting for that kind of machinery.

In cancelling wooden ship contracts, Mr. Piez said, there is an estimated loss of \$150,000 for each hull. The machinery averages \$200,000 per hull, and it is estimated that this can be disposed of at about 40 per cent of its value.

'NEW YORK'S OWN' WELCOMED HOME

Leviathan Brings Men Who Are Inspiration for Gotham's Warmest Greeting.

25,000 Arrive in One Day

New York, March 6.—(L. N. S.)—Bringing back more than 3000 heroes of the Twenty-seventh division, "New York's Own," the government transport Leviathan steamed majestically past Sandy Hook this morning and proceeded to Quarantine. She will dock at Pier 4, Hoboken, between 11 and 2 o'clock.

The big liner won spirited race into port with the transport Mauretania, and was ordered by wireless to proceed past the "Hook." The Mauretania is wallowing in the fog bank and may be delayed many hours.

Aboard the Leviathan is Major General John F. O'Ryan, commander of the Twenty-seventh division, and his entire staff. The great liner brought back 8300 officers and men in all—brought them back to a welcome the like of which New York has not witnessed before and may never see again.

Long before the gray hulk of the big transport loomed up in the lower bay a great crowd began to gather in Battery park. Thousands lined the wharves at the Battery and extra reserves were called out to handle the crowds.

Welcome Hearest Yet

Ten thousand mothers, fathers, wives, sisters and sweethearts of the returning fighters sailed down the bay to meet the big liner. The relatives of the soldier boys were carried by the ferry boats Richmond, Queens, Manhattan, Gowanus and Mayor Gaynor and by the steamboats Correction and Squantum.

The mayor's committee of welcome met the Leviathan first, proceeding to quarantine aboard the police boat Patriot. The tug Fidelity carried the aldermanic committee.

The appearance of the Leviathan in the lower bay was the signal for the beginning of the lustiest and most heartfelt welcome that has yet been accorded returning troops. The reception today was greater than that given to the fleet which passed in review here recently, for the weather is ideal.

Mayor John F. Hyman and the members of the official welcoming committee boarded the Leviathan at quarantine. The ferryboats bearing the happy mothers, wives and sweethearts of the returning fighters circled around the

GERMAN MISSION COMING TO PARIS

Envoy From Vanquished Power Will Sign Articles Preliminary To Peace This Month.

By Harry Hansen

Special Cable to The Journal and Chicago Daily News.

Paris, March 6.—The Germans are expected to reach Paris in the first part of March or the first part of April, not as victors but as vanquished, to sign articles preliminary to peace, whether the work on the covenant of the League of Nations is completed or not. This became known when the functions of the special committee appointed at the session of the council of ten were outlined. The committee was designated for formulating this document. Its functions are not only to coordinate the labors of the various committees together and to coordinate the draft clauses of the preliminary treaty. All the committees must report between March 8 and March 15, and the results are expected to be presented to President Wilson immediately upon his arrival here.

A draft of the treaty will then be prepared, the Germans will be notified to come and the conference will be moved to Versailles. The Germans are not expected to appear before any commissions of council of 10, but the full conference, where they will be given a chance to present their claims. However, the conference has no inclination to go into argument. The presentation will be brief and formal, probably only as a matter of record, the signatures are expected to be affixed the same day.

While the peace thus achieved is known as a preliminary peace, it is nevertheless an actual state of peace. Among the Americans it is believed that the allies cannot maintain a blockade of Germany after such a signature is attached. It also means that all frontier questions affecting Germany will have to be settled by that time or the German rights will have to be settled. The Zionists, in presenting claims for the Jews' state, declared to the conference that financing would be necessary and suggested an international loan.

Chicago's Toughest Runs Amuck, Using Borrowed False Arm

Wemme Postoffice May Be Abolished

Washington, March 6.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—

A postoffice inspector has reported inability to secure a candidate to continue the postoffice at Wemme, Clackamas county, a place named for the late E. Henry Wemme, because it is so close to Welches. He recommends the office be abandoned and patrons supplied by star route through Cherryville and Welches, but the department has advised Senator Chamberlain it will hold the matter open two weeks for any suggestions that may be offered.

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