

OLD GLORY TO FLY SEVEN SEAS AS IN OLD DAYS

Shipping Board Makes United States England's Rival as Queen of the Waves and Lays Basis for Great Profit After the War—America to Become Great Maritime Nation.

By Basil M. Manley.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—What is the most powerful corporation in the world? The steel trust? You're wrong. Guess again, and keep on guessing.
The most powerful corporation in the world today is the United States shipping board, operating in part through its subsidiary the emergency fleet corporation. Today oceanic transportation rules the world, and the shipboard board comes very near controlling oceanic transportation.
Most Americans have an idea the shipping board is doing a big job in building cargo vessels to circumvent the U-boat, but they have no conception of the part in making the United States ruler of the seas.
Merchant Marine Restored.
Submarines or no submarines, the program the shipping board is putting through will enable the United States after peace comes to haul every pound of goods she ships abroad, instead of paying heavy tribute, as in the past, to British, French, German, Italian, Scandinavian and Japanese merchantmen.
Think what this means. The shipping board is going to put the Stars and Stripes on all the seven seas, to carry commerce where Old Glory has not been seen since the days of our clipper ships.
The shipping board's construction and commanding program will add nearly 10,000,000 tons to the 8,500,000 tons we have today. From the least considered of maritime powers we go at a bound right up to the top.
Only England to Rival.
Only England will contest maritime supremacy with us. She has today some 17,000,000 tons, most of which is ocean-going, while a large part of our pre-war tonnage consists of lake and river boats, so she probably will have the edge on us when the war ends.
Germany, which had about 4,500,000 tons in 1916, has lost in 1917 more than the 500,000 tons we commandeered. Norway, next in strength with about 2,500,000 tons, is completely outclassed, while all the rest will drag along with less than 2,000,000 tons each.
But mere ship tonnage is only a small part of our enormous maritime influence now and for the future. The United States, through the shipping board, is the arbiter of ocean transportation rates throughout the world. These rates are now under discussion with representatives of the allies and revolutionary readjustments are soon to be announced.
Fixing Labor Conditions.
Furthermore, through the seamen's act the shipping board is now determining labor conditions for the sailors of all nations. The act, by making the sailors of every nation free men when they are in American ports, opens the way for them to force the vessel owners of other nationalities to come up to American standards. And as the ships of all the world must now come to America for cargoes, the leveling process is proceeding with great rapidity.
Many Americans view the enormous sums invested in ships by the United States as non-productive appropriations. They have never stopped to consider that the merchant ships will always be a source of revenue.
Enormous Profits.
Former Chairman Denman of the shipping board tells me even if present shipping rates are cut in half every ship now building or commandeered for the United States will pay for itself and yield a profit of 100 per cent in a year's time.
Uncle Sam today could sell every ship contract signed by the shipping board either to American or foreign ship owners at half again as much as the government is to pay.

BRITISH RAIDING ENEMY LINES BY DAY AND NIGHT

LONDON, Sept. 10.—The official report from British headquarters in France tonight reads:
"In addition to those reported this morning, a few prisoners were taken during the night in the course of patrol encounters in the neighborhood of Langucourt. Last night there was local fighting in which we captured several prisoners southeast of St. Julien.
"Southeast of St. Jensehoek the enemy raided one of our advanced posts from which a few of our men are missing. The post has since been re-established. The artillery has been active on both sides during the day east of Ypres.
"On Sunday a thick mist greatly hampered aerial operations. Artillery co-operation was carried out when possible and a few bombs were dropped by day and night on hostile airdromes. Three enemy machines were brought down and four were driven down out of control. Five of our machines are missing.
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SPANISH FREEDOM FOR HOSPITAL SHIPS

PARIS, Sept. 11.—An agreement obtained from the belligerent powers by King Alfonso permitting the free movement of French and English hospital ships also provides, it was announced today, for the removal from French hospital ships of German officer prisoners after today. On its part, the German government will remove French prisoners from exposed positions on the front where they were placed as acts of reprisal.

GERMANY STOPS COAL FOR HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 11.—The Telegraaf says Germany has stopped sending coal to Holland. The paper expresses the belief that Germany's attitude is intended as pressure on Holland to grant a loan which thus far has been refused.

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Says DR. WILEY

In a recent lecture, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the noted chemist and food expert, said:
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BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR WEEK 26,626

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Casualties in the British ranks reported during the week ending today show a total of 26,626 officers and men, as follows:
Officers killed and died of wounds, 184; men, 4183.
Officers wounded or missing, 581; men, 21,678.

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