HOW DAMAGED GERMAN SHIPS **ALL WERE MENDED**

All Taken Over Ships Now in Commission as a Result of Miracle of Engineering Industry.

What is regarded as a miracle of engineering reconstruction has been done in restoring in record time-in time that the Germans never thought possible—the 109 German ships seized by the United States in New York and other harbors, every one of which hips had been seriously and ingeni-usly damaged. All of the ships were ready for service eight months after order, given simultaneously with the date set for unrestricted submarine warfate, in February, 1917, for their destruction. The purpose of this order is declared by the committee on public information to have been "to inflict such vital damage to the machinery of all German ships in our ports that none could be operated for from 18 months to two years. This purpose has been defeated in signal fashion. In less than eight months all the ships are ready to: service. Describing the means taken to repair and reclaim these ships the public information committee says:

There is documentary proof that the enemy believed the damage irreparable. To obtain new machinery would have entailed a prolonged process of design, manufacture and installation. Urged by the necessity of conserving time, the engineers of the Navy department succeeded by unique means in patching and welding broken parts and replacing all of the standard parts which the Germans detached from their engines and de-stroyed or threw overboard. The me-chanical evidence is that the campaign of destruction was operated on these ships for more than two months and that the Germans were convinced and that the Germans were convinced that they were making a thorough job of it. Their scheme of ruin was shrewdly devised, deliberately executed and it ranged from the plugging of steam pipes to the utter demolition of boilers by dry firing.

TWhen the United States shipping board experts first surveyed the ruin the belief was expressed that much

new machinery would have to be designed, manufactured and installed, making 18 months a fair minimum estimate of the time required However, at the Navy department, where the need of troop and cargo ships was an urgent issue, officers of the bureau of steam engineering, having faith that the major portion of the repairs could be accomplished by patching and welding, declared it was possible to clear the ships for service by Christmas, and the last of the fleet actually took its final sea test and was ordered into service as a Thanksgiving gift to the nation."

a few days' visit with relatives at Bertrand and will move to this city in a few days.

All. Nutsman has sold his farm senth of town and will move to this city in a few days.

E. Nutsman returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives at Hamlet, Neb.

Gus Mohr left this week with a car of household goods and farming implements for Grant, Neb., where he will farm the coming season.

Mrs. Witske and Mrs. Gus Mohr and children are visiting relatives at Hamlet.

Claud Durham is apending the week at Lincoln.

John H. Schmidt, who has been visiting relatives here for the last week, has returned to his home at Hamlet.

Mrs. Russell Hobson of Weeping Water was here a few days this week for a visit with relatives. new machinery would have to be de-signed, manufactured and installed

Consequently these ships have for some weeks been in service both as consequently these ships have to some weeks been in service both as transports for American troops and in the merchant marine. The repair forces worked always in apprehension of concealed explosives. They found on all the ships evidences of artful pipe plugging, of concealed steel nuts and bolts in delicate cylinders, of depositing ground glass in oil pipes and bearings, of cunningly changed indicators, of filling fire extinguishers with gasoline. On each ship, says the New York Sun, there was no boiler that was not threaded through every pipe, in evidence of plugging. On one ship written records were found of the damage done. On most ships the American mechanics had to search blindly for cleverly hidden evidences of sabotage. The statement goes on to say:

ment goes on to say:

"The method of patching and welding broken marine engines had never before been practiced, although the art had been known in the railroad industry for 15 years. Three methods of patching were used—electric welding, axiacetylene welding and ordinary BINE .. BINE ..

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mechanical patching, the latter often later being welded. Following the repairs, tests of the machinery were first made at the docks, where the ships were lashed firmly to the piers while the propellers were driven at low speed and later each ship was taken to sea for vigorous trial tests.

The patches and welds were reported

4,850 officers as having given complete satisfaction.
"When the Leviathan, formerly the

Vaterland and the largest ship affoat, was put into commission by the United States government and sent to sea for a trial run its commander, a young American naval officer, was ordered to exert every pound of pressure that it possesses, for if there is any fault we want to know it. The Leviathan stood the test. It was one of the ships least mulilated, due to the fact that it was in bad repair and it was be-lieved that it would not be fit to put to sea for many months. The nevy engineers found it necessary to over-haul and partially redesign and reconstruct many important parts of the

engines." We read that at times as many as 15,000 workmen were engaged on this unusual job and that the cost of putting the vessels into shape for service was about \$30,000,000-the cost of two dreadnaughts. They are all fitted as troop and cargo ships and each is convertible to a completely equipped hospital ship for return voyage service between here and Europe. Their restoration adds 750,000 tons to the rent Comment.

American merchant marine. troop capacity of the 16 German ships that have been turned into transports, as given by the Scientific American, is

Vaterland (Leviathan), 54,282 tons 8,800 officers and men. George Washington, 25,570 tons, 4,850 officers and men. Amerika (America), 22,622 tons, 4,500 officers and men. Cecilie (Mount Vernon), 19,503

ons, 3,830 officers and men. Kaiser Wilhelm II (Agamemon), 9,361 tons, 3,830 officers and men. President Lincoln, 18,072 tons, 5,200 officers and men. President Grant, 18,072 tons, 5,200

Cincinnati (Covington) 16,339 tons, 1,000 officers and men. Grosser Kurfurst (Aeolus), 13,102 ons. 3.175 officers and men. Prinzess Irene (Pocahontas), 10,-

893 officers and men. Barbarossa (Mercury), 10,984 tons, 2,620 officers and men. Friedrich der Grosse (Huron), 10,-771 tons, 2,450 officers and men. Hamburg (Powhatan), 10,531 tons,

,100 officers and men. Rhein (Susquehanna), 10,058 tons, 2,000 officers and men. Neckar (Antigone), 9,835 tons, 2,000

officers and men.

Konig Wilhelm II (Madawasca),
9,410 tons, 2,200 officers and men. Total, 59,295 officers and men .- Cur-

From Our Near Neighbors

Miss Mamie Hillman was at Omaha a few

Miss Mamie Hillman was at Omaha a few days this week.

Harry Mickie left this week for a visit with friends at Murray, Ia.

Mrs. Herman Behrns was an Omaha visitor Wednesday.

Amsdel Sheldon was a Nebraska City visitor the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Marquardt were at Omaha this week attending the market week festivities.

Carl Schroeder was at Fairmont Thursday attending a bale of Hampshire hoss.

Mrs. Frank Sand and daughter of Nebraska City were visiting relatives east of town this week.

Henry Kuhnhenn returned Thursday from a few days' visit with Lincoln relatives.

Carl Smith is here from Kansas City for a visit with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Smith.

Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Breazeale were visiting at Lincoln this week.

Mrs. William Fox and Miss Stella Houragan of Omaha were over Sunday visitors at the Elmer Smith home.

John Bogard shipped his household goeds to Sutherland this week, where he will reside on a farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mitchell of Shelby were here Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlson and daughter were Omaha visitors Saturday.

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A. P. Johnson, Robert Meikle, M. M. Straub and E. H. Wulf were at Omaha Tuesday with stock.

Chris Nutaman returned Thursday from a few days visit with relatives at Bertrand.

To Reimburse Passengers For Loss Aboard Tuscania

Washington, March 8.—Officers, men and civilians who lost all personal effects on the torpedoed troop ship Tuscania, would be reimbursed not in excess of \$400 each under a bill favorably reported today by the senate military committee.

Raise Interest Rate

On Loans to Allies Washington, March 8.—The interest rate on loans to allies has been raised from 4½ per cent to 5 per cent as a result of the recent increase in the rates on certificates of indebtedness from 4 to 4½ per cent.

No Drinks Served to

Women in Uniform New York, March 8 .- Women in

New York, March 8.—Women in uniform or members of parties containing women in uniform cannot be served alcoholic beverages in leading uptown hotels.

"The government's regulation is perfectly plain," one proprietor stated in an announcement today.

"A uniform is a uniform, whether worn by a man or a woman. If a woman is in uniform it is impossible for her or any member of her party to have liquor in any form. We have no discretion in the matter."

Hereafter women doctors, nurses, motor drivers, yeomen and telephone operators and all other women in khaki or blue will do exactly as the men in uniforms. They will drink "soft drinks" or nothing.

Mrs. Charles Baumgardner of Rawlins. Wyo., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Keuhl.

Mrs. D. Keuhl.

Mrs. P. G. Hofeldt is spending the week in the country with her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Siberts, who is ill.

Henry Thieseen and family came down from Ewing, Neb., Sunday and will make their home here.

Mrs. Charles Witte and son, Arthur, were Omaha visitors Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. J. N. Wyatt and daughter, Helen, were Omaha visitors Saturday.

Mrs. E. A. Schurman returned Sunday from Chicago, where she visited relatives.

Mrs. Lissie Kolbe entertained friends Saturday afternoon.

urday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs Robert Warren visited at the John Seefus home Thursday.

Mrs. Ida Van Alat entertained the F. N.

ub Wednesday afternoon. Knitting he pastime.

Mrs. Nick Witte entertained the ladies kensington Thursday.
Otto Pfieffer is confined to his home with sickness.
Bert Donahot of Dunning, Neb., is moving onto his farm here, south of town.

Sergeant E. H. McCarthy of Camp Fun-ston visited Papillion friends Tuesday.

Mrs. George Beerline of Broadwater and
Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Chase of Stanton were-here this week to attend the funeral of John Chase.

Mahlon Holbrok of Colome, S. D., called on Papillion friends Wednesday,

Miss Corediis Gramlich spent several days this week with her sister at Peru State Normal.

George Alden, who has been with the George Alden, who has been with the Canadian army in France, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alden.

The Papillion Woman's club met Wednes-The Papillion Woman's club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. S. Nickerson. The afternoon was apent in Red Cross sewing.

A Red Cross auction sale will be held at the opera house Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Brown and daughter, Marguerite, visited Captain Karl Brown at Fort Dodge the first of the week.

Reds Order Siberians

To Prepare for War Harbin, Thursday, March 7.between the consular corps here, railway officials and the Chinese customs service to permit the export of foodstuffs by way of Irkutsk and Vladivostok and also for the shipment of Manchurian products to Vladivostok for export to the allies. I is reported from Irkutsk that the bolsheviki have ordered all workers in Siberia to mobilize for service at the front.
The bourgeoisie have been instructed to build defenses or to
work in towns in support of the
mobilized workers.

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SHRAPNEL No filings have yet been reported for the home rule charter commis-sion provided for in an ordinance passed a year ago by the city council. In spite of the considerable clamor at the time for the ordinance patriots seem to have forgotten all about the opportunity now offered. The law provides that the highest 30 candidates at the April primary shall constitute the nominees whose names may be submitted at the election on May 2, when the 15 receiving the highest vote shall become the charter commission. Candidates must be freeholders to be eligible-no pay at-

The Falconer Commissioner club will meet tonight in the grill room of the Loyal hotel.

F. S. Tucker, mayor of Florence for many years, will not be able to enter the city commissionership race this spring as he intended to do. He is convalescing from an illness.

C. E. (Charley) Black is "between and betwixt." He mentioned his proposed candidacy at the "Own-your-home" banquet in the Blackstone and those present could not tell whether he was joking or in earnest. There is some talk that he may throw his hat in the ring as a business man's

An effort is being made to line up Roy N. Towl for commissioner. It is contended that the superintendent of public improvements should be a technical man, one who is thoroughly for the city commission primaries.

Verdict of \$12,000

For Loss of Finger For the loss of a finger on his right hand a verdict of \$12,000 was awarded John H. Newton, an elec-trician, in his suit against Simon Brothers company, wholesale groc-

ers, in district court Thursday.
Newton testified his hand was caught between the elevator cable and the drum while he was repairing the elevator apparatus at the Simon Brothers building at Twelfth and Howard streets, March 19, 1917.

conversant with engineering prob-

Edward A. Smith is the second nember of the Smith family to be mentioned for city commissioner. As member of the legislature he supported the suffrage amendment and s being urged by an organization of women to make the race. He is no relation to Ed P. Smith, who wants to be mayor, or any other Smith holding down a public office.

George A. Hill was mayor of Benson before that suburb came into the greater municipality. He is now in the garage business. "Outspoken and fearless" are among the qualifications he boasts on his cards.

Laurie J. Quinby recommends himnouncing that he is a Kentuckian by factory to us." birth and on his father's side for three Senator Thom centuries an American. Quinby's cards, which he is passing out freely, charge that unjust and excessive taxation exists in Omaha, than which coal from 70 cents to \$1.20 a ton on nothing will check the growth of a all grades except one produced in that city more. Quinby is a single-tax bug state, will result in a reduction in with the ready-made remedy.

She filed subject to the outcome of Ship Yard Workers' Strike pending proceedings against the suf-

Other filings are George C Dyball 2514 Poppleton avenue, and T. P. Reynolds, 3822 Sherman avenue. Mr. Reynolds is the last of the Work-ingmen's Nonpartisan and Economic and has been settled by orders to league ticket to file.

At a meeting of Bohemian citizens in the Prague hotel, the following esolution was adopted: "That we xhort our fellow citizens of Omaha to exercise care in the selection of candidates for city commissioners, to he end that the administration of public affairs is efficient, able and economical." A A. Tenopir was indorsed as being qualified to serve as city commiss oner.

Senators Hurl Charges Against Food Head Hoover

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shall cease, and whoever does usury power is a detriment to public wel-

"The time may come when you may have to draw on that great reservoir of patience," he said, referring to the willingness of the people to do anything to win the war. "Let us not put undue burdens on it. I don't see self to the public as good timber for any indication that gives promise of a place on the city commission by an- an early and of the war in terms satis-

> Senator Thomas of Colorado, democrat, said an order affecting the coal mines of Colorado, effective March 11, and which reduces the price of coal from 70 cents to \$1.20 a ton on all grades except one produced in that coal production in that state. He declared that many mines will be forced

Very Narrowly Averted

Washington, March 8.—A strike at the Hog Island ship yard today was said by shipping board officials to Former Admiral Bowles that double time shall be paid for overtime in-stead of time and a half.

When the wage adjustment board rendered its decision giving time and a half for overtime there was a verbal agreement that double time should be paid in the construction trades, as is the general custom. Posturg of the adjustment board's award precipitated the walkout of 25 machinists, 100 electrical workers and 4,000 carpenters. Mr. Bowles was unaware of the verbal agreement.

Objection by the men to changes in working hours was smoothed over when it was explained that Mr. Bowles had ordered the shifts to come to work in groups at intervals from 7 to 8 o'clock in order to reduce transportation congestion. With 22,-000 men going to work at the same time, much confusion and delay re-

Labor Department Handles

Many Labor Disputes for Year Washington, March 8.—During the first 11 months of the war ending March 6, the Department of Labor has handled 807 industrial controversies affecting directly 1,200,000 workers, the department announced today. Of these 539 were adjusted by the department alone, while 109 were settled by state and local boards of mediation with the assistance of the department. Efforts failed only in 71 cases, involving mostly small con-cerns employing less than 100 men.

The department is now handling 74 disputes, only 17 of which involve men actually on strike. Strikes have not been as numerous since the war started as in normal times, the department's records show.

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able new Coats are shown in Spring Colors of navy blue sergeblack and white checks. Pongeerose and navy blue silk.

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