

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 ships had been seriously and ingeniously damaged.

When 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.

Consequently these ships have for 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.

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.

THE HOUSE OF MENAGH'S FASHION SHOW

To Be Held at The EMPRESS Theatre March 11, 12 and 13 Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Showing a Complete Revue of Authentic Styles in WOMEN'S APPAREL Original Models from Michael Reproductions from the following French houses: Callot Chervit Jenny Premet Paquin Lanvin France Rolf Georgeette

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.

When the Leviathan, formerly the Vaterland and the largest ship afloat, 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."

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.

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.

Washington, March 8.—The interest rate on loans to allies has been raised from 4 1/2 per cent to 5 per cent as a result of the recent increase in the rates on certificates of indebtedness from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent.

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

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.

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American merchant marine. The troop capacity of the 16 German ships that have been turned into transports, as given by the Scientific American, is as follows: 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 tons, 3,830 officers and men. Kaiser Wilhelm II (Agamemnon), 19,361 tons, 3,830 officers and men. President Lincoln, 18,072 tons, 5,200 officers and men. President Grant, 18,072 tons, 5,200 officers and men. Cincinnati (Covington) 16,339 tons, 4,000 officers and men. Grosse Kurfurst (Aeolus), 13,102 tons, 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, 2,100 officers and men. Rhein (Susquehanna), 10,058 tons, 2,000 officers and men. Necker (Antigone), 9,835 tons, 2,000 officers and men. Konig Wilhelm II (Madawaska), 9,410 tons, 2,200 officers and men. Total, \$9,295 officers and men.—Current Comment.

From Our Near Neighbors

Avoca. Miss Mamie Hillman was at Omaha a few days this week. Harry Mickle left this week for a visit with friends at Murray, Ia. Mrs. Herman Bohrs was an Omaha visitor Wednesday.

Amosel 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 sale of Hampshire hogs.

Henry Kuhhenn 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.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bransale were visiting at Lincoln this week. Mrs. William Fox and Miss Stella Hourigan of Omaha were over Sunday visitors at the Elmer Smith home. John Bogas shipped his household goods to Southland 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.

A. P. Johnson, Robert Melkie, M. M. Straub and E. H. Wolf were at Omaha Tuesday with stock. Chris Nutman returned Thursday from a few days' visit with relatives at Bertrand.

J. L. Nutman has sold his farm south of town and will move to this city in a few days. N. Nutman 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.

Wife and Mrs. Gus Mohr and children are visiting relatives at Hamlet. Claud Durham is spending 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. Russel Hobson of Weeping Water was here a few days this week for a visit with relatives.

Reds Order Siberians To Prepare for War Harbin, Thursday, March 7.—An agreement has been arrived at 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. It is reported from Irkutsk that the bolsheviks 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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POLITICAL SHRAPNEL

No filings have yet been reported for the home rule charter commission 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 attached.

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 commissioner 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 candidate.

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

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 electrician, in his suit against Simon Brothers company, wholesale grocers, 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.

Edward A. Smith is the second member of the Smith family to be mentioned for city commissioner. As a member of the legislature he supported the suffrage amendment and is 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 himself to the public as good timber for a place on the city commission by announcing that he is a Kentuckian by birth and on his father's side for three centuries an American. Quinby's cards, which he is passing out freely, charge that unjust and excessive taxation exists in Omaha, that which nothing will check the growth of a city more.

Mrs. Thor C. Jorgensen of 1001 Park avenue is the first woman to file for the city commission primaries.

Ship Yard Workers' Strike Very Narrowly Averted

Washington, March 8.—A strike at the Hog Island ship yard today was averted by shipping board officials to have been due to a misunderstanding and has been settled by orders to Former Admiral Bowles that double time shall be paid for overtime instead 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.

Senators Hurl Charges Against Food Head Hoover

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 state, will result in a reduction in coal production in that state. He declared that many mines will be forced to shut down if the order becomes operative, or the government must operate them.

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 concerns 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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