

### U. S. TO LAUNCH HALF MILLION TONS SHIPPING TODAY

#### Ravages of U-Boats in Month at Present Rate of Under-seas Piracy Nullified in One Day.

Washington, July 3.—The United States celebrates Independence Day tomorrow by launching, between sunrise and sunset, more ships than Germany's submarines can destroy in a month at their present rate of under-seas piracy.

One hundred ships—perhaps more—approximately half a million tons of dead weight tonnage are expected to slip from their ways.

Without holding back a single ship in order to swell the number for independence day launching, the shipworkers by brawn and sacrifice have made ready at least 95 ships, and it is said to be not improbable that the number will be one hundred. These ships, when completed at the same rate of speed which has made possible their launching today will take their places in the "bridge of ships to France" which will maintain the armies fighting to defeat Germany.

on the result of the day's operations, it might read thus: "Our shipbuilders attacked the U-boat campaign today everywhere in America, achieving their objectives early in the assault and pushing far beyond. The result nullifies in one day all that the German underwater navy takes more than one month to accomplish. All our units behaved magnificently and it is expected that distinguished service medals will be awarded soon to some individuals by the Shipbuilding board."

Beginning in the east, because of differences in time, the launching will continue throughout the day until the last hull has been floated on the waters of the Pacific. At least 95 ships are expected to be launched, with a deadweight tonnage of 470,586. Work was continued until the last minute in hope of launching other ships also. Launchings planned for Atlantic and Gulf yards number 38, including 27 wooden vessels of 95,700 tons, and 11 steel ships of 76,486 tons. The Great Lakes yards will launch 14 steel ships of 47,700 tons. Maintaining its record, the Pacific coast will lead the rest of the country with 26 wooden and 17 steel launchings, totalling 250,700 tons.

The Bethlehem Union Plant in San Francisco will have the honor of launching three ships with a capacity of 35,400 tons. The Moore Shipbuilding company of Oakland, Cal., also will have a triple launching, the tonnage being 28,200. Triplets also will be born in the Ecorse, Mich., yard of the Great Lakes Shipbuilding company, the tonnage being 8,900.

NAME	STEEL SHIPS	LOCATION OF YARD
Spartan	3,500	Bath, Me.
Morrison	3,500	Wilmington, Del.
War Compass	4,900	Wilmington, Del.
Everglades	5,500	Tampa, Fla.
Independence	11,800	San Francisco, Cal.
Victorious	11,800	San Francisco, Cal.
Defiance	11,800	San Francisco, Cal.
Major Wheeler	5,500	Oakland, Cal.
Challenger	11,800	Alameda, Cal.
Tambill	4,900	Oakland, Cal.
Yaquina	4,900	Oakland, Cal.
Guimba	4,900	Oakland, Cal.
Wesley	4,900	Los Angeles, Cal.
West Zula	4,900	Los Angeles, Cal.
Nantahala	4,900	San Francisco, Cal.
Western Star	4,900	Seattle, Wash.
Western Comet	4,900	Seattle, Wash.
Puget Sound	7,500	Seattle, Wash.
Delight	7,500	Seattle, Wash.
West Gumbo	4,900	Seattle, Wash.
Lake Godney	3,500	Cleveland, O.
Lake Garza	3,500	Lorain, O.
Lake Berdan	3,500	Chicago, Ill.
Lake Ormeo	3,500	Wyndotte, Mich.
Lake Borgne	3,500	Superior, Wis.
Lake Indian	3,500	Duluth, Minn.
Lake Winthrop	3,500	Mantoloking, N. J.
Lake Pleasant	3,500	Ashtabula, Mich.
Lake Janet	3,500	Ecorse, Mich.
Lake Pearl	3,500	Ecorse, Mich.
Lake Benona	3,500	Saginaw, Mich.
Santo Teresa	4,900	Philadelphia, Pa.
Scout	4,900	Camden, N. J.
Strandwine	7,000	Gloucester, N. J.
Wm. Penn	12,500	Gloucester, N. J.
(Not selected)	7,500	Shoctors Island, N. J.
Lake Daney	3,500	Superior, Wis.
Lake Galera	3,500	Buffalo, N. Y.
Lake Silver	3,500	Ecorse, Mich.
Total Steel Ships	42	
Total Tonnage	250,700	

  

NAME	WOODEN SHIPS (All cargo vessels)	LOCATION OF YARD
Daca	3,500	Salmon Bay, Wash.
Forster	3,500	Seattle, Wash.

### SOUTH SIDE TWO SLACKERS TO PASS FOURTH IN SOUTH SIDE JAIL

#### Todoroff and Dimitroff, Natives of Bulgaria, Wanted in Draft, to Be Taken to Camp.

While the blessings of liberty are being proclaimed in speech and song throughout the United States and many foreign lands on the Fourth of July two men, who left their native soil of Bulgaria to seek the larger freedom and opportunities of America, will have freedom denied them, as they look out from behind the bars of their cells in South Side police station, because they were unwilling to fight for the freedom of the country of their adoption.

Their names are Kiro Todoroff, 2906 R street, and Tom Dimitroff, 3192 O street, and the charge of "slackers" appears opposite their names on the police blotter.

According to Chairman J. J. Breen, local exemption board No. 2, these men failed to answer the board's summons to appear with the contingent that left for Camp Funston last Friday. They sought to escape service by leaving the city. They admitted having gone to St. Louis a few days before they were to be called, and remaining there until after their contingent had been sent to camp. When they returned to the South Side, Todoroff changed his address, police said, in order to avoid the officers. They were taken into custody Wednesday by detectives, and will be sent to Camp Funston Friday, according to Chairman Breen of the local draft board.

### Farmers' and Stockmen's Store to Open on South Side

A new store, to be known as the Farmers' and Stockmen's store, will be opened in the near future at Twenty-sixth and O streets, in the building formerly occupied by the Farmers' Union Live Stock Commission company, which has moved to the third floor of the Stock exchange building.

A. W. Baxter, who has been in the restaurant and butcher business in Omaha for 25 years, will be manager of the store, and R. A. Miller of Fort Dodge, Ia., will be sales manager. They expect to carry a complete line of farmers' and stockmen's equipment. Remodeling of the store room, which is 20 by 60 feet, is now in

progress, and the building will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

### Work or Fight Order Causes Rush for Packing House Jobs

The new "work or fight" order has increased the number of applications for employment at the packing houses, according to Manager M. R. Murphy of the Cudahy Packing company and R. C. Howe of Armour & Co.

### South Side Brevities

Wanted—A good contractor for building a tower for the Serbian church. Call South 1412, P. Fischer.

Mrs. Jennie M. Cobb, Sister of Mrs. F. D. Wead, Dead. Mrs. Jennie M. Cobb, sister of Mrs. F. D. Wead, died early yesterday at her home in Janesville, Wis., aged 60 years. Mrs. Cobb, formerly Mrs. Jacob Weidensall, lived many years in Omaha. Surviving in the immediate family are two daughters, Mrs. G. W. Fifield and Dr. Jean Weidensall.

### SIXTY KILLED IN BLASTS AND FIRE AT T. N. T. PLANTS

#### Injured Number as Many More; "Peculiar Circumstances" to Be Thoroughly Probed.

By Associated Press. Syracuse, N. Y., July 3.—A double investigation was under way tonight to determine the cause of the fire and explosions which killed at least 60 workmen, injured more than three-score and destroyed the T. N. T. plant of the Semet-Solvay company at Split Rock, near here last night.

District Attorney John H. Walrath said "several peculiar circumstances," including the breakdown of water and lighting systems, would be thoroughly investigated.

The company was engaged on government contracts. Ten buildings were destroyed and others damaged. The property loss is said to be in excess of \$1,000,000. The factory will be rebuilt without delay.

### Omaha Rail Men Thanked For Speeding Ship Material

D. M. Dodge, Omaha representative of the United States Shipping board, Emergency Fleet corporation, has received a telegram from F. C. Joubert, manager of the division of transportation of the United States Shipping board at Washington and Philadelphia, expressing appreciation of the activities of railroad men in the prompt handling of shipbuilding materials, which has made possible the launching of so many vessels on Independence day.

The message asked that the board's appreciation be made known to every railroad employee.

### Commerce Committee Urges Norris "Bone Dry" Measure

The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce adopted a resolution favoring the "bone dry" measure proposed by Senator Norris in congress. The committee further urged that congress enact a measure and put it into operation at once, instead of a year hence, as now proposed. The committee regards this as a war measure only, and its endorsement is not an endorsement of national prohibition in time of peace.

years old, respectively, want to go to Wray, Colo., on the Denver line, and the railroad will not take them unless they are accompanied by an adult. They have tickets for the chair car. Fine fireplace goods at Sunderlands.

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