

AMERICA SOON TO BOAST GREAT MERCHANT FLEET

U. S. Mercantile Marine Already Reaches 7,000,000 Tons and Production Continues.

The war is putting the American flag on the seas. Uncle Sam now has in new ships, confiscated enemy ships, chartered neutral ships and others, a total mercantile fleet of 7,000,000 tons.

From a decayed merchant marine consisting of only a few ocean vessels operated almost entirely by foreign crews and officers, a great all-American mercantile navy, potent and powerful, is being made.

Ships must be manned by sailors, engineers and firemen, and nearly 3,000 men are now attending free schools of navigation and engineering throughout the country.

Men who never before sniffed salt water are becoming absorbed in the science of sailing. Their days are crowded with drill, inspection, cleaning, discipline and instruction.

Revive Chantie Singing. Chantie singing has been revived and Stanton H. King of Boston, formerly a deep water Yankee sailor himself, is official chantie singing instructor.

Here are samples of the kind of songs these rollicking "sea dogs" like to sing: Now, you bowery ladies, we'd have you to know, O, you Rio!

So it's back up your donkey and get under way. The girls we are leaving can take our half-pay.

Jewish Welfare Board Is to Conduct Camp Work. Colonel Harry Cutler, chairman of the Jewish Welfare board, has announced the departure to Europe of a commission composed of Congressman Isaac Siegel, Rabbi Jacob Kohn, Rabbi H. G. Enelow and an administrative secretary, John Goldhaar.

With nearly 200 trained workers in the field, the numerous huts erected in the large camps, the Jewish Welfare board has been taking care of the 75,000 Jewish soldiers in the camps throughout the country.

Boyd Opens September 1 With Fine Shubert Comedy. Manager Burgess of the Boyd theater announces that the dramatic season at that house is to open September 1, and that again this year the high-class Shubert road attractions are to be offered at that house.

Finn's Greater Omaha Band To Play at Manawa Today. Finn's Greater Omaha band will play a variety program of classical, popular and patriotic musical numbers today at Manawa park.

Women Making Good as Medicine Mixers Are in Much Demand Since the Men Folks Have Gone Away to War



Mrs. M. V. Giese

By RUTH B. WHITNEY. Most Omaha people would be surprised if they could go behind the scenes in the drug stores and find out how many women there are compounding prescriptions.

The Sherman & McConnell Drug company was one of the first firms in the country to employ women in this capacity. They are strong believers in women in business and many girls have gone into this work on their encouragement.

Girls on Bill at Empress This Week. The management of the Empress theater has steadily followed the policy of keeping its vaudeville up to the highest possible standard of quality.



The Four Seasons at the Empress.

Outdoor Parks Offer Special Attractions for the Coming Week. France's "Fourth of July"—the anniversary of the fall of the Bastille—will be celebrated at Manawa park today.

Bills for Current Week. Alhambra—Barney Sherry in "High Stakes," a sensational action drama, yet one full of humorous situations, will be the feature play here today only.

first, was Mrs. Anna Baker, who is one of the girls who went into the work at Mr. Sherman's suggestion. After 14 years of service in this capacity she is now manager of the Sherman & McConnell Dundee drug store, and so enthusiastic about her work that she says she could not bear to give it up.

Take Time to Prepare. Mrs. Eva White, at Tobin's drug store on the South Side, is another pioneer in the drug business and entered it in the same way Mrs. Baker did. She has been in the business between eight and nine years and has been employed in several different stores.

Problem Play Set for Week Over at Boyd. The four-act drama, "The Unmarried Mother," opens at the Boyd today for one week.

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You can have loads of fun at Lakeview Park "Omaha's Joy Spot". Matinee Today at 3, Every Night at 8. Grand Jazz Band and 25 More High Class Attractions.

Help France Celebrate. Also see the Omaha Newsboys' Picnic Today at Manawa Park. Hundreds of valuable prizes to be given away. Come out and get yours.

Reel Fans

How Rural Chinese Got Their First Glimpse of Movies and Effect of Same on the Patrons

The Peking correspondent of the London Times tells this story of the reception of a British war film in the hinterland of China.

A letter from Lanchow-fu, in the far west of China, gives a picturesque account of the experiences of one of the British war films recently shown in that city. Apparently there is no such thing as a cinema palace in Lanchow-fu, and the film was presented in the large hall of the Anhui club, lent by the governor and other officials.

The whole business was too novel to be an immediate success in an unsophisticated place like Lanchow-fu. But the fame of the show spread quickly, and after the first night it was a case of house full all the time.

My friends all laughed at me and told me I couldn't do it without neglecting my family," she said, "but I was determined, and I finally succeeded. Our prescription clerk was a great help to me, although I thought him overly particular at the time.

Practically none of those who attended the exhibition had ever seen moving pictures before, and very few indeed had the scientific knowledge to understand how it was done. It is a curious characteristic of the uneducated oriental that he can look at an engine or an aeroplane, or any other mechanical marvel, and take no interest in its construction or the why or wherefore of its ability to move.

Not a bit of it," said the young airman. "I'm prepared—and well prepared—to make about six Huns daily die for their"— Washington Star.



Mrs. Anna Baker

It is the fine class of people with whom one comes in contact.

"All girls are not qualified for the work," she says, "as it takes neatness, a head for details, and a fairly good education. A knowledge of Latin is a great help."

Mrs. M. V. Giese of Council Bluffs graduated from the Creighton school of pharmacy last year. She is the mother of four children, the oldest of whom is now of draft age. Her husband has owned a drug store in the Bluffs for several years, and she worked in the store at times and made up her mind that she would like to learn the prescription business.

Dear H. C. Newton of the Creighton College of Pharmacy says he usually has two or three girls in each class. One year five graduated. He hopes there will be many more starting the work next year. "My desk is piled high with applications for pharmacists," he exclaimed, "and I haven't any idea where to find them. The girls will have to come to our assistance."

Dean Newton says that girls are not quite as easily placed as men, owing to the fact that in some country drug stores no porter is kept and the drug clerk is expected to be a man of all work besides, but in the city stores and those of the larger towns girls give perfect satisfaction. He claims that they take to the technical part of the work even more readily than men.

So far, women pharmacists are not quite as well paid as men, but the girls are all hoping that the time will come when they will receive "equal pay for equal service." Without an exception the girls like the work and wish that more women would enter it.

'WORK OR FIGHT' ORDER IS TO BE EFFECTIVE HERE

Exemption Board One Starts Proceedings to Weed Out Men in Non-Essential Occupations.

Exemption board No. 1 has started proceedings to put into effect the work or fight order of Provost Marshal Crowder.

Questionnaires of men who are in prohibited list in Class B, which consists of a man who has a wife, but no children, have been gone over and they have been cited to come before the board for examination on Monday and Tuesday.

These men, who have been previously employed in non-productive work classified by the provost marshal's office in different divisions, will be questioned. If they show they have complied with the order and have changed their occupations from non-productive and prohibited lines to those of usefulness, they will not be removed from their serial order and classification and can continue in their occupations.

"There has been no modification of the rule," said he. "The men with wives dependent upon them remain in the same draft status as they were before. If a draft board removes them to classification making them subject to immediate draft, it does so without warrant and upon its own motion, and the men so affected will have their remedy in appeal."

The Right Spirit. President John Grier Hibbens of Princeton said the other day: "It costs \$10,000 to make an airman, and no airman should be foolishly reckless, for his country can't afford to lose him."



IT'S A CINCH You'll Have a Good Time at KRUG PARK. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Every Day There's Amusement of the Better Kind for You.

See the Big Pillow Fight at the Pavilion Monday Night. Mothers Should Remember—Children between the ages of 4 and 12 are taught Ball Room Dancing, Physical Culture and Expression by Mrs. Jack Connors Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4—FREE.

HENSHAW CAFE. Wright's Orchestra to Entertain You. Every evening—6:00 to 8:30 9:30 to 12:00. Featuring Dinner Dancing. Coolest Place in City. Prices Popular. Refined Surroundings.

BOYD'S WEEK STARTING MATINEE TODAY. MATINEE DAILY FOR LADIES ONLY. (Except the Opening Matinee Today, When Both Ladies and Gents Are Admitted) A PLAY OF TODAY NOT A MOTION PICTURE.

WHAT ABOUT THE WAR BABIES? THE UNMARRIED MOTHER. Hear the Lecture on "War Babies" at the Week Day Daily Ladies' Matinee.