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 5,000 men are now attending free schools of navigation and engineering throughout the country. They have been drawn from coastwise vessels and from the machine shops, power plants, railroads and technical schools. Applicants are required to have at least one year experience in seamanship or engineering. In order to man the new ships 25,000 men must be instructed in the three chief branches of merchant ship operation, deck department, steward's department and engine room.

The students receive actual training on board training ships. Four of these "floating schools" are at Boston and one at San Francisco. Others will be located at Norfolk, New Orleans and Seattle. The first free navigation school was opened at Harvard last January and later the first free school of marine engineering was

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, forstructor.

Here are samples of the kind of to sing:

For I'm bound to the Rto Grande

half-pay.

(Refrain.)

7e'll s-'! our salt cod for molassess and

And goodbye, fare-you-well, all you ladies o

We've left you enough to buy a silk gown (Refrain.)

Jewish Welfare Board Is to Conduct Camp Work

Colonel Harry Cutler, chairman of the Jewish Welfare board, has an-nounced 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, who will establish headquarters abroad. Its mission will be to determine how the Jewish Welfare board, in cooperation with other welfare agencies on the other side, can best serve the men of Jewish faith who are now with the American expeditionary forces. The commission will remain for some time, visiting the various allied battle fronts, training camps and rest billets, and will send reports of its observations and recommendations to the national headquarters, 149 Fifth avenue, New York City Colonel Cutler also announced the appointment of several Jewish chaplains, who are leaving for overseas

The Jewish Welfare board, officially recognized on the same basis as the Young Men's Christian association and Knights of Columbus, has issued a call for 100 men for overseas

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 to the highest possible standard of high-class Shubert road attractions quality. Starting today, the Four are to be offered at that house. The first offering is to be the popular in a singing and dancing novelty, comedy, "Business Before Pleasure." It comes to the Boyd September 1, solo and harmony singing is a big and is to hold for an entire week.

one of particular interest to Omaha and laugh-producers, consisting of play-goers. It is the dramatization Eva Page, George Pelletier and Jack of the famous Booth Tarkington fered by Stuart Walker's Portmanteau players. This organization appeared in Omaha two seasons ago, offering a series of one-act plays, the most have a clever comedy skit, interminimportant of which was Dunsany's gled with song and dance, "Gods of the Mountain."

Finn's Greater Omaha Band

popular and patriotic musical numbers today at Manawa park. A suite of "Pepito," "Orpheus" and "Parisian Life." There are 15 musical numbers acrobatic novelty, complete the show for the last half of the week.

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



By RUTH B. WHITNEY

how many women there are compounding prescriptions.

No record is kept of just how many registered women pharmacists songs these rollicking "sea dogs" like there are in Omaha, but there are 83 in Nebraska, besides quite a few that are not registered, as the law provides that a pharmacist need not be registered if working as assistant to one who has a license.

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. At a meeting of the National Druggists' association in Indianapolis 16 years ago Mr. Sherman was quoted as being in favor of em-

first, was Mrs. Anna Baker, who is take the necessary time and trouble Most Omaha people would be sur- one of the girls who went into the to prepare themselves for the work." prised if they could go behind the work at Mr. Sherman's suggestion. Speaking of ambition, Zita Walch,

store, and so esthusiastic about her work that she says she could not bear to give it up. Mrs. Baker wanted to answer the call for pharmacists to work in France, but her husband is in the service and has already crossed the water, and the government rules provide that no woman with a husband in the service can do work on the other side. "I should like to see more girls go into the work." said Mrs. Baker, "as I do not think that

any earnest, conscientious girl can fail to make a success of it Take Time to Prepare.

scenes in the drug stores and find out After 14 years of service in this ca- at Munt's Pharmcy on the South pacity she is now manager of the Side, and Loretta Meany, at the Owl, modity. Both say they are expecting to own their own stores some day. Both these girls took up the work because they had relatives in the business, and are most enthusiastic about it.

McConnell's Harney street store, has is piled high with applications for She went to work as a clerk in the store" and has risen from one step to assistance." another, until now she is a very com-Mrs. Eva White, at Tobin's drug tion of a registered pharmacist, but drug clerk is expected to be a man of store on the South Side, is another feels that she could easily obtain one. all work besides, but in the city stores One of the pictures shown at Lan-

ploying women as prescription clerks, pioneer in the drug business and en- Several years ago Miss Gunnell and those of the larger towns girls and he was considerably criticised for tered it in the same way Mrs. Baker took a trip to Denver and remained give perfect satisfaction. He claims taking such a stand. The middle did. She has been in the busienss there sometime. "I couldn't bear to that they take to the technical part of western druggists were the first to between eight and nine years and has go into a drug store to buy anything," the work even more readily than men. employ women, but those of the far been employed in several diffrent she says, "as I wanted to get behind east and the far west have hung back stores. "There is no reason why the counter and go to work. Finally quite as well paid as men, but the until the shortage of pharmacists due women should not succeed in phar- I did get a job in a drug store, and girls are all hoping that the time will to the war is finally forcing them to macy," said Mrs. White, "but I do not accept the situation. macy," said Mrs. White, "but I do not think the profession will ever be over-One of the first Omaha women to crowded with women, as not a large is very much interested in her work exception the girls like the work and

More than 50 children were present

further lessons will be taken up. After

the lesson favors of candy and fruit

Grace G. Gunnell, at Sherman &

take up pharmacy, if not the very percentage are ambitious enough to and says one of the best things about wish that more women would enter it.

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-tu, and the film was presented in the large hall of the Anhui club, lent by the governor and other officials. The commissioner of police entered upon the duties of advance agent with zeal, and posted the city with proclamations announcing the exhibition, He further provided troops to guard the doors, and the governor ordered the supply of electric light tree. Two missionaries did showmen, and made a very good job

The whole business was too novel to be an immediate success in an unsophisticated place like Lanchowfu. But the fame of the show spread quickly, and after the first night it was a case of house full all the time Soldiers and police in uniform were allowed in free, and many of them slept on the premises in order to "All girls are not qualified for the work," she says, "as it takes neatness, be there at the next performance. a head for details, and a fairly good It is the pleasant oriental custom for a person of standing to be accomeducation. A knowledge of Latin is a panied wherever he goes by a long retinue. When such a one dines out,

graduated from the Creighton school his ragtag and bobtail have the natural right to enter in likewise, and in an Omaha paper to the effect that of pharmacy last year. She is the mother of four children, the oldest of to be fed up to the neck. On this whom is now of draft age. Her hus- principle every ticket holder had a but wives dependent upon them, are band has owned a drug store in the queue at his back, and if it had not Bluffs for several years, and she workbeen for the soldiers at the door, the ed in the store at times and made up takings would have totaled a dollar, representing 10 10-cent tickets, alher mind that she would like to learn though a full thousand would have witnessed the show. One man, one the same draft status as they were "My friends all laughed at me and told me I couldn't do it without negticket, was an unpopular departure. lecting my family," she said, "but I and evasion was rampant. Men with was determined, and I finally succeed-lanterns claimed the special privilege and evasion was rampant. Men with them to classification making them ed. Our prescription clerk was a to attend their masters, some crawled great help to me, although I thought in between the legs of the crowd, and him overly particular at the time, some borrowed soldiers' caps or Now I am glad that I learned the tunics in their earnestness to get a work as thoroughly as I did, as he free look. Infants in arms were prohas gone to France, and I feel that I claimed free, and when the people am releasing a man for real service in understood it, they came festooned Sherman & McConnell Dundee drug are certainly not lacking in that com- this time of need." She does all the with large boys and girls hanging around their necks. The waiting Dean H. C. Newton of the Creighcrowds were enormously amused to was asked, when he went from his training ton College of Pharmacy says he see those who tried to get in withusually has two or three girls in each out paying turned back.

class. One year five graduated. He Practically none of those who athopes there will be many more start- tended the exhibition had ever seen "My desk moving pictures before, and very few indeed had the scientific knowledge been in the drug business a long time. pharmacists," he exclaimed, "and I to understand how it was done. It haven't any idea, where to find them. is a curious characteristic of the unhomeopathic department at the "old The girls will have to come to our educated oriental that he can look at an engine or an aeroplane, or any "Dean Newton says that girls are other mechanical marvel, and take petent pharmacist. She has never not quite as easily placed as men, ow- no interest in its construction or the taken the trouble to apply for a state ling to the fact that in some country license, as she works under the direction of the drug stores no porter is kept and the move. It is enough for him that

> One of the pictures shown at Lanchow-fu represented a group of officers and nurses on the deck of a ship. There is a strong wind blowing, and the kerchief around a nurse's So far, woman pharmacists are not head is carried away. It would be interesting to know what was in the mind of the man who commented: That nurse is very careless; she loses her handkerchief every night."

dead babe's father is brought to justice. During the engagement of this play, matinees will be given daily for women only, and while women and gentlemen are admitted evenings, at no performance will those under 16 years of age be admitted.

Serving Both Ends.

Customer-Why do you leave this ong tail on the steak, when I asked or a short-cut porterhouse? Butcher—We've got to make both ands meat, these days.—Chicago Post.

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.

'WORK OR FIGHT' ORDER IS TO BE

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

EFFECTIVE HERE

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

Ouestionnaires 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. In the event they have failed to

obey the order they will be auto-matically transferred to Class 1-A and

Next week all the men who are in

Class 4-A will be subjected to the

same citation and will be treated in

W. G. Ure of the first district ex-

emption board said the story printed

married men who have no children,

placed in Class 1-A has no foun-

"There has been no modification of

the rule," said he. "The men with

wives dependent upon them remain in

before. If a draft board removes

subject to immediate draft, it does so

without warrant and upon its own mo-

their remedy in appeal."

tion, and the men so affected will have

The Right Spirit

on 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.

"I like to think of the Princeton boy who

camp to the front;
"Well, are you prepared to die for you

ountry?"
"'Not a bit of it,' said the young airman."

'I'm prepared—and well prepared—to make about six Huns daily die for theirs!"— Washington Star.

Sunday, Monday, Tues-

day, Wednesday, Thurs-

day, Friday and Saturday.

Every Day There's Amusement

of the Better Kind for You.

See the Big Pillow

Fight at the Pavil-

ion 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 Con-

ners Saturday afternoons from

Ride the Giant Coaster, Mono-

flyer, Merry-Go-Round.

Drive the Ponies in the

Kentucky Derby.

Try Your Hand at Bowling.

If You Are a Follower of Isaac

Walton, then Fish at the

Fish Pond.

The Japanese Garden Is of Real

Interest.

Crack! Crack!! All Evening Long at the Rifle Range.

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Hundreds Are, Why Not You? There's Only 2 Places to Go-

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the same manner.

dation of truth.

Train on Ships.

opened at Massachusetts "Tech." Many other schools have been added along the Atlantic gulf and Pacific coast and on the Great Lakes.

merly a deep water Yankee sailor himself, is official chantie singing in-

Now, you Bowery ladies, we'd have you to know,
O. you Rio!
We're bound to the southward. O Lord,
let us go!

(Refrain.)

O. say, was you ever in Rio Grande?
O. you Rio!

It's there that the river runs down golden sand.
For I'm bound to the Rio Grande.
And away, you Rio! O*****—you Rio!
Sing fare you well, my bonny young girls,
For I'm bound to the Rio Grande.

So it's pack up your donkey and get under

And we pack again 'fore Thanksgiving has

Girls on Bill at Empress This Week



The Your Seasons ... at the Empress ..

The management of the Empress theater has steadily followed the policy of keeping its vaudeville up Seasons, a quartet of beautiful girls, head the new program. Sparkling feature of the act. The Jack Arnold The second attraction scheduled is Trio, a combination of merrymakers Arnold, present a comedy singing, "Seventeen," and will be of- talking and piano playing offering, Wright and Walker come with a singing and dancing act that promises good entertainment. Rose and Dell

Heading the bill for the last half of the week are Knight's Roosters, 20 full-fledged actors who do things worth crowing about. Billy Knight To Play at Manawa Today furnishes them with a Ferris wheel, Finn's Greater Omaha band will a circular swing, a see-saw, a merryplay a variety program of classical, go-round, all of which they work and perform innumerable stunts thereon. Harry, the king pin of the bunch, French songs will be a feature of the dressed in full evening clothes, shows entertainment. On the program are such popular melodies as "Somewhere drunken human of the club variety. in France is the Lily," "Over There," Another tries to expound the sysand "The Angelus." Musical gems tem of "courting" enjoyed in roosterwill also be played from the following land. Sam Hood, blackface comedian. French operas: "Perichole," "La Belle does monologue, interspersed with "Genevieve de Brabant," songs. Herman and Hanley, song-

Outdoor Parks Offer Special Attractions for the Coming Week

France's "Fourth of July"-the an- management will offer at the dance niversary of the fall of the Bastile- palace, for one night only, a big coun-will be celebrated at Manawa park try store dance. This will be held on today. Finn's Greater Omaha band, Tuesday night July 16th. Hundreds Adams' Jazz band from Omaha, and of valuable prizes will be given away. Art Smith's orchestra will specialize There is only one stipulation in the all day in French airs, military and winning of the prizes and that is that popular. The park will be decorated the lucky person must carry his prize

with French and American flags. away with him. Dancing will start The newsboys of Omaha, 1,000 Tuesday promptly at 8 o'clock with strong, will hold their 27th annual the prizes to be distributed shortly picnic and re-union at the lake, afterward. Watermelon and pie eating contests, a street vaudeville show and similar attractions will be staged where the at the free dancing class held at Krug public can see. Mrs. G. V. Fishbaugh park Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Jack of Council Bluffs and "Joe, the Glaz-Connors and her little son, Master ier" of Omaha, both famous high div- Jack Connors. The children were ers and swimmers, will give exhibitaught the rudimentary steps in ball tions during the afternoon, while room work and some few straightenpretty Red Cross girls take up a col- ing up exercises and on next Saturday

Much more amusement for much were given out and tables set in the

of a relative. It is one of the plays in which Miss Barriscale is given a chance to display here emotional talents. In addition to the feature, on each day there

will also be shown a Mutt and jeff comedy

Grand-Nell Shipman and Alfred Whitman, appearing in a light drama, "The Home Trail," will be the feature here Sun-day. Miss Shipman has here a part which

day. Miss Shipman has here a part which she fills well and plays to good advantage, while she is ably seconded by her teammate, Mr. Whitman. In addition to this feature there will be seen, Harold Lloyd in "Sic 'Em Towser." On Monday and Tuesday will be seen Charles Ray in his play of action and humor, "Playing the Game." It is a fine piece of characterization work by this young star, and there is a stirring free-for-all fight, in which it is certain that Ray does not come off second best. Fatty Arbuckle will also run these two days.

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Robliff-Harold Lockwood, appearing in The Interioper a thrilling drama of love

in "Oh, Doctor."

in this picture.

for the added attractions that were

less money is surely meeting with pavilion and each child sat down to popular approval at Lakeview park, ice cream and cake. The management has outlined a staged at the dance palace the past busy week at Krug park this week, week made the attendance jump. No On Monday night will be a pillow ess than 40,000 people passed through fight, "Over the Top" and there have the gates in the last week. The been a number of entries received algrocers and butchers picnic Thursday ready. Many picnic parties have been was the largest in the history of the scheduled for the week and on Thursassociation. The other event, a Japan- day will be another waltzing contest. ese ball, on Tuesday, was the reason The crowds during the past week of another large and enthusiastic were good and everything at the park Unmarried Mother" has to do with crowd. For the coming week the ran full blast.

and action, will be the feature of the day here, and on Monday will be seen pretty Bills for Current Week depicting turns of humor in the next. Many of critics have been unable to judge from her in work whether this youthful star is an emotional actress or a farceuse, from her work of

Mary Miles Minter in "Martha of the Hills." It is a play of the outdoors, and one in which Miss Minter is given an opportunity to portray a girl of a new sort and a girl of real emotions and sterling character. In addition to the feature, there will also he shown the sixth episode of the "House of Hate" serial, starring Pearl White and Antonio Moreno. Tuesday and Wednesday Antonio Moreno. Tuesday and Wednesday will be the feature days of the week here, when Mitchell Lewis will be shown in his new play of the frozen north, "The Sign Invisible." Alhambra — Barney Sherry in "High Stakes," a sensational action drama, yet one full of humorous situations, will be the feature play here today only. The hero seems to be defeated, yet with the luck of a born gambler, he stakes his all and wine in the final turn. On Monday and Tuesday will be seen Bessie Barriscale in "Madame Who?" a drama of power and force, picturing the Apache and Latin quariers of Paris, while the theme of the story is the tale of revenge for the murder of a relative. It is one of the plays in

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Problem Play Set for Week

Over at Boud

prescription work in the store.

ing the work next year.

Mary Gates in The Unmarried Whitner.

The four-act drama, "The Unmar-

ried Mother," opens at the Boyd today for one week. The story of "The Elizabeth Goodwin and her child, born out of wedlock. Reduced to poverty, the mother leaves for a farm to work as a servant. Ill and weakened by her journey, she finds it necessary to stop at the intervening farmhouse of John Kingston, a manufacturing chemist, who later falls in love with her and persuades her to become his wife, with full knowledge of the shadow that has clouded her life. The baby dies and the mother also falls seriously ill. Her life, however, is saved, and the

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