

Annual Report Of Benson Shows 1,180 Ships Built

Shipping Board Chairman Declares by 1922 U. S. Will Have as Much Tonnage As All Other Countries.

Washington, Dec. 13.—With completion of the government shipbuilding program by 1922, the United States probably will have as much ocean-going tonnage as all the other countries combined, with the exception of Great Britain, Chairman Benson of the shipping board declared in his annual report, made public yesterday.

At the end of the last fiscal year the chairman said, American merchant ships, government and private-owned, numbered 3,404, of 16,918,212 deadweight tons, not including more than 2,000,000 tons of shipping on the Great Lakes. The net program of government-owned ships, American built, contemplated 2,315 vessels of 13,675,711 deadweight tons, and at the end of the last fiscal year 2,070 ships aggregating 11,622,361 deadweight tons had been completed.

During the year 1,180 finished ships of 6,379,823 deadweight tons were delivered, exceeding all records. They were built without overtime or other aids to rapid production, Admiral Benson said.

229 Services Represented.

American vessels are now sailing in 229 separate services. They carried 44.5 per cent of the nation's foreign commerce last year as compared with 9.7 per cent before the war, the report said.

The government fleet in operation June 30 consisted of 1,294 steam vessels plying to quarters. American ships, including 508 to northern Europe and 126 to southern Europe. In the transpacific service there were 163 vessels and in the South American 138.

Forty-one direct service lines have been established to South and Central America from nine ports on the Atlantic coast, four on the gulf and two on the Pacific coast, the report said.

Sold 426 Ships in Year.

The board sold during the year 426 ships for a total of \$279,914,594, including 131 new steel vessels, 34 new wooden ships and 33 former German cargo ships.

Discussing the wooden fleet, Chairman Benson said the maximum number in operation was 240 during April, 1918, and June there were 170 at work.

Demand for tanker tonnage increased during the year. The chairman declared the board's ships were in constant service, chiefly between Mexican and American gulf ports and north Atlantic ports and American oil stations at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Brest and Bizerta. On the Pacific the lines run between San Francisco and American foreign stations at Honolulu, Manila and Shanghai. Government tank steamers carried 3,641,352 tons of oil during the year.

All Seized Craft Sold.

Nearly all seized German cargo craft have been sold or chartered with option to purchase, while all but 11 of the German passenger ships had been disposed of during the year, the report said. No disposition has been made, however, of the one Austrian vessel, the Martha Washington.

Describing the activities of the board's department of investigation, the chairman reported that between April, 1918, and June, 1920, there have been 2,500 separate investigations conducted over the country. Operations have been co-ordinated, he added, with those of the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the navy and other agencies of the government in which there was joint interest.

Nephew of Hamon Is Sought for Leaving Wife Without Funds

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 13.—A warrant for the arrest of Frank Hamon, nephew of the late Jake Hamon, multi-millionaire oil man of Oklahoma, was issued by Justice O'Brien here yesterday on complaint of his wife, Mrs. Ruth Hamon, charging abandonment.

Mrs. Ruth Hamon recently charged that her husband received \$800 monthly from his uncle, Jake Hamon, for having married his first wife, Clara Smith Hamon, and permitting her to live with the Oklahoma oil magnate.

Mrs. Hamon stated that she was abandoned in this city in September and that repeated attempts to get financial assistance from her husband have failed. The warrant will be sent to Yacaville, Cal., to be served.

Found in Weeds, "Wild Man" Gets Workhouse for 30 Days

Sam Lewis, 2745 Eighth avenue, Council Bluffs, who attempted to wreck the drug store of P. J. Vachal, 602 Pierce, last Saturday night, was fined \$25 and ordered to make little ones out of big ones at the city workhouse for 30 days by Judge Foster yesterday.

Lewis was charged with intoxication, assault and malicious destruction of property. He was arrested only after a search by six policemen, who found him in a patch of weeds near Fifth and Pierce streets.

After striking Vachal in the face, Lewis threw the cash register at him and attempted to raze all the counters in the store.

Law to Provide Mounted Police in Iowa Proposed

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 13.—Iowa will have a state constabulary similar to those in New York and Pennsylvania and to the northwest mounted police, a bill to be introduced early in the next session of the legislature is passed. Those who have drafted the bill expect that it will cut down the loss in stolen cars to a great degree, and will lower their insurance premiums by more than \$2,000,000 a year.

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Saved by Woman Juror



One woman's steadfastness to her convictions through a 20-hour deadlock saved Mrs. Maybelle Roe of Los Angeles from conviction in the rent-slacking case being tried there. McCullough Graydon, realty operator of Venice, Cal., was shot and killed during a quarrel over possession of a bungalow. Several women were held following the shooting. Mrs. Roe was the last to face trial. After 20 hours the jury in the case was discharged.

Daniels' Recommendations Based on Joining of League

Annual Report of Secretary of Navy Approves Another Three-Year Building Program Involving Construction of 88 Vessels If U. S. Doesn't Enter World Organization.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Approval of another three year naval building program, involving the construction of 88 vessels, if the United States does not enter the league of nations or a similar world organization, is given by Secretary Daniels in his annual report today to President Wilson.

"If the United States is not to enter into any agreement with the other powers of the earth, which are now bound together in the league of nations," says the naval secretary, "I feel compelled to approve the recommendation of the general board that congress authorize another three-year program to be begun as soon as the capital ships now under construction are launched."

The three year program recommended by the general board to be under way by 1924 includes the construction of three battleships, one battle cruiser, 30 light cruisers, eight gunboats and six destroyers, 12 mine laying submarines, 6 cruiser submarines, 4 airplane carriers, 3 destroyer tenders and 3 submarine tenders.

Big Enough For League.

"If the United States takes its stand with other countries in an organization to prevent war and promote peace," Mr. Daniels says, "our present navy, with the addition of some special types, will be adequate for our defense and the prevention of aggression."

No specific recommendations for appropriations for new construction during the next fiscal year are included in the secretary's report, but his estimate of the cost of maintaining the naval establishment for the coming year is \$679,515,731 exclusive of any sums congress may add for new building. This is \$200,000 more than was a year, but Mr. Daniels says the sum "is not really an increase," but is "necessary to carry on the construction of ships already authorized and the completion of shore establishments already begun by direction of congress."

The most pressing problem confronting the nation with regard to the national defense, the naval secretary continues, is the immediate necessity for accelerating the construction of shore establishment facilities on the Pacific coast.

Must Protect Coast.

"The day will never come," Mr. Daniels says, "when a powerful fleet will not be based in the Pacific, and it is essential that ample provision be made not only for the Pacific fleet, but for the whole American navy, with the addition of tactical exercises on the west coast."

Characterizing Hawaii as the "crossroads and key to the Pacific," Mr. Daniels recommends the creation there of a fleet-operating base capable of accommodating the entire American navy with all auxiliaries. Facilities for a fleet of a thousand vessels could be developed at Hawaii, the report asserts, adding that "the strategic location of Hawaii is realized, its possibilities have been carefully studied and set forth by naval experts and its development on a broad scale as a fleet-operating base cannot be too strongly recommended."

Despite "sporadic criticism" in this country and abroad of the completion of capital ships authorized before the war, the battleship remains the "backbone" of the fleet, Secretary Daniels declares. The war proved that the time has not come for the abandonment of capital ships, he says, and in support of his declaration he points out that recent British building programs have included funds for dreadnaughts and battle cruisers and that Japan "has laid down five capital ships since the armistice, and it is understood that eight others are projected for the near future."

Co-Ordinate All Activities.

A strong plea that all marine activities of the government be consolidated in the navy in the interests of economy and efficiency is made by the naval secretary. He declares that "America should have but one navy," and that at present there are various "little navies" under various government departments whose activities could be far more advantageously directed under a single control.

The Navy department now operates a total of 979 vessels, Mr. Daniels points out, while the War department maintains a fleet of 730 craft, exclusive of 1,245 other vessels of various types used in harbor work; the treasury, 101 ships; the department of commerce, 147; the shipping board, 1,510, and miscellaneous divisions more than 200 others.

Amalgamation with the navy of the coast guard and the lighthouse and life-saving services is particularly urged by Mr. Daniels and he also says "it would be to the advantage of the army as well as the navy if all United States transports were manned by the navy in time of peace as well as war."

Says Policy Vindicated.

In reviewing the operations of the fleets during the year, Mr. Daniels asserts that "no policy adopted in recent years has a sounder military basis or has been more completely justified than that of maintaining two great fleets, one on each of the great oceans we are called upon to defend, with provision for their operation as one single fleet." Gratifying progress was made in target practice, in the training of new recruits and maneuvering during the year, the report adds.

Reviewing the remaining work under the 1916 building program, Mr. Daniels says construction is going forward as rapidly as can be expected under the conditions encountered. All of the destroyers of that program have been completed, other vessels which it was decided not to construct because of a surplus of this type of vessel. The 10 scout cruisers are "going forward rapidly," the secretary states, and good progress has been made on the submarines except the nine fleet submarines, of which but three have been started. Eleven battleships and six great battle cruisers also remain under construction.

Urges Air Department.

The secretary renews his previously voiced opposition to consolidation of army, navy and commercial aviation in the Navy department. In connection with his review of the activities of naval aviation during the year, Mr. Daniels asserts that the United States is "still far behind other countries in lighter-than-air craft" and urges a continuation of the development of this branch of the aerial service.

The safeguarding of the navy's oil reserves is vigorously urged by Mr. Daniels, who declares the assurance of an adequate oil supply for the navy is vital to the service.

Mr. Daniels devotes a considerable portion of his report to the marine occupation of Haiti and to the investigation now being conducted there by a special naval board of inquiry. He gives in full the various reports of investigations by Major General Lejeune, Brigadier General Barnett and others, which previously have been published, and declared that "the duty of maintaining order and suppressing revolutionary movements has been performed in a spirit which has received the highest commendation from all who have familiarized themselves with the true history of the service of the marines in Haiti."

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League Council Urges Poland Be Ruler of Danzig

Recommendation Is in Line With Recent Request of Poles to Insure Transport of Food and Materials.

Geneva, Dec. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Military control of Danzig by Poland has been recommended to the council of the league of nations in a report from the military commission. "This recommendation, should it be adopted, would be in line with a request from the Polish government some time ago, if being alleged at that time that military control of the port of Danzig was necessary to insure the transport of food, munitions and raw materials to Poland."

The council has decided to refer the report, along with a suggestion by Viscount Ishii of Japan, that a military commission study the best means to defend the town, to the high commissioner, who will be asked to send a report.

Separate action by the premiers of France and Great Britain on matters before the assembly of the league of nations are made the subject of sharp comment by the committee on admission of new states. Lord Robert Cecil, representative of South Africa; N. W. Rowell of Canada, and Dr. Nansen of Norway agree in criticizing the action of those governments in announcing policies regarding such questions as the admission of Armenia through other channels than their representatives at the assembly meeting here, who are charged with such problems.

Rene Viviani of France, who has been said to be most particularly annoyed by the declaration of the British and French premiers to the effect that Armenia should not be admitted to the league, was not present today. Comment on the incident continues to be one of the predominant features of the meeting, the opinion being expressed that if powers desire to continue to treat such questions in the old form of diplomatic action, they are not ready for the league of nations.

The geographers of France has presented a report from the committee on an international court. The plan finally adopted by the committee differs from Elinor Root's plan chiefly in the fact that jurisdiction of the tribunal would be voluntary instead of obligatory.

United States Senator Medill McCormick watched proceedings during this morning's session from the press gallery.

Her to \$23,000,000 Seeks His Release From Daniels' Navy

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Life on the bounding main of the Great Lakes naval training station is not in consonance with the ambitions of George C. T. Remington. He will gladly renounce his salary of \$40 a month if they will only let him break out of the navy.

Bob Remington, who, by the way, is heir to a \$23,000,000 estate, has been unable to convince Secretary Joseph Daniels that our fleet could make the world safe for democracy without his presence. He desires to embark in the airplane industry and figures in any event his income as a private citizen will enable him to make ends meet if his navy pay stops.

Remington enlisted to learn aviation, believing he would experience no difficulty in obtaining a discharge when he had completed his education. He is the son of Mrs. W. Schuyler Voller of New Haven, Conn. Last September he married Miss Beatrice Clarke.

If he can't get a discharge he will petition for a furlough.

The Chicago fire department employs an emergency gasoline and oil truck for use at fires to replenish the fuel supply of motor fire engines. The truck has a hauling capacity of 510 gallons of gasoline and 65 gallons of oil.

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Cork Quiet as Troops Are Placed on Duty

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wall and closely questioned, but were finally allowed to proceed. In the Summer Hill district, the scene of the ambush, shortly after curfew, two brothers named Delaney are reported to have been taken from their homes and shot, one subsequently dying.

During the hour before curfew, terrorism held sway and when the streets were emptied of civilians, loud explosions and rifle and revolver shots kept up until early morning. The explosion appeared to come from incendiary bombs, as persons who ventured to look from their windows saw fires break out in St. Patrick street and daylight revealed the full extent of the damage.

Several Missing.

It is not improbable that lives have been lost in the process, already several persons connected with the destroyed houses and business premises are reported missing.

Only one large drapery establishment is left intact in Cork. At 6:30 p. m. a special train left Dublin for Cork, carrying Captain Myers, chief of the Dublin brigade, and a motor engine with crew.

Protection Promised.

A deputation of citizens of Cork says a dispatch received here, including the Protestant bishop and the town clerk, waited on the officer commanding the Cork troops and requested him to take measures to prevent a recurrence of the appalling damage to property. He promised to send out special military patrols.

The destroyed city hall in Cork was only excelled in point of size in Ireland by Belfast's great municipal building. This is the third time it has been set on fire, the firemen being driven out at the point of revolvers. On the two previous occasions, the west wing, devoted to the public health department was burned, but this time the hall was set alight in the main.

The great hall seating 3,000 and having a fine organ, shared the fate of the municipal premises.

The fact that no serious casualties were caused by the bombs is explained by the statement that preliminary instructions were issued to occupants of buildings to leave prior to the attacks.

At War With Crown.

A proclamation declaring that "the public must at once realize that Ireland is in a state of war with forces of the British crown has been issued under the signature of the officer commanding troops of the Irish republic" at county Monaghan. The proclamation, which sets forth that armed gangs in county Monaghan have been attacking and murdering innocent citizens, says that while "we extend the hand of friendship to all Irishmen, murder gangs and their guides and informers shall be summarily dealt with."

There has been no official confirmation of a report that fighting occurred during the burning of Cork between the police and military. The only official message bearing on the report was a statement that the auxiliaries had been fired upon intermittently between 8 and 11 o'clock last night.

Soldier Patrol Ambushed.

Cork, Dec. 13.—A military patrol was ambushed at Cloyne, seven miles east of Queenstown, yesterday. The attackers threw bombs from two houses, but were defeated. Two of the attackers were killed, several wounded and two captured. One soldier was wounded. The houses from which the bombs were thrown were burned.

300 Buildings Burned.

Cork, Ireland, Dec. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—More than 300 buildings are said to have been destroyed in the fires which yesterday laid waste a great part of this city. Most of the fires have been extinguished, but there are occasional sporadic outbursts of flames.

French Sportsman Dies.

Paris, Dec. 13.—Edmond Blanc, noted French sportsman, died at Neuilly today. He was the owner of a famous racing stable and was seven times winner of the Grand Prix.

Mother Shot in Cabaret Returns To Home in Iowa

Leaves Hospital and Plans to Join Six-Year-Old Son—Denies Stories of "Parties."

Mrs. Nina Dixon Weddington, 23, pretty young divorcee who was shot by William Barr, mechanic, at the Monarch gardens, "black and white" cabaret, the night of November 29, left the Wise Memorial hospital Friday and planned to return last night to her home in Oskaloosa, where she will join her 6-year-old son, Clarence Melvine, taken there two weeks ago by Mrs. Weddington's step-father, E. E. Raines, according to the hospital Mrs. Weddington returned to the home of Mrs. L. Dodson, 2648 Dodge street, with whom she had roomed previous to her troubles and who cared for the little boy until taken by Mrs. Weddington's parents.

"Will Never Return."

"Yes, it's back home for me," Mrs. Weddington said yesterday as she reclined on a couch, the better to preserve her strength for the homeward journey last night.

"I'm going back to home and mother and I'll never, never leave again. I never appreciate my home or the love of my parents until I got into trouble."

"Living in my bed at the hospital I realized what my home really was and what true friends home folks are when trouble arises. I just want to go home just yet but I told him I was determined to go regardless of his orders."

"My step-father, who has been more than a father to me, has written me nice letters every day. He says my mother wants me to come home as soon as possible. They are coming to Marshalltown, Ia., to meet me and make the remainder of the trip home with me. They write me that Clarence is now in school and has forgotten the tragedy which almost made him an orphan."

Determined to Go.

"I'm going back and enjoy my home. The physician who attended me at the hospital said I have had a miraculous recovery. He didn't want me to go home just yet but I told him I was determined to go regardless of his orders."

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Converses Freely.

Mrs. Weddington conversed freely yesterday regarding the affair at the Monarch gardens, but her face became grave when Barr's name was mentioned.

"I met Barr while he and his father were boarding at my home in Oskaloosa. I used to see a few places with him but always gave him to understand we could be nothing more than good friends."

"He used to tell me 'Nino, I'm crazy about you but you don't care the snap of your finger for me. I would always tell him he shouldn't feel that way. He used to haunt me all the time in Oskaloosa."

He Left Oskaloosa Sometime Before I did and we met again in Omaha. His father-in-law here seemed to be worse than in Oskaloosa. He dogged my footsteps continually and seemed insanely jealous whenever I went with anyone else.

Came to My Room.

"The night of the shooting he came to my room and told me he was going to Denver. He kissed Clarence good-by. The boy thinks now that Will is in Denver. He doesn't know that he killed himself."

"I was not in the habit of going out on 'parties,' Mrs. Weddington declared indignantly. That night I had come to an early show at the Strand with another man. Just as I entered the Monarch Gardens, I saw Will advancing toward me. Before I realized what he was going to do I was shot twice and Will had turned the gun on himself."

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Son of President Of Panama Wants to Study at West Point

Story of Abduction of California Lad Becomes Known After His Escape.



Fresno, Cal., Dec. 13.—The kidnaping last Friday of William Rowell, 14, son of Milo L. Rowell, of this city and a nephew of Chester H. Rowell, widely known California publisher, became known with the lad's escape today.

The police have arrested L. M. Stalker, who they declare is an ex-convict, in connection with the case. A letter demanding \$3,000 ransom for the return of the boy was received Saturday morning. They said Stalker had admitted holding the boy and writing the letter.

An automobile in which the boy was conveyed to Pinchurst, in the mountains near General Grant national park, was stolen, the officers said.

The boy's uncle recently was appointed to membership on the shipping board.

Newspapermen who were present when the district attorney questioned Stalker said he declared he seized the boy because he wanted money "to help a prison pal who is doing 50 years, get his release."

They quoted Stalker as adding: "I thought Mr. Rowell would pay and that he had the money to pay with."

According to the story William told the officers, he was accosted last Friday morning while on his way to school, by a man who offered to teach him boxing and wrestling tricks. The man told him to leave his bicycle in its usual place in a rack at the school and join him. This he did, he said.

Constantine Refuses To Abdicate Throne

Lucerne, Switzerland, Dec. 13.—Constantine of Greece today personally declared he would not abdicate the throne.

Professor Georgios Streit, his confidential adviser, last week denied reports that Constantine might abdicate in favor of Crown Prince George, but today's utterance by Constantine was his first direct statement on the subject.

"I will not abdicate and never had any such intention," said Constantine, his face in its usual place with the correspondents preliminary to his departure for Venice tomorrow, en route to Athens.

Search Ship for Loot Stolen From U. S. Mail

New York, Dec. 13.—Investigation of reported thefts of large amounts of money and valuables from United States mail aboard the Norwegian steamer Hegre will be made before the vessel is allowed to berth or any of its crew or passengers permitted ashore, it was announced here today by government officials.

The Hegre, under charter to the Five Continents Steamship company, was due here today after a voyage from Cuba and Colombia.

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