

SHIPPING BOARD DRIFTING ASSERTS ITS FORMER HEAD

Complete Reorganization Recommended by M. J. Gillen, Former Aid.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Government's failure to outline a definite future policy with regard to the merchant marine is holding development of American shipping by private capital at a standstill, William Denman, first chairman of the shipping board, declared to-day before the House Committee investigating operations of the board.

"No one knows what the policy of the Government will be," Mr. Denman said. "Private shipping companies won't go ahead with construction programmes when they do not know what the Government intends to do about disposing of ships it already has constructed."

"The Government must assist if the United States is to have a large private merchant fleet," Mr. Denman said, adding that the Government should quit drifting along on British and German propaganda in regard to shipping, as it has for years.

Reorganization of the Shipping Board by divorcing from it the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the selection of men experienced in varied lines of the shipping industry for the management of each organization were among "constructive suggestions" submitted to-day by Martin J. Gillen of Wisconsin, who was Executive assistant to Chairman John Barton Payne.

The Fleet Corporation should function only as "a liquidating corporation," Mr. Gillen said. Its duties would be to clean up the vast volume of accounting, completion of contracts, sale of ships and surplus material which the armistice left on the Government's hands. Surplus material and housing projects to be handled, he valued at approximately \$490,000,000.

Among other suggestions were reductions of present operators of government ships from 176 to 80—entailing a saving in overhead expense and preventing confusion.

Readjustment of sales contracts made and to be made by reducing the tonnage to a market value, suggested at \$100 to \$125 a ton, in order to create an investment market in the United States for shipping.

Regulation and license by the Shipping Board of all companies and persons engaged in warehousing, docks, stevedoring, ship repairs, towing and barging, the purpose being to control alleged evils which interfere with the upbuilding of American shipping.

SHOT BY FAKE DRY AGENTS. Saloon Owner Wounded in Fight—Men Flee.

Two men drove up in an automobile to the saloon of Benedict Kullis at No. 33 Clermont Avenue, Massena, last night and representing themselves as revenue agents demanded they be allowed to search the place. The proprietor objected and a scuffle ensued in which one of the men fired three shots, one bullet striking Kullis in the abdomen. There were two customers in the place at the time and when a crowd began to gather the men fled. They did not obtain any loot. Kullis was taken to the Wyckoff Heights Hospital and is reported as not seriously hurt.

TO RECODIFY LABOR LAWS.

Senator Knight Says No Radical Reorganization to Be Effected. Senator John Knight, Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee for the recodification of the State Industrial Commission laws, denied this morning that the committee's purpose is a "radical reorganization" of the commission. "The purpose," he said, "is merely to recodify the laws so that they may be more readily administered." He said the changes suggested have been submitted to the people most affected. The committee began its sessions today in the rooms of the Bar Association with representatives of labor and industry present. It is said the revision will be along the lines of economy suggested by Governor-elect Miller.

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