Cuts in Wages On U. S. Ships Likely Jan. 1

Reductions Considered at Meetings of Private Owners and Government Action Is Forecast Soon

Lines Must Economize

Many Hiring Seamen Under Scale Fixed When Open Shop Was Established

General reduction of wages on American vessels is under consideration by the steamship companies. Several meetings have been held, at which the project was discussed. The sentiment of officials is that a cut is probable about the first of the year.

A number of companies in recent months have been signing up crews at wages considerably below those put into effect during the strike last spring, when the unions were defeated and a 15 per cent decrease was made operative on Shipping Board and privately owned ships. The large majority of companies have maintained approximately the government scale, but in some instances seamen have been shipped as low as $35 a month.

American companies are now operating on the open shop basis and have no union agreements, except there has been a tacit understanding among them that the wage scale would not be changed before the first of the year. The Shipping Board refused to sign an agreement last spring, but filed a memorandum with Secretary of Labor Davis, in which it stated its intention of paying certain wages until December 31, 1921. This applied to the marine engineers and radio men only. With regard to other members of the crew there was no definite understanding. The deck officers accepted a 15 per cent cut in August without a renewal of their contracts.

No information could be obtained yesterday whether the board has taken a reduction under consideration, but shipping men here said that some steps would undoubtedly be taken within the next two weeks. The board generally has maintained the wage scale except on idle vessels. The pay of the officers and crews of these ships has been cut more than 50 per cent.

The meetings in New York have not yet reached the point of a discussion of the percentage of decrease which may be made. At the moment the question is whether the shipowners will make a substantial cut and create discontent among their crews, with the prospect of trouble later if the labor situation improves and the unions are able to re-establish themselves.

The need of further economies in the operation of ships under the American flag and the willingness of many seamen to take work at lower wages are said by steamship officials to be the reason for the movement to lower the wage scale. It is reported that seafarers are applying for employment at practically any rate of pay rather than remain idle.

The pay of the masters of ships now ranges from $295 to $370 in the Shipping Board scale, according to the class of vessels. The pay of chief engineers ranges from $260 to $330; that of able seamen is $72.50 and of ordinary seamen $52.50. Following the decrease of 15 per cent last spring the British and other foreign fleets made corresponding reductions to maintain their differential under American vessels.

Marine Reports

THE TIDES

	High water. AM	High water. PM	Low water. AM	Low water. PM
Sandy Hook	7:12	7:38	1:00	1:41
Governor's Island	7:42	8:10	1:30	2:11
Hell Gate	11:04	11:27	5:06	5:10

Winds at Sea To-day

North of Sandy Hook: Northeast gales, diminishing at night; rain over south, snow and rain over north portion.

Sandy Hook to Hatteras: North to west gales and overcast weather.

Hatteras to Florida Straits: Strong west and northwest winds and fair weather.

East Gulf: Fresh northerly winds and fair weather.

West Gulf: Fresh north to east winds and generally fair weather.

Caribbean Sea and Windward Passages: Moderate, variable winds, mostly northerly, and generally fair.

Storm of marked intensity off the Virginia Capes moving northeastward. Storm warnings displayed on the Atlantic Coast st and north of Cape Hatteras.

Arrived Yesterday

Miraflores (Br), Port Antonio Nov 23; to Atlantic Fruit Co; with mdse; Pier 26, E R.

Porto Rico, Arroyo Nov 18, Ponce Nov 19, Mayaguez Nov 21, Aguadilla and Arecibo Nov 22, San Juan Nov 23; to N Y & Porto Rico S S Co; with 51 pass, mails and mdse; Pier 35, B'klyn.

Princess May (Br), Kingston Nov 23; to Di Giorgio S S Co; with 6 pass and mdse; Pier 7, E R.

Yucatan, Tampico Nov 16, Vera Cruz Nov 18, Progreso Nov 20, Havana Nov 23; to N Y & Cuba Mail S S Co; with 19 pass, mails and mdse; Pier 16, Bklyn.

Ormes (Br), Kingston Nov 23; to United Fruit Co; with mdse; Pier 16, E R.

Philadelphia, La Guayra Nov 16, Porto Cabello Nov 18, Curacao Nov 19, San Juan Nov 22; to Bliss, Dallett & Co; with 20 pass, mails and mdse; Pier 11, B'klyn.

Muria, returned; to Garcia & Diaz; anchored in stream.

Grove (Nor), Chatham, N B, Nov 24, to Caribbean S S Co, with mdse; anchored off Quarantine.

Ebro, Valparaiso Nov 8, Antofagasta 10, Mejillones 11, Iquique 12, Mollendo 13, Cerro Azul 15, Callao 16, Cristobal 22, to Sanderson & Son, with 65 pass, mails and mdse; Pier 42, N R.

Mijdrecht (Du), Seville Nov 12, to Ph Van Ommeren Co, in ballast; Bayonne, N J.

Carmania (Br), Southampton and Cherbourg Nov 19, to the Cunard S S Co, with 184 first, 350 second, 668 third class pass, mails and mdse; Pier 54, N R.

Maine (Br), London Nov 12, to Atlantic Transport Line, with mdse; Pier 58, N R.

Fort Hamilton (Br), Bermuda Nov 26, to Furness-Bermuda Line, with 120 pass, mails and mdse; Pier 95, N R.

Cincinus, St Michaels Nov 15, to Green Star Line, in ballast; anchored off Weehawken.

Celtic (Br), Liverpool Nov 19, Queenstown 20, to White Star Line, with 56 first, 142 second, 218 third class pass, mails and mdse; Pier 60, N R.

Alaskan, Boston Nov 27, to United American Lines; Pier 6, Bush Docks, B'klyn.

Socony, Providence Nov 27, to Standard Oil Co; anchored off Tompkinsville.

Heredia, Bocas del Toro Nov 20; to United Fruit Co, with one pass and mdse.; Pier 16, E R.

J R Gordon, Port Arthur, Tex, Nov 21; to Union Sulphur Co, with mdse; Columbia st, B'klyn.

Momus, New Orleans; to the Southern Pacific Co, with mdse; Pier 45, N R.

Lake Stirling, Richmond; to the Richmond & N Y S S Co, with mdse; Pier 46, N R.

Rosalind (Br), St Johns and Halifax; ot Bowring & Co, with pass, mails and mdse; Java st, B'klyn.

Emilia (It), Venice Oct 29; to Phelps Bros & Co, with mdse; Robins Dry Dock, B'klyn.

Oscar II (Dan), Copenhagen Nov 16; Christiania Nov 17; to Funch, Edye & Co, with 111 cabin, 79 third-class pass, mails and mdse; 17th st, Hoboken.

Hera, Rouen Nov 14; to Robert L Hague, in ballast; Pier 5, Constable Hook, N J.

Mesopotamia (Br), Norfolk; to Boulder, Weir & Boyd, in ballast; Pier 1, S I.

Norfolk, Baltimore; to Clyde S S Co, with mdse; Pier 38, N R.

Lake Elmont, Tampa Nov 23; to Mallory Line, with mdse; Pier 38, N R.

La Touraine, Havre Nov 19; to French Line, with pass, mails and mdse; anchored off Quarantine; will dock at Pier 37, N R, 9 a m to-day.

Walter Jennings, Tampico Nov 21; to Robt L Hague, with oil; Pier 5, Bayonne, N J.

Sailed Yesterday

Clontarf, Constantinople; J H Devereux, Norfolk; America (It), Philadelphia.

Cleared

Smaragl (Nor), Houg, Cienfuegos, Guayabal and Manzanillo; Atlantic Fruit Co.

Oristano (Br), Evans, Malta and Smyrna via Philadelphia; Furness, Withy & Co.

Stanmore (Br), Moon, London, Leith and Dundee via Halifax; Wessel, Duval & Co.

Managua, Ramsay, Pasai and Chicama via Panama Canal; Wessel, Duval & Co.

Herman Winter, Holmes, Boston; Eastern S S Co.

Martha Washington, Rose, New London; U S Shipping Board.

Blue Hen State, Lowry, New London; U S Shipping Board.

Pawnee, Robinson, Boston; Eastern S S Co.

Lake Troba, Riehl, Baltimore; Haishaw S S Co.

McKeesport, Hilton, Havre and Dunkirk; Cosmopolitan Shipping Co.

Alfreus (Br), Glosson, Penang and Singapore via Baltimore and Port Said; Funch, Edye & Co.

Wm Rockefeller, Petterson, Port Lobos; Robert L Hague.

Turrialba, Whidden, Kingston and Cartagena; United Fruit Co.

W M Tupper, Browne, St Thomas and St Croix; Clyde S S Co.

Chicago (Fr), Cabon, Havre; French Line.

Texas (Fr), Bordeaux, Bordeaux to Baltimore; French Line.

Finland, Candy, Antwerp via Plymouth and Cherbourg, Red Star Line.

Daniel Webster, Gerlach, Cagliari to Norfolk; C D Mallory & Co.

America, Rind, Plymouth, Cherbourg and Bremen; United States Lines.

Rosalind (Br), Mitchell, Halifax; Bowring & Co.

City of Savannah, Borum, Savannah; Ocean S S Co.

Susquehanna, Peterson, New London; U S Shipping Board.

West Lashaway, Farrow, Genoa, Naples and Barcelona.

Sch Hiram D MacLean (Br), Livingstone, St John; Gilmartin & Co.

Incoming Steamships

Due To-day

Vessel.	Port.	Agency.
Vauclin, St Nazaire, Nov 5		French Line
Sheridan, Para, Nov 12		Lamport & Holt
Tuscan Prince, Hong Kong, Sept 16		Furness, Withy & Co
Assyria, Glasgow, Nov 17		Cunard-Anchor L
Oscar II, Copenhagen, Nov 16		Scandinavian-American Line
Topdalsfjord, Christiansand, Nov 14		Norwegian-American Line
Sommelsdijk, Marseilles, Nov 16		Funch, Edye & Co
Braga, Lisbon, Nov 14		Fabre Line
Wuerttemberg, Cuxhaven, Nov 14		United American Lines
Sinasta, Hamburg, Nov 14		Barber S S Lines
Caronia, Gibraltar, Nov 18		Cunard Line
Sorland, Barry, Nov 19		Stray S S Corp
Svein Jarl, Immingham, Nov 16		S O Stray S S Co
Vennonia, London, Nov 12		Cunard S S Co
Mexico, Havana, Nov 26		N Y & Porto Rico Line

Due To-morrow

Vessel.	Port.	Agency.
Ipswich, Hamburg, Nov 15		Unit Am Lines
Eastern Dawn, Antwerp, Nov 17		Black Diamond S S Corp
Aeolus, Buenos Ayres, Nov 10		Munson Line
Quilpue, Guayaquil, Nov 14		Sanderson & Sons
Chicana, Los Angeles, Nov 21		Unit Am Lines

Due Thursday

Vessel.	Port.	Agency.
Arabic, Naples, Nov 19		White Star Line
Mt Clay, Hamburg, Nov 18		United American Lines
Ansaldo V, Huelva, Nov 15		McDonnell & Truda
Exeter City, Fowey, Nov 12		James Arkell & Co.
Camamu, Rio de Janeiro, Nov 15		Lloyd Brazileiro Line
West Inskip, Antwerp, Nov 17		Black Diamond S S Corp
Vasari, Rio de Janeiro, Nov 12		Lamport & Holt Line
Tivives, Santa Marta, Nov 24		U Fruit Co

Due Friday

Vessel.	Port.	Agency.
George Washington, Bremen, Nov 22		United American Lines
Orduna, Hamburg, Nov 14		Royal Mail S P Co.
Steel Mariner, London, Nov 9		Norton, Lilly & Co.
West Calumb, Gibraltar, Nov 18		United American Lines

Due Saturday

Vessel.	Port.	Agency.
United States, Copenhagen, Nov 22		Scandinavian-Amer. Line
Greifrvda, Havre, Nov 20		French Line
Valacia, London, Nov 19		Cunard Line
Albania, Liverpool, Nov 24		Cunard Line
Colombo, Naples, Nov 3		Italia-America, Inc.
Julia Luckenbach, Los Angeles, Nov 17		Luckenbach Line
Siboney, Vera Cruz, Nov 24		Ward Line

Due Sunday

Vessel.	Port.	Agency.
Columbia, Glasgow, Nov 24		Cunard-Anchor Line
Britannia, Marseilles, Nov 19		Fabre Line
Pastores, Havana, Dec 1		United Fruit Co

Due Monday

Vessel.	Port.	Agency.
Rousillon, Havre, Nov 26		French Line
Schoharie, Hamburg, Nov 19		Kerr Line
Gen H F Hodges, Guayaquil, Nov 19		Panama Line
San Lorenzo, San Juan, Nov 30		N Y & Porto Rico Line
Zulia, Curacao, Nov 24		Red D Line
Fort Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec 3		Furness Bermuda Line

Due Tuesday, December 6

Vessel.	Port.	Agency.
Olympic, Southampton, Nov 30		White Star Line
Collamer, Bordeaux, Nov 24		Cosmopolitan Line
Maraval, Demerara, Nov 29		Furness, Withy & Co.
Carrillo, Santiago, Dec 1		United Fruit Co.

Outgoing Steamships

Sail To-day

Vessel.	Port.	Mail Closes.	Vessel Sails.
America	Plymouth	6:30 AM	10:00 AM
Chicago	Havre	———	12:00 M
Finland	Antwerp	8:00 AM	12:00 M
Turrialba	Santa Marta	9:00 AM	12:00 M
Tusto	S Domingo City	———	1:00 PM

Sail To-morrow

Vessel.	Port.	Mail Closes.	Vessel Sails.
Adriatic	Southampton	8:00 AM	12:00 M
Patria	Marseilles	10:30 AM	2:00 PM
Samland	Danzig	9:30 AM	1:00 PM
C of Agra	Cape Town	10:00 AM	2:00 PM
Sallust	Bahia	6:30 AM	10:00 AM
Rosalind	St John's	7:00 AM	11:00 AM
Biger	Cartagena	8:30 AM	12:00 M
F J Luckenb'h	C'robal	1:00 PM	3:00 PM
Texas	Bordeaux	———	3:00 PM
Nuria	Seville	———	1:00 PM
Half Moon	Batavia	———	1:00 PM
Pt Hamilton	Bermuda	6:30 AM	10:00 AM
Iroquois	Turks Island	9:30 AM	1:00 PM
Miraflores	Guantanamo	———	12:00 M
Pinar Del Rio	Havana	———	1:00 PM

Sail Thursday

Vessel.	Port.	Mail Closes.	Vessel Sails.
Mongolia	Hamburg	8:00 AM	12:00 M
Monterey	Vera Cruz	8:00 AM	12:00 M
Wuerttemberg	Hamb'g	———	12:00 M
Alaskan	San Francisco	———	1:00 PM
Sagua	San Juan	———	12:00 M

Sail Friday

Vessel.	Port.	Mail Closes.	Vessel Sails.
Bryssel	Barahona	12:00 M	3:00 PM
Colon	Cristobal	12:30 PM	4:00 PM
Lake Elmo	Cartagena	1:00 PM	3:00 PM
Lake Savris	Trinidad	1:00 PM	3:00 PM

Sail Saturday

Vessel.	Port.	Mail Closes.	Vessel Sails.
Noordam	Rotterdam	8:00 AM	12:00 M
Lapland	Antwerp	8:00 AM	12:00 M
Pres'te Wilson	Patras	8:30 AM	12:00 M
Hudson	Bremen	10:30 AM	2:00 PM
Drott'gholm	Goth'burg	10:30 AM	2:00 PM
La Touraine	Havre	11:30 AM	3:00 PM
Ft Victoria	Bermuda	7:30 AM	11:00 AM
Ormes	Kingston	7:30 AM	11:00 AM
Mexico	Havana	8:00 AM	12:00 M
Harmonides	B's Ayres	8:00 AM	12:00 M
Calamares	Port Limon	8:00 AM	12:00 M
Grove	Maracaibo	8:30 AM	12:00 M
Philadelphia	San Juan	8:30 AM	12:00 M
Porto Rico	San Juan	8:30 AM	12:00 M

Trans-Pacific Mails

Connecting mails close at the General Postoffice and City Mail Postoffice Station, New York, at 5 p. m., as follows:

Hawaii, Japan, Corea, China and Siberia, via San Francisco, Taiyo Maru, Nov 30.

Hawaii, Samoan Islands, Australia and specially addressed mail for New Zealand, via San Francisco, Sonoma, Dec 1.

Hawaii, via San Francisco, Manoa, Dec 2.

Japan, Corea, China, Siberia, French Indo-China, Netherlands East Indies (except Sumatra) and Philippine Islands, via Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., Empress of Asia, Dec 3.

Hawaii, Fiji Islands, New Zealand and Australia, via Vancouver and Victoria, B C, Makura, Dec 4.

Japan, Corea, China, Siberia, French Indo-China, Netherlands East Indies (except Sumatra), and Philippine Islands, via Seattle, Pine Tree State, Dec 5.

Mails of the following dates: Canton, October 21; Hong Kong, November 1; Moukden, November 8; Yokohama, November 12, which arrived per str Protesilaus were dispatched East from Seattle November 26; due New York Thursday, December 1.

Reports by Wireless

By U. S. Shipping Board

[Distance is given in miles. Reports are dated at noon unless otherwise specified.]

Argwisa 277 W Key West Nov 27.
Beatrice 7 S Boca Grande Nov 25.
Cerro Ebano 185 NW Jupiter Nov 26.
Chalmette 182 SE South Pass Nov 27.
Charles Pratt 152 N Jupiter Nov 26.
Chester San 108 NW Tortugas Nov 26.
City of Freeport 118 SE Ambrose Nov 28.
Edward L Doheny III 141 N by E Jupiter Nov 26.
Edward Pierce lat 31 28 lon 78 52 Nov 26.
Frieda 120 N Jupiter Nov 26.
Garibaldi 40 SW Tampa Nov 26.
George H Jones 161 NW Jupiter Nov 26.
George Washington lat 50 01 lon 13 55 Nov 26.
Gulf King 82 SE St Johns Bar Nov 26.
Herman Frasch 200 NW Tortugas Nov 27.
Japan Arrow 105 W Sand Key Nov 27.
Lake Fernando 212 NNE Jupiter Nov 26 (dte N Y 2 P M Nov 29).
Lake Kyttle 75 S San Blas Nov 26.
Lombardia 180 N Jupiter Nov 26.
Margaret 306 SW Hatteras Nov 26.
Metapan 575 N W Havana Nov 27.
Munisla 77 NW Tortugas Nov 27.
Newton 45 SW Nantucket Nov 28.
Panhandle State lat 40 38 lon 68 33 Nov 27.
Peter H Crowell 10 SW Egmont Key Nov 26.
Princess Matoika lat 47 28 lon 39 25 Nov 26.
Robert E Hopkins 121 S Scotland Nov 28.
Solitaire 85 NE Tortugas Nov 27.
Swift Star 70 N Jupiter Nov 26.
Swiftsure 40 NE Jupiter Nov 26.
Theodore F Reynolds 277 NE Jupiter Nov 26.
Transportation 5 NNE Block Island Nov 28.
Vasari 750 SE Ambrose Nov 28.

American Ports

BALTIMORE, Nov 28—Arrived: Stanley Dollar, San Francisco via New York; Leeds City (Br), New York; Margaret, Fort Tampa; Ossabaw, Galveston; schr Margaret Troop, Pascagoula.

CHARLESTON, Nov 28—Arrived: Steel Maker, Calcutta; Coldwater, Hamburg; Carib, Galveston; Apache, New York (and proceeded to Jacksonville); Georgeanna Weems, Baltimore.

GALVESTON, Nov 28—Arrived: Louisiana (Nor), Philadelphia; Cadiz (Span), Barcelona; Atalaya (Span), Genoa; John Worthington, New York; Lake Floravista, West Indies; Lake Gera, Orange, Tex. Sailed: Montana (Nor), Tampico.

HAVANA, Nov 28—Arrived: Siboney, Vera Cruz for New York. Sailed: Orizaba, Vera Cruz for New York.

JACKSONVILLE, Nov 28—Arrived: Van, Miami. Sailed: Comanche, New York; Gilt King, Port Arthur.

MOBILE, Nov 28—Sailed: Lake Fillmore, New York; Tuscan, Sagua, barkentine Wilson (Br), Port of Spain. Sailed: Wildwood, London via Pensacola; Warwick, Cienfuegos; Haley, Port Lobos; sch Edward R Baird jr, Kingston, Jamaica.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va, Nov 28—Arrived: Spectator (Br), Cristobal; Reserve (Br), Norfolk. Sailed: Bonore (Br), Halifax; Eastern Guide, New York; Eastern Prince (Br), Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va, Nov 28—Arrived: 27, Meiwa Maru (Jap), Portland, Ore; Nordhvalen (Dan), Philadelphia; 28, Grecian, New England; Spectator (Br), Cristobal; E L Doheny 3d, Tampico. Sailed: Nordhvalen (Dan), Cardenas.

PENSACOLA, Fla, Nov 28—Arrived: Glenliss (Br), Galveston; Sabotawen, Port Arthur; Wildwood, Mobile; Schenectady, New Orleans.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov 28—Arrived: City of Oran (Br), Calcutta via Boston; Augusta Pohsrzegno (It), Philadelphia, etc, via New York; Gonny (Nor), Cabarlen; Joseph J Cuneo (Nor), Port Antonio; Tiflis (Span), Bilbao; Allaguash, New Orleans; Ozama, New Orleans; Ontario, Boston; Mishpac (Br), Antwerp via Boston; Chas Kennedy, Turks Island; John Francis, Boston. Sailed: Rochester, Port Arthur; Taormina (It), Genoa, etc; Dartford, Tampico.

PORT ARTHUR, Tex, Nov 28—Arrived: Bayo and barge Socony No 22, New York; Reaper, Tecomate; Trinidadian, Savannah. Sailed: Lake Florian, Galveston.

PORT EADS, Nov 28—Arrived: Atenas, Bocas del Toro; Chalmette, Havana; Frisia (Du), Vera Cruz; Suriname, port Barrios; Tatjana (Nor), Liverpool; Texaco 147, Port Arthur. Sailed: Bethelridge, Port Lobos; Columbia, Cartagena; Honduras (Nor), Tela; Houma, Port Lobos; Managua (Nik), Bluefields; Schenectady, Constantinople; Tegucigalpa (Hond), Celba.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 28—Arrived: Honduras (Fr), Tacoma for Havre; Mundelta, Galveston; Mexico (Mex), Salina Cruz.

SAVANNAH, Nov 28—Arrived: Tritonia (Br), Avonmouth; Juniata, Baltimore (and sailed for Jacksonville); Howard, Jacksonville (and sailed for Philadelphia. Sailed: Nacoochee, Boston.

TAMPA, Fla, Nov 28—Arrived: Garibaldi, San Domingo; Lake Strymon, Mobile; Panoil, Tampico. Sailed: Panoil, Tampico.

Foreign Ports

Arrivals From New York

LONDON, Nov 25—Centennial State.
BREMEN, Nov 26—Potomac.
CHRISTIANSAND, Nov 24—Frederik VIII (Dan).
ALEXANDRIA, Nov 25—Clearwater.
ANTWERP, Nov 25—Eastern Sea.
HAMBURG, Nov 25—Orbita (Br), via Southampton.
CAPE TOWN, Nov 26—Royal Prince (Br).
KOBE, Nov 23—Caroline Maru (Jap), via New Orleans.
SHANGHAI, Nov 24—Toba Maru (Jap), via Savannah and San Francisco.

Departures for New York

LIVERPOOL, Nov 26—Pannonia (Br).
SHIELDS, Nov 26—Margit Skoglard (Nor).
ROTTERDAM, Nov 26—Rotterdam (Dt) (and sailed from Boulogne 27th).
SHANGHAI, Nov 25—Bowes Castle (Br).
MOVILLE, Nov 25—Columbia (Br) (from Glasgow).

Maritime Miscellany

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 28—Officials have recovered $27,800 of $125,000 in English sovereigns stolen from specie tank of Sonoma. Gold found stuffed in rubber hose, lowered in ventilator pipe from boat deck. Arrests expected.

T J Wade has resigned as Pacific Coast manager Atlantic, Gulf & Pacific. Succeeded by C A Askew, Baltimore, vice-president.

VICTORIA, Nov 28—Protesilaus (Br) brought 10,000 cases Japanese oranges, largest shipment ever received here.

Marine Disasters

THEE RIVERS, Quebec, Nov 28—Fears expressed for safety of Captaine Damiane (Fr), Halifax last Tuesday for Mexico. Messages unanswered. Ship is bulk oil carrier, launched in June.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Nov 27—Filomena with crew of four reported missing off Thatcher's Island. Left port with fishing fleet yesterday, and is believed at mercy of the northeast gale, blowing all day. Coast guard boat put out, but forced to return by heavy seas.

ST. MICHAELS, Nov 26—Tonesit, Helsingfors for Baltimore, arrived here with boiler trouble.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 28—Fears increasing for Ecola, Honolulu for Coos Bay, before reported in tow of tug Sea Eagle; latter believed lost. Ecola not sighted since wreckage of Sea Eagle came ashore near Astoria Nov 24.

Southeast storm warnings on Oregon and Washington coasts. South bound vessels delayed.

Dangers to Navigation

North Atlantic Ocean—Off the American Coast

The following obstructions were reported: Nov 26, lat 40 06, lon 70 44, passed a lower mast projecting about 10 feet out of water, attached to submerged wreckage. Eastern Dawn: Nov 15, lat 39 24, lon 71 12, passed a white conical whistling buoy. Nuria: Nov 21, lat 36 33, lon 75 03, passed a spar projecting 15 feet out of water. Hartfield: Nov 23, lat 30 41, lon 79 58, a derelict, bottom up; Nov 23, lat 25 01 lon 80 12, spar covered with barnacles, apparently attached to submerged wreckage; Nov 26, the str Mundale struck an obstruction one mile north of Cay Frances entrance, Cuba; Nov 16 the obstruction reported Oct 2 in the Mississippi River in McCall's Flats, 24 miles below New Orleans, was removed and towed ashore; Nov 24, lat 42 42, lon 66 11, passed a water-logged dory, apparently a long time adrift, Caledonian.

Ship Allocations

WASHINGTON, Nov 28—Halsey (tanker), 10,078 D W T; assigned Columbus Shipping Co; withdraw D of O managing caretaker.

Sinsinawa, 7,840 D W T; assigned Baltimore Oceanic S S Co; withdraw managing agency Oriental Navigation Co.

Pomona, 11,724 D W T; assignment D of O managing caretaker cancelled; assigned Pacific S S Co managing agent; withdraw Williams, Dimond & Co.

West Katan, 8541 D W T; assigned Swayne & Hoyt, Inc; withdraw Williams, Dimond & Co.

Eastern Light, 10,705 D W T; assigned United States & Australasia Line; withdraw D of O managing caretaker.

East Side, 7,388 D W T; assigned Cosmopolitan S S Co; withdraw D of O managing caretaker.

Notice to Mariners

(By United States Hydrographic Office)

Nantucket Shoals Light vessel was replaced on her station Nov 23.

Fort Carroll Light, Baltimore harbor, was changed to flashing white every 15 seconds, flash 3 seconds' duration, on Nov 23.

The depths at the passes of the Mississippi River on Nov 23 were as follows: South pass, 30 feet, and Southwest Pass, 21 feet.

Diamond Shoal Light vessel was replaced on her station Nov 23.

Navy Orders

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Navy orders issued to-day follow:

Blackburn, Com. P. P., to Washington.
Loomis, Com. S. C., to Washington.
Powell, Lt. Com. H., to U. S. S. Stewart.
Wallace, Com. H. G. S., to U. S. S. Pope.
Blackburn, Lt. Com. C. T., to U. S. S. Pillsbury.
Edwards, Lt. Com. W. A., to U. S. S. Paul Jones.
Field, Lt. Com. R. S., to U. S. S. Taylor.
Kiefer, Lt. Com. H. M., to U. S. S. Fairfax.
Lewis, Lt. Com. S. S., to Atlantic fleet.
Risley, Lt. Com. R. G., to U. S. S. Herbert.
Will, Lt. Com. J. B., to U. S. S. Peary.
Donaldson, Lt. J., to Hampton Roads.
Hart, Lt. W. J. jr., to U. S. S. 0-9.
Quynn, Lt. A. G., to Washington.
McLean, Com. N. T., to New York.
Mackey, Lt. R. B., to Santo Domingo.
Hancock, Lt. (j. g.) R. E., to San Diego.
Underwood, Lt. J. F., to Newport.
Gatlin, Lt. (j. g.) H. G., resigned.
Groth, Lt. E. H., to Newport.
Gison, Hosn. H. E., resigned.

Army Orders

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Army orders issued to-day follow:

Field Artillery

Warren, Capt. A. L., to Havana.
Dowling, Capt. G. J., to Norman.

Miscellaneous

Elder, Lt. H. M., Q. M. C., to Fort Barrancas.
Russell, Capt. W. C., Med. C., to Manila.
Crain, Major J. K., Ord. Dept., to Washington.
Dixon, Lt. W. W., Air Svc., to Fort Sam Houston.

Shipbuilders See Need of Navy for Small War Vessels

Declare Scrapping of Capital Ships Will Call for Larger Number of Cruisers; Steel Firms Are Heaviest Losers

The program for reduction of naval armaments is not expected to affect adversely the interests of the leading American shipyards, according to a statement from Charles S. King, secretary of the Atlantic Coast Shipbuilders Association. He says that the navy is so deficient in small cruisers that the abandonment of the capital ships under construction will call for the laying down of a number of vessels of the smaller class.

Shipbuilders are awaiting with considerable interest the discussion of regulations governing the conversion of merchant craft for war purposes, Mr. King says.

While the shipyards may gain later from the contracts for small warships, it is pointed out that the immediate effect of the disarmament plan will be serious. More than a thousand concerns now have contracts with the government in connection with the construction of battleships, projected or actually begun. The government last year disbursed more than $90,000,000 on its naval building program. Mr. King declares that the heaviest losers will be the steel manufacturers, and that other lines of manufacturing affected will be electrical, wood furnishing, upholstering, scientific instrument manufacturers, and producers of steel cables, anchors, tools and naval engines.

These facts, it is declared, are not given in any criticism of the Washington program, but to set forth the situation clearly.

Cutting Down Inventories

Never before has there been such a keen desire to work off large stocks of merchandise before the first of the year, according to bankers interested in a financial way in dry goods and kindred lines of business. They hear that every effort is being made by many concerns to present a strong financial statement at the end of the year which will show small stocks on hand and large cash surpluses. In order to accomplish this prices are being reduced to the lowest level possible under the circumstances and it is predicted that many bargains will be offered to Christmas shoppers.

Cotton Goods Market Quiet

Little animation was apparent yesterday in the gray or unfinished cotton goods market, this division following closely the trend of the raw cotton market, only that little recovery was made in the unfinished cotton goods market. Prices on the leading constructions were fractionally lower. In print cloths, the standard 64-60's were quoted at 8⅝ cents a yard.

Fire Record

A. M.	LOSS.
4:05—38 W. 129th st., unknown	Trifling
4:15—69 W. 131st st., unknown	Trifling
6:05—17th st. and 9th av., automobile truck, unknown	Trifling
6:05—230 15th st., John Shea	Trifling
7:50—117 E. 59th st., Siegel	Unknown
9:25—158 E. 98th st., Joseph Ledine	Unknown
9:55—516 E. 85th st., Margaret Foley	Unknown
11:00—3 Rutgers st., Dr. London	Unknown
P. M.	
12:00—334 Pearl st., D. Dalessio	Unknown
12.30—In front of 3 Sullivan st., truck, unknown	Unknown
2:30—1236 First ave., Rose Furhman	Trifling
3:30—261 Burnside ave., the Bronx; Mary McClosky	Unknown
4:10—429 W. 23d st.; John Barrett	Unknown
5:30—23 Rutgers Place; Isidore Mandel	Unknown
6:00—1705 Fulton ave., the Bronx; P. S. No. 4	Unknown
6:20—1955 Second ave.; J. Burns	Unknown
6:20—162 E. 4th st.; Max Feiner	Unknown
6:40—49 W. 19th st.; Belmore Embroidery Co.	Unknown

New Bill of Lading Will Be Drafted by The Shipping Board

Substance of Hague Rules To Be Retained; Plan To Be Submitted to Steamship Heads for Suggestions

The Shipping Board shortly will draft a uniform ocean bill of lading, which will include the substance of the Hague rules but with modifications to meet American requirements, Elmer Schlesinger, general counsel for the board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation, said yesterday.

Mr. Schlesinger said that the officials of the board have been favorably impressed with the statements of Charles S. Haight, chairman of the bill of lading committee of the International Chamber of Commerce, and are convinced that a simplified, uniform document is desirable. It is believed that the Hague rules have great merit and that with some changes they will be approved by the board and private ship owners, as well as the majority of shippers and marine underwriters.

The board is now giving thorough consideration to this matter, and is expected to take action soon. The uniform bill proposed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, covering rail and water shipments, has failed to get the indorsement of the board. An attempt will be made to retain the best features of this document and also the Hague rules and to incorporate them into a shorter and more simple form. This will then be sent to shipping men for their opinions.

Other officials of the board have stated that they are inclined to agree with the views of some shippers that the Hague rules would be to their disadvantage in that they would throw upon them the burden of proving that the steamship company was negligent in the event of loss or damage. Under the Harter act the shippers are protected and the companies must prove lack of negligence.

BUY IT FROM THE NAVY

Navy Ships for Conversion to Commercial Uses

By Sealed Proposals opening December 15, 1921
At Board of Survey, Appraisal and Sale,
Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

Some of the Vessels Offered for Conversion

U. S. S. COLUMBIA (Cruiser). Built in 1892.
Length, 413 feet; draft, 23 feet; beam, 58 feet.
Speed, 22.8 knots; 3 vertical triple expansion engines.
8 D. E. and 2 S. E. boilers.
Displacement, 7,387 tons. Now at Philadelphia, Pa.

U. S. S. SMITH (Destroyer). Built in 1909.
Length, 294 feet; draft, 8 feet; beam, 26 feet; displacement, 902 tons; speed, 28 knots.
Now in 4th Naval District (Philadelphia, Pa.).

FREIGHT LIGHTER No. 160 (Ex-SURPRISE) S. P. 3740. Built in 1902.
Length, 88 feet; beam, 30 feet; draft, 6 feet; speed, 7 knots; gross tonnage, 110; depth of hull, 6 feet; 2 two-cylinder Union Heavy Duty Gasoline Engines.
Now at Mare Island, Calif.

U. S. S. INTREPID, Naval Training Ship (Steel). Built in 1904.
Length, 211 feet; beam, 46 feet; draft, 16 feet; displacement, 1,800 tons. Now at Mare Island, Calif.

U. S. S. ALBERT BROWN (Fish Boat); Wood. Built in 1897.
Length, 103 feet; draft, 10 feet; beam, 18 feet; gross tonnage, 108 tons; speed, 8.5 knots.
Now in 4th Naval District (Philadelphia, Pa.).

U. S. S. BROOKLYN (Cruiser). Built in 1895.
Length, 402 feet; breadth, 65 feet; draft, 24 feet.
Speed 21.91 knots; 2 vertical triple expansion engines.
5 D. E. and 2 S. E. boilers.
Displacement, 10,068 tons. Now at Mare Island, Calif.

GALATEA, S. P. 714; Steel Yacht. Built in 1914.
Length, 192 feet; beam, 24 feet; draft, 9 feet; gross tonnage, 367; speed, 14 knots. One vertical triple expansion engine; 2 Seabury boilers.
Now at Portsmouth, N. H.

VEGA, S. P. 734; Steam Yacht (Steel). Built in 1907.
Length, 161 feet; beam, 20 feet; draft, 8 feet; 276 gross tons; speed, 15 knots. Two vertical triple expansion engines; two Seabury boilers.
Now at Philadelphia, Pa.

U. S. S. EAGLE No. 25. Built in 1918.
Length, 200 feet; beam, 25 feet; draft, 7 feet; speed, 18 knots; displacement, 500 tons.
Now at Philadelphia, Pa.

U. S. S. ASTORIA, Transportation Ship (Steel). Built in 1902.
Length, 320 feet; breadth, 46 feet; draft, 21 feet; deadweight, 4,650 tons; gross tonnage, 2,789; spe