

FABRICATED SHIP READY TO LAUNCH

Agawam to Glide Into Newark Bay as Memorial Day Gift to the Nation

As a Memorial Day gift to the nation, the first launching at one of the new shipyards in the East, constructed at the instance of the Emergency Fleet Corporation will be held tomorrow.

FIRST OF HUGE FLEET

When the vessel—the Agawam, a 1800-ton freighter—slides down the ways at the Submarine Base Corporation into Newark Bay, it will mark the beginning of a systematic production of vessels at that shipyard.

Another vessel, the wooden ship, the Alameda, will be launched Saturday at a second yard, that of the Traylor Company at Cornwells, Pa.

Work is so far advanced at the submarine base that from the twenty-eight construction ways on which there are now being assembled a greater number of ocean-going steamships than in any other shipyard in the world, it will be possible to launch hulls on an average of at least two and perhaps three each week thereafter.

A great patriotic and dedicatory celebration has been planned for tomorrow. Shipyard heads from sections nearby and many officials of the Emergency Fleet Corporation are expected to be present.

One of fabricated ships
The Agawam is one of the new fabricated types, with a displacement of 1800 tons. She is built of steel, has a beam and a speed of ten and a half knots. The name Agawam was selected by President Wilson's wife. It is an Indian name and means "great salt meadows."

The Submarine Base Corporation has a contract for 190 vessels of the type of the Agawam. The time required for construction will therefore be much less than formerly required for such work. As soon as the first few vessels are launched, delivery of bridges and other steamships ready for sea, can be assured from the fitting-out dock at the same rate of speed.

Twenty-seven steel mills, fifty-six fabricating plants and 200 foundries, pipe machine, joinery and equipment shops are engaged in the manufacture of parts for each finished steamship. The vessel was built from structural steel shapes such as were used in the hulls of the battleships, in the hulls and office buildings. The various steel parts of the hull and superstructure were fabricated as completely as practicable in structural steel shops throughout the country and then assembled at the shipyard into a complete vessel.

The main machinery consists of a Westinghouse steam turbine operating at 3600 revolutions a minute, driving the single-screw propeller at ninety revolutions a minute. The turbine is a Westinghouse balanced floating type reduction gear. Steam supply to the turbine will be furnished by two Babcock and Wilcox marine-type water-tube boilers, which have been installed in the ship before launching.

Mechanical Equipment
The auxiliary machinery of the vessel will be most complete, including duplicate electric plants, refrigerating plant, pumping machinery for numerous systems, forced-draft blower, evaporator, heaters, cargo-handling machinery, windlass, capstan, steering engine, auxiliary condenser, etc. Fuel oil will be used in the boilers for generation of steam. This fuel oil will be carried in compartments in the hull bottom of the ship in sufficient quantity to more than cover the round trip of Europe.

The Newark Bay shipyard is one of the newest in the country, having been constructed only last winter. It has been particularly designed for the fast and rapid assembling, fitting out and equipment of these standardized steamships from structural steel parts.

The Alameda is the first of ten to be constructed at the shipyard. Including the Alameda, there are five wooden ships under construction there. After the Alameda is launched a wooden ship will be turned out every fifty days.

The Alameda is a 3500-ton vessel. She has a length of 233 feet and a beam of forty-six feet.

FILM FIRM ROUNDS UP FICTION WRITERS

Famous Players-Lasky Corporation Secures Rights to Many Popular Tales

WINNING THE WAR IN THE SHIPYARDS

SPEEDING UP WAR INDUSTRIES IN U. S.

National Service Body to Extend Its Work Beyond Shipyards

The work of the National Service Section of the Emergency Fleet Corporation is to be extended to all industries relating to the prosecution of the war.

This section arranges patriotic meetings. Heretofore its efforts have been confined to shipyards for speeding up production.

Results have been so satisfactory that the Government requested the section to enlarge its work for higher production in the munition shops and other places where speed is desired.

The meetings are to be held first in munition shops in and around Chicago, and before long the experiment will reach Philadelphia. It was stated at the National Service Section's local headquarters, room 1224 Widener building.

Letters and telegrams from shipyards all over the country show remarkable results from half-hour talks to ship workers. Perhaps few workers have realized that, while listening to some tale of German atrocity, their employers were losing thousands of dollars.

These meetings have cost the shipbuilding companies as high as \$20,000 each, according to C. M. Patton, one of the national service men in the local office.

"As a rule, all the men are taken from their work to attend these meetings," said he. "We get some officer who has seen service at the front in a half hour of his time. We can safely figure each man's time worth seventy cents an hour, and if you figure 10,000 men in attendance you can see what these meetings cost."

But we have shown that they pay, for we have proof that the men have gone back to their work with a vengeance after hearing our speakers, and in the same afternoon more than made up in production for the half hour spent at the meeting.

It has been customary to hold meetings weekly at some yards, but now the schedule will be cut down to one about every two or three weeks. The added demands upon the section will compel enlargement of the force, but good speakers are said to be plentiful enough. The shipbuilders prefer military speakers from the front.

SHIPYARDS HERE RUSH DELIVERIES

Two Vessels Completed in Week, Two More Launched, 9069 Tons a Day

Results of ship construction in yards along the Delaware River and the Atlantic coast show remarkable strides in the last week in deliveries and launching of vessels.

Eastern yards are mentioned prominently in the list of shipyards turning out new vessels. They completed two vessels and launched two more. The vessels completed aggregated 10,600 tons and the ships launched 15,800 tons.

The rate of construction, which is expected to progress rapidly from now on, since several of the eastern shipyards are making ready to launch their first ships, now stands at a daily average output of 9069 tons of steel ships.

Last week ten completed vessels were delivered from the shipyards throughout the country, aggregating a tonnage of 63,486. The launchings during the week totaled 98,000 tons.

The ships launched were the *Firmore*, cargo, 11,300 tons; *Sparrows Point Ship*, cargo, 11,300 tons; *Garibaldi*, cargo, 1500 tons; *Harlan Shipbuilding Company*, Wilmington.



The picture was taken at Tampa, Fla., where there is a big school of navigation, maintained by the United States shipping board, for teaching sailors how to sail and manage a big ocean-going vessel. All these pupils must be sailors already in order to join the school, but here they learn navigation and many other fine points which common sailors do not acquire. When these men are found fit they will be put upon the ships. As will be seen, the lesson in the use of the sextant is being given on board a vessel and in a shipyard where many new ships are being built.

SHIPBUILDING LURES COLLEGE GRADUATES

Twenty From Wooster, Ohio, at Work at Gloucester and Thirty-five Coming

College graduates find shipbuilding along the Delaware fascinating.

Twenty from Wooster College, Wooster, O., have tried it out at the Pennsylvania and New Jersey yards, Gloucester, to their great satisfaction, and arrangements have been made to enter about thirty-five more from the same institution in the same yards.

Last July J. N. Miller, graduate of Wooster College and president of the Student Senate College there, picked shipbuilding as the way to do his bit in the war.

His first experience was as a helper in the Gloucester yards. Then he organized the men of draft age in the yards and later undertook the organization of the service department. Last April he launched a shipyard weekly newspaper, which has already gained great popularity.

Miller liked the life so well that about thirty-five more of the boys back home decided to join him here. They are to arrive about June 15. Some will go back about September 15 to finish their studies, but most of them are expected to stick to the war job until it is finished, then finish their college course.

The new recruits will be headed by L. C. Boles, athletic director at Wooster College, who is going to give the shipyard the benefit of his experience in developing youngsters.

These college boys have solved for themselves the housing problem. Miller has rented for them a big frame house at 320 South Fifth street, Gloucester, near the yards. No luxuries, but just plain home comforts, are to be provided at their own expense.

The boys intend to run this place as a sort of club. There they will also eat their meals, which are to be prepared by a chef with whom they are all well acquainted. This high dignity they will bring with them. The cuisine at their old "frat" house in Wooster was presided over by this same chef.

The college boys are entering into shipbuilding in the right spirit. Like Miller, they will tackle whatever work may be assigned. Some of the twenty that Miller brought here some time ago are plugging away for promotion and it is said to be coming surely to all of them.

LEGISLATURE MAY BE DRY

Both Branches for Prohibition, Predicts Anti-Saloon League

Both branches of the next Legislature will be "dry," according to the prediction of the Anti-Saloon League. Dr. H. C. Topp, head of the league here, expressed the belief that temperance workers would support the candidacy of Senator Sprout for governor.

POCKET BIBLE LIFE SAVER

Evangelist Believes Soldier Owes Escape to Testament League

Charles W. Alexander, the noted "singing evangelist," believes that the American soldier in France whose life was saved by a Testament and a trench mirror carried in his breast pocket, would be made during the summer to obtain additional pledges from candidates for the Legislature.

According to dispatches, the American soldier was from Camp Devens, Mass., where Alexander distributed more than 2000 Testaments.

SHIPYARD WORKERS HOLDING "PRIMARY"

Every Man in Pusey & Jones Plant Voting for Club Board of Control

The most popular event yet put on at the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Shipyards, Gloucester, took place today in the form of a "primary election."

Every man in the yards is intensely interested in the new Pusey & Jones Club, and is casting his ballot today for his choice for the board of control.

The club was organized for the rank and file, and that they are to have a say in all vital matters is shown by the fact that the board is to consist entirely of representatives of the various classes of workmen.

Three men from each branch were to be nominated today. There are thirty-seven branches. Wednesday, June 5, the men will vote finally, and the one in every group of three receiving the highest number of votes, will serve on the board.

No time was lost in the balloting. A ballot was placed in the rack with each man's time card today. The votes will be counted after work this evening and the result will be announced tomorrow.

FROLIC IN THE RIVER

The marine draughtsmen at the Pusey & Jones yards started last night on an over-time schedule and celebrated the event with an hour's frolic in the Delaware river.

They are to work from 6 until 9 p. m. each day, and will have an hour off at 5 o'clock and intend to make river bathing a regular event.

WAR NEWS FOR SHIP MEN

Three Public Ledger Bulletin Boards Installed at Gloucester

Three large bulletin boards, given by the Public Ledger, were put in commission today at the Gloucester yards of the Pusey & Jones Company in the presence of thousands of workers.

The three were covered at once with war news from the Public Ledger's telephone wires, thus introducing a new feature from which shipyard officials expect big results in "speeding up."

The men who build our ships never get such an opportunity to learn the news during working hours until today, and they welcomed it.

"We believe these bulletins will materially help our production," said one yard man. "One can hardly expect the men to work through the long hours day in and day out without knowing. I might say, what is working for these war bulletins will find great work, and unless I am much mistaken, there will be many times when the men will turn from them and go back to their work with a determination to do their utmost to lick the Kaiser."

Daughter of Lancaster County Contractor Had Been Acting Queerly

RUSH WORK ON DESTROYER

New Vessel Launched Quietly at Cramps Shipyard

Work is now being rushed on the torpedo boat destroyer *Tarbell*, launched yesterday at the Cramp Shipyard, so that it may be turned over to the Government in record time.

The ship was launched so quietly late yesterday afternoon that few persons outside the yard knew of it. Nobody attended except the accredited sponsor of the ship and her escort. The explanation of the quietness of the launching was given by an official of Cramps, who said that launchings of large type destroyers are now so common as to be no occasion for interest.

Miss Virginia Tarbell, of New York, the twenty-year-old daughter of one of the descendants of Lieutenant Tarbell, an American naval hero—was the sponsor.

SLOCUM HEADS UTILITIES

Ex-Senator Elected President of Jersey State Board

Trenton, N. J., May 29.—Ex-Senator John W. Slocum, of Long Branch, was elected president of the State Board of Public Utilities commission to succeed Ralph W. F. Doneser, of Camden, who was called to military service by Secretary of War Baker to appraise property commandeered from alien enemies.

WOMAN FOUND DROWNED

Daughter of Lancaster County Contractor Had Been Acting Queerly

Lancaster, Pa., May 29.—The body of Miss Anna Gonder, sixty-one years old of Strasburg, was found early this morning in the waters near Edinboro, Pa., by Constable Douthett.

She left her home shortly after noon yesterday. She had been acting strangely, it is said. Miss Gonder was a daughter of the late Benjamin Gonder, a wealthy contractor.

HOMES OF WEALTHY OFFERED TO EMERGENCY FLEET FORCE

Some Give Up Summer Trips to Manage "Boarding Houses," but Refuse to Charge Rent, Says Housing Manager

WALTHAM Philadelphians, inspired by patriotism, are offering their town houses and are giving up their summer trips to the seashore and other resorts in order to aid in housing the employees of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

This is according to James Meiklejohn, manager of District C housing and transportation division, Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Some of the people of the city whose names have long been familiar in the society columns have turned their homes into rooming or boarding houses to aid in the housing of the fleet workers, according to Meiklejohn.

Many of these wealthy persons have elected to stay in the city during the summer and "manage" their "boarding" houses, while others have left servants in charge.

One woman, whose name was withheld, today offered her home, a large one in a fashionable section, for the use of the fleet workers. When asked the terms she declared she would not accept a cent. Other persons have been equally patriotic.

According to Meiklejohn, the housing committee have encountered few attempts to "gouge" the fleet workers by high rents.

"We expect to have sufficient accommodations for all the workers upon their arrival here," he added. "The people of the city have helped us loyally."

57 Take Fire Bureau Test

Fifty-seven place seekers today took the civil service test for houseman, Bureau of Fire. All who pass will be appointed to the force in the near future to fill vacancies caused by numerous recent resignations, and the installation of the two-plateon system.

Tested Wartime Recipes

Strawberry Tapioca

Soak a half cupful of pearl tapioca in cold water overnight, wash and boil in one box of strawberry jam. Tapioca should not be drained too dry. Put the tapioca on to cook in the double boiler with the strawberries and add one ounce juice of lemon. Cook until the tapioca is transparent, then add one cupful of sugar and a half teaspoonful of salt. Cook ten minutes longer, stirring a little. Whip cream and when ready to serve, put whipped cream on top. This is best made the day before. Tapioca makes a delicious tapioca and you can make a good lemon and a little more salt. Put a few whole berries on top of the whipped cream, previously rolled in sugar.

Stuffed Halibut Steak

Remove the bones from two halibut steaks one inch thick, then wash and dry them thoroughly. Lay one steak in a greased casserole. Mix together one cupful of stale bread crumbs, one-half cupful of hot water, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth teaspoonful of chopped onion, one-half teaspoonful of dried celery leaves, one-half teaspoonful of dried parsley, one-fourth teaspoonful of pepper, and one-fourth teaspoonful of paprika. Lay this dressing on top of the steak and over that put the other steak. Bake forty minutes in a hot oven. Serve with a white sauce containing a little chopped parsley.—Good Housekeeping.

A move started some time ago, to make the institutions under their establishments and pay full price for water as they do for every other commodity, never got beyond Councils committee on water, of which William Beal, Select Comptroller from the Forty-first Ward, is chairman.

An Act of Assembly of forty years ago gave the city the right to furnish water to charities at 45 per cent less cost than the rates charged the ordinary citizen or business house. Councils later passed an ordinance making effective the privilege, and from then on exemptions have grown steadily until the free list now includes hundreds of institutions. This list is said to include many institutions that, without political backing, could never have secured the big reduction.

Passengers Cut in Collision and Dickinson Street

Several persons were slightly injured at midnight when a Paasany trolley car struck an Eighth street car at Dickinson street. The Paasany car was thrown from the track, and several persons were injured, including Anna Patterson, two years, 525 Tasker street; Fannie Mon, nineteen years, 1214 South street; and Sophie Rosoff, two years, Second and McKean streets. Police say an inexperienced motorist was operating the Paasany car and could not stop quickly when he saw the other car in front of him.

Clock Repairing

Why not let us have your clock repaired while the house is clean for the summer? They will be ready for delivery just when desired.

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Calls for a Specific Observance of

Memorial Day

Conforming Therewith Our Stores Will Be Closed All Day Tomorrow

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