

439,886 TONS OF SHIPPING TO BE LAUNCHED JULY 4

America will celebrate her Independence Day by launching 439,886 tons of new shipping with which to carry American troops and supplies to battle Germany.

Amid impressive ceremonies eighty-nine gleaming new hulls will thunder from their ways at Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf, and Great Lakes yards, and a record for ship construction will have been set.

Thirty-seven steel ships, and fifty-two wooden will be sufficient to maintain 348,000 American soldiers—five divisions—on the firing line, furnishing their food, munitions, and all supplies.

The single day's launchings will exceed by a third the entire output of the fiscal year 1915-1916, and will be 43,000 tons greater than the country's record pre-war output of 1901.

The thirty-seven steel hulls, with total tonnage of 254,686, will include the 15,600-ton cargo carrier, William Penn, the 12,000-ton Challenger, the three burly sisters, Independence, Victorious, and Defiance, all of the 11,800-ton class; three refrigerating ships of 9,000 tons each, and eight 8,500-ton freighters. The Lake Pearl, launching on Lake Michigan, will be the smallest, 2,300 tons.

The wooden bottoms, with the exception of the \$4,700-ton Beechland, and two of 4,000 tons, will be of the 3,500-ton class.

Pacific Coast to Lead.

The Pacific coast will lead with twenty-six wooden and seventeen steel launchings. The Bethlehem plant at San Francisco will head the country with a triple steel launching totaling 35,400 deadweight tons. Oakland's Moore Shipbuilding Company will also complete three, with a lesser tonnage—28,200, while Seattle will stage a three-coward affair distributed among three yards.

Mobile, Moss Point, Nixa, and Orange, Tex., will lead in the South, each with a double launching.

WORK IS BEING RUSHED ON NEW DAIRY AT MEADE

CAMP MEADE, Md., June 23.—All records for speed are being broken here in rushing the erection of buildings urgently needed for storage, for a dairy and for the many nurses who will get military and final hospital training here. As many as 100 men are working on a single building. The warehouses are needed at once for the enormous quantity of food, equipment, and ordnance that is to be shipped here.

Probably a million dollars worth of new barns will be erected, and in the meanwhile hundreds of tents have been provided, the white ones that could not be used near the front, where they would serve only as targets. The increase in the army of workers recalls the scenes of a year ago, when the first workmen arrived in trucks to build \$12,000,000 has been spent on this cantonment. More millions are now to be spent at almost the same rates as a year ago.

Rushing Dairy.

Work is being rushed on a dairy for the camp. This will have an enormous capacity for pasteurizing and cooling the raw milk brought in by farmers. The raising of cows will, therefore, be encouraged in this section of the State. Heretofore the milk consumed in the camp has been pasteurized and bottled in Baltimore, thus causing delay. Raw milk, of course, would not be admitted until the plant is completed. After the dairy is in operation it is likely that they will become a greater factor in the menu. At present the soldiers buy some at the exchanges and some small amount is used with the mess.

Druggist Arrives.

Frank P. Sullivan, who was once the lightweight and bantamweight champion of Australia, has arrived as druggist. He was a sparring partner of Joe Gans and fought with many of the best fighters of the past twenty years. He hopes to complete his pugilistic career with a bout with the Kaitai.

Penny Ante

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By Jean Knott



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Clean your furnaces and stoves, plug up the leaks in your cellar furnace pipes, get the dampers to regulate the drafts in your stoves, and if your landlord won't take these proper actions, tell your fuel administrator about him, and he will see to it.

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One one-hundredth inch of soot has the same resistance power to heat that a three-eighths inch of iron has, says its bulletin. Clean out the soot.

Fifteen million tons of coal must be used by homes, apartment houses, schools, churches, and commercial buildings other than factories. The coal administration appeals to each household to run its own furnace, "instead of putting an ignorant, untrained, underpaid man in charge of it."

ONLY 2 MARINES OF 12,000 ABROAD CAPTURED BY FOE

Announcement yesterday by Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff, that there are 12,000 marines in France, emphasizes again the fighting qualities of the members of this famous branch of the service.

The "feared necks" or the "devil dogs," as the Germans have lately termed them, have been in action many times since they arrived at the front line trenches and have won splendid accounts of themselves.

The only effect of their baptism of fire has been to give the outfit a new esprit de corps, which rivals anything in its history.

They have a casualty list that today totals 1,093, which means that one out of every twelve marines has given blood for the cause, and that practically all have been up against the "real thing." But the outstanding feature of the casualty figures is the fact that a real honest-to-goodness marine is as scarce in Germany today as a healthy meal of cornmeal and cabbage, and this in spite of the fact that the lines have concentrated some of his best troops time and again before the enemy held by the marines, for the sole purpose of taking prisoners.

Under the heading of "Missing, including prisoners," there are two "feared necks" listed, and their brethren at home, and no doubt abroad, are at a loss to account for the fact that they were captured. They first showed signs of fatigue, however, with pride, for it shows what a match the average soldier of the sea is for his Hun adversary.

99 CITY HALL EMPLOYEES AT RICHMOND ENLIST

RICHMOND, Va., June 22.—Flying from a staff on the top of the City Hall here is a service flag bearing ninety-nine stars. These stars represent the number of city employees who have given up their positions to enlist in the service of Uncle Sam. In many cases exemption claims might have been filed, but were not taken advantage of.

GROGGER'S LICENSE REVOKED BY FOOD ADMINISTRATION

The license of M. Mazo & Son, wholesale grocers at 628 Louisiana avenue northwest, has been revoked by the food administration.

M. Mazo & Son are instructed to "close up" June 25, the date of the revocation, to post a sign conspicuously at the entrance to their place of business, giving notice that it is closed by order of the food administrator.

The firm is further instructed to dispose of all perishes in its possession or control before 12 p. m. June 25, and to deal with all goods remaining in its possession in accordance with the directions of Harry B. Kramer, who was today appointed as Food Administrator Wilson's representative.

It was alleged in the recommendation for revocation of license that the firm had falsified their reports to Food Administrator Wilson of stock on hand and the amount of business done, and had declined sales, when it had a plentiful stock on hand.

Similar action against a Washington baking concern is pending.

M. Mazo & Son, is the second firm to be closed by the food administration here for violation of the licensing regulations or the food control act.

Marine, Papa of Twins, Seeks Allotment For Two "First" Children

STOCKTON, Cal., June 23.—When is a "first child" not a "first child?"

This is the question that has been causing Sergt. R. R. Mergenthal, of the local U. S. Marine Corps recruiting station, to spend sleepless nights lately.

George Hadley, of Kansas City, applied to Mergenthal for enlistment. When Hadley informed him that he was married and had two children, Mergenthal told him that he would draw \$25.00 for a family allotment, namely \$15 for his wife, \$10 for his first child, and \$7.50 for his second child. But Hadley insisted on \$35.

"How do you figure that?" queried Mergenthal.

"Well, my youngsters are twins; so how are you going to figure the first child? They both come under the \$10 head," answered Hadley.

"I give up," declared Mergenthal, after puzzling over it for a few hours.

The delicate question has been put up to the authorities at Washington.

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JUDGE GETS JAIL TERM FOR PLOT TO FOIL DRAFT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 23.—Judge Leonard Smitkin, of New York city, has been sentenced to serve five years in Federal prison by Judge Anderson in United States District Court, following his conviction on a charge of conspiring to illegally obtain exemption for a draft registrant.

A Joseph Schur, Government appeal agent for the Eighth district board of this city, and Maurice Smitkin, an attorney, who are alleged to have conspired with the New York judge, were given six years each.

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Liquor Over Hundred Years Old Sold At Red Cross Auction in London

LONDON, June 23.—A bottle of rum from the King's cellar, 1820, brought \$250 at a recent Red Cross auction of wine and spirits from the royal cellars.

Three bottles of rum, the King's gift bottled in 1776 and distilled in Jamaica twenty years previously, brought \$125. This rum antedates the French revolution and the American War of Independence.

Among other high prices recorded at the sale were: Two bottles of Bollinger, very dry, 1906, \$182 a dozen; two dozen bottles of Veuve Clicquot, 1906, at \$250 a dozen and a similar lot at \$212 a dozen; port, 1820 vintage presented to Queen Victoria by the late King of Portugal, 600 a dozen; two dozen bottles of royal Tawny port, selected by the late King Edward, \$282 a dozen.

ALLIED SUPPLY POOL IS RAPIDLY BEING ORGANIZED

Organization of an interallied supply pool is heading up rapidly. Officials selected to start the European shortly are holding their final conferences with chiefs of this side.

Assistant Secretary of War Stettinius, in charge of problems of supply and production, and General Goethals, military director of supplies, purchases, and transportation, will probably be sent across to represent the War Department.

Oscar Crosby, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, will represent the United States in financial matters coincident with organization of the pool.

Alexander Legg, of the War Industries Board, who has handled allied munitions purchases for months, will sit in at the interallied meetings.

Food Administrator Hoover will take a staff to handle problems of food. The shipping board and the tariff commission will also be in on the great organization.

The Department of Labor may send a representative to sit with labor members of allied governments in an effort to arrive at problems affecting munitions workers.

Officials say that the movement now under way is largely one of coordinating and building up skeleton organizations already working. A virtual pool of finance, food, and ships has been set for some time. The big job confronting the allied government now is to fit each cog of the war governments into a unified machine. Conflicts of interests will be eliminated.

NEGRO DRAFTEES WILL BE GIVEN SQUARE DEAL

The War Department will "brook no discrimination" against colored draftees, Secretary of War Baker has declared. Answering reports based apparently in part on German propaganda that discrimination was practiced, Baker pointed out all persons have a right of appeal, and that the department's policy calls for judging these fairly whether the applicant be white or black.

Incidentally, it was pointed out General Pershing and General March have officially commended the work of negro troops abroad.

Secretary Baker said: "The Department will brook no discrimination, and any cases of alleged or suspected discrimination brought to our attention will be investigated, and any wrong done will be righted."

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STEEL PRICES WILL NOT BE CHANGED FOR THREE MONTHS

Steel prices will remain unchanged, it has been learned, for another three months, despite the increase of 45 cents a ton on iron ore granted by the War Industries Board after an all-day conference here on Friday.

The steel men, after hearing the Government's side of the case, acquiesced in the Government's position and did not press for higher prices. Iron ore men, however, are faced with a heavy increase in freight rates, and the 45 cents increase allowed them barely covers this increase, and additional labor costs.

A drive by the steel men for higher prices is expected, however, at the end of the three month's period, when revenue legislation will have taken definite shape and the steel men appraised of the exact burden of taxation they will have to bear. It is also expected that various other causes will lead them to ask for an increase over the present price, which have prevailed since last fall.

GERMANY REPORTS LOCATION OF SEVEN U. S. PRISONERS

Seven American prisoners of war interned in a prison camp in Germany have been reported by the Royal Prussian War Ministry, which forwarded the list to the American legation at Berlin.

The men are: First Lieut. John S. Abbott, St. Paul, Minn., interned at Camp Willingden; Civilian Henry C. Emery, Providence, R. I., interned at Camp Tuchs; First Lieut. Robert H. Jeffrey, Uniontown, Pa., and Abraham Straus, New York city, interned at Karlsruhe; First Officer David Johnson, Marcus Hook, Philadelphia, interned at Camp Brandenburg; Private Sidney Kinch, Oxford, England, interned at Camp Darmstadt, and Private Hector E. Hollman, Menot, N. D., interned at Camp Bayreuth.

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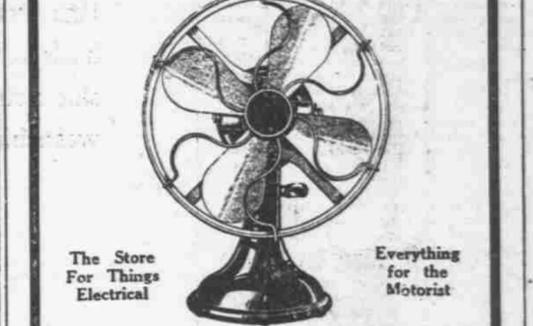


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