# TEN DESTROYERS ADDED TO U. S. BATTLE FLEET

## Superdreadnaught "Idaho" is Ready to Join Fleet; Many Ships Near Completion.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—America's battle fleet was augmented last month by ten new destroyers and one submarine besides the superdreadnaught, Idaho, which will join Admiral Mayo's forces upon their return from Guantanmo bay, Cuba, within a few days. Five auxiliary ships also were completed in March and present expectations are that more than 150 additional ships would be delivered before the end of the year.

Ships of all classes building now for the navy or authorized number 438, including ten superdreadnaughts, six battle cruisers, ten scout cruisers, 195 destroyers, 71 submarines, 53 Eagle boats, two gunboats, 20 mine sweepers and 71 auxiliaries. These latter take into account twelve oil tankers, two ammunition ships, nineteen sea-going tugs and 34 harbor tugs.

**Superdreadnaughts Launched.**

Six of the superdreadnaughts have been laid down and one, the Tennessee, building at the New York navy yard, will be launched either this month or in May. The California, under construction at the Mare island, California, navy yard, and the Maryland, building at Newport News, are well advanced and probably will be launched this year.

Work on the six battle cruisers has been suspended by Sec'y Daniels until he and his three chief technical advisers return from Europe, where they are studying types of capital ships. None of the cruisers have been laid down, but some material for them has been gotten out.

Only three of the ten scout cruisers are under construction, but work on all of them must be started this summer, as these vessels were part of the immense program authorized by congress in 1916.

Probably 100 of the destroyers now building will be delivered this year with the others due in 1920.

Thirty-four submarines also should be completed before the end of 1919, but thus far only 61 of the 71 authorized have been gotten under way. Most of the 53 Eagle boats and all of the mine sweepers should be completed before next January 1.

Eight of the twelve oil tankers have been laid down and five are expected for delivery this year with the date of completion of the other seven indefinite. The gunboat Asheville, building at the Charleston, S. C.

## ASKS INJUNCTION; SAYS DUMP CAR COMPANY STOLE HIS INVENTION

Charging that officials of the Automatic Dump Car Co. of this city, among whom is named Anton Brezovitz, deliberately appropriated for their own use an invention worked out and perfected by himself William H. Lane, a former employe of the company, Saturday morning filed suit for injunction against the company, asking that they be restrained from using or selling the apparatus.

Lane says the Automatic Dump Car Co. has already applied for a patent on the invention he claims as his.

The invention, Lane asserts, is an original one for loading and unloading motor trucks. He says he perfected it while in the employe of the company now named as defendant.



# MAY NEED ROLL CALL TO SETTLE FATE OF KAISER

## Nations Divided As to What Should be Done With Former Ruler of Germany.

BY LOWELL MELLETT.

By United Press:

PARIS, April 12.—A roll call of the whole peace conference may be necessary to determine whether the former kaiser is to be hanged or otherwise corporally punished for his crimes.

The committee on responsibility for the war was divided on the question of personal punishment for Wilhelm, Great Britain, France and Italy favored it; the United States and Japan opposed it. The ultimate decision, it was said today, may have to be rendered when the plenary session discusses the committee report.

**Would Reserve Provision.**

The point at issue was a paragraph in the committee's report providing arraignment before the international court, or national courts, of all persons deemed guilty of military crimes "regardless of rank." The Japanese and American members made a reservation on this provision.

Twelve hundred and fifty copies of the report were ordered printed but the printing was held up because the dissenters wanted to include a memorandum setting forth the reasons for their objections, while the other three desired simply to note the fact there was a dissenting opinion.

**Find Legal Objection.**

The American objection was based on the inability to find any international law sanctioning prosecution of the heads of states, because it is legally assumed their actions are dictated by policies of state. The Japanese protested they could not subscribe to a doctrine which would contradict their theory that an emperor is a sacred person, reigning by divine right.

There was some talk in British circles today that Premier Lloyd George will demand Wilhelm's head in open conference. If he does not get it, the former kaiser's principal punishment is likely to be a paragraph in the committee's final report, condemning his actions, since there is reason to believe American legal objections will carry greater weight in the conference than they did in committee.

**Consider War Policy.**

The report, as finally drawn, includes still another ground for indictment of persons responsible for war crimes, making a total of 32. The 32nd relates to "organized terrorism" as a deliberate war policy. Under this a number of high German officers might be summoned before an international court even if the former kaiser and crown prince, Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Gen. Ludendorff escape under American technical objections.