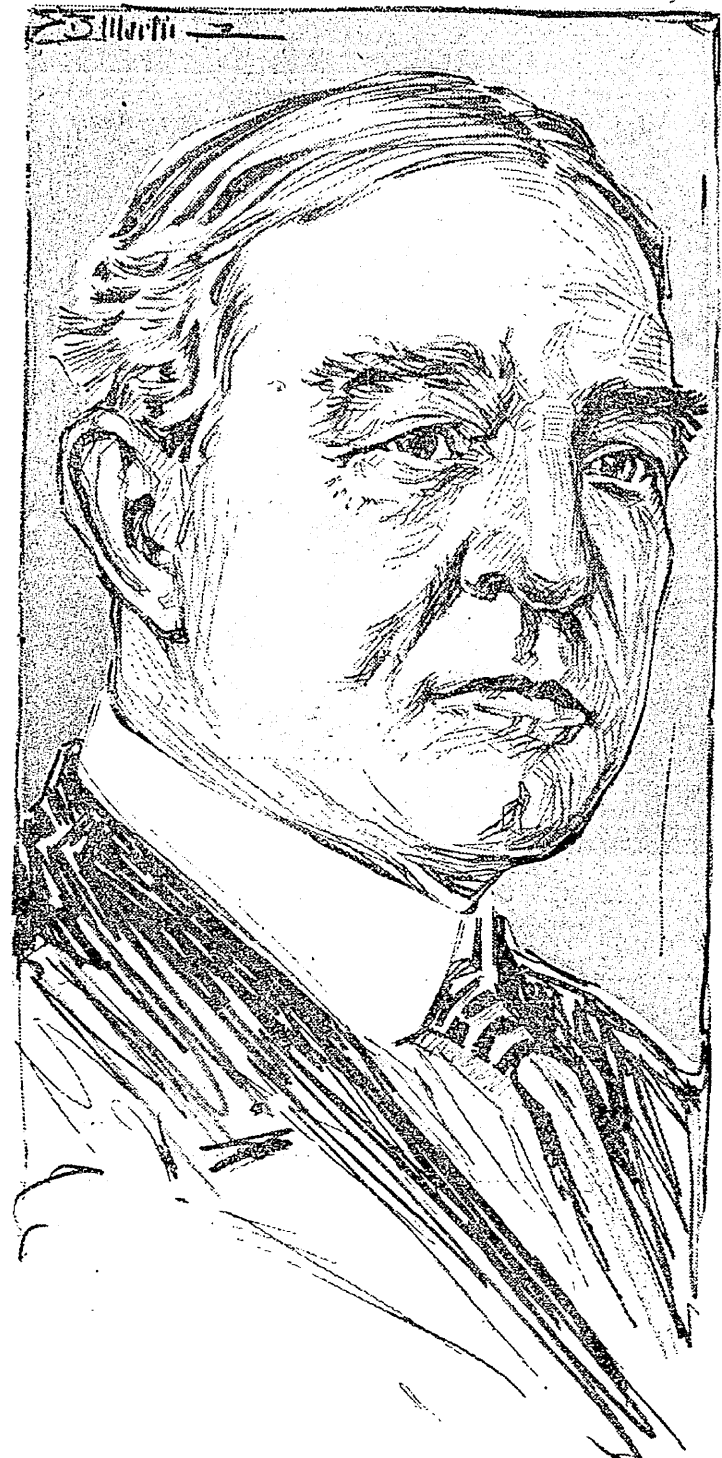


SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 15, 1918.

SHIPYARD STRIKES THREATEN MENACE TO AMERICAN WAR PROGRAM

Trouble in Atlantic Coast Plants Weakens Recent Statement of Samuel Gompers

M'ADOO'S LEGAL AID



Judge John Barton Payne. Color cartoon by Martin from photo copyright by Harris & Ewing.

FIRST AID DUES TO BE DISCONTINUED FOR FOUR MONTHS

Medical Aid Board Finds That Accumulation of Reserve Does Not Warrant Collection

OLYMPIA, Friday, Feb. 15.—Beginning March 1, Chairman J. W. Mowall announced the Medical Aid Commission will discontinue for four months the collection of first aid payments from employers and employees who are not under contract to physicians or hospital associations for treatment. The commission will be able to make this cut through the accumulation of a reserve that will amount to \$15,000 by March 1.

Germans Keep Best Gas for U. S. Troops

AMSTERDAM, Friday, Feb. 15.—The German newspapers, speaking of the great offensive which they say Hindenburg is going to launch in the west, say that the army has a new poison gas of surpassing effectiveness which is being regarded as a surprise for the Americans.

REGISTRATION OF ENEMIES REVEALS PATHETIC CASES

Number of Men Forced to Fill in Papers Has Served Two and Three Terms in Army.

RANGING in ages from 14 years and 2 months to 72 years of age, a total of 1,650 men and boys, German-born, were registered under the alien enemy act in Seattle by tonight. Thirty of these were registered at the federal detention station and the remainder at an office conducted at the city headquarters for the last nine secular days. There are five yet to return registration papers, they having neglected to have their photographs taken to be attached to the forms which they filled.

SEATTLE ASKS THREE MILLION TO BUILD HOMES

Question of Housing Declared to Be Emergency and Aid Is Required From U. S.

FORMAL APPLICATION SENT TO WASHINGTON

Plan Outlined Includes Erection of Houses for Shipbuilders Without Profit.

CONVINCED that further delay in providing decent housing for shipyard and other war industry workers will cause a loss of essential work and that every delay is a matter of life or death, costing the lives of American boys on the battlefields in Europe, the war shipping committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club last yesterday decided to ask the government for \$3,000,000 as aid in speeding up the home-building campaign.

It was agreed that every day of delay in shipbuilding costs the lives of American fighters in the trenches and that every effort must be made to prevent delays, to keep all available shipyard workers on the job.

Complete Plan Outlined. Testing to obtain this government money for the war workers as quickly as possible and at an interest rate as low as that provided for similar loans at the center of war industry, the committee yesterday formally endorsed its opinion, which, in the committee's opinion, would be in the public interest and in the public interest, and which could be made immediately successful.

The \$3,000,000 is requested for the entire benefit of workers in essential war industries to be used directly, to make them contented and thus speeding up shipbuilding and other war work, thus keeping the skilled workers here after the war and assuring the permanent of the industry and at the same time giving impetus to building for thousands of other workers desiring homes by private capital and greater scope and opportunity for private initiative in home building.

The normal growth in population, in demand for homes, will be so great, the committee said, that the ability of local and state governments to meet the emergency will be taxed to the utmost limit. Many thousands of homes are needed in the next year or two, the committee said, and Seattle is unable to meet the requirements. The \$3,000,000 requested of the government will enable the city to meet the requirements of the great corps of war workers.

Plenty of desirable residence lots can be obtained now, the report says, at less than the cost of building a city of like population. Cost of labor and material is abnormal, but conditions must be equalized and the work must be assured of full value return and of reasonable means of meeting all obligations.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS WEAR LIFE PRESERVERS WHEN SHIPS ENTER DIVER-INFESTED DISTRICT



Photo by Central News Photo Service. On U. S. Transport in War Zone.

Hurley Makes Appeal To Shipyard Workers To Return to Tasks

Chairman of U. S. Shipping Board Declares That Those Who Mourn Tuscania Lost Will Insist Upon Labor Doing Its Part.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 15.—An urgent call to striking carpenters and joiners in Eastern shipyards to return to work was issued last night by Chairman E. N. Hurley of the Shipping Board, who sent a telegram to union heads declaring mothers and fathers giving their sons to battle will not long permit continued interference with the shipbuilding program.

The telegram was inspired by reports of strikes at yards in the vicinity of New York and Baltimore, where the men are demanding the wage scale recently granted for the Pacific Coast of \$6.50 a day. It went to W. L. Hutchison, general president of the carpenters at Indianapolis, and to union leaders in the districts in which strikes have been called.

Hurley insisted that the men go to work pending an adjustment of their grievances by the wage adjustment board, which within a few days will recommend a general wage scale for 75 per cent of the yards on the Atlantic Coast.

NEW WAGE SCALE AT NAVAL STATION PREPARED BY U. S.

War Department Decides to Recognize Increasing Cost of Living on Puget Sound.

NAVAL STATION, Puget Sound, Friday, Feb. 15.—Recognition of the constantly increasing cost of living has been taken by the Navy Department and a revised wage scale has been mailed to this station to take effect after the receipt of the agreement, according to a telegram received by Rear Admiral Robert E. Coontz yesterday.

The new wage scale received last fall was not only unsatisfactory to the men but also was not considered satisfactory to yard officials who had been promised a wage scale increase before the week is over by announcing a general wage scale for the entire Puget Sound area.

Reach Half-Way Mark In Campaign for Men To Work in Shipyards

Rome Well Supplied With Daily Papers

ROME, Friday, Feb. 15.—Eleven daily papers are now being published here, the war being responsible for four newcomers, none of which appears to dread the strictly and high cost of paper. The change of price from 1 to 2 cents for dailies, together with the formation of new political groups, are said to have encouraged their publication.

EASTERN UNIONS ASK SAME WAGE AS IN FAR WEST

Government Operation of Yards Advocated by Officials in Washington.

DELAY OF TONNAGE HARD BLOW TO ALLIED CAUSE

Food and Troops Cannot Be Transported to Europe as Rapidly as Hoped.

Mr. Jernace's Dispatch

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 15.—Strikes in Eastern shipyards have done something to weaken the recent statement of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, that American labor might be demanded to do its part in the war with loyalty and energy.

The shipyard situation as a whole has become so grave as to revive agitation of placing these plants under government control and operation for the period of the war. Whether this is to be done will be determined shortly.

Intimidation Charged. "Notoriously, the Pacific wages are exorbitant and were extorted by methods immoral and dangerous to democracy," Dymally has been used freely. Jobs have been offered to unionists, and when the workers refused, they were intimidated by the workers have struck on the job. That is to say, they have been paid a fair day's wage for the work they do.

Huge Losses Result. Testimony has been submitted in this city to show that 10,000 shipbuilding yards have lost on government work the labor of 20,000 men, or 500,000 days. In troop transport, it is pointed out, the equals eight to ten times the cost of supplies yearly for his proper maintenance in the trenches and barracks.

Output Cut 50 Per Cent. The output of the shipyards has been reduced, it is said, by 50 per cent by privations. There is talk today of the passage by Congress of a resolution taking over the shipyards by the government. Officials of the Shipping Board say, however, that this can be accomplished more expeditiously by a proclamation from the White House.

Lightship Crew Safe. SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, Feb. 15.—A relief lightship that broke loose from its moorings at Cape Mendocino during a squall Tuesday, was in port here today with all on board safe.