

# Large Number Of Craftsmen Are In Maintenance

## WAR CREATES REAL SHORTAGE OF MATERIALS

### Everything Taken From Mill Sent to The Salvage Department.

This is the third in a series of articles about Ecusta's efficient Maintenance Department.

The first article was a story about our Electric Department, which appeared in the August issue of the Echo. The May issue of the Echo featured a story about our Machine Shop.

As was explained in this recent story, the huge job of keeping the plant in operation is carried on by the Maintenance Department. This organization is manned by a large number of craftsmen, and represents several departments known as Maintenance.

The war has brought many changes in business operation, and the critical shortage in all kinds of materials has caused industry to become salvage conscious.

A very important part of our mechanical and structural Maintenance Department is the Salvage Department. The salvage shop is located across the road from the machine shop.

In a large mill like ours, where there are thousands of pieces of equipment, something is being taken out of service every duty. This is due sometimes to wear and sometimes to necessary changes. In pre-war days, these removed parts were put in the scrap heap or graveyard, which every mill had.

Now, due to the scarcity of materials that has been caused by the war, everything that is taken out of service in our mill is sent to the Salvage Department. Regardless of cost or time involved nothing may be discarded if it possibly can be reclaimed.

The Salvage Department looks each part over as they receive it, takes it apart, cleans the rust off it, has the necessary machine work, welding, or what have you, done to it, oils or paints it, and puts it in storage to be issued to the mill again. The shop is operated by Carl Eldridge, who has not only worked in it since it was started, but who was one of the first millwrights on Ecusta's payroll.

The picture at the top shows Carl Eldridge, supervisor of work in the Salvage Department, looking over a variety of salvaged parts to be returned to stores. Everything dismantled from the mill goes through the Salvage Department to be reconditioned, junked or returned to stores.

The picture at the center is of Jesse Green examining a large valve seat with Maintenance "Boss" Bob Kappers looking on.

At the bottom of the page is a picture of J. E. Duncan, dismantling a valve in a vise to be repaired.

## THIS DEPARTMENT RECLAIMS VALUABLE MATERIAL



**They keep fighting—  
You keep buying  
WAR BONDS**