

# With Wilmington Shipbuilders

Doings of the Men Who Are Building Spans in Pershing's Bridge of Ships.

Did Wilmington's shipbuilders help in turning the staid old city by the sea into a perfect bedlam of noise, shouting and general jollification in celebration of the signing of the armistice and the cessation of hostilities in war-torn Europe? Well, you would certainly think so if you had seen them streaming into the city yesterday morning, horns blowing, whistles peering, tin tubs and cans rattling, using everything available to make a noise and wearing smiles as bright as the morning sun rising on a rain-washed day. The shipbuilders, perhaps, were the first people in the city to start the celebration. When the whistles of every plant in town that was a whistle began blowing yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, many of the shipbuilders were on their way to work, and it is quite certain they never began a day's toil with lighter hearts than were in their breasts yesterday morning when the whistles waked the town with their tidings of good news. And those fortunate people who didn't have to get out at 6 o'clock to start the day's work turned over with a sigh of contentment and went back to sleep lulled by the bedlam of whistles or rushed out upon the streets and lifted their voices in celebration of the new day that was dawning, depending upon their temperaments and degree of enthusiasm.

The shipbuilders were at their posts of duty when work at the yards was started at 6:30 o'clock, and throughout the morning hours there was never a jollier bunch of workmen. Every man wore a smile and everybody had a gay word for his fellow-man. At the Liberty yard the enthusiasm rose to such a pitch that the yard's whistles were cut loose with every ounce of steam that could be gotten out of the boiler behind them and they blew steadily for an hour and a half. When all restraint was removed from the workers at 11 o'clock and they were released for the rest of the day, the shipbuilders formed a long line of men shouting patriots and marched to the city to join in the celebration. For the rest of the day the shipbuilders were the most deserted, "dullest" and "most unimaginable" but the shipbuilders did not allow things to get very dull in the city. They secured horns, tin tubs and any other object that could be persuaded to make any noise and proceeded to raise a din that must have echoed in Germany and made the kaiser thank his stars he was out of the reach of these enthusiastic patriots.

One cynic, who had failed to catch the spirit of the celebration, was the one who remarked that if the people had displayed as much patriotism and enthusiasm during the war as they turned loose yesterday after the war was over, victory would have been won a year ago and the boys "over there" would now be at home. However true this may be, the shipbuilders demonstrated yesterday that they can celebrate a big event as thoroughly and as joyously as they can build ships for Uncle Sam, and they will undoubtedly be able to accomplish a better day's work today for having worked off a goodly amount of steam yesterday in celebrating one of the biggest and most significant days the world has ever known.

The shipbuilders participated in full force in the giant parade staged in the afternoon. Led by the officials from their yard, the concrete shipbuilders grouped themselves together and marched in a column four abreast, followed by the steel shipbuilders, marching in the same formation. Every man wore a white and colored, with a badge showing that he was a shipbuilder. Proudly displayed, marched in the long line waving flags. Not the least of the features of the display made by the Liberty shipbuilders was the large Liberty bell, a true duplicate of the original Liberty bell in every detail, even to the crack painted on its side. The bell was carried on the shoulders of four of the shipbuilders, its clapper silent for never a moment during the entire parade. One negro shipbuilder marching with the workmen from the Liberty yard wore an unusually broad smile and seemed to be entirely and most completely happy. When he was asked if he was glad the war is over, he replied with this: "Well, suh, if it be over, I be glad; otherwise I be jes' de opposite."

The shipbuilders from the Carolina yard marched into the city yesterday morning with General Manager Ralph

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**Prominent Masonic Officer Tells How New Herbal Medicine Astonished Him—Gives Signed Statement.**

"I wouldn't take a thousand dollars for the good it is doing me. Really, it astonishes me. These are the words of W. D. Branson, who resides on R. F. No. 2, Kernersville, Guilford County, N. C. Mr. Branson is prominent in fraternal circles, holding the important office of Junior Deacon in his Masonic lodge. He has suffered for some time from stomach gas, kidney and liver trouble, headaches and constipation. He took one bottle of Dreco, the new herbal medicine, and the good results he obtained may be gathered from the following signed statement.

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## WILMINGTON SEETHING WITH GLAD HUMANITY

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Moore by officials of the Wilmington Trades Council. The mayor called a meeting of labor union officials and business men and it was decided to hold the parade. Later the mayor met with business men and outlined the program.

The parade, which was under the direction of Capt. E. A. Metts and George Honnet, was scheduled to start at 3 o'clock and when that hour rolled around the procession started, forming at the city hall and marching north on Third to Red Cross, Red Cross to Front, Front to Ann, Ann to Third and Third to the city hall. There the parade passed in review and disbanded for the speaking.

By the time the parade disbanded a crowd of thousands had gathered on the side of the city hall, on the side walk and in the street. In fact the street was packed to standing capacity from the entrance to the city hall clear across to the buildings on the opposite side of the street and for some distance up and down the street.

Following several selections by the Whitlock-West band, Mayor Moore opened the meeting with a short but inspiring address in which he impressed upon the people the need to lose sight of the fact that thanks should be given Almighty God for the peace that has again been restored throughout the world after four long years of the bloodiest conflict the world has ever known. He called upon every person upon the conclusion of the meeting, to go to their respective homes or places of worship and thank Him Who is alone responsible for the restoration of peace and for the great victories of the allied armies that have resulted in bringing the common foe to his knees.

Following the mayor's address the invocation was read by St. Andrew's, and a resolution read by Dr. W. H. Milton, which was adopted by the assemblage without a dissenting voice.

Judge W. P. Stacy, whose address of the occasion was the adoption of the resolution, gave an interesting review of the cause of the war, beginning at the time of the assassination of the Austrian crown prince and relating each instance of consequence leading up to the declaration of war on Serbia by Austria and the subsequent declarations. Seeing the impending danger of all Europe being drawn into a deadly war, England and France intervened and tried to avert Austria's hasty declaration of war on Serbia, but without effect and as the result of her hasty action a war was started that has taken a death toll of ten millions and left four millions crippled and suffering. Stacy said that the world, which has existed throughout the world, and all because Austria declared war on Serbia when the latter refused to comply with certain demands before she could give due consideration to these demands. He told of nation by nation being drawn into the bloody conflict until more than 80 per cent of the entire population of the world was engaged in it.

Judge Stacy gave a splendid presentation of the truth that Right is more powerful than Might. While, he said, the assembled masses were celebrating the declaration of war on Serbia, the great victory and prevented the Stars and Stripes being trampled upon, there was a subconsciousness, if not a consciousness, in the hearts of every one that Right had prevailed and that might had not been allowed to triumph over Right, that had prompted the demonstration.

Judge Stacy declared that the war is not over. The invaded territory has not been occupied yet. It is true that a great victory has been won, but there is yet much to be done and it is the duty of the American people to see that they are not robbed of the victory in the reconstruction. Every American should stand at his post until the final diplomatic victory has been won over the Huns and a true and lasting peace effected.

Rev. John Jeter Hurt made one of the most appealing addresses of the afternoon. In fact so well did it take with the audience that the remark "that's the stuff" was heard from persons in the assemblage, and the frequent applause gave evidence that he had struck a responsive chord. Dr. Hurt told how well pleased he was to be there, adding that there was only one place that he had rather be than in Wilmington.

He said that he recently had the pleasure of hearing Secretary Josephus Daniels, of the United States navy, speak in a northern city and during his remarks he spoke of how much pleasure it would give him to march up the streets of Berlin escorted by a U. S. marine band. Dr. Hurt said that is where he would like to be, and while there it would give him great pleasure to stand on the steps of the imperial palace and to his own people preach the kaiser's funeral. He wouldn't care so much about the band playing such airs as "Lead Kindly Light," but would have it turn to that almost forgotten "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

Dr. Hurt's address thrilled the masses assembled. He called attention to the great responsibility that is resting upon the shoulders of the American people, regardless of the fact that hostilities have ceased. There is devastated France that the United States will have to help reconstruct. This nation must feed the war-ridden countries of Europe and reconstruct Belgium, the plucky little nation that has suffered most from the war; and eventually, after the war lords have been attended to, the United States is going to be called upon to help feed the German people, and he feels certain that the patriotic citizens of this nation, which has assumed the role of big brother of the majority of the European countries, is going to come to the rescue of the starving hosts of the new German republic.

There were other short and interesting talks by Rev. Father C. Dennen, Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, G. C. Chadbourne and Joseph

## PROMINENT JEWS IN WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

Urge Hearty Co-Operation on the Part of Their Own People and Everybody Else—Y. M. H. A. Helps.

The Young Men's Hebrew association of Wilmington is planning to give active support and co-operation to the united war work campaign this week, and to gain the attention of the Jews of the city issues the following, which shows the viewpoint of the nationally prominent Jews:

The united war work campaign is eliciting the most enthusiastic approval from prominent Jews all over the country, who urge its unlimited support by American Jewry. Letters pledging active cooperation and generous assistance are pouring into the Jewish welfare board from every part of America, indicating a speedy and satisfactory response from the nation at large.

Nathan Straus writes: "No person is rich enough to give too much to this great work; no one is too poor to give something. The saying is, 'give till it hurts' but my personal experience makes me change it to, 'Give till it feels good' and I know whereof I speak. With the success which our brave troops and those of our Allies are achieving, there will not be need of many more sacrifices. So give all you can possibly give, now! A new era is drawing, an era of united brotherhood, without barrier of creed, religion, or color. Only second in importance to winning the war and making the world safe for democracy is the spiritual result which is being achieved."

Jacob Schiff: "The president has suggested that the raising of the necessary funds for war camp activities in the army and navy be undertaken as a united effort by Protestants, Catholics and Jews. This campaign, to be undertaken November 11th to 18th, should appeal to none with greater force than to our co-religionists, to whom it gives the particular opportunity to demonstrate practically the Americanism of the Jew, and his desire and willingness to sink all separateness in matters that concern the weal of our common country."

Paul M. Warburg: "The Jews of the United States have vied with each other in pouring out their blood and treasure for the greater glory of the ideals which thrive under the shelter of the American flag. No other race realizes as much as ours the priceless bliss of liberty, tolerance, democracy and equality. Our response to the united war work campaign will give a new evidence of this old spirit."

Louis Marshall: "The union of all these organizations in making a joint appeal to the American people for the funds necessary to carry on their essential activities is the most inspiring demonstration of a homogeneous people that the world has ever witnessed. It will not only result in securing the means for effective work, but every dollar contributed will help every man who is fighting under our flag for the entire American people."

Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of Dropsie college, Philadelphia, and acting president of the Jewish Theological seminary of America: "The Jewish people of America have yet another opportunity which they will all gladly seize, to prove that with their fellow citizens of all religions 'united we serve.' These seven organizations of war workers are essential to our general military success. They must be supported through the long period pending complete demobilization, as well as during actual hostilities." Dr. K. Kohler, president of Hebrew Union college, Cincinnati: "It seems as if out of this cruel warfare a new spirit of humanity is evolving. Here is our great opportunity to manifest the broad humanitarian spirit of Judaism; let us not miss it! Let the Jewish Welfare Board lead in this great Campaign."

Louis Wiley: "Some of the highest of our commanders have testified to the fact that the war welfare organizations are absolutely essential to the well-being of our soldiers. Cordial cooperation and most liberal contributions should be given to the united war work campaign."

Gov. Simon Bamberger of Utah: "It is with pride that I note the prominent part which the Jews of America, ably represented by the Jewish welfare board, are playing in this new epoch of the world's history. I am confident that they will not falter in this call to support the noble work which is helping to maintain the ideals of mankind."

Henry Morgenthau: "American boys of every race and religious beliefs are fighting shoulder to shoulder in trench and field, and war workers representing every faith are working together behind the lines to give the boys home comfort and good cheer and spiritual guidance. Support of the united war work campaign is support for our own."

Abram I. Elkus: "Military experts I have talked with attribute the indomitable spirit of our troops largely to the efforts of the seven great organizations which cooperate for the morale and happiness of the fighters. They are as important as the big guns and aeroplanes. Every dollar given to the united war work campaign is a dollar invested in morale. Let us all stand behind the war workers behind the men behind the guns."

Curtis, the latter of the Wilmington Trades Council, who declared that the laboring man has stood behind the "boys" in the past and that he will continue to support them as long as need be. The benediction was said by Rev. M. T. Plyler.

**Slightly Relax Restrictions.**  
Washington, Nov. 11.—Slight relaxation of restrictions on non-war building may be expected almost immediately, Priorities Commissioner E. B. Parker, the war industries board said tonight.

**Pinchurat Golf Begins.**  
Pinchurat, Nov. 11.—The golf tournament opened here today with the playing of the qualifying round of the annual Carolina tournament on the championship course. The field qualified in eight, C. L. Becker, of Philadelphia, and Franklin H. Gates, of Hoffman, tying for the qualifying medal at 88.

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