

"SOS" IN SHIPYARD TALK MEANS "SERVICE OF SUPPLY"

(U. S. Shipping Board.)
 "SOS," historic as the wireless cry from the sea to all ships aloft "hurry, hurry" to the rescue of a sister ship in distress, has taken on a wider significance and function. It is now not only a call for help, but it is a cry of triumph, yet for all that a mighty cry of "hurry! hurry! hurry!"

In France there is a branch of the military service known as the "SOS," which means service of supply. The title indicates its function, which is to see that the fighting forces get their supplies.

The Emergency Fleet corporation has another "SOS"—an organization known as the "supply division." It is under the direction of M. C. Tuttle, manager, and a small army of assistants.

What the "S. O. S." of France does for the men in the trenches, this division does for the men in the shipyards. It keeps them supplied with the building and outfitting of ships.

It is this "SOS" call which is heard now in the workshops of America's land from coast to coast, for America's great merchant marine is sliding from the ways fast. The supply division of the emergency fleet is on the jump to keep things going.

On October 2 there were 210 shipyards in the United States with a total of 983 ways. The supply division not only "purchases, produces, dispatches, and transports" for a majority of them, but it is frequently "contractors" who have undertaken to "go it alone."

The supply division must see to it that everything that goes into a ship, from the steel and wood and concrete coming under the head of "ships stores"—is not only "purchased, produced, dispatched and transported," but that it is where it is wanted, when it is wanted. To have it in the yard it is soon is almost a trouble-making as not to have it there on time.

To accomplish these ends the jurisdiction of the supply division is defined as embracing the negotiating and awarding of all contracts for ship supplies and equipment; general supervision and production of all materials and their distribution and transportation; their establishment, operating and controlling; immediate storage yards and storehouses; and, with the approval of the vice-president in charge of construction, the building of new factories, or increasing the facilities of those already engaged in the manufacturing of ship materials for the Emergency Fleet corporation; commanding manufacturing facilities and the modifying or cancelling of contracts, when approved by the vice-president in charge of construction.

The supply division is in close touch with manufacturers in every industrial center of the United States—and some abroad. In an address before the Illinois Manufacturers' association, Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board, said that when we speak of "building" ships we are really "manufacturing" them; that manufacturers are, in many cases, running the shipyards, and that back in the steel mills, machine shops and other industrial plants of the country, manufacturers are making ships.

One phase of the work if this department, ordinarily foreign to a purchasing department, is that of swapping experience and that of untangling of knotty financial and labor problems that confront supply houses.

Every valuable innovation in business, whether in the office, the factory or the shipyard, and all that may be gained, is passed along to others in like endeavor, so the work for the emergency fleet may be hastened.

The manager obtains a great deal of practical information other than the facts recited above whenever he has found a corresponding situation he has been able to outline a plan of co-operation demonstrated to be successful. Here was the clearing house idea put into practice.

The popular conception of this branch of the government's ship-building enterprise, doubtless, is that of a great purchasing agency, constantly importing and buying by manufacturers to buy their wares.

It is that, and far more than that. The true perspective of its magnitude, and the responsibilities and expenditures of the division. Up to August 1, 1918, a single department had purchased over \$100,000,000 of supplies. Recent expenditures of another department in one week amount to nearly \$2,000,000, while the purchases of a third department were a little over \$4,500,000 for the week.

When there is taken into consideration the large sums disbursed by this division cover everything from

CONDITIONS IN WAR ZONE NOT ALWAYS SO VERY BAD

There is no actual famine, but help is vitally needed. Havre, Oct. 31.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Conditions in some French and Belgian cities and towns near the Franco-Belgian border are reported as "in general, good" by Major John van Schaick, Jr., acting Red Cross commissioner for Belgium who was one of the first Americans to enter some of these places after the Germans evacuated them. In a message to the Red Cross headquarters here, he said:
 "There is no great emergency like general famine, there is no great amount of sickness, there is no tremendous shortage of clothing but there is need of prompt assistance on our part to meet what distress exists. The roads are horrible, especially on the Paschendale Ridge."
 Roulers, a town of 35,000 inhabitants has now but 1,100 civilians left. Iesghem a few miles distant, a town of 18,000 inhabitants has 1,100 left.
 "Our camions have rushed a lot of food up to Turcoing, Lille, Roubaix. Other camions took emergency rations up to some of the other little villages this side of Roulers. Ambulances brought back sick and wounded Belgians who had been under bombardment."

Telling of his trip to Iesghem, Major Van Schaick described an incident typical of the return of the Belgians to their homes which had been occupied by the German military forces.
 "We had with us a school master," wrote the Red Cross commissioner. "When the war began he buried all his little fortune, an accumulation of the savings of a life-time in the garden of his house in Roulers. He returned with our driver, wondering whether he was a poor man in his old age or whether he had enough to live on comfortably for the rest of his life. He found his house burned, his garden ploughed with shells and no trace whatever of his money."
 "I will start again," said he. It was a tough thing for him to find that he had lost everything.
 "While some of the inhabitants have been taken away to work," reported Major van Schaick, "they are in the working men have been organized in forty or fifty different trades. Already these bodies are removing sources of irritation and bringing a spirit of cordiality, a better spirit than prevailed under former arrangements, said the minister."

GERMAN ARMIES ATE U. S. RATIONS SENT TO RUSSIA
 In the Field, Oct. 2—German soldiers on the British sector of the western front evidently were not as well off in the matter of food as their brothers who fought on the French and American sectors. The correspondent of the Associated Press found at Valenciennes, for example, that the soldiers' food consisted largely of black bread, pork fat and raw turnips.
 In the St. Mihiel section, on the other hand, the Germans has biscuit made of white flour, compressed beef, butter and cheese. A part of these rations had come from Russia, having been sent originally to that country for the Russian army by the United States. In the French sector from Rheims to Verdun, the food generally of the German forces was of better grade and greater in quantity than that of the men fighting in the north.
 In both the American and French armies stars mark general's rank. Thus a French brigadier wears two stars on his sleeve, and a general of a division three. A brigadier-general of the United States army has one star, a major-general two, and a lieutenant-general three.

The German Way.
 Amsterdam, Nov. 21.—Forty-five years ago, Evert Bakker, a Dutch fisherman of the island of Urk, was given a gold medal by the German government for heroically saving, at the risk of his own life, 12 Germans from a stranded ship at Norderney in December gale. He is still alive, aged 82.
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