

# With Wilmington Shipbuilders

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

Reports which have reached the department of labor, states that organization indicate that the prospect of early peace is leading to withdrawal of men from war work, and that some plants have had much difficulty in keeping a working force together because of the desire of the men to get into peace-time occupations.

Charles M. Schwab and Edward N. Hurley have issued statements to the shipbuilders urging them to remain at their tasks and pointing out that there will be jobs for them in the yards for years to come, because 15,000,000 tons of shipping are to be built and only 10,000,000 tons have been completed as yet.

Major-General Williams has also issued a warning to ordnance department employees informing them that there will be time enough to think of peace when the peace protocol is actually signed.

The same condition applies to other war industries, and the department of labor will maintain its program until the necessity for it has ended. Men employed in essential war industries should remain until the labor demobilization plans of the department are announced. The factories will be turned over eventually to peacetime production, but the time for that change has not yet come.

The shipping board, it is said, needs a large number of men, not only to build ships but to man them when they are completed. Because of the prompt announcements of Mr. Schwab and Mr. Hurley, the shipyards have lost comparatively few men since the peace talk began.

Hog Island's experience has shown that riveting can be steadily improved, even by experienced journeymen riveters, provided the men realize the necessity for consistent and sustained effort in turning out work according to the department of labor.

In the month of October, the average number of rivets driven per hour by the gangs at the yard advanced almost steadily from 19 to 26, and even the student riveters improved their average from 11 or 12 an hour to 16.

The best record in an October week was made by Yard Number 3, with an average drive of 36.5 rivets an hour for each gang. Yard number 10 followed close with an average of 34 rivets each hour.

Increased efficiency on the part of the riveters will soon, it is believed at the yard, lead to the fulfillment of Mr. Schwab's prediction that Hog Island would eventually be driving 200,000 rivets a day.

The following description of homesickness as a force tending to lower the efficiency of industrial organization should be of interest to the service department of the Liberty yard, whose purpose is to take into account all the subtle elements of human nature bearing upon the activities of the shipyard.

Homesickness, according to a western investigator, is one of the chief reasons why workmen do not remain on their jobs.

H. M. Barratt writes in the Salt Lake Tribune some of the experiences of Utah men who were brought from their native state to jobs in the East. The men had, many of them, never been away from home before, and the change was too much for them. A number of them threw up their jobs and went home.

Homesickness in the case of some men is so severe as to become a disease. Physicians have long recognized the fact that the government is developing a means of acclimatizing men who show signs of nostalgia. The victims of homesickness are given the widest latitude and are given all the comforts that welfare workers and the Y. M. C. A. can provide them.

Good advice from men who have already been through the mill, with the realization that several thousand miles less than that of the boys in France who are so sorely dependent on them for support, generally banishes the feeling within a short time, and the homesick man becomes one of the most competent and efficient men in the plant.

Pointing out that only a small portion of the immense shipbuilding program projected by the government is not completed, and that on its meridian the future prosperity of the United States will depend in large measure, Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the shipping board's Emergency Work Rooms, in a recent statement effectively disposes of the bugaboo that the close of the war will mean the closing down of a majority of the shipyards.

While the project to build the merchant fleet was conceived as a measure in the emergency of war, Hurley states plainly that

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## THEATRICAL

The Royal will undoubtedly have another record-breaking week beginning today, judging from advance reports, of the performance of Ray Ewing's Hawaiian Maids Company, which come for a week engagement. This organization, a new one in the east and south, has been consistently breaking house records everywhere and comes to Wilmington with their big organization intact, the same that has played the biggest tabloid circuits of America.

Special and elaborate scenery, a chorus that looks like a two dollar show and wardrobe that came right off Broadway, patterned after one of the season's successes, these will add to the attractiveness of Mr. Ewing's show which will present tabloid versions of musical comedy plays that are original and presented in an admirable manner.

Vaudeville acts of which the show carries several, will enliven the action



Miss Lillian Dalley, with "The Love Mill," at the Academy, Thursday, Nov. 28, Matinee and Night.

of the play, and comedy will be supported by two of the road's best comedy artists.

"The Yellow Menace," a sensational serial, with the mystery and the charm of the orient, and gorgeous all the way through, starts today, and will run for twenty weeks.

"The Shuttle," Francis Hogsan Burnett's famous novel of international romance, "The Shuttle," was adapted for film use by Constance Talmadge by Select Pictures, in accord with its policy of star photoplays for star artistes and is today's attraction at the Grand. Mrs. Burnett has an enviable record of popular novels, almost all of which have been dramatized and many of them pictured as well. Her first great success was "Little Lord Fauntleroy," in which Wallace Edinger, now a leading matinee idol and then an infant prodigy, made his debut in the title role in the original production. This novel is undoubtedly one of the best known works of juvenile fiction. "Little Lord Fauntleroy" has, of course, been shown on the screen, starring Effie Shannon.

"The Shuttle" is perhaps the most polished product of Mrs. Burnett's pen, for it is a fast-moving story of unusual dramatic force with a universal appeal. As Bettina Vanderpool, the brisk, independent, energetic American girl, who brings her elder sister, Lady Anstruthers, back to health and spiritual well-being, Constance Talmadge repeats the sensational success as a dramatic star which she registered with "Scandal."

"The Eagle's Eye," Detective William J. Flynn, formerly chief of the U. S. secret service, brings his great serial of German intrigue to a close with the twentieth chapter of "The Eagle's Eye," the outstanding attraction on today's bill at the Bijou, which is a mammoth bill of five reels.

The "Eagle's Eye" has been growing in popularity and there is possibly very few who started with the serial but have kept up with it through its maze of mysteries and sensations. In the twentieth and concluding episode at the Bijou today there is a new and startling plot of the German hordes to scatter intrigue through America solved. By which through their paid agents they were to scatter dissonance throughout America until there would be a revolution. It is sensational and educational all the way through.

A story by Alfred Henry Lewis, "The Coming of Faro Nell," in two reels is another feature today, and is a rare treat, as well as Slippery Slim's latest comedy offering, "Snakeville's New Sheriff."

"The Love Mill," "Why Can't It All Be a Dream," "The Love Mill," "One Hundred Years Ahead of Time," "When You Feel a Little Longing" and "The Cutie Song" are some of the song hits in "The Love

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Let all persons interested take notice of the special term of Brunswick Superior Court, the day and date.  
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