

**BRITAIN WILL ADD  
50 SHIPS TO LINES**

**Luxurious New Vessels Will  
Cost \$150,000,000.**

London.—Within the next two years a fleet of 50 luxurious ships, worth at least \$150,000,000, will be making their first voyages over the routes of the British empire. Several of them will go into service this year.

This new chapter in shipping may be said to have started with the maiden voyage from Southampton to the Cape of the new Union Castle motorship *Strling Castle*, and the launching of ships now on the stocks is to be followed by the laying down of other keels which will help to keep the unemployment barometer from rising.

Nearing completion on the Clyde are two steamers for Bombay and a fruit carrier passenger motorship for Jamaica. On the Tyne are a passenger and fruit carrier motorship for New Zealand and a similar vessel for South Africa.

The Blue Star Line is having three refrigerated cargo and passenger ships of 11,000 tons each built at Birkenhead, while the *Orcades*, a 24,000-ton passenger ship, is being built for the Orient line at Barrows-in-Furness.

Belfast, which is making a bid to continue as the center of the world's busiest shipbuilding firms, is constructing no fewer than eight passenger ships, all of which are destined for the Empire routes.

These include the 25,000-ton *Athlone Castle* for the Union Castle's Cape run; two passenger and cargo motorships of 15,000 tons each for the same company's around Africa service; an 11,000-ton motorship for Melbourne and a 10,000-ton cargo and passenger motorship for the Lamport and Holt line.

**Parents Are Sought by  
French Battlefield Waif**

London.—An unknown Englishman holds the only possible clue to the identity of Louis Albert De la Rue, who, as a child, was found on a French battlefield in 1918.

The youth, now living at Bruges, is seeking the help of English authorities in his search for his parents.

In the spring of 1918, when he was about eighteen months old, De la Rue was found by a British officer on the Balleul-Hazebrouck road just when the fighting for Balleul was at its fiercest. The officer took him to Rouen, where the Sisters of Our Lady of Ypres took charge of him. He was christened Louis (for France), Albert (for Belgium), George (for the British officer), and De la Rue (meaning "of the street").

And from that day to this young Mr. "Of the Street" has known no more about himself than his discovery in the front line.

He wants to find the officer who saved his life, hoping that his rescuer can remember the exact spot and date he was found, and that the information will provide him with clues in the search for his parents.

**Omission Keeps Turkey  
and San Marino at War**

Istanbul.—A recent incident has revealed the fact that the republic of San Marino is still at war with Turkey.

The manager of a Turkish agricultural institute recently spent a few months in Europe in connection with scientific studies. When he crossed into the territory of San Marino he was greatly astonished when he was arrested as an undesirable national of a country at war with the republic.

In 1915 San Marino joined Italy in a declaration of war on Turkey, but, owing to some omission, it was invited neither to participate in the peace negotiations nor to sign the treaty of Lausanne with Turkey.

Subjects of the republic of San Marino in Turkey have always been treated as Italian nationals.

**Italy Organizes Troupes  
for Unemployed Actors**

Rome.—The government has come to the aid of unemployed actors by organizing 12 first-class dramatic companies.

Other traveling groups also are to be organized. Another assistance to actors has been provided by model contracts drawn up with government approval by the Theater and Cinema federation.

A bureau for organization of the theatrical season has been established. Besides adopting regulations for financial arrangements between impresarios and theaters, it will direct region enterprises.

**She Lives and Learns**  
Kansas City, Kan.—Jobita Pines, four years old, attracted by the frost sparkling on a steel pole, put her tongue to it for a taste. It was 15 minutes before police could thaw her look.

**Scent Factory Staff  
Immune From Colds**

Loughborough, England.—There is a factory here where one-half of the staff never gets colds or influenza. The other half are no more immune than anyone else. It is a scent factory, and for five years no man or girl working in the filling and labeling rooms has had a cold. There is something in the oils or flowers used that seems to act as an antiseptic. It is stated.

**ROCKET SHIP SOARS  
700 MILES AN HOUR**

**Expert Works on Plane to  
"Send to Moon."**

Washington.—Jules Verne's fantastic story of a trip to the moon by rocket may be nearer reality than many believed.

Dr. Robert H. Goddard, who has worked 15 years on a liquid propellant rocket, reported that his experimental ships had reached a top speed of 700 miles an hour and that he hoped soon to surpass this record.

His work was so exceptional in this previously neglected field that three years ago Col. Charles A. Lindbergh helped the Clark university physicist obtain a grant from the Guggenheim foundation. After experiments in a specially-constructed laboratory at Roswell, New Mexico, Doctor Goddard broke a self-imposed silence to discuss his process to date and the problems yet to be solved.

**Beats Plane Record.**

Already Doctor Goddard has attained a speed which is more than double that breath taking record set by Sir Malcolm Campbell when he blurred across the flats near Salt Lake City, Utah, at slightly better than 300 miles an hour. The fastest seaplanes, stripped down to tremendous power-house motors with gnat-like wings, still have to streak along at 500 miles an hour.

Yet fellow scientists are not certain that this extraordinary speed of 700 miles an hour can be maintained long enough to throw a rocket out into space where the earth's gravitation would not pull it back again.

The "motor" used by Doctor Goddard is powered by a combination of liquid oxygen and gasoline.

Discussing the chamber or "motor" of the rocket ship, Doctor Goddard said the one decided upon was 5 1/2 inches in diameter and weighed five pounds. The maximum lift obtained was 289 pounds and the period of combustion usually exceeded 20 seconds. The lifting force was found to be steady.

Problems which still have to be conquered before Jules Verne's fantasy can come true include stabilization and construction of a ship that is lighter than the present experimental rockets which weigh from 58 to 85 pounds.

**Use Small Gyroscope.**

Best results so far have been obtained by inserting a small gyroscope in the rocket. This is the same device that is seen in some children's mechanical toys or on ocean liners which attempt to overcome the rolling motion.

"Inasmuch as the rockets started slowly, the first few hundred feet of the flight reminded one of a fish swimming in a vertical direction," wrote Doctor Goddard in a section describing actual test flights.

"The continually increasing speed of the rockets, with the accompanying steady roar, make the flights very impressive. In two flights the rocket left a smoke trail and had a small, intensely white flame issuing from the nozzle, which at times nearly disappeared with no decrease in roar or propelling force."

The white flashes below the rocket, he said, were explosions of the gasoline vapor in the air.

Doctor Goddard said that the greatest height obtained in any of the tests was 7,500 feet. He said he wanted to work out certain fundamental construction problems before attempting a ceiling record.

Besides the Guggenheim foundation, Doctor Goddard's experimental work has been supported by Clark university, the Carnegie Institution of Washington and the Smithsonian Institute.

**"Deaf Spots" Are Erased  
by New Amplifier Device**

Los Angeles.—Success in giving 95 per cent perfect hearing to half deaf persons was announced by researchers seeking a scientifically ideal ear amplifier.

Delighted smiles of persons hearing the high notes of an opera for the first time in their lives are rewarding the researchers, Prof. Vern O. Knudsen, and two graduate students, Norman Watson and Ludwig Sepmyer, who have spent a year and a half on the project at the University of California.

They seek to place mechanical hearing aids on the same prescription basis as eye glasses, promising great relief to the hard of hearing, who are estimated at 8,000,000 in the United States alone.

Discovering that most of such afflicted persons hear some notes perfectly, but are deaf to others, Doctor Knudsen built an amplifier that will pick out a certain range of tones and amplify that alone.

**Minnesota's Timber-Cut  
Sets a Seven-Year High**

St. Paul.—Twenty thousand axes are making a miniature thunder in Minnesota this winter, with the timber business better than it has been in seven years.

The temperature has touched 50 below zero; swamps and tote roads are strong enough to bear the tractors in this modern woods raid.

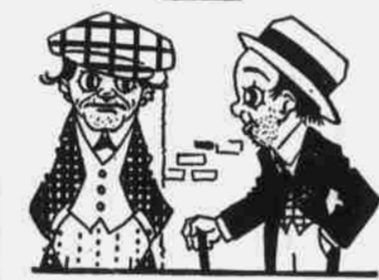
M. J. Thornton, state surveyor general, estimated that 50,000,000 board feet of timber will be taken, a 300 per cent increase over the average cut of the last five years.

**Bluebonnet Suit**



Eleanor Akers, Texas Centennial Exposition Rangerette, dons her customary chaps and 10-gallon hat to wear this bathing suit made of bluebonnets, the official state flower. The Exposition, a \$25,000,000 World's Fair, opens in Dallas June 6.

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