

## KEEP FLAG ON SEAS, BENSON'S PROMISE

Pledges Resources of Shipping Board to Maintain American Prestige.

### APPEALS FOR SUPPORT

'Ship and Sail in American Ships,' His Slogan for Merchants.

### ASSAILS LABOR LEADERS

Arbitrarily Attempt to Defeat Success of Great Merchant Marine, He Says.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., May 21.

Admiral W. S. Benson, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, stands unqualifiedly behind the action of the board in the recent 15 per cent. cut in marine workers' wages. There will be no deviation from that course and all the powers and resources of the board will be exerted, if necessary, to enforce its rulings.

The maintenance of the American merchant marine, created during the wartime exigency, requires that reduction in the wage scale. Admiral Benson believes, otherwise competition, especially from Great Britain, where a similar reduction has been put through, practically without labor opposition, will gradually drive American built and operated ships off the seas and the great fleet built up during war days will slowly lapse into uselessness.

#### "Sail in American Ships."

"I am an ardent believer in the power of the press," said Admiral Benson a few days ago. "But I do not believe the printed word ever gets very far if it expresses an insincere or unsound thought. We have carried the slogan 'Ship and sail in American ships' into every American home and business house. We have flung to every man the thought that American ships now sail the seven seas, and that it is up to him to support our recreated merchant marine.

"The response to this advertising, which has been both extensive and expensive, has been most encouraging," went on the chairman. "Our campaign to arouse the American traveller to full support is meeting with success. Passenger ship business was in full swing when this labor controversy suddenly appeared to threaten that success.

"But America to-day is ship independent and will remain so. Merchants are finding that in the long run it pays to ship in American ships, their own ships, for strictly speaking every citizen and taxpayer is a stockholder in this wonderful fleet of freight and passenger vessels.

"There have been outcries against the volume of our advertising, but I have refused to listen for one moment to any demands or recognize any moves for the cessation or reduction of our 'Ship and sail in American ships' campaign in our newspapers and other publications. But we must ask every merchant, every

traveller, to heed that campaign and help to lead our ships with cargoes and passengers. Otherwise this splendid fleet will become a source of expense instead of profit to the United States.

"Cries for Government ownership fall on deaf ears when they reach mine. I am a firm believer in private ownership and operation. Our ships are now being operated by private steamship corporations who act as our agents. When the period of readjustment is past we hope that a ready market will be found for these ships and then our American merchant marine, privately owned and privately operated, will be an assured fact.

"Meanwhile we must carry on the work and as chairman of the Shipping Board I purpose to do my part in the well established ways of commerce. We have watched with intense interest the liquidation policies of the main industries of the country, and especially values in our stocks. Wage similarly must face a liquidated value. Our reconstruction policies in the Shipping Board have reflected the same efforts.

"But in opposition to those efforts, determined effort is being made to paralyze the operation of American ships on every coast. The outstanding question is whether by the arbitrary exaction of power labor leadership is to be permitted to defeat the determined purpose of the American people to maintain a merchant marine under the American flag upon the high seas.

"During the war new economic conditions, especially the drop in the purchasing power of the dollar, became so serious as to necessitate radical readjustments. The pay scale of 1914 was quite inadequate to meet the needs of a merchant marine manned by Americans. But 100 per cent. increase and more were also made readjustment, but this time downward.

"After mature and careful consideration I became convinced that a reduction of 15 per cent. in the wage scale existing May 1 was not only justified but imperative. Having arrived at that decision, the Shipping Board promulgated it and to-day I adhere to that decision unqualifiedly and will continue to do so.

#### Collective Bargaining.

"As a Government institution the Shipping Board must stand for equal opportunity among all equally qualified men. Also it must recognize the general principle of collective bargaining. So, before we reached our conclusions, it was necessary to call into consultation the various marine unions as representing a very large percentage of the personnel in our merchant marine.

"But the leaders of the unions, as is known, displayed an adverse attitude, even an uncompromising one, toward a moderate reduction in the wage scale. They brought forward many matters which were totally irrelevant to the wage issue. They demanded preference for union men, a demand which naturally a Government agency could not recognize. Then they brought forward the matter of the enforcement of the seaman's act. That could, of course, only be enforced by a Government agency. But as to matters which were susceptible of negotiation, when the principals differed, the leaders of the unions refused even to enter upon a discussion. The absolutely necessary matter of wage reduction was thus treated and therefore progress along the lines of negotiation was made impossible.

"The direct appeal to the personnel of the merchant marine, however, met with a response very gratifying. I have assured all who have thus responded that the Shipping Board will give them the fullest protection both now and hereafter. The reports from all districts are more and more encouraging. The movement of ships is growing steadily. Great Britain's recent reduction in marine wages, averaging about the same, 15 per cent. I look upon as a remarkable indorsement of the position the Shipping Board has taken. But in England the authorities met with a far more cordial and conciliatory spirit on the part of the leaders among the marine unions.

"Every resource possessed by the Shipping Board or available to carry out its plans will be called upon and used to keep our ships moving and for the permanent reestablishment of our merchant marine."

## HARDING ON YACHT COMES TO NEW YORK

Mayflower With Presidential Party Is Due Early Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—President Harding, accompanied by Mrs. Harding and several members of his official family, left Washington on the Presidential yacht Mayflower late to-day for New York, where he will make two addresses Monday.

At 9:45 o'clock to-night the following wireless message addressed to the press associations was received at the Naval Communications Office here:

"ON BOARD THE MAYFLOWER, OFF PINEY

POINT May 21.—All well. Fine weather.

"CHRISTIAN."  
Piney Point is about forty-five miles down the Potomac from Washington. The Mayflower should reach the Virginia Capes about 6 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Before boarding the Mayflower, the President and Mrs. Harding motored to Potomac Park, where a polo game was in progress, and alighting from their car, they took their places unostentatiously among the spectators. Encountering Major-Gen. Peyton C. March, Chief of Staff, the latter began to explain the game, participated in by teams representing officers from Fort Myer and the War Department, but the President explained that he was familiar with it. "The aristocracy of sports," was the way he defined it to Gen. March.

The President is expected to arrive in New York early Monday. He first will address the Academy of Political Science, and later will speak at the dinner in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the New York Commercial.

## LAWYERS EULOGIZE LATE JUDGE GOULD

District of Columbia Bar and Bench Pay High Tributes to Popular Jurist.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., May 21.

Work of the criminal division of the District of Columbia Supreme Court will be hampered materially as a result of the sudden death of Justice Ashley M. Gould, many cases probably being delayed until the autumn term.

The case of Jules (Nick) Arnstein, Isador (Nick) Cohen and three others

convicted of conspiracy in bringing stolen securities into the District, probably will go over until October, when argument for a new trial will be made.

The alleged conspirators were to have been sentenced by Justice Gould last Friday, at which time a new trial was to have been demanded. Under the statutes any Justice on the District bench may sentence the men in the case, but not until a thorough review of all evidence has been made. It is believed that it will take at least two weeks to review the cases, in which event sentence probably would go over until autumn. It probably will be several weeks before a Justice is assigned to take over Justice Gould's work.

Impressive tribute was paid to-day to Justice Gould. The District of Columbia members of the bar, returning from the funeral of Chief Justice White, assembled in the District Court room with the surviving Justices of that court and delivered eulogies in memory of Justice Gould.

Justice Wendell P. Stafford of the District Supreme Court, said: "For almost a score of years we could boast that in Justice Gould our court had as accomplished a lawyer, as sound and true a Judge as sat on any bench. He loved the law and the law returned his love. Brothers, it is a great thing to be devoted to a grand idea, as this man was devoted to the law. The law was his religion. He bowed before it as the true believer bows before a shrine. He was a lover of the Constitution. He was a lover of freedom and his fellow men. To him the fundamentals of the law were the very ark of the covenant, not to be come at by unhalloved hands. He was chancellor-like in all his mental movements. Out of his rich stores of learning and the richer stores of heart and human understanding, he spun, like some rich cloth of gold, the judgment he made worthy of the law that he revered. I know he sometimes spoke facetiously of his opinions, but all who were familiar with his opinions know that no artist ever lingered more lovingly over the strokes that gave perfection to his masterpiece than he over his exposition of the law. What he so wrote was finished, chaste, sedate."



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### SMART SUITS for SUMMER

24.50

Summer suits with long lines, covering themselves with a distinctive simplicity, which is particularly modish for Summer wear. The fabrics embraced are fine Shantung Silk, Pongee and Linen.



### PARISHAND-MADE FROCKS

15.00

Carrying with them a distinctly Parisian air, these dainty hand-made frocks will appeal to modish women and misses. Fashioned of fine French Voile artistically adorned with exquisite hand-drawn work.

### WORSTED JERSEY SUITS

17.75

Worsted Jersey suits are ideal for both town and country. It is remarkable how well they look when finely tailored. These suits have attractive Tuxedo collars, stitched pockets and belts.

### Parisian & American Frocks

Our own and Paris Couturiers Share Equal Honors in Producing Wondrous Originations

12.75 to 125.00

Slightly longer and with a trifle more fullness come the latest arrivals from foreign shores. The sheer fabrics express an unexcelled loveliness—the hand-made and hand-embroidered Paris frocks vibrate a superb daintiness. The American creations are no less beautiful. Imported Organdies and Dotted Swisses, imported and domestic Gingham, Silk Chiffon, Voiles, Canton Crepe, Foulard.

### EXQUISITE NEW FROCKS

24.50

Paris hand-made creations and American originations possess a beauty that is adorable. Of imported Organdie, imported Dotted Swisses, imported and domestic Gingham, imported Voile and others.

### KNITTED SUMMER CAPES

12.75

One can hardly conceive of anything smarter than these beautiful capes of fine Knitted Wool in two-tone effects, adorned with attractive collars of Brushed Wool. In sport shades.

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For coming holidays and summer wear, one should avail themselves of this opportunity—the result of our unusual efforts and preparations.

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### LOVELY DRESS CREATIONS

49.50

The well dressed woman experiences a splendid exultation when attiring herself in a dress such as are these—in Silk Canton Crepe, Taffeta, Georgette Crepe, Crepe de Chine, Silk Chiffon and many more.

### Summer Fur Scarfs

Beauty and Quality in Fur Scarfs Go a Long Way Toward Increasing the Charm of One's Attire.

Natural Squirrel Choker	12.75
Stone Marten Scarfs	25.00
Taupe or Brown Fox Scarf	27.50
Hudson Bay Sable Scarf	39.50
Baum Marten Scarf	39.50
Platinum Fox Scarf	65.00

### New Sport Sweaters

In smart sport shades and fine fabrics—lending an attractive touch to the sport costume.

Shetland Wool Sweater	4.95
Shetland Combination Sweater	5.95
Mohair Slip-on	6.95
Chiffon Alpaca	7.95
Fibre Silk Sweaters	7.95 & 12.95
Pure Silk Sweaters	25.00



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