

HURLEY SHIP POLICY IS ATTACKED BY PIEZ

"Suicidal Scuttle" in Contract Canceling Will Bring Disaster, Warns Retiring Director

SEES 1,300,000 JOBLESS

Director General Charles Piez of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, told the Atlantic Coast Shipbuilders' Association last night that he had "quit" his job at 5 o'clock and could say "what I damn please." And he did.

He declared Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, has adopted a "suicidal policy of scuttling" in the program of cancelling 2000 tons of shipping; predicted a harvest of receiverships, particularly among the yards building wooden ships and declared that 1,300,000 workers will be thrown out of employment, with resultant waste and industrial stagnation.

He upheld the Macy wage scale, praised Hog Island and endorsed ship subsidies.

About 500 shipbuilders, including representatives from the Pacific Coast and Great Lakes Association, heard Mr. Piez make his farewell address at a dinner given in his honor in the Bellevue-Stratford.

"I left my job at 5 o'clock this afternoon," said Mr. Piez. "I am no longer an official. I can say what I damn please."

Sees Many Jobless

"More than 1,300,000 workers in our shipyards will be thrown out of employment by such a sweeping program of cancellation as is now proposed. Material worth hundreds of millions of dollars now in our shipyards will go to waste, and industrial stagnation will result. Receiverships are imminent in the shipbuilding industry, particularly among the wood shipbuilding yards. Many of the steel yards also are in danger.

"Future wars will demand the entire rebuilding of the shipyard facilities that will be lost under such a policy," he added. "To replace what we are scuttling now will mean an expenditure in the future of \$18,000,000,000. It will cost us more in the coming year to cancel our contracts than we will save."

Labor union officials, shipyard heads and other speakers upheld the contention of Mr. Piez. The association adopted a resolution to send a long telegram of protest against the cancellations to President Wilson, urging him to halt the process of suspension until he can institute an investigation into its need.

Representatives from every shipyard in the United States joined with Mr. Piez in demanding that the sale of ships to foreign countries be permitted to offset losses due to cancellation.

Calls Sale Embargo Unfair

"It is unfair to stop the sale of ships to foreign flags if the yards are to be subjected to wholesale cancellation," the retiring director general said. "We can still sell the excess over our ideal merchant fleet for normal times to buyers of other countries. If provision is made for the sale of the boats of the United States shipping board first and then the right to build for foreign order is granted we can become a nation of shipbuilders, even if the opportunity to become a nation of ship operators is denied us. There will be a constant demand for ships for many years to come, and the yards of England will be fully occupied in caring for their own needs. This is our chance to become an active, virile and aggressive nation of builders."

Ship subsidies to indemnify for possible losses of operation under the American flag were also endorsed by Mr. Piez in his address.

"We can better afford to pay subsidies than we can to pay out \$18,000,000,000 to replace the facilities that we will need during emergencies," he declared. "We need a merchant marine for defense as we have for our safety in the past. Subsidies are the only alternatives to the expenditure of that huge amount of money."

Cancellations involving 3,300,000 tons of shipping already have been made by Mr. Piez, in pointing out that all the cuts in the program that could be economically made had been cured for. Announcement of additional cuts of 2,000,000 tons, with the imminent possibility of more to come, he characterized as a policy of scuttling that Congress ought not to countenance.

"It's too soon to clip our program. We don't know how the new trade routes will operate," Mr. Piez said, "nor do we know that our foreign trade will be rehabilitated."

Harvest of Receiverships

"A harvest of receiverships is coming. Several are pending already, particularly among the wooden shipbuilders, most of whom have lost money on their ventures. We look forward now to many more receiverships among the makers of steel ships. Some of the older yards will be able to weather the storm by voluntarily cutting their contract prices. One yard already has consented to reduce its costs by \$25 a ton, which will save us about \$25,000,000.

Costs of cancellations now exceed the savings that will be made a year hence, he said. He defended the Macy board

scales of wages and praised Hog Island for its aid in turning out ships.

Mr. Piez was followed by Congressman George S. Graham, who is attorney for the William Cramp shipyard. Mr. Graham pleaded for an open market for employes, which, he said, would be prevented by the restriction of employment if cancellations were continued, and predicted that the next Congress could care for the situation.

Louis Titus, of Seattle, a representative of the Skinner & Eddy Corporation, spoke for the northeast shipbuilders, and presented Mr. Piez with a silver cigarette case. A. J. Berres, of the metal trades department, American Federation of Labor, also supported the stand of Mr. Piez on cancellations.

"I tried to talk to Mr. Hurley about this policy," Mr. Berres said, "but he had left town. We're going to keep right after him when he returns. Meanwhile we shall put forth every effort to have Samuel Gompers intercede for us with the President."

MACKAY ASKS WIRE LINES BACK AT ONCE

Postal - Telegraph Company Says It Wants No Extra Compensation

New York, May 1.—The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company made by telegram to Postmaster General Burleson yesterday "formal application" for the return of its telegraph lines at once.

The application was made, Clarence H. Mackay, president of the company said in his telegram, in accordance with a published suggestion attributed to the Postoffice Department. He said, as he had announced, he wanted his properties back immediately and did not desire the legislation suggested by the postmaster general for safeguarding the interests of the telegraph companies. He quoted a published statement saying that the Postoffice Department "viewed with some suspicion" Mr. Mackay's wishes in this respect.

"We desire to state," Mr. Mackay's telegram read, "that the Postal-Telegraph Company asked an additional legislative safeguard to be added to its lines during the period of the government control, but shall merely ask to be allowed to keep what the lines have actually earned from the transaction of the telegraph business during the period of government control. In order that we may formulate our plans, an early reply will be appreciated."

April Work at the Mint
A total output of 20,956,000 pieces with a value of \$379,660 was the April record at the Philadelphia Mint for United States coins. This included 1,800,000 dimes and 10,066,000 pennies. The Mint also turned out 29,195 gold blanks for Peru, each of the value of an English pound.

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PIEZ AND AIDES QUIT FLEET CORPORATION

Director and Seven Other Executives Return to Affairs Dropped to Aid U. S.

Eight of the executive officers of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, including Director General Charles Piez, who resigned some time ago, went out of office today to return to private business.

Vacancies will be filled in most instances by promotions from the ranks, to be made by Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board and president of the fleet corporation. Mr. Hurley will return here Monday, when he is expected to make definite announcement of the return of the corporation's offices to Washington in the summer.

Mr. Piez, who has been with the fleet corporation since September, 1917, will resume his duties as president of the Link Belt Company, of Chicago and Philadelphia. He entered the government's service as vice president and general manager. Upon the retirement last December of Director General Charles M. Schwab he succeeded to that post.

With Mr. Piez's retirement, the office of director general is abolished. Lieutenant Commander James I. Ackerson, who has been closely associated with Mr. Piez for more than a year as vice president and assistant general manager, now becomes vice president in charge of construction. A business man, it is said, will be appointed later to handle the financial affairs of the corporation, heretofore handled by Mr. Piez in addition to his other duties.

Howard Conroy, vice president in charge of administration, who leaves the corporation to return to Boston as president of the Walworth Manufacturing Company, is succeeded by S. M. Evans, of Orange, N. J., former chief of the statistical department, and later of the cancellations bureau.

Other resignations effective today are those of Rear Admiral H. H. Rousseau, head of the shipyard plans division; Charles F. Wallace, assistant to the director general; Daniel H. Cox, head of the ship construction division; Gordon Wilson, general auditor; R. W. Leatherbee, head of the industrial relations division; and M. D. Ferris, head of the contract division.

HUGE GIFT FOR EMPLOYEES

General Motors Corporation to Give \$15,000,000 Duplicating Savings Wilmington, Del., May 1. — The General Motors Corporation will duplicate the total amount of money saved by its 50,000 employes, according to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the stockholders here. It is understood the board of directors at its meeting in New York tomorrow will endorse the plan.

Any employe may place in the savings fund up to \$300 a year. The company will then place a corresponding amount to his credit. If every employe takes full advantage of the offer the company will donate \$15,000,000 annually in common stock or other securities, as it may see fit.

Tyrone Has \$40,000 Fire
Altoona, Pa., May 1.—(By A. P.)—An early morning fire damaged the Boecking block in Tyrone and caused a loss of \$40,000 to the owner of the building, the M. and M. grocery store and the C. M. Irvin drug store tenants.



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FORTUNATE indeed we have been this season in having made the largest preparations in all our experience! Never before had we known such volume of April business as in the month just closed. The demand has been constant and increasing since January 1st. A great portion of this wonderful business comes from RETURNING SOLDIERS, who are glad to get into civilian dress, and who—most of them—are determined that the very first Suit they buy shall be in top-notch, distinctive style. One day this week, no less than eighteen of these young men in uniform were buying new Spring Suits at one time in this Clothing Store. THESE ARE THE BOYS WHO WANT SMART STYLE, and know where to get it—HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX, STEIN-BLOCH, "ALCO," or one of the other well-known makes for which Strawbridge & Clothier are sponsors.

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Many of these are lots from our immense stock marked at reduced prices, some are lots obtained under specially favorable conditions from our various manufacturers. In many instances the values represent the entire elimination of overhead charges, selling expense, etc. Every garment in the following groups is marked at A SUBSTANTIAL SAVING: **Six Hundred Smart New Spring Suits for Men and Young Men Are Now \$32.00**

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