

HOW TO BUILD SHIPS.

We are continually told by our Government that the increased cost of living is due in part to the scarcity of shipping, also that there is great difficulty in getting ships to take our produce away. Bearing in mind that ships are urgently needed, the following facts bearing on shipbuilding are of interest. Mr Schwab, head of the Shipbuilding Board for U.S.A., visited Seattle, the largest dry town in the States, and found that the record of that town stood out unique in the history of the movement to defeat the Hun by building ships faster than they were being sunk. Here is the record: Seattle delivered 26½ per cent. of all the total new tonnage completed and delivered to the Shipping Board the first five months of the year. The total for the whole country was 805,000 deadweight tons. Seattle's share was 217,300 deadweight tons.

One Seattle plant, that of Skinner and Eddy, delivered the first five direct contract ships of any kind completed, and all five were 8800 ton steel steamships. After Seattle had the first five delivered and a sixth almost ready for delivery, the other shipbuilding ports of the country woke up. Seattle, the saloonless metropolis, built nearly twice as much as any other American shipbuilding port.

When Mr Schwab left Seattle this was his message, as published in the "Seattle Sunday Times":—"Boys, I am leaving for the East to-night, and I'm going to see President Wilson and tell him that you fellows out here in Seattle are doing the best shipbuilding work in the United States. And there is no person in the country who will be gladder to hear it than the President. Good-bye again, boys. Keep up your splendid work."

Seattle shipbuilders work on milk; they are the heaviest consumers of dairy products in the city. Every noon there is a long procession of shipbuilders with a bottle of milk in one hand and an ice cream cone in the other. The employees in one plant alone get away with about fifty gallons of the frozen cream every day.

A leading Seattle newspaper thus writes under the head of "A Dry Nation":—"There will, of course, be legal actions of various sorts taken by the liquor interests. All these efforts, however, will mean time and money

wasted. The prohibition issue is dead—dead as the slavery issue, and without the slightest hope of resurrection. Those who are opposed to it, like those who deal in liquor, are fond of grasping at straws and seeing signs of changing opinions. Some bank on the returned soldier vote, on the theory that the soldier in France has developed a taste for light wines. These are all delusions, in which the wish is father to a poor, frail ghost of a thought that can never mature to reality.

Like every other issue, economic or otherwise, it has been settled by the vote of the people, and that's the end of it. Those of us who are dissatisfied may as well reconcile ourselves to the fact now as later. Resent it we may, if we like; demonstrate conclusively that it is wrong, harmful, and will lead to the moral and economic ruin of the country. But the glass has been turned down, and down it will stay.

We will never, it is true, have perfect prohibition. There will always be whisky. But neither have we perfect honesty, though we have locks, safes, and policemen. But for all practical purposes alcohol will vanish. This is no longer a prophecy, but a statement of undeniable fact."—Exchange.

"The Lord of Hosts is With us."
"I will set Him in Safety from Him
that Puffeth at Him."
"I Will Set Him in Safety."

—(Psalm 12:5.)

In France somewhere! in France
somewhere!

But guarded by all mighty care.

The stars may dim,

The earth grow cold,

I hold fast to that promise old:

"In safety I'll set him!"

In France somewhere! In France
somewhere!

Words turn to universal prayer;

The dreams of years

Dissolve in tears

But still I hold to promise old:

"In safety I'll set him!"

—"White Ribbon Bulletin."

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. Headquarters, Wellesley Chambers, Wellesley Street (entrance Lorne St.); Pres., Mrs. Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Miss J. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Nelson, 78 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden.

Avondale, 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Brown Street Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. Stevens; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Gittos; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Proctor; Treas., Mrs. Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Morgan.

Auckland, Y's.—Last Monday at 7.45 p.m. in W.C.T.U. Headquarters. Pres., Miss I. Sussex; Vice-Presidents, Misses I. Cook, and O. Scott; Supt., Mrs. Perrett, Market Road, Epsom; Rec. Secretary, Miss L. Street; Cor. Secretary, Miss M. Bottrill, 31 Arthur St., Ponsonby; Treas., Miss D. Stubbs, Shoal Bay Rd., Devonport; "W.R." Supt., Miss Budd.

Ashburton, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs. W. T. Lill; Cor. Sec., Mrs. G. Bowman, Peter St., E.; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter St.; Treas., Mrs. W. J. Brown, Walnut Av.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

Avondale Y's, 3rd Wednesday, 7.45 p.m. in Road Board Room, Blake Street. Pres. Miss Elsie Stevens, Vice-Pres. Misses Ada Adams, Lilla Russel & Rowley; Rec. Sec., Miss G. Wright; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Cottrill, New Windsor Rd., Avondale; Treas. Miss M. McCarthy, Station Rd.; W.R. Supt. Miss R. Thomas; Y. Supt. Mrs. Pirrett, Market Rd., Epsom.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Pres Mrs. A. J. Litchfield, Livermere; Sec. Mrs. H. S. Horn Springlands, Blenheim; Treas., Mrs. Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Messdames Brewer and Hancock; W.R. Agent, Mrs. W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge, first Tuesday, in month in Victoria Hall, at 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. A. T. Watson; Sec. Mrs. Clark, Methodist Parsonage; Treas., Miss Clark, Half Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. W. Hogan; W.R. Agent, Mrs. A. T. Watson.

Christchurch W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs. T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Day, Milford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey St.; Treas., Mrs. Patterson, 346 Worcester St., Linwood; Asst. Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Drinnan, 11, Brown St., St. Albans.

Dannevirke, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Richards; Rec. Sec., Mrs. McPhee, Princes St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wiseman, High St.; Treas., Miss Burdett.

Dunedin District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms, Moray Place, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Hiett, 72, Harriet Row; Cor. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs. Chisholm, Rec. Sec., Nurse Williamson; Supt. WHITE RIBBON, Mrs. Anderson, 82, Duke St; Treas., Mrs. Young, Bishopscourt, Roslyn.

Devonport, Second Thursday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Barr, Victoria Rd., Vice-Presidents, Messdames Budd, Elliot, Sheppard, George and Young; Sec., Mrs. Burnett, Jubilee Av.; Treas., and Supt. W.R., Miss La Roy, Waterview Rd., Stanley Bay; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Lillwall.

Fitzroy, last Friday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs. A. Hayward, 834, Devon Street, Fitzroy; Sec. Mrs. L. Gray, 638, Devon Street East, New Plymouth; Treas., Miss Tolme, Chilman St., Fitzroy; W.R. Agent, Mrs. J. Kibby, Clemow St., Fitzroy.

Fellding, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Barton, "Brabourne," Monmouth St; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Clara Neal, 3 Fitzroy St; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Cooke, Manchester St; Treas., Miss Svendsen, East St; "W.R." Agent, Miss Jordan, c/o Mr H. Feild, "Cloverdale," North Road; Literature, Mrs. E. Bridge and Miss O'Neill.

Gisborne District, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m.; Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs. Goffe, Ormond Rd.; Sec., Mrs. F. S. Malcolm, Gladstone Rd.; Treas., Mrs. F. J. Wilkes, 466 Gladstone Rd.

Greymouth District, last Tuesday at 3 p.m., in Ball's Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs. Gaskin; Sec., Mrs. Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs. Sweetman, White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. T. Brown; Cradle Roll and Band of Hope, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Perry.

Hamilton District, first Thursday, Wesleyan Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. J. T. Horne, Clifton Road; Sec., Mrs. W. H. Paul, Clandlands; Treas., Mrs. E. J. Davey, London Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Gaulton, Roastrevor Street

Hamilton East—3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Gillies, Nixon St; Sec., Mrs. Ogilvie, Firth St; Treas., Mrs. Jack, McFarlane St; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Mears; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Dey