# TUNA FISH WHICH WAS FORMERLY WORTHLESS IS NOW A DELICACY

From a Pack of 42,000 Gases Five Years Age, Pre-diction is Made of a Million Cases in 1915— How the Big Fish are Captured and Prepared for Market.

cans, in the matter of its rapid development, is "tuna" engine as he was walking the Grand Trunk tracks. fish," says the New York Journal of Commerce. Its first appearance was hardly more than a decade ago, yet in the past four years the pack has grown from entire line of the Pacific Great Eastern a matter of 42,000 cases to 325,000 cases last year and predictions of 1,000,000 cases in 1915.

The tuna fish has been known for many years in has become known not only to the game fishermen of of the Cotton Belt, is dead. the United States but to all countries of the globe.

The name tuna comprises many species, there bedred to two hundred and fifty pounds, and which is the one that is so eagerly sought by the sporting fishermen. Next in size comes the albacore tuna, which is known by some as the long fin. This fish averages from twenty-five to forty pounds.

Then there is the yellow fin tuna, which is some- Augusta, Ga., 40 miles. times known as the Japanese tuna, and which appears in the waters of Southern California only at long in-This fish averages about the same as the sent interstate passenger rate of two cents a mile for are both small species and average from eight to ten has been allowed to make the change.

The albacore tuna, or the long fin, is the one which is used by the canners in the production of the canned the shores of Southern California about the first of tuna, and they travel in large schools which appear off June and disappear about the first of November.

which since 1892 had been canning sardines on the much of the distance. harbor of San Pedro, discovered, after experimenting for three years, the processes which are now used ers and left them to cool. After becoming thoroughly and injuring his head. cold, the skin and bones were removed and the strips of white meat separated from the black, the latter beed, and during the year 1907 six thousand cases were a mile placed on the market.

pany, the Van Camp Sea Food Products Company, ning Company and the United Tuna Packers. At the pressure of competition harbor of Long Beach there are located the South Coast Canning Company and the Los Angeles Tuna Angeles manufacturers of food products, are interest- ceased fell from a passing train. ed. On the San Diego harbor are located the Pacific Tuna Canning Company and the Premier Packing in the neighborhood of 325,000 cases.

The catching of the long fin tuna is entirely difmackerel seines are used. In taking the salmon, vari- an excess cash fare. ous methods are used, from seigning to traps, the latter being set in the rivers, but in catching the long fin tuna every fish is taken with a hook and line.

the fish are kept alive in bait tanks three feet square that the public lose \$50,000.000." on the decks of the boats. The boats ride in among

they can be hauled in they are sent back into the and dictated by the Southern.

325,000 cases.

#### CITY RAILWAY COMPANY.

declared a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent., payable road operated by the Government." March 30th, to stock of record March 26. Last previous quarterly dividend was 11/2 per cent. The three prior dividends were 21/2 per cent. quarterly,

#### GRAND TRUNK EARNINGS.

The Grand Trunk Railway System's traffic earnings from March 8th to 14th, 1915, were as follows: 1915 .... \$ 857,147

Decrease .... \$ 158,941

AMERICAN PUBLIC UTILITIES CO. DIVIDEND. American Public Utilities Co. declared regular quarnd of 1% per cent. on preferred stock pay-

#### TWO MORE SHIPS SUNK.

able April 1 to stock record March 20th

sinking of two more steamships by German submar-ines. They were the "Atlanta" and the "Fingal." Six abers of the "Fingal's" crew were lost.

#### CANADIAN NORTHERN EARNINGS.

for the second week of March were \$293,800, a decrease of \$36,700, or 11 per cent. From July 1 to date, earnings total \$12,599,900, a de-

rease of \$4,310,400, or 26 per cent.

#### DIVIDEND DECLARED.

York, March 17.—Republic Railway and Light Co. has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1% B.C. on its preferred stock payable April 15th, to stock of record March 31st.

# RAILROAD NOTES

The time for the completion of the Kettle Valley Railway and its various branches in British Column

Andrew Muir, aged 50, was killed last night at Brantford, Ontario, when he was struck by a yard

bia has been extended.

Grading is approaching the finishing stages on the nects Vancouver with Prince George, Canada.

James J. Hughes, for 35 years roadmaster on Illi-Southern California as a game fish and as such it nois roads and for the past eight years in the service

The season for the de luxe trains of the Sante Fe ing the blue fin tuna, which averages from one hunrun every week of April.

> Right of way is being sought by the Savannah & Northwestern for an extension from Millhaven to

The Kansas City Southern has abandoned its pre-

long fin tuna. The other fish which belong to the three cents, as it has been able to show a loss of retuna family are the bonita and the skip jack. These venue. This is the only read in the Southwest that The Chicago & Eastern Illinois has saved itself

from losing to the Alton its mail contract between In 1907 the Southern California Fish Company, dule that will require a speed of 70 miles an hour Conductor Haight and Brakeman Walter, C. P. R.

They took the long fin, or albacore trainmen, were injured at Tillsonburg, Ont., when a tuna, and placed them in steam cookers, using the live string of cars being shunted on the Tillson and Borsteam as a medium of cooking. When the meat had den switch jumped the track and went over a bank. become thoroughly cooked and was ready to drop Both men jumped to the track. Conductor Haight from the bones, they removed the fish from the cook-

ing discarded and the former being used for canning fares from two to two and a half cents a mile, has purposes. The white meat was then cut into chunks met with opposition and a compromise is talked of suitable to place in cans, and after being mixed with which will provide in the bill that the State Utilities a certain quantity of high-grade salad oil, the cans Commission shall determine whether a raise asked were sealed. The goods were then retorted and vent- for is justified, but no advance is to exceed 212 cents

From this start has grown the tuna industry. At In an address before the Western Fruit Jobbers' the present time there are located on the harbor of Association, President Spoule, of the Southern Paci-San Pedro five large concerns packing tuna exclu- fic, said that government regulation of the railroads sively, they being the Southern California Fish Com- has done beneficient service in bringing about better business practices and ethics which the carrier them- prehension having been felt in regard to the armed the White Star Canning Company, the Monarch Can- selves could not have brought about owing to the cruisers that were at one time at large than for sub- of the one-cabin type, with accommodations for 500

The dead body of Mr. J. C. Rothrey, electrical en-Canning Company. To these should be added two gineer for the east end branch of the Canadian new concerns that are erecting plants and will be Northern Railway at Toronto, was found lying by inconvenience shipping. packing this season. They are the Halfhill Tuna the side of the railway tracks near the bridge over

Company. These firms put on the market last year Mississippi Railroad Commission for collecting an est being 30 and the highest 48. For one wek to Feb. sengers neglected to buy tickets. The commission here, an increase of 13 compared with a year ago, At ferent from most any other method used in obtain- holds that with a maximum rate of three cents a the time of writing 45 steamers are waiting for a ing the raw product for an industry. In catching mile fixed by law, a railroad cannot lawfully collect berth.

State of California, Rudolph Spreckels said the ap- first f.o.w. business reported this month. .The freight The industry is carried on principally by the Italians proximate cost would be about \$50,000,000, and that market generally is very firm, and the talk is of highand Japanese, and every morning between the hours first mortgage bondholders would be glad to exchange er rates in the future, owing to the scarcity of tonof three and five o'clock the little gasoline launches of their holdings for state bonds. He said the state nage, the rise in coal, and the growing volume of these fishermen will be found chugging their way seacould issue \$75,000,000 bonds to build feeders. "The business. India homewards is very strong, charterward in quest of the live bait which is used for their \$25,000,000 second mortgage bonds." he said, "are held ers finding it difficult to get sufficient tonnage to The bait is taken by small round haul seines, and will lose-but it is better that it should lose than be very large. Full rates are offering from practical-

ses; 1912, 99,000 cases; 1913, 115,000 cases; 1914, 42,000 from San Francisco as saying: "I know of no one successfully operate the Western \$2,500 cases; 1914, 115,000 cases; 1914, who could more successfully operate the Western \$2,500 cases; 1914, 191 Pacific than the Federal Government. It would be the one most financially able to construct feeders and

The Grand Trunk has decided to continue for three months the pay of employes who are now on active service on the following basis: Employes receiving months only £45,00,000 worth has been captured or the Gulf to Genoa, \$20, April.

As regards cargoes, the lacts are equally stronged for the many hundreds of millions sterling of cargoes affoat in British ships during the past six months only £45,00,000 worth has been captured or British Barque Beeswing, 1,3 up to \$30 a month will continue to receive full pay: destroyed by the enemy. from \$30 to \$70, inclusive, to be continued on the basis of \$30 a month; over \$70 a month, to be continued on half pay.

With the advent of spring, an improved service will be given on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway between Squamish, the tidewater terminal and Lillooet, B.C., 120 miles north. Mixed freight and passenger trains will be operated each way three times a week, making connections with the boat to and from Vancouver. Northbound, the trains will leave Squamish on Monday, Wednesday and Friday after noons at 1 o'clock; returning, trains will leave Lil-London, March 17.—The Admiralty announced the days. The boat leaves Vancouver at 9.15 each mornlooet at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesdays Thursdays and Friing, and returns about 6 o'clock in the evening

It requires constant services of 2,455 persons on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh to keep the road, passenger cars, stations, grounds and shops sanitary oss earnings of the Canadian Northern Railway With the aid of every modern mechanical cleaning device the force was able to clean 22,188 cars in Jan uary. Carpet gangs rip up carpets, stretch them of Other gangs turn streams of air into every corner the cars, while still others scrub floors, rub and polish interior work and fixtures. One of the most expen sive experiments in the campaign for sanitation was seeking proper ventilation for de luxe steel cars. A vitally interested in the Freight Rate Question, which system was decided on which cost \$265 per car, or \$800,000 for the 3,000-odd steel cars on the road.



SIR JOHN JELLICOE, Who has resumed command of the home fleets, after being on sick leave for some weeks.

# BUSINESS UNAFFECTED BY FEAR OF GERMAN SUBMARINSE the British Government that merchandise is ing sent through her people into Germany.

Agitation in Indiana for an increase in passenger Congestion of Shipping at Liverpool Still an Active Tonnage of 227,371, Arrived.

> (Special Correspondence, Journal of Commerce.) (By Mail.)

Liverpool. February 25 .- In shipping circles here sion. business has not been affectd in th least by fears of damage from German submarines. It is felt that Germany's power to do harm on the seas has already reached its height, and is rapidly waning, more apmarines. The Admiralty's restrictions on navigation in a large area of the Channel between Scotland and Ireland is generally approved, and will not seriously

Up to the time of writing the "blockade" has not Packing Company and the Long Beach Tuna Packing Black Creek at Weston. Ont., a few days ago. There troubled the main stream of Mersey shipping in the ricks, ten tugs, one floating crane, one drill boat, two the congestion is still an active problem. The number The Illinois Central has been fined \$500,00 by the of vessels waiting for berth fluctuates daily, the lowexcess fare of 10 cents on trains in cases where pas- ruary 19. 71 ships of a tonnage of 227,371, put in navigation

This week, several boats to be fixed for grain from Montreal for April-May are loading at 6s 3d to West, Regarding plans for purchase of Western Pacific by and 6s 6d East Coast United Kingdom. This is the by the Denver and Rio Grande. Of course this road move the coming wheat crop, which is expected to ly all ports.

It is now p the school and commence to throw overboard small The traffic bureau of Knoxville. Tenn., will sub- showing the effect of six months of war on the shipquantities of the live fish, and then the action bems in the Department of Justice a bill of particulars as ping trade, the information being given by Mr. Bruce a basis for a proceeding to have the Southern for Control of the Cincinnati South ciation of which he is chairman. The shipping enshort, heavy lines, and as fast as these can be baited with the live fish and thrown overboard they will
of the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific. This
portion of Britain's mercantile marine, and the ships ed with the live fish and thrown overboard they will be taken by the albacore. The lines are so short that the fish keep a continual tight line, and as fast as they can be hauled in they are sent back into the can be hauled in they are sent back into the can be hauled in they are sent back into the can be cal other words, the premiums averaged 28s per cent., The comparative packs of California tuna for the president Bush, of the Western Pacific, is quoted four years is given as follows:

1911, 42,000 from San Francisco as saying: Tknow of no one control of the president Bush, of the Western Pacific, is quoted sured. The balance of 12s per cent. on the sums in the balance of 12s per cent. on the sums in the president Bush, of the Western Pacific, is quoted and the losses less than 16 per cent. on the sums in the balance of 12s per cent. The balance of 12s per

This is a very handsome profit. It also illustrates branch lines necessary to the continued life of the the impotence of the German naval forces. At the from the Gulf to the United Kingdom 10s, option, Pitche impotence of the German naval forces. Chicago, Ill., March 17.— City Railway Co., has road. It would be most agreeable to me to have the same time it is a magnificent tribute to the efficiency racus or Volo 12s and other options March-April. of the British navy.



MR. HOWARD G. KELLY. Vice-President, Grand Trunk Railway, who comes up before the Railway Commission to-mor-

### SHIPPING NOTES

The Philadelphia and Athenai have arrived at New The Thessaloniki is at Piracus.

The Dutch ship Van Hogenderp sailed from Gal-eston for Rotterdam with 5,500 bales, of cotton, valued

Agents of the Holland-American Line were ordered by the company to refuse cargoes from Cuba for transportation to Holland.

The steamer La Gascogne arrived at New York minus her forward funnels, which had been washed overboard during a gale. The American schooner William J. Quillen was cu

the Norwegian steamer Laly. The crew was saved. The Petit Journal, Paris, declares that Vice-Admira mand of the allied fleet, has expressed the belief that the Anglo-French forces will be able

to force their way through the Dardanelles into the sea

of Marmora by Easter.

in two, and sunk in a collision off Cape Hatteras with

The ice in the River St. Lawrence has broken up sufficiently to permit the steamer Bigelow resuming ferry operations between Brockville and Morristown, per cent. of the total work, and material to be fur-N.Y. This marks the opening of navigation on this ection of the river.

The American barque Pass of Balmaha is ashore near Sylt, one of the North Frisian Islands, according to a message from Bremen. The Pass of Balmaha from New York for Bremen, with a cargo of cotton, was recently detained by the British authorities a Kirkwall for inspection.

Steamship lines are accepting no shipments to ment. That is the logical outcome. Present-day Switzerland via Italy, due to the fact that such con-military upheavals are believed to be further educate signments have been held up by the British fleet at ing Washington to the desirability of acquiring suc Gibraltar. Switzerland is said to have failed to satisfy an important link for an intercoastal route for warthe British Government that merchandise is not be- ships. Some weeks ago a bill was introduced on

speed, which will be mounted with a new 16-inch gun. It is expected all will be launched within five or six months from the date of laying down. Within the next few weeks she will have five superdreadnoughts of the Queen Elizabeth 15-inch gun class in commis-

The two new vessels which are under construction in Great Britain for the Canadian Pacific Company's Atlantic service, and which it was recently announced were to be named Melita and Medora, have been may be by April 1, "if dredging conditions are propi named Melita and Minnedosa. These vessels will be tious." cabin passengers and 1.500 third-class passengers.

All the crews of the dredging fleet of the Harbor among directors (for example, F. D. Underwood, of Commissioners will start work this morning to be in the Erie), to divert to the canal coal and other ship readiness for the season's work. The re-fitting each ping over which they have an influence season for a fleet including six dredges, seven der-Company, in which the Bishop Company, the big Los were no marks of violence and it is thought that designifiest. More boats continue to use the port, and coal barges, two floating concrete mixers, over forty scows, five locomotive cranes and a variety of general plant is no light matter, and the Commissioners al- Island in North Sea. She was bound from New York ways favor an early start, so that everything will be ship-shape in time for the earliest possible opening of

#### ••••••• The Charter Market

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*** (Exclusive Leased Wire to Journal of Commerce.)

New York, March 17 .- Steamer chartering was limited, but the general demand for tonnage holds steady There are fewer orders for grain carriers for April loading, and as ample tonnage offers for business of the kind, rates are slightly easier. In all other trades, tinue light. For sailing vessels orders are plentiful in both the trans-Atlantic and South American trades, but the demands of West India and coastterers continue limited. The supply of available vessels is light, the rates in consequence are strong, particularly for offshore business. A limited miscellaneous business was reported in chartering.

quarters from the Atlantic range to Denmark 14s 6d, fares. Tickets are good for two months.

British steamer Hannington Court (previously) 42,-

Britsh steamer Baron (previously), from the Atlantic range to a French Atlantic port, 10s 6d, heavy, 8s. oats, option all heavy 10s 9d May 15.

Greek steamer Nefeli (previously), 28,000 quarters

British steamer Haulwen (previously), 28,000 quar As regards cargoes, the facts are equally striking, ters from the Gulf to West Coast Italy, 12s, March

Lumber-Schooner Margaret M. Ford, 291 tons, from

British Barque Beeswing, 1,354 tons, from St. John N.B., to West Britain, or East Ireland, with deals 120s May, Barque Hildegard, 568 tons, from the Gulf to the River Plate, p.t., prompt.

Coal-British steamer Antinoe, 1,477 tons (previously) from Baltimore to Marseilles 43s, March; Schooner Henry S. Little, 984 tons, from the Atlantic range to Guantanamo \$2.75, discharged and port charges schooner F. & T. Lupton, 797 tons, same. Miscellaneous-British steamer Coniston, Water 2.

362 tons, trans-Atlantic trade, 12 months 12s 6d delivery Spezia, March. British steamer Strathtay, 2,850 tons, (previously)

same, 11s 6d, delivery. United Kingdom, March. British steamer Strathallan, 2,830 tons, same, British steamer, 7,500 tons, d.w. same, 18 months 10s. April.

British steamer Mobile, 1,165 tons (previously) from Savannah, etc., to Manchester with cotton 105s March; schooner Orleans, 605 tons (corrected) from Boston to the Gold Coast, with flour and rum \$17,000 and port charges.

DULL AT OPENING. Philadelphia, March 17 .- Market opened dull, Phila delphia Elec. 23% bid, Phila. Rapid Transit 10% bid.

An appeal has been made by the Southern Pacifi to the California Railroad Commission for permission to discontinue the running of a train from San Ber nardino the Redlands and back, because it has no passengers and the train crew simply have a joy ride every day.

# AMERICAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVED LOGICAL PURCHASER GAPE GOD CANAL

Military Upheavals Suggest Desirability of Acquir ing Important Link as Intercostal Route Warships.

Boston, Mass., March 17.- There have been official denials that there is any intention of putting a ock in the Cape Cod Canal. We understand, however, that the possibility of such construction has caused the joint board of Massachusetts public service and harbor and land commissioners to halt in its approval of security issues by the company. Its charter sanctions a capitalization of \$12,000,000, to be divided equally between stock and bonds. \$5,232. 000 stock and \$5,240,000 5 per cent. 50-year bonds have already been issued.

These securities are held almost entirely by the Cape Cod Construction Co., and, preliminary to the issuance to it of \$638,000 more stock, and \$640,000 bonds, the Canal Co. has for several months had before the state board requests for its O. K. to such issues. The commissioners are now likely, before passing upon these requisitions, to ask Attorney-General Atwill for his viewpoint as to the course which show e followed.

The pending requisitions along with those proviously approved purport to provide for some nished. As a lock might cost a million dollars, and as the Canal Co. has never made public the cash expenditure for building the new waterway, the co missioners propose to know just where they "are a before approving the flotation of stocks and bonds which would bring capitalization up to nearly limit set by the legislature and still not cover all con struction outlays.

It is an open secret that the ultimate expectation of the financial backers of Boston, Cape Cod and New York Canal is to sell it to the federal govern-Beacon Hill to provide for purchase of the Cape Canal by this Commonwealth. The measure how England is building six battle cruisers of 32 knot ever, was not inspired directly or indirectly by the canal's owners. The legislature has rejected out consideration

Information as to operating receipts from the canal has so far been officially refused, but it is stated that some 2000 vessels have passed through it and that in one week about \$10,000 was collected in tolls There has, however, been no large revenue patron age and boats of over 15-foot draught are not yet invited to use the new route. This will be done under a new schedule for tolls, after dredging is pleted to 25 feet. Vice-President Miller says that this

It is undoubtedly hoped to earn something towards interest charges on the outstanding bonds by inducing some of the transportation interests represented

AMERICAN BARQUE WRECKED

Amsterdam, March 17.-The American barque Pass of Balmaha, 1,498 tons, is reported wreeked near Sys to Bremen with a cargo of cotton.

This dispatch indicates that the vessel was considerably out of her course as Sylt Island is northeast of Heligoland.

RAILROADS.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS. Every Tuesday.
Winnipeg, Edmonton and Int. Stations.
Leave Windsor St. Station.
9.45 a.m. Full particulars on application

#### GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS

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CANADIAN SERVICE

Sailings from Halifax to Liverpool:ORDUNA (15,500 tens) March 22nd Orduna (15,500 tons) .....

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SAILINGS: DURING THE WINTER SEASON OF NAVIGATION
STEAMERS SAIL FROM St. John N.B., and Halifax, N.S., to Liverpool

St. John to Havre and London; and Portland and Boston to Glasgow. STEAMERS.—The steamers presently employed in these services include CORSICAN, HESPERIAN, SCANDINAVIAN, Etc.

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Owns Buildings Worth Disapproves of Inst Carries Non

FUND OF \$150,000

Fire in One of Principal Structure Entire Protective Syst
Hall is Worst Dan

The recent costly fire in the Co ion into which is now proio bringing to notice the entire la rotection in the building, serves act that the city of Montreal is can on any of its buildings. It has fund of approximately \$150,000 w over possible fire loss to building

five million dollars. Up to about ten years ago the cit ured. At that time, however, the ent discovered that insurance wa In view of the fact that no really ened to city property in the past certain that there would be none in ver, as a concession to custom, rath from any desire to safeguard the closs, it was decided to set aside es \$10,000 as a special fund. Accordance was discontinued and \$10,000 The next year there was a further

went on until a couple of years a had an attack of nerves and \$50,000 for the fire fund. The result of the that at the present time there is \$150,000 covering the risk of fire los One of the features of the plan is of the city rulers in the impossibili ous loss, until at any rate there large fund to meet it. A conflagr was enough of this special fund to have seriously embarassed, the city has expenditure been run to revenu

That is the sole provision Montr meeting the possible fire loss to civic As to the buildings themselves, and most unsafe is the City Hal at about half a million dollars; but cost more to rebuild. The fire in only damaged one end of one win estimated at more than \$300,000. The City Hall constitutes the mo

that fund of \$150,000. It is a stories in height. The walls are oors of the ground floor and the floors are tiled. Apart from this thing that could be made of wood w The floor of the third storey is wo are wood, most of the walls are are wood and there are innumeral partitions and other accessories co same material.

The interior of the building is in leries, the entire centre space being to ground. This open space and the which are enclosed with wire, would draught to promote a conflagratio

The only protection consists of t

uishers and three hydrants on eas no fire escap Of course all the frequenters of th The council chamber is carpeted; al gooden floors and a few are cover

esterday afternoon the corridor ou

office was filled with unemployed to as to be impassable. They may numemployed but almost all were smol smoke was in evidence. Last year the annex was built, som eing also added to the city's property

every year. The fund only received Apart from the City Hall, which most serious risk, there are a other municipal buildings. Fire an are scattered all over the city, there works and pumping stations and th

the annexed municipalities. The loss of none of these, however do much more than wipe away t Apart from the City Hall the most s the Bonsecours Market, a building e replaced at the price of the City however, is not quite so inflammal the other city markets which \$150,000

The total value of the buildings city of Montreal is more than five mil the burning of one of a half dozen more than eliminate the fund that re on the entire property;

DO GENERAL CASUALTY B Hartford, Conn.. March 17.—The loncurred with the Senate in passing to the charter powers of the Hartford nspection and Insurance Company, s pany may do a general casualty busine crease its present capital of \$1,000,000 000,000. The Senate also passed the ing the Atlantic Fire and Marine Con ord with a capital of \$1,000,000.

NIAGARA FALLS POWER CO. Niagara Falls Power Co. declared redividend of \$2 a share payable April ecord March 31st.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELEC Vancouver, B.C., March 17.—The gor the Province of British Columbia held in May. Sir Richard McBride ha e that they will not be put off i

as has been reported. STEEL CONDITIONS UNCH New York, March 17.-Little change eneral steel business although consider a is noted regarding orders for shi Allies. It is understood that the lat alty in placing their orders on filled up condition of mills which can

Since the first of March there ha volume of steel for the warring nation ordered, but ordinary merchant produ so great a demand. Operations of m ut same rate.