

## \$15,000,000 IN SHIP CONTRACTS

Improvement in Shipbuilding in the United States is Shown by Figures.

New York, March 10.—Contracts for new ship construction in January and February amounted to \$5,000,000, and additional orders are in sight to bring the total up to \$15,000,000 by the first of May, according to a statement from the Atlantic Coast Shipbuilding Association. A report from the Department of Commerce states that on February 1, 1923, 236 steel ships of 302,047 gross tons, were building, as compared with 218 vessels of 251,858 tons on January 1, 1922, an advance of seventeen ships of 50,000 tons.

In addition to the contracts for new vessels, considerable sums will be spent for conversion, repairs and reconditioning of ships, the association reports. While the amount of business already placed and contemplated this year seems large in the aggregate, it is small considering the facilities available to build ships. The association records show that there were at least 850 shipyards, boat building plants and repair yards doing business in this country during the war, and while more than two-thirds of the number have either shut down or engaged in other lines of activity about 240 are still in operation or would start up immediately if contracts were to be had. The great majority of these plants are equipped only for repair work or the building of barges, tugs and small wooden ships, but much of the work now being placed is of that type. The contracts for new construction awarded thus far this year are divided among seventeen firms, of which only five belong to the class of shipyards capable of building the larger type vessels. Of this latter class there are thirty on the At-

## Toronto Sons of England Memorial



This picture shows the design of a memorial to be erected by the Toronto District of the Sons of England in honor of their members who fell during the Great War. It will be twenty feet in height with a base of twenty-eight feet and will be constructed of Stanstead granite with the exception of the figure of a soldier on guard, which will be of bronze. The cost of the memorial will be about \$10,000, and the sum will be raised by subscription among the members of the order.

The Governor-General, Lord Byng of Vimy, will unveil the memorial in August of this year in connection with the meeting of the Supreme Lodge in Toronto, and it is expected that a great many will be present at the ceremony.

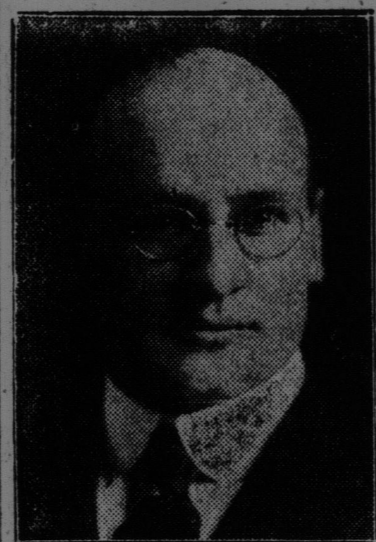
In this connection it may be remembered that the local lodges of the Sons of England erected a memorial to their dead in the form of a brass pulpit in St. Mary's church costing about \$1,000.

lantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, not including the Great Lakes yards.

The report of the Bureau of Navigation shows the following new contracts made in January: One 5,500 gross ton 12 knot steamer ordered by the Bradley Transportation Co. from the American Shipbuilding Co.; two 4,500 ton 19 knot passenger and freight steamers ordered by the Eastern Steam-

ship Co. from the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Co. of Sparrows Point; one 10,000 ton 12½ knot freighter ordered by the Reiss Steamship Co. from the Toledo Shipbuilding Co.

H. H. STEVENS, M. P.



In reply to queries in the House at Ottawa made by Mr. Stevens, Dr. Beland said that Canada has 9,500 drug addicts. Prince Edward Island is the only spot in the Dominion free of drug peddlers and addicts. Thirty Chinese have already been deported and 200 more are in custody charged with handling drugs.

**TAXI DRIVER FINDS \$5,000.**  
He Returns Wallet to Its Owner About to Take Train at Boston.

Boston, March 10.—Dashing through the South Station, William J. Brothers, a taxi driver, sought out Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weston of Greenville, N. Y., and breathlessly handed over a wallet containing \$5,000 in cash and securities worth several thousand dollars which Weston had dropped in the taxicab on his way to the station. A gift of \$100 from Weston and an enthusiastic kiss from Mrs. Weston were his rewards. "I want to commend a mighty honest taxi driver," said Weston, who called up Police Headquarters to tell of the episode.



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## TRUCK HITS A HEARSE AND KILLS THE DRIVER

Auto Crashes Into Death Vehicle as Baby's Body is Being Placed in it—Upsets Man, Who is Run Over.

New York, Mar. 10.—A hearse standing in front of the undertaking establishment of Max Tick, 227 Lenox avenue, recently was struck by a motor truck which knocked a coffin containing a body from the hands of the driver of the truck and killed the driver. The accident happened at a place where vehicles have been forced to turn to one side of the street because of repairs to surface car tracks. The driver of the hearse was Barney Roth. The truck according to witnesses, sideswiped the hearse before it struck the coffin. One of the handles and the name plate was stripped from the coffin. The impact of the truck knocked Roth down and he rolled under the truck. One of the rear wheels passed over the body of the driver. He was killed instantly. Abraham jumped back just in time to save himself.

**Did Not Know He Killed Man.**  
The crash of the two vehicles and the fall of the coffin were muffled by the roar of the motor truck, and the driver continued on his way, until witnesses of the accident, speechless an instant yelled to him to stop. The driver was stunned when told he had killed a man. Woods was arrested on a technical charge of homicide. Witnesses were about equally divided in blaming the truck driver and in holding him blameless.

**GIRL DYING; ATTACK MOTHER**  
Woman Called to Hospital Fights Two Men—One Arrested.

New York, Mar. 10.—Hurrying to Bellevue Hospital, when told that her young daughter, who had been operated on for ear trouble had suffered a relapse and was expected to die, Mrs. Josephine Hajduck, 25, was attacked by two young men a block from the hospital.

The men tried to drag the mother into a hallway, but she fought them off though at the point of collapse from hurrying to reach the side of her dying child. Her cries for help were heard by Patrolman Faust. The men fled when the policeman appeared, but one of them, who said he was Francis McCarthy was arrested on a charge of assault.

When McCarthy was arraigned before Magistrate Edward S. Weil in Yorkville Court, it was learned that Mrs. Hajduck had been sent home and her husband summoned to replace her at the side of the child, who died soon after the mother left. The case was adjourned until today, bail being fixed at \$1,000.

**LLOYD GEORGE'S GRIM JEST.**  
Says He's Sorry False Report of His Death Didn't Produce Obituaries.

London, March 10.—When ex-Premier Lloyd George was told of reports about his death which were current in various parts of the country on Saturday, he was much amused. "I am rather sorry they were contradicted," he said. "I should have liked to have had the pleasure of reading my own obituaries."

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## RUNS OVER A MAN, BUMPS INTO STORE, CUTS HIS THROAT

New London Doctor Taken to Hospital in Dying Condition After a Strenuous Adventure.

New London, Conn., Mar. 10.—After crashing his new automobile through the plate-glass front of the A. J. Levinson Electrical Supply Company store in Bank street and running down Eugene Partello of Groton recently, Dr. John N. Dimon, a well-known local physician, walked up Holden street, and drawing a pocket knife, slashed his throat almost from ear to ear, severing the jugular vein. He was rushed to a hospital in what was believed to be a dying condition.

Partello, who was passing the Levinson store, was struck by the Dimon automobile and hurled against the metal window frame of the Miller Clothing store. He dropped to the sidewalk unconscious. He was rushed to the same hospital and X-ray pictures were taken to determine whether an operation would be necessary to save his life. Dr. Dimon was driving down Golden street and had turned into Bank street when the accident occurred. According to Stephen Sheehan, who was sitting beside him in the automobile, the physician made the mistake of stepping on the accelerator in rounding the turn and lost control of the car. The machine shot across Bank street at a terrific rate, jumping the curb and running down Partello before it plunged through the front of the Levinson store.

**MORE SHIPS FIND PROFIT IN GROWING COASTAL TRADE**

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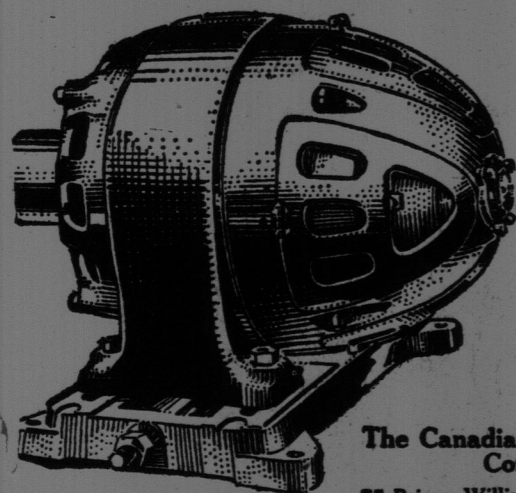
"The vessels under private ownership," said a report made public by the bureau, "have practically abandoned the hopeless task of competing with the more cheaply operated foreign fleets, and have turned to the protected traffic of our coastal waters, where the basis of operation cost is equal and the opportunity is presented of making a profit through increased efficiency in fair competition."

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