

# Industrial Review From Many Sources

BRITAIN LEADS WORLD

Great Britain is now leading the nited States, and, consequently

the world, in the construction of merchant marine tonnage, accord-

ing to the weekly bulletin of th

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ons arrived at by the investigators of the Industrial Research Fatigue Board, who have been making inould be fornfed.

A great improvement of output the appear possible," mays their repert, "If the employers and men coletter thoroughly to that end, 
here lectures on steel production 
are given by workmen and manpers, new methods of working were 
scussed and suggestions found to 
of practical value were permantly adopted."

In consequence of these improvements and the extra keenprovements and the extra keen-

In consequence of these improvements and the extra keenness of the men in working the furnaces the output of the handcharged furnaces gradually increased by about 70 per cent.
This striking result was achieved 
without any substantial alteration 
of the plant. Moreover, the castng of the steel was so much improved that the net final yield of 
aleable steel was actually raised 
ome 30 per cent. above the old 
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Some astonishing facts were rought to light by the investigators, reat differences were found in the irrous plants working in differentiate of Great Britain.

"It seems probable," they say, "that it all the iron and steel works in the country adopted the most efficient methods, they could, on an average, improve their output by something between 50 and 100 per cent.

"In other words, they could enable their employes to earn more in eight-hour shifts than they had previously done in twelve-hour shifts."

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deeply impressed are the Govnt investigators with this
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cal inquiry by competent an
cal men is well worth con-

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