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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract Contains transcripts of hearings relating to labor, hours, wages in shipyards, shipbuilding plants, and private industries in which construction was carried on for the US Navy Department. Includes proceedings of the conferences with shipyard employees and builders held in Seattle and Philadelphia.

Information on Use

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Historical Note

The United States Shipbuilding Labor Adjustment Board was a World War I agency authorized to resolve disputes after the failure of mediation between employers and employees related to conditions of labor, hours, and wages in shipyards, shipbuilding plants, or in private industries in which construction was carried on for the Navy Department.

The Board members were Leon C. Marshall, Professor of Political Economy at the University of Chicago and former Dean of that school’s College of Commerce, V. Everit Macy, Chairman, and A.J. Berres.

The hearings provide an extensive picture of existing conditions and demands for improved wage scales during a period of wartime inflation. While they present a routine recorded description
of the federal government’s involvement in labor relations in World War I, the hearings still manage to project a colorful picture of the character of the Board’s witnesses.

Scope Note
This collection consists of transcripts of hearings conducted by the Board in August 1918. Each Volume is indexed according to the subject considered at each session. In addition, there is one typewritten Volume of proceedings of conferences with shipyard employers and builders held in Seattle, Washington, on 18 July 1918, and another mimeographed Volume of "Conferences between Shipbuilders and Employees of the Pacific Coast and the Emergency Fleet Corporation" held that same summer.

Related Resources
The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

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Subject Headings
• Labor disputes-United States
• Shipbuilding-United States
• Hours of labor-United States
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INVENTORY
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