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# Guide to the United States Shipbuilding Labor Adjustment Board Hearings Records 1918



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## **Descriptive Summary**

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.USSLABH
<b>Title</b>	United States Shipbuilding Labor Adjustment Board Hearings. Records
<b>Date</b>	1918
<b>Size</b>	1 linear ft. (6 Volumes)
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
<b>Abstract</b>	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**

### **Access**

No restrictions

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: United States Shipbuilding Labor Adjustment Board Hearings. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### **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:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

## **Subject Headings**

- Labor disputes-United States
- Shipbuilding-United States
- Hours of labor-United States
- Wages-United States

## **INVENTORY**

### **Series I: Hearings Before the Shipbuilding Adjustment Board, Washington, DC**

#### **Volume I**

Pattern Makers, August 14&16, 1918

#### **Volume I**

Blacksmiths, August 14&16, 1918

#### **Volume I**

Plumbers, Steamfitters, Pipe fitters and helpers, August 14&16, 1918

#### **Volume I**

Metal Polishers, August 14&16, 1918

#### **Volume I**

Molders, August 14&16, 1918

#### **Volume II**

Sheet Metal Workers and Coppersmiths, August 16, 1918

#### **Volume II**

Steamfitters on the Pacific Coast, August 16, 1918

#### **Volume II**

Boiler Makers, August 18, 1918

#### **Volume II**

Miscellaneous Trades on the Pacific Coast, August 19, 1918

**Volume II**

Steam and Operating Engineers, August 19, 1918

**Volume II**

Blacksmiths, August 19, 1918

**Volume III**

Electrical Workers, August 20, 1918

**Volume III**

Painters, August 20, 1918

**Volume III**

Foundry Workers, August 20, 1918

**Volume III**

Machinists, August 21, 1918

**Volume III**

Atlantic Coast Employers, August 21, 1918

**Volume IV**

Stationary Firemen and Oilers, August 22, 1918

**Volume IV**

Bridge and Structural Iron Works, August 22, 1918

**Volume IV**

Employers on the Great Lakes, August 22, 1918

**Volume IV**

Laborers, Clerks, Counters, and Timekeepers, August 23, 1918

**Volume IV**

Carpenters, August 23, 1918

**Volume IV**

Quartermen and Leading men, August 9, 1918

**Series II: Conference with shipyard employees and builders; Seattle, Washington, July 18, 1918**

**Volume V**

Conference Between Piez and Schwab and Shipyard Employees

**Volume V**

Conference between Piez and Northwestern Shipbuilders

**Volume V**

Appendix, U.S. Department of Labor, Plan for Handling Needed Labor on War  
Emergency Work

**Series III: Conference between shipbuilders and employees of the Pacific Coast; (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), August 5, 1918**

**Volume VI**

Transcript of meeting