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ARMS DRIVE SPEEDS UP

From New York America ships the millionth ton of equipment under Mutual Aid. Supplies range from spare parts for rifles to giant 40-ton tanks. You'd think loading a tank was a slow job, but experienced handlers whip them onboard in ten minutes. Almost before they've got the first safely stowed and secured so that it can't break loose in rough seas, the next is on the way up.

Sheerness

It's mostly wartime surplus brought out of storage and made ready to do another job. Here, in England, the Navy's doing the same with ships. In the old days, when a ship was laid up it rusted away into uselessness. Today it's carefully wrapped up in moisture-proof covering. When the plastic cocoon-like wrappings are removed, these frigates will be ready to go into service rightaway. Though, like a woman, she'll want just a touch of make-up.

In retirement they've been kept up-to-date with each new invention, so crews that take over sail ships that are as good as new - or better.