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HARDING BACKS SHIP BILL

ADDRESSES BOTH HOUSES ON MATTER

President Harding Challenged Every Insinuation On Ship Subsidy Bill

WOULD MAINTAIN TRANSPORTATION

Legislation Would Automatically Guard Against the Enrichment of Private Interests.

(Special to the Observer.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Enactment of the administration merchant marine bill was urged upon congress today by the president as necessary to relieve the government of the present "staggering losses" in the operation of war. The merchant marine fleet was built to establish a program of assured shipping to serve the nation in war and to give a guaranty of commercial independence in peace.

Personally addressing the joint session today, President Harding declared actual monetary savings to the government would result from the proposed law. He challenged every insinuation of favored interests and of enriching of special few at the expense of the public treasury.

The legislation, he asserted, automatically guards against the enrichment or perpetual bestowal. "If success attends as we hope it will, the government outlay is returned in the form of opportunity to earn remains, and American transportation by sea is maintained."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Declaring it would be discouraging if the measure of such transcending national importance should have its fate depend upon geographical, occupational, professional or partisan objection, the president said that America's commercial eminence was no less important to people of the middle west than to seaboard states.

He said that if the government aid is a fair term to apply to authorizations aggregating seventy-five million for market highways it is equally fit to be applied to establishment and maintenance of American market highways on the sea and that the government is now losing about four million monthly on government owned ships compared with sixteen million monthly when the present administration took charge.

War construction costing three billions left the government approximately thirteen million, two hundred thousand gross tonnage in ships which has been reduced to twelve million five hundred thousand owing to the scrapping of the wooden fleet.

President Harding said that the proposed legislation giving direct aid would not reach twenty million annually with the ocean carrying maintained at present average and that the maximum direct aid if American shipping carried one-half of the nation's sea commerce, would not exceed thirty millions annually.

He called attention to the fact that the government ships were now being worn out without provision for replacement and that the program of sacrifice and liquidation costing scores of millions would be inevitable unless the proposed legislation was enacted.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Wheat is quoted today at \$1.18 to \$1.50.

Ira R. Aldrich Wins at the Portland Stock Show

Another La Grande winner in the Pacific International Livestock Show comes to light today with the announcement that Ira R. Aldrich, district superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school, took his first prize at Portland with his flock of Buff Wyandottes. He received notice yesterday that he had been awarded the following prizes: two cock, two and a half hen, and one hen and a half.

AD CLUB HAS LOVE FEAST FOR PIERCE

Round upon round of applause, greeting Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce, came from the members of the Ad club and their guests that gathered in the basement of the South Methodist church this noon when Senator Colon R. Eberhard, toastmaster, introduced Mr. Pierce. His speech came following one by Judge T. H. Crawford, campaign manager for La Grande's governor, as the citizens proudly term him, who ably described the methods used in the campaign and the adversity that was overcome until finally when it was known that Mr. Pierce was to speak, the people, no matter where it was to be, flocked to the designated hall to hear his address.

Walter, as the boys still call him and as he likes to have himself called by his friends, took the chair and after a few preliminary remarks, launched into his descriptive account of the campaign, that was touched with pathos as well as with well won victories. He told how, at the very first, the people failed to respond to his meetings but how, when the campaign was drawing to a close that the entire state woke up to the fact that his message was one of vital importance, and through to hear it.

"I carried a message, one of tax reduction and redistribution, that is one of vital importance to Oregon, and occupies the unenviable position as leading the union in regards to the per capita tax," stated Mr. Pierce. "And now that I am elected, all past things said against me are forgotten and the big thing now is to pull together, side by side, for the ultimate ending of the great state of Oregon from her immense tax burden. I am going to give the state everything that is within me and when I come back at the end of four years, no man

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WET FORCES ARE AGAINST THE SALOON

(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, Nov. 21.—The executive committee of the Association Opposed to Prohibition Monday afternoon went on record as "unalterably opposed to the saloon." A resolution to this effect was adopted in connection with the first national meeting of secretaries of state branches of the association, which is in session here.

Steps to organize the wet forces in every state, to obtain modification of the Volstead act, were discussed at the meeting of the national association, which began here Monday.

Predictions were made by delegates that the liquor question probably would be the principal issue of the 1924 presidential election, as a result of claims being made that the wets won a sweeping victory in the recent general election.

No Third Party Plan.
Denial that a third major political party favoring amendment of the Volstead law was planned, was made by delegates, who said that wet candidates of either the republican or democratic parties would be supported, and that where candidates of both major parties were found not suitable, an independent nominee would be supported by the association.

CONFERENCE CHIEFS HOPE FOR PEACE

Ismet Pasha Tells Lausanne Delegates of Desire of Ottomans.

WANT PEACE BASED ON NATIONAL LIBERTY

Sentiment Hoping for Peace First Voiced by President Haab, Lord Curzon and Ismet Pasha.

(By Associated Press.)
LAUSANNE, Nov. 21.—Richard Washburn Child, American Ambassador to Italy and Joseph C. Grew, minister to Switzerland, acting as observers at the near east conference, have conferred with President Poincare of France, Curzon of England, and Mussolini of Italy.

(By Associated Press.)
LAUSANNE, Nov. 21.—Hope that peace on earth would result from the labors of the Near Eastern conference was voiced by the speakers at the high opening session Monday.

This sentiment was voiced first by President Haab of the Swiss confederation, who presided over the opening plenary meeting, and it was sweetened by both Lord Curzon and Ismet Pasha in their responses on behalf of the numerous delegations assembled in the Lausanne casino where the impressive inaugural ceremony was held.

Monday's sitting required only a half hour, and Tuesday morning the business of the committee will be actively begun.

Richard Washburn Child, American ambassador to Italy, and Joseph C. Grew, minister to Switzerland, the two principal American representatives, were seated prominently in the front row of the auditorium beside Premier Poincare of France and received a warm welcome from the delegations from other lands.

The prospect of the American activity conference which many of the foreigners appeared to interpret as the launching of a new American policy in Europe, and the presence of a strong delegation from Japan gave world-wide significance to the convocation.

Mussolini Attracts Attention
Benito Mussolini, the new strong man of Italy, with his air of alert determination, drew all eyes as he moved to his place not far from Venizelos.

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EXTRA

UPTON'S CHANCES GOOD

(Special to Observer.)
PORTLAND, Nov. 21.—The fight for senate presidency took a new turn today when Senator Eddy withdrew and attempted to deliver his votes to Gus Moser with only partial success.

The Eastern Oregon senators are making a straight out anti-Moser fight and after selecting Upton as the opposing candidate are now riding Willamette valley making personal visits to senators unpledged with the appeal to beat Moser. Eastern Oregon has succeeded in getting fourteen votes signed for Upton out of the necessary sixteen and feel that they have Moser blocked with other votes who will neither vote for Moser or Upton but are holding for developments.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Nov. 21.—A terrific storm battered in the Pacific ocean, five hundred miles off Cape Flattery, the steamer Besse Bell, Stuart Deller and the tug Sea Monarch, of Seattle, went out by distress calls this afternoon, which were received at the United States Naval Radio station here. Coast Guard cutter Haida was ordered to proceed immediately to the assistance of the vessels.

BULLETINS

WOMAN IS SEATED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Mrs. W. H. Felton, Georgia "grand old lady" won the fight to have a seat for a day as the first woman senator.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Nov. 21.—Cattle steady; calves one dollar higher; hogs barely steady; eggs steady and better steady.

COMMISSION HEARING BEGUN

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The interstate commerce commission today began a hearing on the Southern Pacific petition to retain the Central Pacific. Half a dozen western states, many of communities and traffic associations were represented.

TO SETTLE WITH COUNTIES

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, November 21.—The state highway commission by statements to county delegates today, showed that it wished to settle all issues with county courts. Members are cognizant of the possible effect of the gubernatorial election.

LARGE AREA DEVASTATED BY BANDITS

Army of Thirty Thousand is Moving Across the Honan Province

DEATH AND RUIN MARKS THEIR PATH

Six Miles Wide, a Trail is Being Blazed by Burning Cities, Dead and Injured.

(By Associated Press.)
SHANGHAI, Nov. 21.—Bandits army in Honan Province, thirty thousand strong, which kidnaped a number of foreign missionaries, are devastating a path 6 miles wide across the province, burning every city, town and farm house, leaving a trail of dead, according to a letter received from H. E. Lodge, an English missionary who escaped from their tolls.

DR. SLOAN BUYS PRACTICE HERE

Dr. Harry E. Sloan, formerly of Los Angeles, but who is now located in La Grande, having bought the practice of Dr. George Zimmerman, is located in the former offices of Dr. Zimmerman in the Palmer-Rosch building.

STILWELL COMPANY HAS NEW EQUIPMENT

The M. A. Stilwell Meat company has just received a large shipment of new modern equipment and is installing same in their market on North Fir street. The increase in business has been such that the purchase of additional machinery became necessary and they are now better than ever equipped to give their customers the best there is in the line of meats.

OPERETTA TO BE PRESENTED BY L. H. S.

"The Maid and the Middy," An Excellent Selection is Said to Be a Fine Production.

"The Maid and the Middy," the operetta to be presented by the La Grande high school on November 24-25 at the high school auditorium, is rapidly being founded off with the finishing touches and the cast, now complete, is regarded as exceptionally fitting to take their parts, is the opinion expressed by a favored few who have seen the rehearsals. Work has been going on for the past month under the able supervision of Miss Frederika Schlick and indications are that the operetta will lack nothing to make it absolutely successful.

The cast, composed of fourteen main characters, as follows: Tige Larson, Billy, the Middy; Inez Hughes, Valerie, the Maid; Sheldon Brownson, Dasher, the captain of the drowsnaught; Reed Golden, Dawson, a retired farmer; Ruth Smith, Mrs. Galt, a rich widow; Jack Thirt, Count's grandee Fernandez y Fumerson, a grandee of Spain; Wilma Smith, Alice, Othello Gray, Phyllis, Mildred Webb, Maud; Jack Dennis, flounder; Raymond Payton, Commodore Evans; T. C. McDonald, Fitz; Vincent McEwen, Slimson; and Anita, whose identity is kept secret about whose actions the entire play is centered. Anita was the one who caused the trouble, enough said.

In addition to the above cast about 45 others, including the chorus of maids and middies, and minor characters parts, are included in the cast. A total of about 60 parts, makes up one of the largest operettas ever given by the local high school.

Reserved Seat Sale.
The sale of reserved seats will begin at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning at Glass Drugs and those who wish to attend are urged to get their seats early as the ticket sale is progressing rapidly and it is evident that if delays result, that it would be a hard matter to get a seat near the front. Tickets are going like hot cakes and the students are delighted with the response.

The operetta will begin at 8:15 o'clock Friday evening and the doors will open at 7:30 o'clock. Reserved seats are priced at 50 cents and balcony seats at 25 cents. The operetta, including the specialties between acts, will last about one hour and forty-five minutes and the public is promised that the minutes will not lag at any time during the entertainment.

THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB SAYS PIERCE

Governor-Elect Walter M. Pierce Addresses Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club

PLEDGES HIMSELF TO DO HIS UTMOST

"In My Appointments, I will Select the Man Best Suited for the Position, Regardless of Party Affiliations," He Stated.

"We're going to be one big harmonious home, everything that happened during the past campaign forgotten and all pulling together for the betterment of the state," stated Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce last evening at the annual clam feed of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club that was held in the basement of the Methodist church.

"I am going to do my duty every minute and will make my appointments without fear or favor, without regard for political party, but with the sole purpose of getting the best man for the job." His statement was greeted with ringing applause. "I believe absolutely in the final outcome of right and the final outcome of civilization," Mr. Pierce continued. "We are at the very top of civilization today and the thing that will soon us there is hope and aspirations to do better and an ever constant attempt to better conditions whatever we find them."

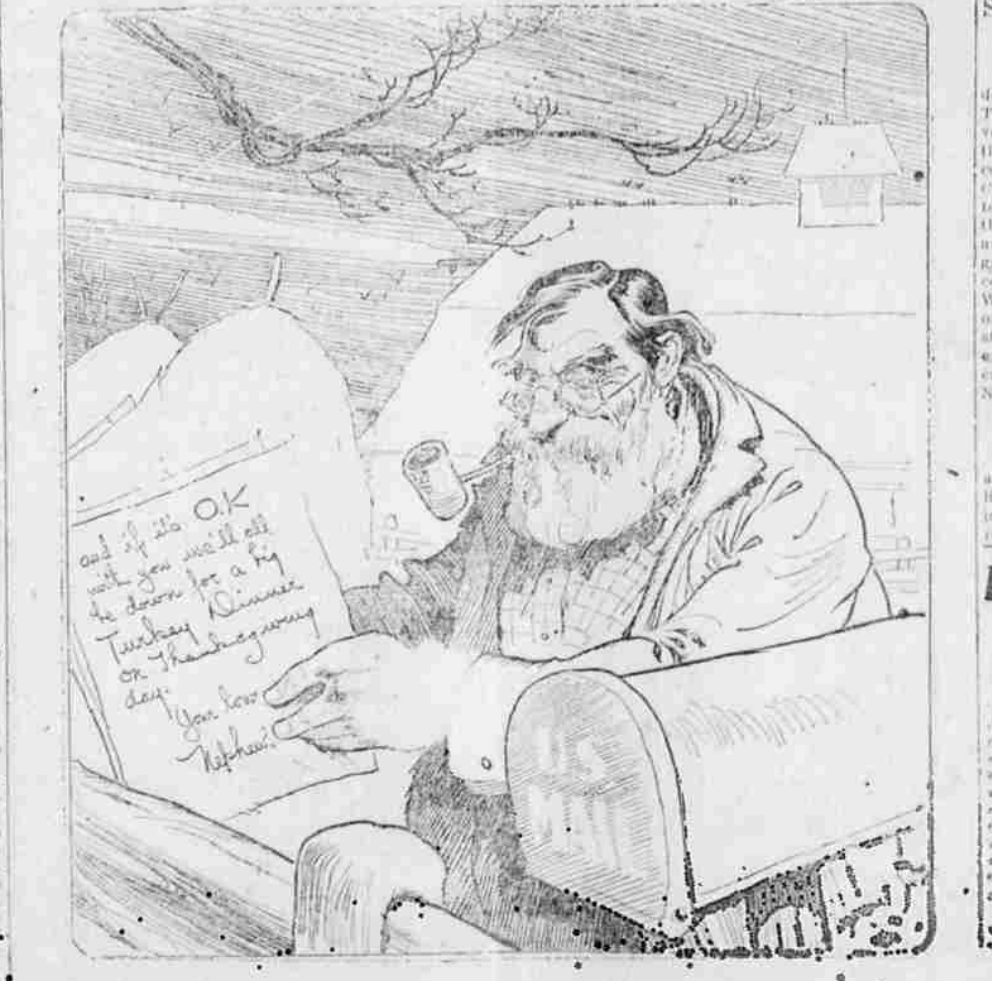
"Whoever you," speaking to the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club and to the citizens of Eastern Oregon at large, "want anything, tell me about it when I am in the governor's chair, if your demands are reasonable and right I will do my best to help you to accomplish them."

In telling "how he did it," Mr. Pierce said, "I didn't do it—it just happened." Mr. Pierce's speech was brilliant with interest that held his listeners to the end. When he first took the floor the applause and greetings given him by his fellow townsmen were deafening, one of the finest ovations that could be given him.

Burgdoff Speaks.
A. E. Burgdoff, state game warden, spoke at length on the conditions in Oregon and stated that in nearly

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UNCLE JOE FIGURED THAT HIS ANNUAL LETTER WAS ABOUT DUE



SPECIAL GRANGE MEETING TO BE HELD

Wolf Creek Grange of North Powder is to furnish the program for Telocaset Grange on Saturday, November 25. Several new applications for membership is to be received and a delegation from the County Grange extension committee will be present to help with the day's work and assist in making arrangements for the Pomona Grange meeting at Telocaset on December 2. M. G. Church and R. J. Wolf will have general supervision of the day's affairs. W. H. Gekko, state organizer will be present and explain the "Everybody get one" campaign being carried on by the National Grange.

RETURNED TO JOSEPH.
C. W. Ruppert returned to his home at Joseph this morning on the branch line train after spending the evening in La Grande on business he was registered at the Foley.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OPENS

The "reds" and "blues," the two sides who will put over the Y. M. C. A. membership drive, will meet this evening in the Y. M. C. A. at six o'clock at a banquet that will officially open the drive which will terminate Friday evening. One hundred new members is the pass word and "red" and "blue" that the one hundred will be reached is present in great quantities.

BISHOP REMINGTON INSTALLED

(Special to The Observer.)
PENDLETON, Nov. 21.—Bishop William Paul Remington was installed as bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Eastern Oregon, at the Church of the Redeemer at Pendleton. Never in the history of the local church has such an assemblage of bishops been present, and the occasion was one that will be long remembered in this part of the state.

Band Dance and Concert Will Be Held Tomorrow

A dance and band concert extravaganza will be given by the La Grande orchestra band at the Gas Hall Wednesday evening, November 22. The band has been rehearsing regularly and are prepared to give a concert that will delight their patrons. A. J. Galt, the city is being held at the Gas Hall and will be held at 8:00 p. m. The concert will start at 8:00 p. m. and is to continue March, "Washington" by Graefinger selection, "The Patriotic Tune," by Hart-