ROOSEVELT TO AID PROSPERITY

Confers With Committee of National Prosperity Association.

PRESIDENT IN SYMPATHY

Agrees That Unwise Agitation Is to Be Condemned — Recommends Obedience to Laws of Civic Righteousness as Best.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—A committee from the National Prosperity Association of St. Louis called on President Roosevelt today to urge his aid in furthering their plans for encouraging the return of prosperity throughout the country. The committee found the President cordial in his treatment and frank in his expressions of willingness to aid them in every way possible. A speech was made by E. C. Simmonds, chairman of the executive committee of the association, which was responded to by the President. Mr. Simmonds, on behalf of the association, urged that a halt be called upon "radical, hasty and experimental legislation, designed to regulate industry." Explaining the purposes of the association, Mr. Simmonds said:

"The association has been designed in the first place to promote confidence among our business men, and, in the second, through co-operation with you, to impress the confidence upon all our own people and the world at large. The association will facilitate interchange of opinion among the 100,000 nonpartisan business organizations. Business has suffered too much already from demagogic agitation; therefore the association will seek relief from continued agitation by professional agitators. It will deprecate the unworthy spirit which arrays class against class. It will seek that unity of brotherhood which you have proclaimed.

Prosperity Outside of Politics.

"A National political campaign is opening. Platforms are to be adopted. The National Prosperity Association will ask for fair-minded consideration of business conditions of both parties. But the association does not believe prosperity depends upon politics; it is convinced that business may revive, that the unemployed may find work, and that the normal volume of trade may be reached without waiting for the November elections. To that end the association will address itself."

The President responded as follows:

"I am in hearty sympathy with the avowed object of the National Prosperity Association. It is excellent. We have gone far in uprooting abuses which threaten our National life. Taken as a whole, the standard of honesty in our business life has been high, and today the standard is, I believe, beyond what it has ever been, and this largely because we have made determined war upon the abuses that lowered it. As you have said, the depression and stagnation from which our country is now happily beginning to recover, were not caused by reform legislation, but by the revelation of shocking conditions in certain of our corporations, by reckless operations in high finance; by calamity and by certain striking, though I believe exceptional, instances of business and civic dishonesty. Of course, all good men must agree with you in your condemnation of unwise agitation. The apathetic acceptance of abuses in our Governmental and business administration is no more dangerous than the demagogic appeals of professional agitators to class hatred. Our National conscience, I firmly believe, has been awakened. We will not and cannot go back to the conditions which tolerated wrongdoing. Neither can we afford to be led astray by those who would embark us in a visionary and twisted crusade against corporations and all business methods.

Civic Righteousness Is Needed.

"We should address ourselves to the faithful and honest observance of laws, of civic righteousness. The welfare of all of us can best be obtained by striving for a policy which will promote the welfare of each of us. We must all co-operate in order that benefit may be derived by the entire Nation. Good laws make for good government, but laws are of no value unless vitalized by the people who made them. Our recent legislation has been good, and it is to the interest of the entire country, especially of the business interests, that it shall be enforced. Such further regulatory legislation as is required is merely building up on the broad foundation that has been laid. It conceals no menace to business any more than legislation which has already been enacted. There is no need for agitation concerning it; there is no excuse for demagogic excitement about it. It is as much our duty to conserve the real rights of property as it is to conserve the real rights of labor. This we have done in the past and this we ought to do and will do in the future.

Reform Brings National Power.

"The country realizes that confidence is not a matter of law. It is an intangible something which exists in the relations of men. Those relations have been strengthened in our country by the economic reforms that have been instituted. Therefore we are more powerful than we have ever been. So far as the present administration is concerned, it will continue unchanged, the policy of safeguarding the rights of all and of embracing every possible and legitimate means to advance the welfare and prosperity of our country.

"Let there be no misunderstanding about this. The business and commercial interests of the country continue to be prosperous and in an enduring sense must be administered honestly. With occasional exceptions, they have been and are now so administered. As you have well said, wherever there is evidence of dishonesty, it must be pursued relentlessly and punished, but having thus moved forward to a high plane of business integrity, and on that plane built wisely, let no man seize the moment when we have as a Nation pilloried the real malefactors to say that all American business men, or even a considerable number of them, are malefactors. I will welcome your work and shall be glad to co-operate with you in any effort to establish prosperity on right and honest lines."

NO MORE BETS ON RACES

House Passes Anti-Gambling and Dry Homestead Bills.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The House today took the final Congressional step by which betting on horse races at Bennings will hereafter be prohibited. A bill authorizing the appropriation for an addition to the regular military establishment of 50 captains to command the Philippine scouts also was passed.

The bill amending the homestead laws so as to permit the entry of 320 acres instead of 160 acres of non-irrigable public land in Western States was passed.

The bill allowing the States of Idaho and Wyoming 2,000,000 additional acres of land for reclamation was defeated.

When the anti-betting bill came up the usual roll call was avoided. Williams of Mississippi, the minority leader, remarked that inasmuch as it was a meritorious measure, he would not insist upon a roll call. The vote was practically unanimous.

Following is the text of the betting provision as now accepted by both houses:

"It shall be unlawful for any person or association of persons to bet, gamble or make books or pools on the result of any trotting or running race of horses or boat race or race of any other kind; election or any contest of any kind or game, or baseball. Any person or association of persons violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not exceeding $500, or be imprisoned not more than 90 days or both."

The Washington Jockey Club, which owns the Benningsracecourse, will, it is stated, merely move the track a quarter of a mile across to Maryland, where a better course can be procured.

The dry homestead bill was passed by 139 to 74. It applies to non-mineral, non-irrigable, unreserved and non-appropriated public lands in Colorado, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico.

As passed by the House, the dry farm bill is also applied to Idaho and California, neither of which were included in the Senate bill. Senator Heyburn is still hostile and will undertake to have Idaho left out when the bill goes to conference, but in this he will be opposed by Senator Borah and Representative French and will probably be defeated.

Ralph Succeeds Sullivan.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Secretary Cortelyou today appointed Joseph E. Ralph director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in place of Thomas J. Sullivan, deceased. Mr. Ralph was assistant director under Mr. Sullivan.

SOME DO AND SOME DON'T

Salem Saloonmen Slow to Obey Order for Open Front.

SALEM, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—Only about half the Salem saloons complied with the ordinance which went into effect today requiring that fronts be open so as to permit persons on the street to have a full view of the barroom. Mayor Rodgers, who was father of the ordinance, said this evening that unless the regulation shall be complied with there will be "something doing" in short order. All of the saloons opened their fronts to some extent, but few of them fully complied with the regulations. Many of them still have screens or partitions.

The effect of the ordinance is being watched with interest, for the open front idea has frequently been advanced as a remedy against many of the evils of the saloon.

NICE TANGLE FOR LAWYERS

Court Orders in Clatsop Complicate Local Option Election.

ASTORIA, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—Judge McBride, of the Circuit Court, has issued a peremptory writ of mandamus directing the Clatsop County Court to make an order calling for local option elections in Astoria precincts Nos. 2 and 3, the "wet" precincts in which the petitions were denied by the County Court recently, as six of the signers from each precinct had requested that their names be withdrawn. Judge McBride's order allows the County Court five days in which to appear and ask that the writ be quashed. As two of the members of the County Court were absent from the city today, it did not meet to make the election order, as directed by the writ, and this is liable to lead to complications, in case Judge McBride should decide to sustain the writ after hearing the arguments. The County Court has adjourned for the term and under the law a special session cannot be legally held without ten days' notice being given to each member. Again, the local option law provides that the order for a local option election must be placed in the hands of the Sheriff not less than 20 days before the date of election, and as the coming general election is to be held June 1, the 20 days expired this evening.

Attorneys representing the liquor interests will leave tomorrow for Oregon City to present to Judge McBride a petition to have the writ of mandamus quashed and an answer made in the case. These will be argued before the court at some date to be set in the future.

Clatsop Sunday School Officers.

ASTORIA, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—The Clatsop County Sunday School Association, which has been holding a session at Seaside, has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

President, Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, Astoria; vice-president, Mrs. A. H. Wilson, Seaside; secretary, Miss Pearl Estes, Astoria; treasurer, Miss Alema Wyman, Astoria; executive board, Miss M. C. Warren, Albert Carlson and Mrs. J. E. Brabier; superintendent of elementary department, Mrs. B. M. Rogers, Warrenton; superintendent of home department, Mrs. Minnie Keck, Hammond; superintendent of adult department, Mrs. J. W. Crow, Knappa; superintendent of teachers' training department, Mrs. D. Ross, Astoria; superintendent of temperance and good citizenship, Mrs. C. A. Gearhart, Astoria.

Decides Suit for Commission.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., May 11.—Superior Judge O'Brien today handed down a decision in the case involving the partition of the commission paid to Charles H. Botsford in the sale of the Combination mine to the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company. The decision gives J. H. Hutchinson, of San Francisco, and L. C. Van Riper, of New York, 30,000 shares of the 100,000 paid to Botsford. The value of the 30,000 today is $180,000. The suit has been hotly contested and has been in court some months, tying up the stock.

MEET ON THE SAME TRAIN

Fairbanks, Bryan and Johnson Enjoy a Dinner Together.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 11.—Three Presidential possibilities were passengers on the Manhattan Limited on the Pennsylvania Railroad when the train reached the Union station here from Chicago shortly after 1 o'clock. They were Vice-President C. W. Fairbanks, W. J. Bryan and Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota. According to the Pullman car employes they did not meet until dinner time, when they met at one table and engaged in the most pleasant social intercourse. After dinner Governor Johnson and Mr. Bryan, according to the same authority, engaged in close and earnest conversation until after 10 o'clock, when they retired.

Barnes Trial Set for May 25.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 11.—The trial of "Bud" Barnes for the murder of Mrs. Anna Aldrich was today set for May 25.

Metzger, jeweler, optician, 342 Wash.

SEEK FOR RELICS AMONG THE ASHES

Sheriff Suspends Search for Bodies on Gunness Farm.

RAY LAMPHERE'S DEFENSE

Will Try to Prove Mrs. Gunness' Body Not in Ruins—Proof That Helgelein Made a Fight for His Life.

LA PORTE, Ind., May 11.—The Gunness farm failed to reveal new mysteries today, but excellent progress was made in solving the puzzles already involved in the homestead, which has witnessed the tragic deaths of at least 14 persons. A series of heavy showers made excavation impossible, but Sheriff Smulzer was at work on the apparatus with which William Schulz is to sluice the ashes and cinders in the ruins of the house. The heavier pieces of debris and the piles of bricks were cleared from the south half of the basement, and it is thought the sluicing operations will start in earnest tomorrow.

Try to Prove Woman Is Alive.

The grand jury was to have met today to consider Lamphere's case, but this procedure has been postponed for a week. The attitude of the defense has not been revealed to any great extent. Lamphere's attorneys have been free in advancing theories to account for his actions before and following his arrest, and have also given out alleged evidence that Mrs. Gunness and not Lamphere set fire to the house. The adult headless corpse found with the blackened bodies of the children was, they assert, that of another victim of the Gunness' woman, the theory being that the head was severed by Mrs. Gunness in order that it might be thought to be her body.

Thus far, however, efforts to substantiate the announcements by the defense have failed, several persons having repudiated interviews credited to them by Lamphere's attorneys, while the facts found by the four physicians who performed post-mortem examination on the corpses do not bear out the contentions of the defense.

The impression that Mrs. Gunness is still alive is widespread despite the almost total absence of evidence to support it. This circumstance will make the task of picking a trial jury difficult, and there is scarcely a man or woman in the community who has not formed or expressed an opinion on the subject.

Helgelein Died Fighting.

That Andrew Helgelein did not give up his life without a struggle is evidenced by the fact that in one of his clenched hands was a brown tuft of short hair, which is said to correspond closely with the hair covering the head of Ray Lamphere, who is being held in jail here.

This new phase of the mystery was disclosed in the deposition of Dr. J. H. William Mayer, one of the examining physicians, who went into an exhaustive examination of Helgelin's body. He also made his report on the body of Jennie Olsen, the 17-year-old adopted daughter and believed victim of Mrs. Gunness. This body also was found to be in good condition with a few exceptions. In the case of both Helgelein and the Olsen girl, the cause of death is given as unknown.

Dr. B. O. Bowell, a prominent physician of La Porte, who was for a time the physician to the Gunness family, says that while attending Max Sorenson, the former husband of Mrs. Gunness, he studied the latter very closely, and came to the conclusion that she was a victim of epilepsy.

Hired to Dig Graves.

William Brogiski, a Pole, living with a Mr. Shoemaker, a farmer neighbor of Mrs. Gunness, was called upon during the year 1906-1907 to dig three holes in the barn lot of the Gunness place. He was told by Mrs. Gunness that the holes were to be utilized for rubbish and farm refuse. Mrs. Gunness designated the dimensions of the holes which Brogiski says were about six feet long and four feet wide. In all of these holes bodies have been found. Brogiski says he did not see any rubbish put into them, but upon subsequent visits, he noticed that all of them had been filled up and had a covering of old tin cans, bricks and other rubbish.

Lemuel Darrow, Mayor of La Porte, after a conference with prominent citizens last night, declared that the investigation into the Gunness murder mystery would be pushed with great vigor. He says Clear Lake and Fishtrap Lake will be dragged in search of bodies.

It is also the intention of the Mayor and his friends to investigate the Pine Lake cemetery, two miles north of the Gunness farm, with a view of satisfying themselves that no bodies have been removed. They want to satisfy themselves that no cadaver was substituted by Mrs. Gunness for the body found in the fire which in the general public mind is accepted as the body of the murdress.

W. W. Lamphere, father of Ray Lamphere and a Justice of the Peace at Springfield, Ind., arrived in the city to assist in the defense of his son. He was refused permission for an interview with the latter by the Sheriff. The son's attorney declares that he will bring about an interview with father and son if he is compelled to bring Ray to court.

We always keep our Shoe stock in motion—always turning it over—no old styles.

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Today we have some twenty odd pairs at $2.35 were $3.50.

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AWAKES IN TIME TO SAVE LIFE

Missouri Farmer Tells of Narrow Escape From Murdress.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 11.—George Anderson, of Tarkio, Mo., who passed through here last night on his way to La Porte, Ind., to testify in the Gunness murder mystery, said:

"I think the woman is still alive and that she set fire to the farmhouse herself. I believe the oldest girl knew of her mother's crimes. I recollect that she acted very strangely. She would eye me with a pitiful look, and when I glanced at her during a meal she was as white as a sheet."

Two years ago, while at Monteith, Mich., Anderson answered one of Mrs. Gunness' advertisements, posing as a wealthy farmer. She wrote to him to come on, and he did so. The second day she asked him point blank how much money he had. He claimed only a few hundred dollars cash, but had a 320-acre farm. She told him to sell the farm and bring the money to her and they would be married. He went away for a few days and returned one night without notifying Mrs. Gunness. He found a man he now believes was Ray Lamphere in her company. He confessed to her that he had no money. She was incensed and told him to spend the night at her place. He went to bed, but was awakened and found the woman bending over him. He spoke and she ran out of the room. Greatly frightened, he did not close his eyes after that, and at daylight left the place.

"I will try to identify Ray Lamphere as the man I came upon at Mrs. Gunness' home," said Anderson. "Somehow I connect that man's presence with her visit to my room."

THINKS SHE IS IN CHICAGO

Emil Greening Describes Conditions at Gunness Farm.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 11.—Emil Greening knows the history of Mrs. Gunness and believes that she is now hiding in Chicago, where she is known to have had many friends.

"I believe the Gunness house claimed three victims a month during the time that I was there, but I had no knowledge of any of this," said Greening today. "There were 11 rooms in the house and there was a large cellar. She always kept whisky and it might be that she used dope in this, because I never heard a shot fired. There were pistols all over the place, at least a dozen watches and numerous pocketbooks scattered about."

VICTIM CAME FROM NORWAY

Youth Answered Marriage Advertisement; Has Disappeared.

CHRISTIANIA, May 11.—News of the wholesale murders at La Porte, which has been received here, has caused a great sensation. It is believed that one of the victims was Olaf Jensen, about 23 years of age, who left Christiania two years ago, attracted by Mrs. Gunness' marriage advertisements. He has not been heard from since and all inquiries by friends here have been fruitless.

Tried to Poison Sorenson.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 11.—A man who asks to have his name withheld says he knew Mrs. Bella Gunness when she was the wife of a man named Sorenson, who ran a small grocery in Chicago and adds:

"I remember of one occasion when Sorenson was taken suddenly ill after dinner, and it was thought he would die. His relatives became suspicious that his wife had attempted to poison him, but nothing was ever done toward sifting the matter. "It was generally known in the neighborhood that she was of a degraded nature, and a woman of intense temper."

Woman May Be in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 11.—C. D. Burlingham, conductor on the Cleveland & Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, says he brought a woman here from Alliance, O., yesterday whom he believes to be Mrs. Bella Gunness. The police met the train at East Liverpool, but, although agreeing that the identification seemed complete, hesitated to arrest her on account of the mistake made at Syracuse, N. Y.

Not Children's Mother.

CHICAGO, May 11.—According to stories told today in the suburb of Austin, where Mrs. Gunness formerly lived, she was not the mother of any of the children who bore her name.

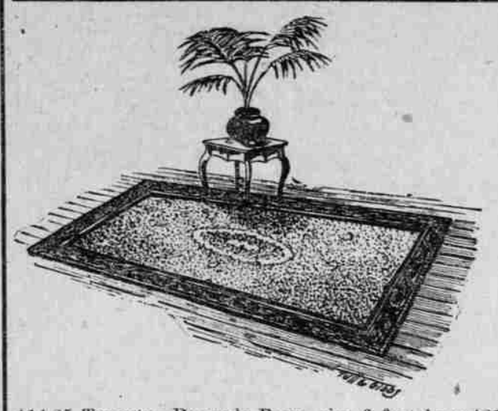
"Corners" May Be Tried.

CHICAGO, May 11.—Members of the Board of Trade today defeated a proposal to forbid the "cornering" of grain.

Rector Enters for Olympic Games.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 11.—James A. Rector, the Virginia athlete who broke the world's record in the 100-yard dash on Saturday, has reconsidered his decision not to enter the trials for the Olympic games and has entered.

SALE OF CARPET RUGS—ENDING TODAY IN THE CARPET DEPT. SIXTH FLOOR



Made up in our own carpet-cutting and sewing shops, from short ends of carpets that have accumulated during the past few months—these in every instance being equal to rugs of like weaves woven entire on the looms, and the patterns and colorings display many of this season's best and most popular effects. Do not overlook this opportunity for making selection of desirable floor-coverings. Sale ends today.

$14.25 Tapestry Brussels Rugs, size 6 feet by 8 feet 4 inches, for $9.90
$27.00 Axminster Rug, size 8 feet 3 inches by 8 feet 7 inches, for $18.00
$24.50 Bigelow Axminster Rug, size 6 feet 9 inches by 8 feet 8 inches, for $18.00
$25.00 Body Brussels Rug, size 8 feet 3 inches by 8 feet 3 inches, for $18.00
$31.00 Axminster Rug, size 8 feet 3 inches by 10 feet 6 inches, for $20.00
$27.50 Tapestry Brussels Rug, size 9 feet by 12 feet, for $20.00
$29.75 Body Brussels Rug, size 8 feet 3 inches by 10 feet, special $22.00
$31.00 Body Brussels Rug, size 8 feet 3 inches by 10 feet 6 inches, for $22.50
$31.50 Body Brussels Rug, size 8 feet 3 inches by 11 feet, for $23.50
$34.00 Extra Wilton Rug, size 8 feet 3 inches by 10 feet 6 inches, for $24.75
$34.00 Tapestry Brussels Rug, size 10 feet 6 inches by 12 feet, for $24.75
$32.00 Axminster Rug, size 10 feet 6 inches by 12 feet, for $24.75
$38.50 Body Brussels Rug, size 9 feet 9 inches by 12 feet, for $31.50
$46.00 Extra Wilton Rug, size 10 feet 6 inches by 11 feet 4 inches, for $34.00

SALE OF ODD PORTIERES ENDING TODAY IN THE DRAPERY DEPARTMENT

TULL & GIBBS
YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD — COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS — MAKE YOUR OWN TERMS

THE LADIES' RESTROOM ON THE BALCONY FREE PHONE AND OTHER CONVENIENCES

FIGHT OPIUM EVIL

Roosevelt Proposes United States Help China.

TAKE PART IN CONFERENCE

International Commission to Consider Measures to Abolish Traffic in Far East—All Nations Invited Accept Invitation.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The President today transmitted to Congress a letter from Secretary Root concerning the commencing at once of an investigation into the opium question in the Far East and recommending that Congress appropriate $20,000 for this country's participation therein. In his letter the President says:

In laying before Congress the accompanying letter from the Secretary of State, I heartily recommend that an appropriation be made as therein requested for the participation of the United States in the coming investigation of the opium question in the Far East by a joint international commission.

The cordial reception of this proposal by the governments concerned is a cause of gratification to the American Government and people. The high aim of this project, placing, as it does, the consideration of human welfare above all others, is a fine example of what is best in modern civilization and international good will and co-operation. Such an undertaking cannot but appeal most strongly to the American people and I am happy to lay before the Congress this opportunity to enable the United States to do its full share in the work.

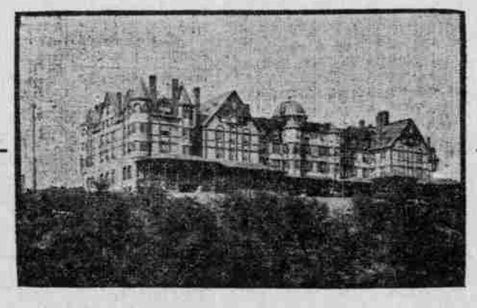
Secretary Root, in his letter to the President, reported that the Chinese government was ready in 1906 to make a serious effort to eradicate the opium evil and that the Department of State entered upon correspondence with the governments of Great Britain, France, Germany, Japan, The Netherlands and China to learn whether they would favor a joint investigation of this subject. The proposal of the United States has now been accepted by all the above-mentioned governments, and also in principle by the government of Portugal. Mr. Root says the governments have been invited to send their accredited representatives to Shanghai on January 1, 1909. The governments as a preliminary will investigate the opium question in all its aspects—moral and commercial—in their own countries.

Louisiana Goes for Taft.

NEW ORLEANS, May 11.—With instructions to vote for Secretary Taft, four delegates-at-large and alternates were today selected for the National Convention by the Republican State Convention. President Roosevelt's administration was indorsed. Pearl Wright, of New Orleans, was elected Republican National Committeeman for Louisiana for four years, succeeding himself.

La Grande, Or.—Failure to secure carriers has postponed free delivery of mail until August 1.

Swell tan shoes at Rosenthal's.



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The Coming of the Fleet

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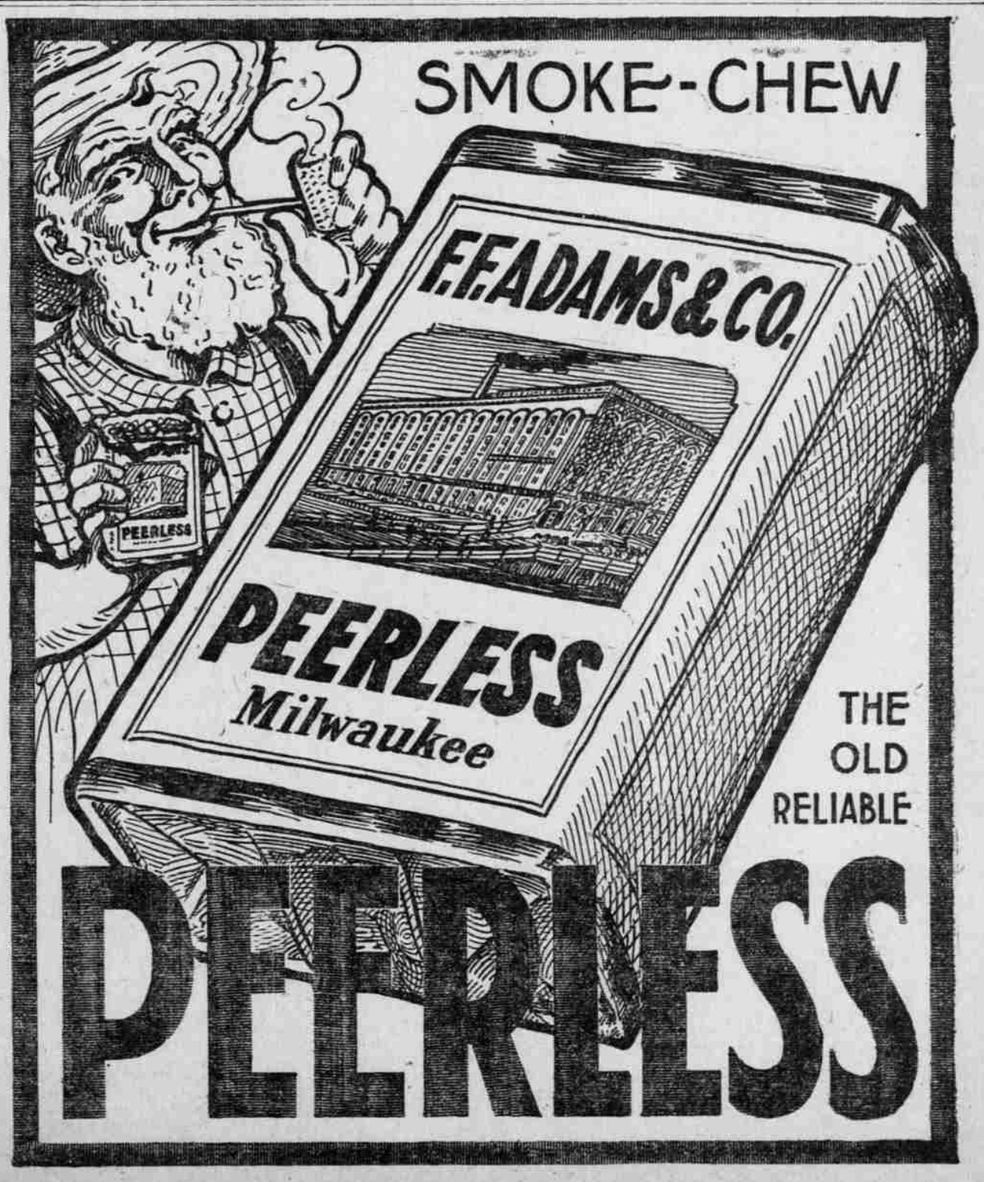
The fleet arrives and anchors outside Seattle Saturday afternoon, May 23, will arrive in Tacoma Harbor Wednesday, May 27, and remain until May 30. Many attractions are arranged for, including a grand fireworks display—illuminating the Bay and Grand Naval Parade.