

SO CALLED APPROPRIATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF SHIPS

Administration Proposes to Build Up Merchant Marine With Public Funds.

BOND SALE PROVIDED FOR

Vessels Would Be Used Chiefly in Foreign Trade With Especial Emphasis on Central and South America.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Comprehensive plans were mapped out by the Administration today for building up the American merchant marine with government money for the immediate purpose of transporting the products of the country to the warring nations of Europe and to South and Central America.

President Wilson, in consultation with Democratic leaders of the Senate and House, approved a project contemplating the expenditure of about \$25,000,000 for the purchase of ocean-going vessels, to be operated under the direction of a government shipping board in carrying on the foreign trade of the United States.

Insurance bill is presented. Government insurance of American ships and cargoes against the risks of war would be provided for by a bill submitted to Congress today after it had been approved by the President. The bill, another of the emergency measures designed to aid in moving exports, would create a temporary bureau of war risk insurance in the Treasury Department and would appropriate \$5,000,000 for the payment of losses and \$100,000 for the operation of the bureau.

The plans agreed on for the purchase by the Government of ships include the creation of a shipping board to be composed of the President, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of Commerce and the Postmaster-General, to have charge of securing the needed ships and fitting them out. It is proposed to use the ships mostly in the foreign trade, and it is the hope of the Administration that through this medium great impetus will be given to the trade with South and Central America.

Canal Bonds May Be Sold. The present plan is to secure the necessary money to carry out the project by the sale of Panama Canal bonds. It is expected by leaders that the venture will prove profitable, although the question of gain plays no part in the decision today. The necessity for moving the crops of this country is so pressing that extraordinary steps are decided on.

It is planned to organize a company similar to the Panama Railway Company, controlled by the Government, for the actual operation of the ships after they have been purchased. The President was in conference for several hours with Secretary McAdoo, Senators Clarke and Simmons and representatives of the shipping industry, discussing the entire shipping question. The war risk insurance bill was approved at the meeting. The President today said that it would be almost impossible to move the exports of this country unless the Government stepped in, and he finally gave his consent to the scheme.

Up to the present no offers to sell ships to the Government have been received, but it was the general opinion of the officials that it would be almost impossible to move the exports of this country unless the Government stepped in, and he finally gave his consent to the scheme.

Leaders to Hasten Action. Immediately after the conference today work was begun on the preparation of legislation. The President, the leaders of the Senate and House to bring about the completion of the movement as quickly as possible. There already is pending before the House naval affairs committee a bill by Representative Edmunds, of Pennsylvania, which would appropriate \$25,000,000 for the purchase or construction of a fleet of 20 vessels by the Government. Another bill of this character by Senator Newlands is pending in the Senate naval affairs committee.

Before the House naval affairs committee today Rear-Admiral Watt, chief of the bureau of construction of the Navy Department, discussed the type and size of vessels which would be used as trading ships and at the same time would be available as auxiliaries to the Navy. He said the ships should be of 10,000 to 12,000 tons displacement and should have a sustained speed of from 14 to 16 knots an hour. He added that the Navy needed 20 or 30 such ships for use in emergencies.

Much Grain at Terminals. Secretary McAdoo made public tonight figures on grain in port along the Gulf coast and the Atlantic seaboard, showing that nearly 50,000,000 bushels are either in terminal elevators or in transit and that few ships are loading. In New Orleans he said that there are 15,700,000 bushels, in Galveston 23,220,000 bushels, in New York 3,600,000, in New York 333,000 and in Boston 641,000.

Railroads have refused to accept further grain shipments to New Orleans and Galveston, and while at New Orleans six ships are loading grain, practically none of the grain at Galveston is being touched. Even if all these millions of bushels of grain were disposed of the Secretary thinks the situation will become acute again when the cotton crop is harvested and offered for shipment.

SAN FRANCISCANS LIKE LAW. Many Vessels Will Be Taken Under American Flag. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Thirty-three foreign vessels, owned and operated by San Francisco shipping firms and plying out of this port may change their flags for the Stars and Stripes. This number does not include many craft plying out of this port under foreign flags and under charter for short periods to local shipping firms.

Word was received by W. R. Grace & Co. from the New York office that several of their vessels will be put under the new American shipping law. This company has 12 freight steamers on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, two in the South American trade between San Francisco and New York. The company's ships now fly the British flag.

Shipping men of San Francisco are enthusiastic over the prospects for an increase of trade and a growth of the merchant marine and declare that the new Congressional legislation will fill a long felt want in the way of a larger and stronger merchant marine. All of the 33 foreign vessels now owned or operated by local shipping firms fly the British flag, but other vessels plying out of this port under

short term charters to local shippers are registered under various colors. It is believed here that many of them will also change the registry of their merchantmen.

Captain Isaac N. Hibbard, superintendent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and one of the best-known shipping men in San Francisco, is enthusiastic over the expected benefits from the act.

"The new ship registry law is a good one," said Stanley Dollar, of the Robert Dollar Steamship Company. "It is a wise measure, certainly it will help to increase our American merchant marine."

DRYS TO FIGHT LIQUOR TAX

Proposed Increase Arouses Methodist Temperance Society.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 19.—Asking them to unite in vigorous opposition to any effort to increase the Federal tax on liquors, a call was sent today to 17,000 pastors of Methodist churches in the United States from the office here of the general secretary of the Temperance Society of the Methodist Church.

"Any extension of this iniquitous participation in the profits of this vicious and inherently wicked trade will be fought to the last ditch by every church member who realizes its shame," said W. B. Dillard, general secretary. "Doubling the Federal tax on liquors will quadruple the difficulties now facing the Hobson-Shepherd prohibition amendment bill."

Officers of the society asserted that if it were not for the Federal revenue act the legalized liquor trade would have been abolished long ago.

RECALL PACT UNHEEDED

St. Helens Officials Decline to Change Road Plans.

ST. HELENS, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Good roads leaders of Hamilton and Clatsop counties say the recall action against County Judge Harris, Commissioners Fair and Fluhrer and County Attorney W. B. Dillard is making headway and that they will check it if the Commissioners and County Court pledge themselves to grant their requests concerning the Columbia highway bond fund.

The demand made on the County Court is that the \$55,000 intended to be used on the southern end of the county's roads be spent for road work in the north end.

The recall supporters set forth their peace terms in open meeting before the County Court yesterday. In reply the court said it would not consider a threat had been made and neither would it suggest that there are laws making it a grave offense to attempt to coerce a public official.

ALLAN R. STEPHENS DEAD

Oregon City Veteran Passes Suddenly at 74 Years of Age.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Allan R. Stephens, a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home at Maple Lane, near Oregon City, yesterday morning after an illness of only a few days.

The funeral will be held at the family residence at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic. Rev. W. T. Milliken will officiate.

Mr. Stephens was 74. All of his children were at his bedside except two, William B. Stephens, in California, and Lynn Stephens at Powell. The other children are: George and W. Stephens, F. A. Stephens, Mrs. Mollie Bofer, Mrs. Minnie Garil, Mrs. Eliza Neukirchner, of La Grande, and Mrs. Nellie McCarroll, of Lents.

GOTHAM HAS HOTTEST DAY

Man and Child Die From Heat and Many Are Prostrated.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—This was the hottest day of the year thus far in New York City. The mercury rose to 95 in official thermometers at 4 o'clock, and then dropped 12 degrees in two hours. Showers were promised for tomorrow and Friday.

A man and child died from the effects of the heat and there were many prostrations.

Washington Park to Hear Band. The municipal band concert programme at Washington Park tonight at 8 o'clock will be entirely a request programme, as follows: Grand march, "Danubius" (Wagner); waltz, "Blue Danube" (Strauss); overture, "William Tell" (Rossini); duet for flute and violin, "The Swan" (Chopin); march, "Salvatore" grand fantasia, "Faust" (Gounod); intermission. Part II: "Melody in F" (Rubenstein), scenes from "The Swan" (Chopin); "My Rosary" (Nevin); "Pilgrim's Chorus" (Godard); excerpts from "The Firefly" (Prinn). Friday concert at Peninsula Park.

ST. HELENS DISTRICT IN DANGER

ST. HELENS, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Forest fires are coming dangerously near farm houses in this vicinity. The fire that was barely warded off from Sherman Brook mill at West St. Helens two weeks ago, has taken life again and is threatening the farm of George Lambert, in land off from Columbia City. By constant watching and guarding by crews of men it is thought losses will be avoided.

INNERS AND WOMEN TRAGEDY, MEN WHO

House of Death in San Antonio Found, Say Federal Agent and Girls' Brother.

3 TRUNKS FIGURE IN CASE

Investigators Declare Home Revealed Acid Stains on Floor and Walls and That Letter Sent Has Been Traced.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—The veil of secrecy that hid the specific charge filed here against Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Innes, formerly of Portland, Or., was lifted today, the police revealing the complaint filed in the Justice Court by Marshall Nelms, brother of the missing women about whom the case centers. Mr. and Mrs. Innes are accused of killing Elois Nelms Dennis and Beatrice Nelms by administering poison to them. The charge embodied in an affidavit filed by the complainant is:

"Victor E. Innes and Mrs. Victor E. Innes, alias Mrs. Ida May Innes, alias Mrs. Margaret Mims, alias Mrs. M. M. Dillard, did, with malice aforethought, kill Elois Nelms, Dennis and Beatrice Nelms, by then and there administering poison."

Sisters' Movement Traced. The missing Nelms sisters, of Atlanta, were murdered in this city June 15, declared Marshall Nelms, brother of the women, and Robert L. Barnes, special agent in charge of the United States Department of Justice here. They say they have found the house in which the crime was committed.

Mr. Nelms and Mr. Barnes say Innes and Mrs. Innes met Mrs. Elois Nelms Dennis and Beatrice Nelms when they arrived here at 7:40 o'clock June 14, and accompanied the sisters to a house on Wilkins avenue. The following day, declared the investigators, the Inneses moved away from the house.

Acid stains were found about the floor and on the walls of the Wilkins-avenue home and the carpet had been partially removed recently. On the bedroom floor, a chemist, who made a test of the stains, said they were too strong to show presence of blood. Nelms says the women were strangled in the night and that their bodies were consumed by slack lime.

Innes is said to have had but one trunk when he moved into the house and three when he moved away. Stationery is Compared. A woman reported to the police here that she saw two women enter the house Innes had rented June 15, Nelms says one woman likely was his sister, Beatrice, who, he said, was under the spell of Innes. Beatrice, who had left urgent business in Atlanta to investigate the supposed Mexican land deal which Innes had said he had promoted for her sister, had become suspicious of Innes. Beatrice planned to demand the profits of the sale after consulting Courtland Lewis, a Houston attorney, and engaged him to look after her interests in a case in which she said she required to prosecute a certain man for fraud.

Innes and Mrs. Innes, says the brother of the missing women, spent half a day in a typewriter shop here writing a letter and Innes, he declares, purchased one envelope. The envelope and type of the letter sent to Mrs. Nelms from San Francisco tending her to return to her home in Atlanta, he said, are said by Nelms to be similar to specimens found in the supply house here.

"I am certain that the girls were murdered in San Antonio at the house I have visited," Mr. Nelms said. "This is by far the most important bit of evidence we have obtained, and it ties finally in my mind the question of the murder. I made a complete investigation, am certain that Bee and Elois went to the house on the night of June 14 and did not leave there alive."

INNES TO FIGHT TEXAS MEN John McCourt, Prisoner's Attorney, to Oppose Extradition. Victor E. Innes, now under arrest in Eugene in connection with the disappearance of Mrs. Elois Nelms Dennis and Miss Beatrice Nelms, will fight extradition to Texas, said his attorney, John McCourt, yesterday.

"I talked with Mr. Innes this morning," said Mr. McCourt, "and he didn't have much to say except that he wanted to fight extradition. He said he would fight the whole affair."

Mr. McCourt said he did not know what grounds extradition would be fought and would not know until the papers arrive. This may take five days.

"Until then I will not go to Eugene unless there are developments which make it necessary," said Mr. McCourt. The fact that Portland Federal officers say they are making an investigation of the case throws new light on it. If murder were the only charge, he said, the Government would have nothing to do with the case, as murder is a state charge. Special Agent Pray of the Department of Justice now in Eugene. Government officials in Portland would not divulge the nature of the investigations being made.

It is declared there are only two or three charges which would warrant Federal investigation. Alleged violation of the Mann "white slave" act might be the cause of the Government investigations, or alleged misuse of the United States mail might be the basis as a letter figures prominently in the mysterious disappearance of the women Innes is accused of murdering.

GOVERNMENT MAY STEP IN. Portland Federal Official Says Other Charge Is Pending. EUGENE, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—That the United States Government is ready to prefer charges of violation of Federal statutes against Innes in case the State of Texas fails to hold or fails to convict Mr. and Mrs. Innes on charges of murder, is asserted by United States Deputy District Attorney Charles Pray, of Portland. At the very time of Innes' arrest last night by the state authorities the Government was preparing to file another charge against the former United States Deputy District Attorney, said Mr. Pray, who arrived in Eugene today with M. Fulton, a relative of the missing sisters.

Except for the formal arrest of Mrs. Innes, which probably will be made tomorrow, the next scene in the case against Innes will be staged in Salem, where Innes, through his attorney in

Portland, expects to fight the extradition papers now on the way to Salem in the hands of Texas officials. Should the case of the state fail, the Government may step in as outlined by Mr. Pray.

"If the state fails it is very possible that the Government will enter into the case," said Mr. Pray. Mr. Pray left today with Deputy Sheriff Elkins and a Government secret service man, who had the Innes under surveillance for a week at their home on the McKenzie. Their mission was kept secret.

"Whenever we are assured that these girls are dead, the Government has no further interest in the case," he said here only indirectly in the interest of the present action," said Mr. Pray before departing.

Mr. Pray was pleased upon his arrival here to learn that the warrant from Texas ordering the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Innes on charges of murder and kidnapping had been received. The receipt of this warrant by telegraph this morning crushed Innes' plans to open a legal battle in the Circuit Court here today, seeking his release on a habeas corpus proceeding.

Innes told the Sheriff today that he did not want to see anyone and refused to make any statement regarding his case. Sheriff Parker plans to leave tomorrow noon, accompanied by a physician, to place the Inneses under arrest. Her condition was said to have been serious today.

SURPRISES MARK TRIAL

REV. J. D. CROOKS, OF TROY, IDAHO, FACES MURDER CHARGE. Prosecutor Omits Opening Statement, Judge Bars Charged Complainant, Doctor's Testimony Weakens.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Aug. 19.—(Special.)—The opening day of the trial of Rev. J. D. Crooks, 64-year-old pastor of the South Methodist Church of Troy, Idaho, who is accused of murdering his wife, was replete with surprises. Judge Morgareidge rejected the amended complaint offered by the County Attorney, the prosecutor. Another surprise was the failure of the County Attorney to make an opening statement.

The third unexpected happening was an announcement by Frank L. Moore, attorney for the defense, that he had secured a confession from the defendant in the case went to prove that the minister did not kill his wife and that death was due to heart disease, from which Mrs. Crooks was a constant sufferer. Still another surprise came when Dr. J. F. McCall, a Troy physician, testified, after two hours of cross-examination, that depressions on the neck of the woman said to have been murdered might have been made by the undertaker in embalming the body.

Dr. McCall was the first of a dozen witnesses to be called by the state. This physician was called when Mrs. Crooks was found dead in her home August 1 and later was called to examine the body after exhumation in Spokane. He said his first impression was that death was due to natural causes and that further examination led him to believe that "manual strangulation" killed the woman.

Mrs. Gates, a neighbor of the Crooks, was on the stand when court adjourned until tomorrow morning. The trial in the District Court. Great crowds attended the hearing today, persons coming from miles around to hear the testimony. It is expected the trial will be completed and in the hands of the jury by Saturday night.

DEPEW STRANDED IN RAIN

EX-SENATOR SITS ON FLATCAR NINE HOURS AT DIEPPE.

Theodore P. Shonts Left at Carlsbad by James R. Patten, Who Reported Exciting Experiences. NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Several prominent Americans met with exciting experiences in Europe, immediately following the outbreak of war, according to reports brought back by passengers who arrived here on the Finland.

Ulrich Eck, of this city, said that at Dieppe he saw Chauncey M. Depew sitting on a flatcar in a downpour of rain from 10 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

James A. Patten, of Chicago, and his wife were among the arrivals. Mr. Patten, who was in the city for a week, was forced to lie in a ditch, between Verriers and Liese, while a Belgian force fired over them during a skirmish with German soldiers.

Other passengers on board the Finland said that Mr. Patten had bought steamship tickets for nine stranded Americans in connection with the war. Mr. Patten said that among the Americans left in Carlsbad were Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, and Rev. F. C. Elast, of Germantown, Kan., whose mother and sister are natives of Liese, served a short time as a prisoner of war.

While he was thus engaged Berlin officers visited his mother and sister and demanded his arrest, characterizing him as a spy. He denied that he was a spy and was able to explain and obtain their release.

ROCKY POINT FIRE QUILTS

Sheriff Word Returns After Fighting Blaze With Prisoners.

After fighting a forest fire at Rocky Point, nine miles north of Linnton, for six hours yesterday, Sheriff Word, and his Sheriffs Wise and Curtis, with 20 prisoners from Kely Butte, returned to Portland last night. The flames are at least temporarily under control, reports Sheriff Word. The fire, Mr. Word said, leaped as high as 75 feet from one tree to another, and falling trees made the fire-fighting dangerous, as an American priest, turned yesterday was logged-off land. Three donkey engines were deserted at the outskirts of the forest. The business men, who will visit Coos Bay about August 24. They will be taken to Shore Acres, the Cliff home of Mayor Simpson, of North Bend, partake of a sea-food dinner at Sunset Bay, inspect the factories and lumber mills and be honor guests at a reception at the Millcooms club in the evening.

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OFFICIAL REPORT ISSUED

After German Mine-Layer Koenig Luise Is Run Down and Men on Board Rescued, Amphion Goes Up as She Breaks in Twain.

LONDON, Aug. 19, 4:08 P. M.—Officers and men on the ill-fated British cruiser Amphion, which was sunk by a mine in the North Sea, as first reported last week, receive the highest commendation for their behavior in carrying out the orders of Captain Cecil Fox, according to the official report of the official information bureau issued here today. The report says "every order was obeyed promptly, without confusion or perturbation."

After describing how the Amphion and the third destroyer flotilla had proceeded to carry out a prearranged search for the mine, the report continues as follows: "A trawler informed them that she had seen a suspicious ship throwing things overboard. Shortly afterward the German mine layer Koenig Luise was sighted bearing east. Four destroyers gave chase and in about an hour's time she was rounded up and sunk."

German Are Picked Up. "After picking up the survivors of the German ship, the plan of search was carried out without incident until about past 3 in the morning. At this hour, as the Amphion on her return course was near the scene of the operations of the Koenig Luise, the course was altered to avoid the danger zone. This was successful until 6:30 A. M., at which hour the Amphion struck a mine.

"A sheet of flame instantly engulfed the bridge. The captain was rendered insensible and he fell to the fore-and-aft bridge. As soon as the captain recovered consciousness he rang the engine-room to stop the engines, which were still going at revolutions of 20 knots. As all the forward part of the Amphion was on fire, it was impossible to reach the bridge or flood the foremagazine.

"The ship's back appeared to be broken and she was already settling down by her bows. All efforts, therefore, were directed to placing the wounded in places of safety in case of an explosion, and in getting the cruiser in tow by the stern.

Men Follow Directions. "By the time the destroyers had closed in, it was clearly time to abandon the ship. The men fell in for this purpose with the same composure that marked their behavior throughout. All was done without hurry or confusion, and 20 minutes after the cruiser struck the mine, the men, the officers and, lastly, the captain, had left the ship.

"Three minutes after the captain had left another explosion occurred. This enveloped and blew up the entire fore part of the vessel.

"The effect of this showed the Amphion must have struck a second mine, which exploded the fore magazine. Debris falling from a great height into the rescue boats and the destroyers, and one of the Amphion's shells burst on the deck of one of the destroyers, killing two Englishmen and one German prisoner.

"The after part of the Amphion then began to settle quickly until its foremost section was at the bottom, and the whole after part was inclined to an angle of 45 degrees. In another quarter of an hour this also had disappeared.

"Captain Cecil Fox, of the Amphion, speaks in high terms of the behavior of his officers and men throughout. Every order was promptly obeyed without confusion or perturbation."

M'REYNOLDS IS NAMED

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS PLEDGE EARLY CONFIRMATION. Opposition on Part of Progressive Republicans to Selection for Supreme Court Expected.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—President Wilson today nominated James C. McReynolds, now Attorney-General, as Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and Thomas Watt Gregory, of Texas, to succeed Mr. McReynolds as Attorney-General.

No Democratic opposition to the nomination of Mr. McReynolds is looked for in the Senate. Administration leaders confidently predicting early confirmation. The Judiciary committee, to which the nomination was referred, will meet Monday.

Mr. Gregory's appointment as Attorney-General also will be passed on by the Judiciary committee. Opposition to Mr. McReynolds is expected from the Progressive Republicans.

Postmaster's Brother Dies in West. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—The death of Frank Van Denburg, of Litchfield, Mich., occurred at the home of his brother, Postmaster C. H. Van Denburg, in this city early Tuesday morning. Mr. Van Denburg had been ill for nearly a year and a half and had come west to see his brother, realizing that he had no chance for recovery. Mr. Van Denburg was the eldest of four brothers and two sisters, all of whom survive him, was in his 69th year. He was unmarried.

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