

## DRAFT OF SHIPPING BILL IS PREPARED

Appropriation of \$50,000,000 to Build Merchant Vessels Is Contemplated.

## NAVAL PHASE SECONDARY

New Feature Is That Government Shall Own Stock Only in Event That Private Capital Is Not Subscribed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Creation of a Federal board with jurisdiction over water traffic, similar to that exercised over railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and an appropriation by Congress of \$50,000,000 for construction of merchant ships designed for use as naval auxiliaries, are proposed in a new shipping bill drafted after conferences between Secretary McKee and Senator Lodge, chairman of the House merchant marine committee.

From this draft will be developed the Administration shipping measure to take the place of the bill which failed of passage at the last session of Congress after a long and bitter fight.

**Government Participation Tentative.**  
The old bill contemplated a shipping board with powers limited to control of the capital stock of which the Government was to hold. The new one provides for the idea of Government ownership of ships, only in the event the \$50,000,000 is not subscribed. With the \$50,000,000, it is proposed that the Government shall have built, in American yards, if possible, vessels having aggregate gross tonnage of 400,000 or 500,000, to be leased or sold to corporations, the entire stock of which would be offered for public subscription.

All such contracts would contain provision for making the vessels available for naval use in time of emergency.

**Naval Features Secondary.**  
Solicitor Thurman, of the Department of Commerce, who put the draft into legal shape, says today, however, that the naval features had been made secondary in importance.

"The bill aims," he said, "to provide a merchant marine and auxiliary, not a naval reserve."

The shipping board would have powers wide enough to require regular and reliable service at equitable rates for passengers and freight and to prevent discrimination in favor of selected shippers. It would be authorized to act in conjunction with the Interstate Commerce Commission in arranging for through bills of lading.

After the new bill has been passed and reviewed by Administration leaders, it will go to President Wilson for final approval.

## MARION CORN IS SHOWN

Jersey Cattle Club Probably Will Be Formed by Breeders.

SARASOTA, Fla., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—With displays from the Alameda, Aurora, Mount Angel, Silverton and Woodburn corn exhibitions recently held, and exhibits from Marion and Polk counties, the Marion County corn and potato show opened here today. The show will continue until Saturday.

Several hundred bushels of the best corn raised in this section are on display and excellent exhibits of potatoes are shown. Cash prizes for the best exhibits are offered by Salem banks. Attendance today was large.

Judging of the exhibits will begin tomorrow. Portions of this section in attendance on the show plan to meet here Friday and organize a Marion County Jersey Cattle Club.

## BOOZE WITNESS QUALIFIES

"I've Bought a Lot at 10 Cents a Shot" Convinces Judge.

An expert on whisky qualified himself as such from the witness stand in Circuit Judge Davis' court yesterday. Sidney Zetoch was suing B. Zetoch as a result of the closing of a Zetoch-street saloon.

George Johnson, a drayman, was on the witness stand. He testified that Zetoch, started to question Johnson about the liquor remaining in the saloon.

"You've had some experience with whisky, haven't you?" asked Mr. Leach. "I've bought a lot of it at 10 cents a shot over the bar," was the reply. "That qualifies you, I think," remarked Judge Davis dryly. "You may testify."

## CHAMBER PROTEST AVAILS

Council Delays Action on Fire Safety Measures.

Resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce against the proposed ordinance requiring the installation of automatic sprinkler systems in basements of all non-fireproof buildings in Portland, and asking for a delay in the passage of the proposed ordinance to require automatic fire shuttles in all buildings, resulted in the Council yesterday putting off passage of both ordinances until December 17, when a public hearing will be held.

The Chamber of Commerce has appeared in open opposition to the sprinkler system ordinance, contending that it will require the installation of expensive equipment in buildings which cannot stand such a cost.

## EFFICIENCY CODE KILLED

City Commission Puts Final Quietness on the Measure.

City employees are now relieved of the old efficiency code brought here by the New York Bureau of Municipal Research and are subject to a new-fangled efficiency system compiled by members of the City Council.

The Council yesterday cast the New York system into the waste basket as a failure and established the new system. It was done by an ordinance passed with an emergency clause attached.

The discarded system required the head of each department to make a report each month on the work of each employee under him, giving demerit marks for inefficiency and infractions of rules and merit marks for meritorious service. The question of merit and demerit was left to the discretion of the head of the department and the marks were considered the basis of promotions or demotions.

The new system provides that when an employee is inefficient or violates the rules of the department a report of all the circumstances shall be made to the Civil Service Board which body will investigate and give demerit recommendations as to be made as to merit marks in the same way. Employees will have the privilege of appearing before the Board to dispute the statements made in letters submitted to the Board for giving of demerits.

Only in cases of merits or demerits for services will any record be kept of the efficiency of the employee. Normal work will not subject the employee either to merits or demerits. Such increases never were given. Under the new system a provision prevents automatic increases.

## FLAX DAMAGE IS SMALL

EXPERT HARTMAN SAYS RAIN HAS INJURED BUT THREE TONS.

Previous Statement Based on Report Made by Eugene House—Political Spite Alleged.

SARASOTA, Fla., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Thorough inspection by Fred Hartman, flax expert, of the 50 tons of flax straw now being retted by the state on land two miles south of the penitentiary indicates that not to exceed three tons have been damaged by rain. Mr. Hartman, who lives on the W. J. Irwin place adjoining the flax field, declared he had made no inspection of the flax until today, and statements in which he was quoted as saying the greater part of the state's straw was ruined, he said, had been made to him by Eugene House.

"Until today I had taken no special interest in the progress of the flax work," said Mr. Hartman, "but since last Sunday I have been besieged by persons apparently anxious for me to say the flax was spoiled. It begins to look like political spite. I have to grind, so today I looked over the flax and dried out some of it which Mr. House has spoiled."

"You can see for yourself," continued Mr. Hartman, exhibiting two bundles, "that this is fine straw. It does not break into pieces as it would were it damaged by the rain. If they would leave Mr. Cady alone, I am sure the state would reap a profit."

"When the Portland reporter questioned me, I was only telling him what Mr. House had told me concerning the condition of the flax. Now that I have seen it over I am sure Mr. House was wrong and hasty in his conclusions."

"I was born in Southern Oregon and until I was past 20 raised flax. I know enough about it to tell if it were injured. I think Mr. House has a personal grudge against Mr. Cady because he took his son-in-law's place, and that is why he is telling everyone that the flax is injured."

## PEACE TERMS DEMANDED

SOCIALISTS DECIDE ON INTERPELLATION OF REICHSSTAG.

Liebknecht Also Wants to Know Whether Government Is Prepared to Abandon Secret Diplomacy.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 2.—The Vorwarts, the organ of the Social Democratic party, announces that the Social Democrats in the Reichstag have determined to put the following interpellation in a body at the next session:

"Is the Imperial Chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions under which he would be willing to enter into peace negotiations?"

A more detailed and searching inquiry as to the government's attitude respecting peace was defeated by a vote of 58 to 42.

The Vorwarts, in commenting on the subject, says:

"What we demand is a definite expression of the Social Democrats' peace demands and a clear answer from the government."

## F. S. STRATTON SUICIDE

TRAGEDY IS OUTCOME OF BREAKDOWN OF EX-COLLECTOR.

Attorney in Land Fraud Cases Found Dead Near Home in California With Bullet Wound in Head.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—The body of Frederick S. Stratton, ex-collector of the port here, was brought to the morgue here today. Mr. Stratton was found dead yesterday near his home in Pleasanton, Alameda County, shot through the head, suicide being indicated by the head, suicide being indicated by the head.

Mr. Stratton suffered a nervous breakdown last April and was taken for treatment to a sanitarium at Livermore, Cal., where he had been undergoing treatment ever since. For the last few months he had been dividing his time between the United States and his ranch at Alamo, in Contra Costa County.

He left the sanitarium today for his ranch at Pleasanton he visited a hardware store and tried to buy a revolver, but it was refused him on account of the rambling explanation he gave. He was successful at another store, where Mr. Stratton was born in Oakland, Cal., in 1859 and was regarded as one of California's leading lawyers. He was well known, however, as collector of the Port of San Francisco, a post he held from 1909 to 1913. He was also a claimant in the case of the French spoliation claims cases and the Benson land-fraud case.

Shortly before his breakdown Mr. Stratton's engagement to the widow of the late William Dargie, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, was announced. The date of the wedding was announced, the guests were invited and the wedding party gathered, but at the last minute it was discovered that Mrs. Dargie was out of town. It was after this that Mr. Stratton was taken to the sanitarium.

## ALL DIE WHO MIGHT CLEAR UP MYSTERY

Du Pont Company Denies It Attributes Explosion to Outside Interference.

## WARNINGS NEVER POSTED

Official List of Victims Numbers 30 and Another Workman Is Missing—Washington Is on Watch for Developments.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 1.—Nothing developed today that would throw any light on the cause of yesterday's explosion at the Du Pont black powder plant near here. Officials of the Du Pont company, after an all-day investigation by a large force of detectives, denied the disaster was the work of an outside agency.

An official statement, issued tonight, said:

"We have no ground to suspect the explosion was the result of anything other than an accident. The whole thing is shrouded in mystery. Unfortunately, those who might have knowledge of the cause are dead. Many sensational rumors have been current, but all are groundless as far as our information goes."

**Warnings Placards Denied.**  
"No placards giving warning or planned explosions were posted at Carney's Point, N. J., or along the Brandywine Creek here. Neither was an electric wire discovered leading to the plant from the opposite side of the creek, as was reported. The company has no reason to place any credence in reports that the disaster was the deliberate work of any one inside or outside the works."

Although a revised list of the dead placed the number at 30, it was learned tonight that Patrick Donahue, another workman, has not been seen since the disaster and it is feared he was killed.

**Fragments of Bodies Identified.**  
At an undertaker's establishment this morning relatives of the victims sorted the human fragments seeking some mark of identification and 11 of them were identified by shreds of clothing. These fragments will be buried as though the bodies were intact, while the unidentified dead will be interred in a single casket.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Although officials here are watching with interest for developments in connection with the explosion in the DuPont Powder Works at Wilmington, no action in regard to the tragedy has been ordered by the Department of Justice. Assistant Attorney-General Warren, explained tonight that under the general instructions to agents of the bureau might inquire into the explosion and submit information gathered to the proper Federal or state authorities.

## MRS. MUNGER WINS DECREE

Thomas H. Tongue, Jr., Attorney for Sister on Non-Support Charge.

Mrs. Florence T. Munger, formerly Miss Florence Tongue, of Hillsboro, was divorced from Henry McElroy Munger by Circuit Judge Morris yesterday. Mrs. Munger put in no appearance at the hearing, and the divorce, with \$100 a month alimony, went by default.

Munger is a civil engineer and contractor and lately has been engaged in work on the Columbia River Highway in Hood River County. He married Miss Tongue March 25, 1909. They have two children.

Mrs. Munger testified that Mr. Munger has not supported her for the past eight months and that she has been living with her mother, Mrs. Margaret E. Tongue, who appeared as her witness. Her brother, Thomas H. Tongue, Jr., was her attorney.

## ALBANY SOCIETY FORMED

Permanent Organization Is Effected and Officers Chosen.

Former residents of Albany now living in Portland formed a permanent organization to be known as the Albany Society at a meeting held Tuesday night at the Women of the World Hall, corner of Alder and Eleventh streets.

Organization, meetings are to be held twice a year, once in November and once in July, the latter gathering to be a banquet picnic.

Officers chosen to head the new organization are: Mrs. J. L. Gilchrist, president; Mrs. Sarah Benton, vice-president; Mrs. Alice Pennington, secretary, and Mrs. T. Wandell, treasurer.

The committee on permanent organization consisted of H. L. Taylor, chairman; Mrs. J. L. Gilchrist and Mrs. Alice Pennington Richards.

## FLOWER EXCHANGE STARTS

Sellwood Rose and Floral Society Hears Dahlia Lecture.

"I expect to see the dahlia become as popular in Portland and Oregon as the rose, and become as much cultivated," said Judge E. V. Littlefield in an address before the Sellwood Rose and Floral Society Tuesday night, at a meeting held in the Sellwood Y. M. C. A. building.

Judge Littlefield gave the history of the dahlia, which he said was first found in its wild state in Mexico and was carried to Spain and to Europe, where it was developed in the sixteenth century.

After the address the society decided to start a flower exchange in Sellwood, so that those having bulbs or flowers of any sort may exchange with their neighbors. Mrs. W. D. Palmer, the secretary, will act as exchange agent.

## 3 SETS OF PLANS ON WAY

Portland's Auditorium Sketches Mailed to Reach Here Saturday.

Three complete sets of working plans of Portland's Auditorium were mailed to Commissioner Baker by the architect, Fredlander & Seymour, on Tuesday, according to a telegram received yesterday by Commissioner Baker. The plans should arrive in Portland about Saturday.

Mr. Baker says that immediately upon receipt of the plans they will be checked over and steps taken to get bids for the general contract. Mr. Baker hopes to have the building under way soon after January 1.



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Thousands of Novelties Are Here and Ready

- Sewing Bag \$3.45**—Of soft fine-grain leather, daintily lined with satin, completely fitted with large assortment of thread, needles, pins, pin cushion, scissors and thimble.
- Poker Set \$6.00**—Poker set in revolving polished oak stand, having 200 large chips, two decks of cards—has ring handle and leather cover.
- Handkerchief Case \$2.75**—Of genuine pigskin, silk lined.
- Glove Cases at \$5.00**—Ties, gloves and handkerchief cases combined, of leather, silk lined.
- Writing Case for \$2.25**—Of fine cross-grain leather in red, blue or green, containing tablet, envelopes, address and stamp book.
- Woman's Traveling Case \$5.50**—Of good quality leather, fitted with ivory mirror, brush, comb, toothbrush holder, soap box, cream jar, buttonhook, nail file and scissors.
- Alligator Bag at \$7.50**—In two-piece style, trimmed with claws, leather lined.
- Pin Seal Bag \$2.95**—Genuine pin seal bag in oval shape with set-in bottom, silk lined, hinged-in coin purse, hanging mirror.
- Traveling Case \$6.00**—Leather case, rubber lined, containing rubber basin, soap box, rubber pocket, wash cloth.
- Military Brushes in Case \$6.00**—Ivory military brushes in genuine seal case.
- Collar Bags \$4.00**—Of fine grain sapphire, fitted with scissors, thread, pins, buttons, shoe horn and buttonhook.



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## ONE CHARGE FALLS

New Haven Men Innocent of Port Chester Court.

## CANADA PHASE TAKEN UP

Case Now Hinges on Proof That Grand Trunk Abandoned Extension of Competing Line in Pursuance of Compact.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—William Rockefeller and his 16 co-defendants, accused as one-time directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, of criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, were declared innocent today of one of the principal charges preferred against them by the Government. This was the alleged unlawful acquisition in 1907 of the New York, West Chester & Boston Railway Company, a line with a New York charter, but which the Government charges was bought by the New Haven to prevent its extension in New England as a competitor.

Centralia Hears Visitors.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—An all-day meeting was held at the local Christian Church today. The speakers included Mrs. Lottie P. Shotwell and J. W. Baker, both of Seattle, and Professor F. E. Billington, of Spokane.

## 18 POUNDS OF BLOOD

is the average quantity in a healthy adult, but it is the quality of the blood that determines our strength to resist sickness. With weak blood we find cold hands and chilly feet; in children an aversion to study, and in adults rheumatic tendencies.

In changing seasons get abundant fresh air and take a spoonful of Scott's Emulsion after meals, because Scott's Emulsion is a rich blood-food that will increase both quantity and quality of the blood while it warms the body and helps carry off the impurities.

When multitudes of people are today taking Scott's Emulsion to avert winter sickness, and are giving it to their children, it is careless to neglect its merits. Look out for substitutes.

Scott & Bower, Bloomfield, N. J.

## FORTUNE IS LEFT "LIFER"

Convict Is 90 Now and May Be Pardoned Shortly.

MARINETTE, Wis., Nov. 23.—A report has been received by officials in this city that the British Ambassador at Washington has interested himself in the case of Thomas Maxwell, now serving his 44th year for a murder committed in 1872.

He was convicted of murdering Walter Foster in an altercation over a woman and given a life sentence, and for many years has been a trusty in Waupun. He is now nearly 90. It is reported relatives have died in England and left him a large fortune. His parole will be asked.

## Don't Put Off Getting That XMAS VICTROLA

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and then on the easiest payment plan of \$1 a week until the machine is paid for. Easiest terms in the city.

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