

## SHIPYARD RELEASE PROPOSAL PUSHED

### Bill Unshackling Builders Gets Good Start.

## SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Measure Read and Within Five Minutes Approved.

## COAST CONDITIONS CITED

### Shipping Board Under Terms Is Received of All Authority—Private Contracts Made Possible.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 5.—Just five minutes after Senator Jones of Washington read his bill taking away from the shipping board all authority over American shipbuilders in accepting ship construction contracts for foreign or domestic account, the measure was reported favorably to the senate by the committee on commerce today. The motion to report it with an amendment was made by Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota, and it was seconded by a chorus of voices, including Senators Chamberlain and McNary of Oregon, Lenroot of Wisconsin, Fletcher of Florida and Ransdell of Louisiana.

At the same meeting it was agreed that hearings shall start next Tuesday before the commerce committee on a bill to formulate a general shipping policy.

**Caution Urged by Some.**

After a favorable report on the Jones bill there was some disposition on the part of one or two administration senators, especially Kirby of Arkansas and Simmons of North Carolina, to question the movement to curtail the authority of the shipping board, and Senator Harding of Ohio expressed the belief that the matter should be handled cautiously until the peace treaty is out of the way.

The Ohio senator said that abridging the authority of the shipping board might produce some chaos in the shipbuilding industry. The suggestion received no endorsement. He remarked that the passage of the Jones bill amounted almost to taking all shipbuilding, except the government's own programs, from the jurisdiction of the board.

**Chamberlain Retort Elicited.**

The remark brought the quick retort from Senator Chamberlain: "Well, that would not be a calamity, would it?" Senator Chamberlain then said he felt that congress must soon remove all shipbuilding from the jurisdiction of the shipping board anyway. Senator Harding, however, it must be understood, was not unfriendly to taking prompt action to free the shipbuilding industry in such a way that it can proceed to keep itself alive by the acceptance of foreign contracts.

The "dog in the manger" policy of the shipping board in cancelling permanent contracts held by Pacific coast shipbuilders and then allowing them to accept no business from foreign concerns was criticized by several senators, including Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, who said that congress has a responsibility in keeping several thousand shipyard workers employed.

**Const. Conditions Cited.**

Senator Lenroot told of his observations on the Pacific coast three weeks ago. He said the shipping board had paralyzed the industry out there and by its policy was destroying it.

Only one change was made in the Jones bill and that was an amendment by Senator Nelson of Minnesota accepting alien enemy countries from patenting American shipyards when the ban is lifted. The committee felt that there was no necessity for this amendment but inserted it to meet possible objections from administration leaders in the house.

**Spruce Inquiry Ordered.**

Investigation of the spruce production division of the war department, which operated exclusively in the northwest, will be made a part of the war department inquiry ordered by the house yesterday. It was ascertained today. A sub-committee of the Graham investigating committee will be dispatched to Portland, Or., and will hold hearings in that city as long as is necessary to get all the facts as to the cost of spruce production and other phases for the aircraft division of the army.

## "DRY" LAWS BEING FRAMED

### Measure to Prohibit Sale of Beverages Containing Any Alcohol.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Delegates attending the annual convention of the Anti-Saloon league of America were promised today by Senator Sheppard of Texas that sale of any beverage containing even a trace of alcohol would be prohibited by laws now being framed for enforcement of nationwide prohibition.

"We are not 2.75 per cent Americans," said Senator Sheppard, who made a plea, "not only for a saloonless America, but for a saloonless world."

Ben H. Spence, a Canadian temperance worker, prophesying that the temperance movement is due for a reaction, warned the convention that "some of the most tremendous battles are ahead."

## WESTERN UNION MEN OUT IN TEN STATES

### S. J. KONENKAMP SAYS GENERAL WIRE STRIKE LIKELY.

### Commercial Telegraphers Act in South in Sympathy With Operators at Atlanta.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Employees of the Western Union Telegraph company in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South and North Carolina, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and New Orleans, La., who are members of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, were ordered to go on strike immediately tonight by S. J. Koenekamp, president of that organization.

President Koenekamp said the strike order was issued in support of Atlanta telegraph and telephone operators who went out several days ago, and asserted it would unquestionably be followed by a nation-wide strike within a few days.

"I took the step immediately upon learning that Postmaster-General Burleson had ordered wires returned to the companies," Mr. Koenekamp asserted. Authority for it was extended by a strike vote taken some time ago, which has been held up to see if we could not negotiate a peaceable settlement.

It is very likely that the strike will also involve the Postal company, but that cannot be determined yet."

ATLANTA, Ga., June 5.—Mayor Key of Atlanta telegraphed today to Postmaster-General Burleson and S. J. Koenekamp, president of the telegraphers' union, asking creation of a local committee to arbitrate the strike. The walkout began Monday, when telephone operators affiliated with the telegraphers' union left work, claiming that Southern Bell company had discharged several employes for union activity.

LOS ANGELES, June 5.—Return of telegraph and telephone wires to private ownership, ordered today by Postmaster-General Burleson, may serve to alter and possibly deter a strike of electrical workers on the Pacific coast, it was intimated late today by R. E. Swayne, president of the Pacific coast district council International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Mr. Swayne would make no official statement before tomorrow.

## BUY COAL, SAYS GARFIELD

### People Are Advised to Lay in Winter Supplies Now.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Armed with the latest figures supplied him by the statistical expert, Dr. Harry A. Garfield, federal fuel administrator, today sounded another warning to "buy coal now."

"I do not think I would be doing my duty if I did not let the public know the situation. Only by buying now, so that the miners will have work and will continue to mine coal can a very serious situation be avoided, as I see it," he said.

Dr. Garfield is on his way to Walla Walla and Seattle for a brief stay.

## TERM ENDS, OTHER BEGINS

### Logan Billingsley Leaves Federal Prison for County Jail.

SEATTLE, June 5.—Logan Billingsley today began serving a county jail sentence of three months given him here nearly two years ago when he was convicted of violating the prohibition laws. Last night Billingsley was released from the federal penitentiary at McNeil's island after serving an 18 months sentence given after conviction on a whisky-smuggling charge.

## AUTO STRUCK BY AIRPLANE

### Flying Machine Is Wrecked in Attempt to Land; None Injured.

OMAHA, June 5.—An airplane, piloted by C. P. Mueller of San Antonio, which stopped here last night on its way from Chicago to Denver, was wrecked shortly before noon today when it struck an automobile while attempting a landing. Mueller was shaken up, but not injured. His companion, Harold Johnson of Denver, was not in the machine at the time of the accident.

## STRIKE IN PARIS GROWING

### Laundry Workers Go Out in City and Suburbs; Trains Running.

PARIS, June 5.—There was a further increase in the number of strikers in the Paris district today when the laundry workers' union declared a strike in Paris and the suburbs.

Transit facilities, however, were improved over yesterday, and more subway trains were running. The subway stations are still guarded by soldiers.

## EX-CAPTIVE OF REDS HOME

### Y. M. C. A. Worker Held for Month by Bolshevik Returns.

NEW YORK, June 5.—Merle B. Arnold, a Y. M. C. A. secretary, whose home is in Folk, Neb., arrived today from Siberia, where he was held a prisoner for more than a month by the bolsheviks.

He was captured when he ventured outside the American lines.

## STARVATION RULES INDIA

### Missionary Reports Crop Failure Causes Many Deaths.

NEW YORK, June 5.—Deaths are occurring in India in appalling numbers because of failure of the crops, according to Rev. R. A. Hume, a missionary for 42 years and who arrived here today. He brought a message from the viceroy to President Wilson.

## GOVERNMENT GIVES UP WIRE CONTROL

### Burleson Orders Return to Private Operation.

## PRESIDENT'S WISHES HEEDED

### Telegraph and Telephone Companies to Form Own Policies.

## RATE SCHEDULE TO STAY

### Officials Declare Decision Not Forced by Strike Threatened by Employees' Union.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Telegraph and telephone companies whose lines have been controlled and operated by the government since last August 1 were ordered tonight to resume immediate operations for their own account by Postmaster-General Burleson. The postoffice department, however, under terms of Mr. Burleson's order, retains a measure of control of the services, pending final legislative action by congress.

Regulations prohibiting discrimination against wire employes because of union affiliations, maintaining existing rates and charges and instructing companies to keep special accounts to facilitate cost settlement between themselves and the government are retained in effect under the order issued by the postmaster-general.

**President's Wishes Heeded.**

Mr. Burleson accompanied the order with a statement giving the reasons which impelled him to take the action. He asserted the president having recommended the return of the properties, the senate interstate commerce committee having indicated that immediate return was advisable and the house committee having through hearings, manifested a desire for action toward that end, he felt it his duty to return operative control to the various private owners.

Strikes threatened by telephone and telegraph employes' unions had no bearing on the department's action, officials said.

**Orders for Return Issued.**

"The president having recommended the return of the wire systems and the control of the owning companies with certain legislation designed to stabilize their operation," Mr. Burleson said, "and the senate committee having taken an action looking to their immediate return, and the house committee in its hearings on the proposed legislation having indicated concurrence in the return of the same to private ownership."

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## BOYCOTT SPREADING AMONG CHINA FOLK

### ANTI-JAPANESE MOVEMENT IS CAUSE OF PEKING STRIKE.

### Government Apparently Powerless to Restore Order; Officials Resign From High Posts.

PEKING, Wednesday, June 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The anti-Japanese boycott, which is being fostered by the national students' organization in Peking, is spreading throughout China.

The authorities are unable to check the movement, and the minister of education and the vice-minister have resigned.

Demonstrations were resumed today in Peking, where thousands of workmen are on strike. The university has been closed and converted into a military camp.

A mandate issued by the president yesterday ordering the students to return to their studies has not been obeyed.

## AMERICANS ARE RANSOMED

### Six Mexican Bandits Swing From Telegraph Poles in Sinaloa.

NOGALES, Ariz., June 5.—After being held in ransom five days by bandits, A. D. Ayte and H. Barton, American farmers in the state of Jalisco, were released today when the chamber of commerce of Ameca delivered \$2000 to the bandits.

"Passengers on the train arriving at the border last night from Mazatlan said they saw six Mexican bandits hanging from several telegraph poles alongside the rail-track at intervals between San Blas and Navojoa, in the state of Sinaloa.

## INSECTS LURED FOR MILES

### California Gas Fire Draws Millions of Winged Bugs.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., June 5.—Winging their way to death in a flaming torch 150 feet high, black clouds of grasshoppers and every variety of winged bug with a fondness for bright lights are making their way at night to the great gas well on fire on the west side of the oilfields of this county.

Towns and villages within a radius of 40 miles have been cleared of the insects, lured away from street lights by the distant flaming spectacle.

## ZION CITY INQUIRY ASKED

### Dowie's Successor Is Accused of Variety of Offenses.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 5.—The house this afternoon without a record vote adopted the report of the joint committee named to investigate Zion City, Ill., in which William Glenn Voliva is charged with conducting a banking business "when he is financially insolvent"; that he is obtaining money and property by practicing a confidence game; that he is illegally making use of the United States mails; and that he is guilty of other offenses.

## SENATE IS HEATED OVER TREATY LEAK

### Searching Investigation of Matter Demanded.

## HITCHCOCK BERATES CRITICS

### Lodge and Borah Statements Held Scandalous.

## OTHERS JOIN IN WRANGLE

### Torrid Debate Occupies Greater Part of Senate Session and No Vote Is Reached.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—In more than five hours of heated debate the senate ran the whole scale of issues involved in the peace treaty fight.

Starting with the controversy over publication of the treaty, the discussion drifted to principles of the treaty itself and of the league of nations, and before it was finished involved sharp charges of partisanship and politics from both sides of the chamber.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, senior democrat of the foreign relations committee, charged that Chairman Lodge and Senator Borah of Idaho had made an attack "of a most scandalous nature" on the president in their statements telling of copies of the unpublished treaty in New York. A searching investigation was demanded by the Nebraska senator.

**Lodge Favors Investigation.**

Senator Lodge replied there was nothing to conceal and that he would welcome investigation, which should include also the democratic state department. Senator Borah made a similar statement and then charged that there was a "conflict" between those backing the league to enforce peace, headed by former President Taft, and those who possess information as to what is in the treaty.

Tonight Acting Secretary Polk of the state department, took a hand in the controversy through issuance of a statement denying a declaration of Senator Lodge during the debate that the state department had told newspaper men financial sections of the treaty were in the hands of financial interests in New York.

**Hitchcock Has Backing.**

"As far as I know," said Mr. Polk in the first formal expression on the subject that has come from the department, "the copies of financial and reparations sections are not in the hands of unauthorized persons."

Meantime it became known that Senator Lodge had been visited by some subterranean upheaval or eruption.

## 'DAYLIGHT FIGHT' SHIFTED

### Repeat of Changed-Time Law to Be Sought Through Senate Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Advocates of repeal of the daylight saving law said today that their fight was to be shifted from the house to the senate, and that they were confident a rider would be attached to the agricultural appropriation bill in the senate providing for repeal of the daylight statute.

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IT SEEMS AS IF A GOOD WATCH DOG WOULD SAVE A LOT OF TROUBLE.



## SEATTLE IS ROCKED; CAUSE NOT SHOWN

### EARTHQUAKE OR HEAVY EXPLOSION APPARENT.

### Reports From All Over Town Tell of Heavy Shock Observed by Many Residents.

SEATTLE, June 5.—At 10:30 o'clock tonight reports from all over Seattle indicated that either a heavy earthquake shock had taken place or that some heavy explosions had caused buildings in the downtown and residence districts to shake.

## \$25,000 RILEY FUND LIKELY

### 'Just to Advertise Oregon' Movement Gets Sendoff at Big Club.

After Joseph P. Jaeger yesterday closed his short talk before the Progressive Business Men's club at the Benson Hotel a movement was started to raise a fund of \$25,000 to keep Frank Branch Riley, well-known lecturer and lawyer, in the east at least ten months a year, just to advertise Oregon and her scenery.

President Riggs of the club will name a committee to confer with Mr. Jaeger and his committee of the tourist association, and what Mr. Jaeger declares will be one of the best advertising movements Oregon could back will be on in earnest.

Mr. Jaeger said he is receiving daily letter after letter which lauds the wonderful work Mr. Riley is doing for Oregon.

## EX-JUSTICE DENIES BRIBE

### F. W. Henshaw Says No Money Taken to Influence Decision in Will Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—Frederick W. Henshaw, former associate justice of the state supreme court, before a notary public today under oath denied that he had accepted a bribe of \$10,000 or any other amount to influence any decision in the contest over the will of James G. Fair, former United States senator from Nevada.

Henshaw gave this testimony in answer to a court order in connection with a recent application filed here by Wesley Crothers, nephew of Fair, to reopen the will case on allegations that Henshaw as justice of the supreme court had accepted such a bribe to influence his decision.

## SIGNS POINT TO ERUPTION

### Hundreds of Dead Fish Probable Result of Undersea Upheaval.

JUNEAU, Alaska, June 5.—Belief that an undersea volcanic eruption probably occurred recently near Nakat inlet on the inside passage was expressed here when word was received by Collector of Customs John W. Troy from the deputy at Nakat stating that hundreds of dead fish recently were found floating on the waters near the canal.

The waters around the canal were very muddy, as if stirred up by some subterranean upheaval or eruption.

## Official Popular With Boys

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He was commissioned a captain in the national guard in 1914 and is considered one of the best-known officers among the old national guardsmen as well as being widely known and popular among the Oregon men who went overseas.

**Conditions Are Imposed.**

The new adjutant-general takes the place with the understanding that he is to report upon the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel White from the office. It was understood when Colonel White resigned as adjutant-general to enter the service of the United States army that his post here would be ready for him to return to in event he desired to take it. The understanding still holds good, Governor Olcott says.

"The appointment of Captain Stafrin was entirely unsolicited by him or any of his friends," said Governor Olcott in announcing the appointment. "In fact, it came as a complete surprise to him when I requested him to come to Salem and then asked him if he would accept the duties of the office."

The plan for the return of the adjutant-general's office to Salem is based largely on the question of economical administration.

**Expenses to Be Reduced.**

Colonel May, in his report when resigning as adjutant-general, pointed out the necessity of stringent reduction of expenses owing to the curtailed appropriation and the condition of the finances. He showed that he had reduced the expenses of the headquarters at Portland from \$156 in March to \$14 in May during his three months in the service. By the removal of the offices to Salem the retiring adjutant-general pointed out these expenses could be reduced still very materially, the one item of reduced rent alone meaning a considerable saving.

The offices were in Salem up until 1903, when they were removed to Portland. Major A. A. Hall, member of the general staff, who has had active charge of the detailed work in the office, will remain in that capacity and remove to Salem. His work there has been highly satisfactory, the executive files assert.

## DALLAS MAN NAMED ADJUTANT-GENERAL

### Captain Conrad Stafrin to Succeed Colonel May.

## OFFICES REMOVE TO SALEM

### New Guard Head Long Active in Army Circles.

## OVERSEA SERVICE IS TOLD

### Appointee Agrees to Relinquish Office Following Return of Lieutenant-Colonel White.

SALEM, Or., June 5.—(Special.)—Captain Conrad Stafrin of Dallas today was appointed adjutant-general of the national guard of Oregon to succeed Colonel John L. May, who resigned recently to return to his service with the Southern Pacific company. Governor Olcott announced that the appointment will become effective within a few days.

Simultaneously with this announcement the executive let it be known that the offices of the adjutant-general will be removed from Portland to Salem in the near future and that arrangements are well under a state of perfection to that end. The removal of the offices from Portland to Salem is in line with recommendations made by Adjutant-General May, when he was retiring, by a preceding adjutant-general in his report for 1914, and is approved by the incoming adjutant-general, Captain Stafrin.

**War Service Is Told.**

The new adjutant-general returned recently from overseas. He first became affiliated with the Oregon national guard at Dallas, where he has been a druggist for many years. His service with the guard started in 1908 and has continued ever since, excepting when he has been in the actual service of the United States. During the Mexican trouble he was on the border as captain of company L of Dallas with the old 2d Oregon regiment.

At the entrance of America into the great war he was in command of his company and went to France with the 12th infantry at the head of his company. Shortly after his arrival in France he was designated assistant-provost marshal, holding that post for seven months. After that company L was mobilized and he was sent to the training area as captain of his old company again. He was then transferred to company K of Woodburn and later to company M of Salem.

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Captain Stafrin also enlisted during the Spanish-American war in Nebraska, but never saw fighting during that war, being in a training camp until cessation of hostilities.