# VAST SHIP BOARD GRAFT IS CHARGED MANY HEADS IN ISLAND, GOV-

Loot Reported to Mount Well Up in Millions.

HIGHER-UPS FOUND CORRUPT

Bulk of Plunder.

BENSON REFUSES TO TALK

100-Page Survey Made Public by House Committee Which Is Conducting Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 9 .- (By the Associated Press.)-Corruption of employes and officials of the ship- tered and cajoled him, adding: ping board emergency fleet corporation, graft in purchasing supplies for, rchant ships, and the use of political or other influence in obtaining contracts for ship construction and the allocation of completed vessels to operating companies, are among charges made in a report submitted to the house committee on shipping board operations by A. M. Fisher and J. F. Richardson, former employes of the board.

Chairman Benson of the shipping board refused tonight to discuss the reports, declaring any statement he might make would be to the house committee, which is conducting its investigation of the board's opera-

The report was made public tonight mmittee of which Representative Walsh, republican, Massachusetts, is chairman. It covers more than 100 printed pages and deals exhaustively with many phases of shipping board operations as observed by committee's investigation over a period of more than a year.

Mr. Fisher, who formerly was con nected with the federal trade commis a newspaper man, was employed for several years in the board's department of investigation.

In presenting the report, Mr. Fisher subjects in connection with the downtown hotel today. board's operations. Among these were enumerated organization of the board. assumption of the diplomatic functions by board officials, enforcement of the new merchant marine act and evasions of the selective draft act.

Funds Recklessly Squandered.

phases of the board's activities, the report charged gross waste of government funds, improperly drawn confailure of some of the divisions to a week ago, he notified the secretary function properly.

Padding of payrolls by firms repairing shipping board vessels, ownfurnishing supplies to those craft at personal campaign statement. prices ranging anywhere from 40 to 50 per cent above wholesale costs, wholesale theft of supplies and equipment from ships and the loss of mil lions of dollars through improperly Lon A. Scott Elected to House secured loans, made to contractors building government vessels also were charged.

The investigators alleged that in companies incorporated by the con- Gordon Browning. tractors, "which bonds have since

been found to be worthless." Contractors Reap Harvests.

The charge also was made that in many cases shipbuilding plants which are going concerns are turned back to confractors as salvage propo sitions and the contractors thus reap | PORTLAND SOLDIER DEAD large profits at the expense of the fleet corporation."

Another allegation in the seport was that many of the firms helding construction contracts inaugurated liberty bond selling crusades in their plants and charged to ship construcsecured as the cost for selling the bonds. It was further charged that some cases the fleet corporation authorized contractors to take from 'their appropriated funds" sums to purchase liberty bonds and that subsequently in some cases the bonds were sold or hypothecated at a loss "for plant purpo as."

"They (the contractors) then put in a claim against the United States Legion Adjutants Approve Refusal shipping board emergency fleet corporation for the losses thus incurred." declared the report.

13.5 on Dollar for Stocks. .

and materials and stores, the report indorsed by department adjutants of alleged that it was "asserted by per- the American Legion who met here sons in position to know" that "the today. sale of the millions of dollars' worth Debs was convict (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.) the espionage act.

#### SHAKE-UP PROMISED IN SAMOAN INQUIRY

ensational Disclosures Following Suicide of Governor Terhune Said to Be Coming.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9 .- (Special.) - Many heads will fall before the navy department has finished with its investigation of affairs in American Samoa under the regime of Governor Warren J. Terhune, who sent a bullet through his breast on the

Mrs. Ives said that Governor Terhune was of a weak and vacillating disposition and that he permitted himself to be unduly influenced by several high ranking subordinates. These, she declared, are more to blame for the condition of affairs in Samoa than was the governor. Mrs. Ives declined to give their names but said the brunt of the official investigation would fall heavily upon then since Governor Terhune side-stepped responsibility by taking his own life.

greatest favors upon those who flat-"He was governor of Samoa and he and in repairing government owned every one under his jurisdiction. The out from morning until nightfall. natives feared and hated him. tim , uprisings were imminent."

FIRE CALL BARES MASH

When the fire department answered fire alarm from a residence at 996 three barrels of corn mash were hot weather. found. No one was in the house when the firemen arrived.

The alarm was turned in at 5:45 and the discovery of the mash was reported by the fire department to morning. At the Point Isabel lifethe police. Patrolmen Spaugh, Burk- saving station, three miles out, he hart, Huntington, Russell and Rubut slightly damaged by the fire, to investigate the contents of the basement. The police believe that when the occupants of the house found and sent the launch back to port to that the building was on fire, they left hurriedly. The police did not find the president-elect had planned to than they ever were and the volun- might personally return these visits

explained that it was designed to deal ders, 25, of Laredo, Tex., plunged in this afternoon. only with problems which could be Mexican dagger into her heart while

Garver refused to discuss their relations.

COSTS \$40,000

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 9 .- Bernard M. divisions of the board to co-operate support of the democratic party and efficiently, and the almost complete the league of nations in the election of state today.

Mr. Baruch wrote that he was not a candidate for public office in the ership by companies operating gov- recent election, and was not certain ernment vessels of stock in companies that the law required him to file a

REPUBLICAN IS VICTOR

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 9 .- An offiloaned money to contractors and ac- a majority of 638 votes and the viccepted as security bond issues by tory over his democratic opponent,

This fixes the political alignment of the Tennessee delegation in the next house of representatives on the face of the returns as five republicans and five democrats-a net republican gain of three members.

Peter B. Roth of Lents Reported

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 .- (The Oregonian News Bureau.)-Peter B. Roth tion 10 per cent of the money thus Thirteenth provisional guard company, died November 3 at Coblenz, Germany, the war department an-

nounced today. The soldier was a son of Valentine 5731 Eighty-seventh street,

and the money thus realized, used WILSON STAND INDORSED

# GIANT SEA FISH ESCAPES HARDING

Tarpon Sport Delights President-Elect.

LINE SNAPS; CATCH FREED

eve of a board inquiry. This is the Senator Goes Home Empty-Handed, Despite Bites.

SPENT ON WATER

Companions on Trip Describe Monster That Got Away as About Six Feet in Length.

POINT ISABEL, Tex., Nov. 9 .- (By the Associated Press.) - President-Elect Harding went tarpon fishing today, and although his prize catch got away after a 15-minute tussle, he It was the breaking of a troll line tangled in the wreckage of an old wharf that lost him his fight with

tarpon, described by his friends as measuring more than 6 feet. The line caught fast and snapped in two. Kelly street last night, very little fire home empty-handed, favored on the reason that the bakers are stocked at the time of his visit the presidentwas discovered, but in the basement first day of his vacation by clear, with high-priced flours which cannot elect to that exalted office.

> Senator Likes Sport. Mr. Harding set forth on the expedition shortly after 6 o'clock this

> a skiff and went to work. The fight with the tarpon took place soon afterward and when it was over he decided to make a day of it bring out his luncheon. Previously play a game of golf during the afteroon at the Brownsville country club.

kins of West Virginia, Harry M. CHICAGO Nov 9 .- Miss T. Sann | president-elect, also joined the party

Appearance Is Carefree. anything but that of a man worn out

## PRICE OF BREAD HERE | WILSON SENDS COLBY IS REDUCED ONE CENT

IS KEPT BY BAKERS.

Because of Getting Flour Supply on High Market.

The price of a loaf of bread will be cut 1 cent, effective Monday morning, would reduce the price of bread as soon as conditions permitted.

heavy losses. They said that in spite of this fact they had decided to lower the price because they felt that they should keep their pledge to the public. Beginning Monday the 17-cent loaf f bread will retail at 16 cents and

The bakers declared the losses would be caused by their stocks of zil, "and I can conceive of no worthhigh-priced flour. They called attention to the fact that during the war, out of 33,000 licensed bakers in the United States not one was convicted of profiteering and only a few were accused of it.

Wages, they maintained, are higher than ever before, and machinery, sales and delivery costs are higher than during the war.

The bakers denied that the reduction in the price of bread was made to stimulate the market in any sense. "Beginning Monday," reads the statement of the Master Bakers' asthe biggert fish he e.or had hooked, a sociation, "the retail price of bread will be reduced 1 cent. This reduction is being made voluntarily bepresident-elect's boat had pulled in cause the bakers collectively prom- guay, and at the time of his visit. close to shore, and the sea giant was ised the public that the price would showing signs of giving up when the be reduced just as soon as conditions made it possible to do so. A reduction He had several other bites, but came at this time is not justfied for the

be all used for periods ranging from three weeks to two months. As stand losses, some of them heavy losses, on the flour stocks now on forced bread up.

bread prices, the operating costs of cles of the western hemisphere. the baking industry are much higher tary price reduction now being made and I can conceive of no worthier ob-Brings the margin of profit down to jest to which I could dedicat my sion made a survey for the shipping sion made a survey for the shipping board as to record keeping systems.

GIRL COMMITS SUICIDE fishing trip today were F. E. Scobey however, will remain unless there is an advance in flour prices or someand R. B. Creager, his hosts here, an advance in flour prices or someand Senators Hale of Maine and Eloccur and that the bakers will be able of Brazil and Uruguay. to continue to give Portland and Ore-

## TO BRAZIL, URUGUAY PROMISE MADE DURING WAR VISITS OF PRESIDENTS OF RE-

PUBLICS TO BE REPAID. Heavy Losses Predicted for Many American Executive Expresses Re-

gret at Inability to Make South American Trip Himself.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 .- (By the Associated Press.) - President Wilson Portland bakers decided last night at announced tonight that he had dia meeting held in the Oregon building. department "on my behalf and in my rected Secretary Colby of the state price in keeping with the promise they made during the war that they would reduce the price of bread as to this country of the presidents of those republics." The president also Men on All Beats in City Are stead to visit Brazil and Uruguay in said he would be gratified if Mr. The bakers said that this reduction Colby took the opportunity to visit would mean that the majority of them Buenos Aires in response to a recent invitation

"It has long been my hope that I might personally return these visits," the president's statement, issued at the conclusion of today's cabinet meeting, said regarding the recent tours in this country of Presidents Brum of Uruguay and Pessoa of Braier object to which I could dedicate my time and strength; but I am pre vented from doing so and canno longer postpone the agreeable court esy of their reciprocation, which this country is strongly desirous of showing to the governments and peoples oth of Brazil and Uruguay."

The president's statement follows: "The history of the relations between the United States and the friendly republics in South America was marked in 1918 and 1919 by two incidents of the most agreeable character and outstanding significance. I refer to the visit to this country in August, 1918, of his excellency, Dr Baltasar Brum, now president of Uruminister of foreign affairs of his country, and in the year 1919 to the visit of his excellency, Dr. Epitaclo Pessoa, now president of Brazil and

"Both these visits called for the demonstrations on the part of the a result they must each individually people of the United States of the utmost cordiality and good will toward the distinguished visitors and the hand. They believe, however, that a friendly nations whom they reprereduction should be made at this time sented, and every thinking person in transferred from his motor launch to in keeping with the pledge given this country was impressed with the men. Police now working in when rising prices of raw products potency of such visits as instruments for cementing the sincere attachment "Although recent drops in flour and deepening the genuine intimacy prices have opened the way for lower between the self-governing democra-

"It has long been my hope that I

"I have, therefore, directed the sec gon bread of high quality at prices retary of state, on my behalf and in solved wholly by the shipping board talking to her ex-fiance, and ended The appearance of the president- which are the lowest on the Pacific my stead, to visit both Brazil and Uruguay and to extend to the peo "During the war there was not one ples of both these countries through

## WAR ON CRIME IN PORTLAND BEGUN

Better Policing of City Is Ordered by Mayor.

UNIFORMED FORCE INCREASED

Warned Against Neglect.

CURFEW TO BE ENFORCED

Effort to Rid Portland of Horde of Burglars Is Begun; Suspects to Be Watched.

With the determination of ridding whose nightly raids in residential sections have netted them thousands of yesterday injected himself into what is admittedly a demoralized condition in the police bureau and announced that he would demand immediate resulta.

At a meeting of all captains, lieutenants and sergeants at police head-quarters yesterday the mayor laid down the law 'n no uncertain terms "I am going to hold every captain,

lieutenant and sergeant immediately responsible for the men under them, said "Every man in the department must be on his toes. The first officer or man who is found to be neglecting his duty is going to b fired, and I don't care who I hit."

Uniformed Force to Increase. As the first step in the reorganiza tion of the department, Chief Jenkins will increase the number of uniform clothes will be put back in uniforms and given patrol duty. This will af-

and in the other divisions of the police bureau. Further withholding of news on the part of Captain of Inspectors Circle

will not be tolerated. "The public has a right to know what is going on in the way of crime and I insist that there shall be no shielding of reports of this characpostpone the agreeable courtesy of ter," the mayor said. "I believe it a return to present bread prices. It try is strongly desirous of showing the city to let the public know of RAINIER FOLK FEEL SHAKE Daugherty, a personal advisor of the is hoped that nothing of the sort will to the governments and peoples, both these burglaries. It will give them a chance to be on their guard."

Drivers Law to Be Enforced. The state law which prohibits a garage from renting an automobile to the conference that many of the people from their sleep. In some parts burglaries during the the last two of the city woodplies were thrown men who have rented automobiles other loose articles rattled. without drivers. A careful check on every garage is to be kept. This was to that of a week ago when a quantity

The mayor also announced that Persons in the country adjacent to there must be more co-operation be- | Rainler also report feeling the quake. tween the detective bureau and the uniform departments. Petty jeal cusies between these departments was INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS quite outside of the league for the given as one of the principal causes for this lack of harmony between

these two divisions.
"Every man on every beat must investigate every suspicious person and every suspicious automobile," the mayor ordered. "And every officer must be notified of any suspicious United States Red Cross man and two circumstance. If a crime is com- nurses stain by bolshevik cavalry.

Page 3. mitted in one part of the city every Britain has Ireland at bay, says Lloyd man on the police force must be notified immediately."

More Conferences Slated. Mayor Baker announced that the conference yesterday is the first of a series to be held with commanding officers of the police bureau. The next probably will be held next week,

at which time the mayor will be in

a position to know whether or not the police bureau is getting better Chief of Police Jenkins last night issued instructions to patrolmen on the north-end beats that the robbing of white persons by negro women must be stopped immediately. beries of this class are of a nightly occurrence, and the chief, in his instructions to Captains Harms and

Inskeep, insisted that the patrolmen

put an end to this form of crime.

The chief likewise served notic on 27 temporary policemen that they will be dismissed within the next few weeks. Thes are men who have been working pending civil service exami-nations. The men falled to pass the required tests and will be replaced during the month with men who met the requirements. "The eligible list is sufficiently

large enough for me to fill the places of these men." the chief said. "Some of those who failed to pass the civil service examinations are good men and I hate to lose them." Vigilance committees will be ap-

pointed by the mayor to assist the

police in suppressing the crime wave Suspicious Characters Hunted. The curfew law will be stringently inforced as a means of breaking up erime by minors. The "after hours" law will also be enforced as a means

Additional patrolmen have been transferred to the second night relief, under command of Police Captain Harms, and the automobile theft division, under command of Lieutenant Thatcher, has concentrated Its efforts, not alone on automobile (Concluded on Page 4, Column 1.)

custody.

### \$1,500,000 IS ASKED TO HALT ROBBERIES

O HOLDUPS IN ONE DAY IS PHILADELPHIA RECORD.

Automobiles and Motorcycles for Policemen Armed With Rifles Wanted to Aid Campaign.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 9 .-(Special.)-Fifty holdups in a single day have put the city officials on their mettle to cope with the orgy of ARTICLE 10 COUNTED DEAD on human life by the criminally in clined has increased the use of fire arms to an alarming extent by bur-glars and robbers when they meet bery epidemic, the police force has been confronted by an ever-increasing number of homicides. Many of

the latter remain unsolved. Determined to put an end to the Cortelyou, director of public safety. COURT IDEA PREDOMINANT perations of the lawless, George T has asked the city council for an ap-propriation of \$1,500,000 to employ men and purchase equipment for their

The money will be spent in the purchase of a fleet of higa-powered automobiles in which rmed with rifles will be stationed a strategical street intersections where they can best serve to halt motor bandits and where they will be or Portland of the horde of burglars. duty day and night. In addition to this, it is planned to purchase 150 side-car motorcycles and to have dollars in valued loot, Mayor Baker riflemen in the side cars. These will be an auxiliary to the motorcycle force already serving.

An extra force of 1000 uniformed policemen also is needed, but the budget of the police department will permit of only 250 more being added to the force, and further to augment the numbers at his disposal, Director Cortelyou will order every clerk in the police bureau into uniform for street duty and the department will

AGED PORTLANDERS WED

Dexter Buell, 83, Marries Mary Lee at Vancouver. VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 9 .-

Special.)-Dexter Buell, 83 years old and as spry as the proverbial cricket, today again went to the altar, and same end. took as his bride Mary L Lee, who said she was of legal age, but who looked but slightly younger than her

When Mr. Buell entered the office of the county auditor, he was so exuberant that he danced a jig to show the astonished spectators that he was still young. His son, F. I. the league that Wilson would have Buell, acted as witness for the couple. and the league the republicans would Their home will be 4822 Seventythird street, Southeast, Portland.

People Aroused From Sleep and

Woodpiles Overthrown. RAINIER, Or., Nov. 9 .- (Special.) -a parson who does not have a state At 12.25 o'clock this morning this driver's license will be rigidly ensection was visited by two distinct forced. It was brought out during earthquake shocks, which aroused weeks have been accomplished by over and doors opened and dishes and

Several report an explosion similar of powder was set off near Kelso

The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 56 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees, TODAY'S—Fair: easterly winds. Foreign. Paris tomorrow pays honor to poilus who sacrificed life for country. Page 2

George, Page 5. National. Fast shipboard graft is charged. Page 1 Move to clear league of nations situation already started by president-elect Page 1.

Domestic. One million, five-hundred thousand dellars asked to halt Philadelphia crime wave. Page 1. Giarff sea fish breaks Harding's line. Page 1. Childs' restaurants everywhere in United States to out prices. Page 2. General shake-up expected to follow probe of Samuan government. Page 1.

Pacific Northwest Washington plan for paying veteran bonuses told. Page 7. Yoncalla women keep secret as to election plans, Page 4.

 merce in sensational football game. also dead. American tennis stars due here today. Page 16. Darcy cager to lay mittens on Palmer. Page 16.

Benson high defeats High School of Com

American League's hold on players of three clubs that withdraw is denied. Page 17. Commercial and Marine, Demand for this year's crop of prunes backward. Page 25. Chicago grain prices lowest in four years. Losses in Wall-street stock market severe.

Swedish ship to call at Portland. Page 24. Portland and Vicinity,

of getting suspicious characters into

# LEAGUE PROBLEM ALREADY TACKLED

Harding Starts Move to Clear Situation.

with resistance. Added to the rob- Other Features of Covenant Also Must Go.

Real Power of Association to Reside in Tribunal-Council and Assembly to Be Advisory.

BY MARK SULLIVAN. Copyright by the New York Evening Post, Inc. Published by Arrangement.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 .- (Special.) -Senator Harding already has begun the process of inviting responsible and well equipped leaders of thought

from both parties to confer about the

precise form which the American variation of the league of nations should take and what should be the That this should have been the irst and only thing done by Senator Harding before taking his vacation Hustrates both his appreciation of he urgency of this problem and also is concern to live up strictly to his campaign obligation, frequently repeated in his speeches, to make this subject the first burden of his thought mediately after his election.

Aside from what Senator Harding doing, other steps, less known to he public, are being taken by Tenders in European thought looking to the

Article 10 Counted Dend. Article 10 is regarded as dead. Whatever the outcome of the new deliberations about the league of nations, the one certain thing is that

Article 10 was the point of the contest and the dividing line between have. The number of persons who stood with Wilson on the point being small, not many leaders in the democratic party stood with him and of these the major part did so as a member of party discipline and loyalty to their leader rather than

as a matter of conviction. Not even many statesmen in Europe stood with Wilson on this point. This is a fact not widely understood in America. Article 10 was Wilson's the European statesmen quite as much against their wills as he tried

to force it on the American senate. Provision Held Inconsistent. Article 10 never really belonged in

was well within the truth when he said, in the only speech he delivered during the campaign, that article. 10 "was a provision standing by itself, preservation of peace and forming no part of the scheme, but creating independently of it a hard and fast alliance between the members of the league to preserve in perpetuity the territorial and political status quo. Article 10 was no part of the main scheme of the league of nations. I go further and assert that article to is inconsistent with the purpose and

spirit of the league," That this theory of Senator Root's about article 10 is correct can be proved readily by a history of that particular section. It arose sepa-Fight over canal tells expected when new congress convenes. Page 4.

Wilson details Colby to repay visits of presidents of Brazil and Uruguay.

Page 1.

rately from the rest of the convenant and originally was devised by President Wilson for a wholly different purpose. However, the genealogy of article 10 can await a separate article. It is no longer important, anyhow. Article 10 is dead.

> Other Features to Go. Assuming that the will of the republican leaders is to prevail about the league o nations, and in the light of the result of the election no and can doubt that the will of the republican leaders a to prevail, not only is article 10 dead, but that underlying principle of the league, which resided especially in article 10 and appeared in several other articles is

The precise distinction between this principle which underlies th league of nations and the contrasting principle which the republican lead-Ban Johnson declares baseball war to ers want to substitute for it is not finish. Page 17. easy to make simple. It is very clear to lawyers, once it is brought to their attention, but it is less easy to make clear to the laymun. It will be necessary to carry on a considerable cambaign of education to make this distinction clear.

World Court Paramount. Briefly and very incompletely, the

fominant principle in the association of nations which the republicans have in mind is that there shall be a court which shall function, as every court City council cuts budget figures to fit estithe restraints of precedents. The Hundreds of ex-service men to march on Armistice day, tomorrow, Page 19, dominating Institution in the associate interests hereafter to work as unit in boosting Oregon. Page 26. War against lawbreakers demanded by Mayor Baker. Page 1.

Two convictions, one acquittal, three disagreements result of war stamp case trial. Page 14.

Bicans have in mind will be this courft.

The dominating institution of the league of nations, as it now exists, is the council and the assembly of the Famed three-legged deer is slain. Page 26. lican leaders is that council and league. The intention of the repub-Movie employes and Jensen Von Her-berg settle strike. Page 6. Von Her-assembly of the league shall be deout 1 cent a loar prived of all real power; and, if they (Concluded on Page & Column 1.)

Political Influence Said to Net prediction of Mrs. W. C. Ives, who arrived here today from Samoa aboard the liner Sonoma with her husband, a naval physician.

> She described the governor as being aged and crabbed and as conferring impressed that fact heavily upon liked the sport so well that he stayed

When Flames Are Discovered.

Miss T. Saunders of Laredo, Tex., Kills Herself in Hotel.

her life on the mezzanine floor of a cleet as he began his vacation was coast.

Taking up in detail seven general Democrats Spent Huge Sums for Film Propaganda. tracts which cost the government Baruch of New York spent \$40,000 for large sums and fallure of the various the production of a motion picture in

From Tennessee District. cial canvass in the 8th congressional cases the fleet corporation district gives Lon A. Scott, republican,

to Have Passed at Coblenz.

Lents, Portland.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 9 .- President Wilson's refusal to pardon Eugene V Debs, socialist candidate for presi-Going into the matter of salvage of dent, who is now serving a term in shipbuilding pl nts. incompleted hulls the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., was

Debs was convicted of violation of

H. H. Garver of Chicago declared by the cares of a national campaign. of the 33,000 licensed bakers in their governments the most emphatic that an engagement between the two He looked cobust and vigorous and America convicted of profiteering. In assurance of the esteem and friendtechnical errors in the construction had recently been broken off. The told the vilagers that he had come Portland the bakers were made the ship of the people of the United programme, German-American deals, young woman left no explanation. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

NOW THAT THE BURGLARS ARE MAKING THEIR HEADQUARTERS HERE.

