

NEW SHIPPING BOARD IS WANTED AT ONCE

Harding Urged to Make Appointments Among First.

DAUGHERTY, JONES TALK

President-Elect Is Understood to Have Requested That Views of Senator Be Obtained.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—The immediate appointment of the members of the new shipping board was urged by Senator Wesley L. Jones in the conference that he had with Harry Daugherty, who is in Washington as an advance agent of the president-elect.

It was understood that Mr. Daugherty, at the request of the president-elect, called on the senator to obtain his views on the shipping situation. The president-elect, up to the time of his resignation, was a member of the senate committee on commerce, and is deeply interested in merchant marine legislation and in the development of an adequate shipping policy. It has been known that he entertains a high opinion of the senator's views on the subject, and as a consequence is desirous of keeping in touch with him.

Mr. Daugherty also discussed the personnel of the new shipping board. It was understood that the senator informed Mr. Daugherty that the Washington delegation endorsed ex-representative Humphrey.

Benson in Chair Favored.

Senator Jones, it was stated, also expressed the opinion that Admiral Benson should be continued as chairman for at least one year. Under the law the admiral could be appointed for a year, which it was said Senator Jones thought would be a good policy, as the present chairman has a knowledge of details of the affairs of the board which would prove valuable to the new personnel. Above all things the senator was reported to have urged that the nominations for the board should be sent in at the same time that the new president sends in his names for the cabinet. The senator was anxious to have the affairs of the merchant fleet in the hands of a strong board at the earliest possible moment, as the present condition of the affair was considered as seriously interfering with the administration of the law under which it is operating. He said that he feels personally responsible for the success of the new board, as it will work under legislation of which he is the author.

Seattle Interests Active.

Seattle business interests have been intensely active in the last few days in urging the appointment of Mr. Humphrey to the board. At the same time they have been warning the Washington senators that support of Senator Chamberlain for a place on the board will be regarded as an unfriendly act because of its possible effect in defeating the selection of a Seattle man.

Sensors from many states and representing both political parties are showing an interest in Senator Chamberlain's appointment. One senator from a coast state, whose name must be withheld for the present, said: "I will support Senator Chamberlain against any candidate from my own state, and have so advised my home people."

The campaign for Chamberlain's appointment appeared to be held up by the question of whether Oregon is supporting Chamberlain or urging the reappointment of Joseph A. Outside senators eager to help Chamberlain were waiting to be informed as to the status of the matter in the latter's home state.

RECALL FIGHT GRIPS POLK

COUNTY VOTES FEB. 16 TO RE-TAIN OR OUST JUDGE.

Farmer Candidate's Friends Say Gravel Was Used on Roads to Win Rural Support.

DALLAS, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—"Don't sell your vote for a load of gravel. There is a principle involved."

This slogan, coined by L. P. Gilmore, a professor at the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth and an active member of the Polk county grange, has further enlivened the contest in Polk county over the recall of Asa B. Robinson, county judge. The recall election is set for February 16. J. F. Ulrich, prominent farmer of Alvir, is the recall candidate.

Supporters of the Ulrich campaign committee charge that Judge Robinson, confronted by opposition of the farmers at the polls, quickly dispatched gravel to roads in the county in an attempt to win votes. A meeting held at the Elkins community school, south of Monmouth, last week covered all phases of the recall movement. It was there that Professor Gilmore coined the new campaign phrase, which is being used throughout the county.

The recall movement was started several weeks ago as the result of farmers' complaints that roads were being neglected to the detriment of rural marketing and lumber and logging activities. That Judge Robinson was negligent in his duty is denied by his friends.

Workers in the drive for Mr. Ulrich are confident of success. At a meeting at Dallas they asserted they were unwilling to call the fight won and would campaign actively until election day arrives.

Father-and-Son Week Proclaimed.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Mayor Halvorsen, in a proclamation issued here last night, urged the observance of father-and-son week, February 20 to 26. In connection with the observance of father-and-son week in Salem, service will be held in the local churches. There also will be held several banquets at which the father and sons will be guests of honor.

Women Refuse Ranch Jobs.

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Few women applying for work here are qualified or willing to take jobs as ranch housekeepers or cooks, according to the local employment office. The office has many applications from women who want work, and many applications from employers who want women workers.

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LOS ANGELES WIFE WHO WAS KIDNAPED, WITH HUSBAND TO WHOM SHE WAS RESTORED.



MR. AND MRS. O. S. WITHERELL.

First photograph of the young wife and mother after her five-day imprisonment in a mountain cabin, held as hostage by self-confessed kidnapers. The husband has been constantly at her bedside since her return.

FRANCE JAILS RED AGENT

PRISONER IS "EYE OF MOSCOW," POLICE BELIEVE.

Paris Sleuths in Doubt Whether They Have Uncovered World-Wide Communist Plot.

PARIS, Feb. 6.—(Special cable.)—Whether the French police have really unearched a nation-wide, perhaps world-wide, bolshevik plot, or merely have arrested a few Russian communists will be known definitely only when the translation and study of documents seized in the numerous domiciliary searches carried out here Sunday is completed.

Meanwhile feeling is running high against the bolsheviks, both French and foreign. Last night a crowd of young students, emulating the direct action methods of Italian fascists, forcibly expelled Charles Rapoport, who is one of the leaders of French communism, although of Russian origin, from a cafe in the Latin quarter. Action Française, a royalist paper, warmly applauds this act and urges the students to continue to treat all bolsheviks in the same fashion. There is talk of organizing anti-communist bands to harass the communists as the fascists do in Italy. Dr. Zolowsky, whom the Paris papers call the "Eye of Moscow," has been identified certainly as the notorious Abramovitch, well known as a soviet agent, by means of his photograph. Thus far, however, the only charge against the prisoner, who was brought to Paris last night from Nice, is that of having a passport not bearing his real name. His wife, ten-months-old baby and a servant, who is also suspected of bolshevik machinations, are detained temporarily. Exactly what charge is made against the other acting secretary of the French communist party and the only important member of that party yet arrested is not clear.

JAPANESE TALK OF WAR

FOREIGN MINISTER QUIZZED IN DIET SESSION.

Bearing of Anglo-Japanese Pact on Relations With America Discussed by Members.

TOKIO, Feb. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Questions in the diet today whether the Anglo-Japanese alliance obligated Great Britain to assist Japan in the event of war between Japan and the United States, Foreign Minister Uchida replied that the United States never had been considered as a country to which the alliance applied, and that Japan and Great Britain had agreed to regard the peace commission agreement of 1914 as equivalent to the general arbitration referred to in article 4 of the alliance of 1911.

Representative Uyehara asked whether Japan had ever been notified that the interpretation of article 4 would be altered as a result of the conclusion of a general arbitration treaty with the United States. Viscount Uchida replied in the negative, but said opinions were exchanged while the arbitration treaty was being negotiated and he regretted that consideration of diplomatic action prevented publication of the British view.

Then Uyehara asked if Great Britain considered herself exempt from assisting Japan in the event of a Japanese-American war. The foreign minister, in reply, said that, though a general arbitration treaty had not been concluded, the peace commission agreement of 1914 was regarded as an equivalent. "So far as I know," he added, "the United States was never considered when the alliance was concluded and article 4 was never meant to apply to Great Britain. In my opinion there was an understanding between Japan and Great Britain that article 4 did not apply to the United States."

Legion Auxiliary Elects. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Feb. 6.—

BRITISH DEBT MAY BE FUNDED AT ONCE

Settlement This Month Said to Be Probable.

BONDS TO BE CONVERTED

Lord Robert Chalmers Rumored to Be Coming to America to Arrange Terms.

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LONDON, Feb. 6.—(Special Cable.)—From a high government financial authority it was learned that Lord Robert Chalmers will return with Sir Auckland Geddes to America in mid-February to arrange the funding of the British debt to the United States government. An explained, the present short-term bonds and U. S. U's which America holds to the value of about \$4,000,000,000, will be converted two-thirds into bonds maturing in 1928 and the remainder in 1947, both issues bearing 5 per cent interest.

It is believed that the report made by Sir Auckland Geddes helped to effect the change in the British attitude. Under an agreement with America, the interest on this debt has been remitted since 1919, and the payment thereof will not begin until 1922. The exact method of payment of this debt interest, which will be about \$500,000,000, and the future yearly payments will be matters for discussion between Lord Chalmers, Ambassador Geddes and the Washington government.

It is understood the British government decided to proceed immediately to fund the loan because it has been finally convinced that there is no hope—at least for the present—of America agreeing to any scheme of "parallel payments" of the interest on the debt or any arrangement leading to the cancellation of this debt, either in whole or in part.

The same authority said that the British decision to fund the loan without further parleying affected the attitude of Premier Lloyd George at the supreme council's German reparations meetings in Paris last week. The necessity of meeting the obligations to America, independent of the German indemnity and the allied debt payments to Britain, he said, forced the British to agree more with the French view for a larger demand on Germany than they would otherwise have done.

But officials here, he intimated, began to see the danger of holding up at least a temporary settlement of the American loan much longer. Anti-British elements in America, it is contended, are using the delay to attack British credit and to spread reports that she will not pay. All this is said to have had a bad effect on the value of the English pound.

The British government, however, has hopes it will not have to repay all of the \$4,000,000,000 owed to America. It is pointed out that the terms of the bond shortly to be given to the United States government can be changed any time by agreement between the two governments concerned, and there is no doubt that Britain will strive earnestly in the next two or three years to seek relief from full repayment.

It is expected there will be a wall from the small but exceedingly vocal anti-American forces and organs in this country when the full terms of the forthcoming funding settlement are officially announced over here.

Church Has Anniversary.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—An extensive programme today marked a celebration of the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Centralia branch of the Latter Day Saints' church. The branch was established on February 5, 1911, with a membership of about 40, which has increased to approximately 200. The church building was erected in October, 1911. L. S. Ringdes, elder, is pastor of the church.

SEATTLE ROTARY MECCA

NORTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE MARCH 14-15.

1500 Rotarians and Their Wives, Representing Clubs of 19 Cities, Are Expected to Attend.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Seattle will be host to approximately 1500 Rotarians and their wives, representing the clubs of 19 cities of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, who will attend the northwest district conference of rotary clubs, which will be held in Seattle March 14-15.

Elaborate plans to make the visit of the Rotarians and their wives enjoyable are being perfected. The annual district conference is an event in rotary circles. Fully 50 per cent of the membership of the clubs attended past conferences. Preparations for the conference have been under way for a number of weeks.

M. W. Moulton heads the northwest conference committee. Cecil W. Marshall, 1920 president of the club, is secretary, and the activities are being directed from headquarters in 203 Hinkley block. Chairman Moulton is being assisted by an advisory committee, consisting of C. W. Martin, Leonard Bushnell, William Eckart, Elliott Higgins, Loyal Partridge, Carl Reiter, E. G. Shrock and W. J. Smith.

NUDE WHITE MAN BURNED

Victim Believed Smeard With Oil and Thrown in Fire.

MONROE, La., Feb. 6.—An unidentified white man, nude and dying, his skull crushed and his flesh burned from his waist down, was found today near here. The man, believed by local officers to have come from Houston, Tex., died without regaining consciousness. Evidence that coal oil had been poured on his body was found, and a smoldering fire indicated he had been thrown into it.

Trans-Continental Trip Finished.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Woodard have just returned from a trans-continental motor trip of 19,000 miles, which consumed 19 months and 20 days. They traveled through eastern Canada, the New England, eastern, middle west and southern states, and spent several weeks at their old home in New York. They report that they found nothing which appealed to them like the Willamette valley.

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