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## CONFERENCE OVER SHIP WAGE FAILS

### General Tie-Up May 1 Appears Imminent.

## EACH SIDE VISITS HARDING

### Benson Declines to Discuss Call on President.

## UNIONS LEAVE "PRAYER"

### Representatives in Absence of Chief Executive Submit Issue in Report; Pay Cut Is Rejected.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—A general tie-up of all shipping at American ports except on the Great Lakes on May 1 appeared imminent tonight after negotiations between the shipping board, steamship owners and marine workers had been abandoned as a result of the refusal of employees to accept a 15 per cent wage reduction.

A last effort to avert a final breach between the employers and marine workers was made late today when Chairman Benson of the shipping board and representatives of the marine unions called separately at the White House to lay their cases before the president.

### Proposal Previously Rejected.

Previously the chairman and the shipowners had rejected a proposal by Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's Union, to submit the whole question to President Harding for arbitration. The chairman Benson declined to discuss his visit at the White House, but the union representatives in the absence of the president left a "prayer" and a prayer in behalf of all the workers submitting the matter to him.

The break in negotiations came after a final conference called by Chairman Benson to consider new wage and working agreements.

### Wage Cut Is Rejected.

The chairman's proposal for a 15 per cent wage cut was rejected for the engineers on the ground that it was not justified by living costs or necessary as an economy in operating expenses.

H. E. Griffin for the cooks and stewards declared that the proposed wage cut was "a sign on the dotted line proposition," and asked that the controversy be submitted to a disinterested party.

Mr. Furuseth asked for assurances that certain conditions would make a part of any new agreement, including preference for American citizens in employment, enforcement of the seamen's act and recognition of the union's right to act for the men.

### Chairman Indorses Idea.

Chairman Benson replied that he indorsed the idea of preference for American citizens and would carry out those parts of the law under his jurisdiction, but that the other points of working conditions would be determined later.

In a statement tonight Chairman Benson said:

"The efforts of the United States shipping board and the ship interests to avert a break with marine labor have come to naught. The refusal of the men to recognize the need for readjustment on a reasonable basis has ended the prolonged negotiations. The shipping board has endeavored to meet the men in the fairest and most conciliatory spirit. It is, however, deeply conscious of its obligations to the people of the United States to protect their interest in the merchant marine.

"It is reluctantly compelled to meet with all the resources at its command the situation which confronts it."

## SEATTLE UNIONS TO REFUSE

### Orders Received to Sign Only on Present Wage Agreement.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 29.—Marine engineers here were instructed by the national executive committee of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association today to sign ship's articles only on the basis of the present wage scale agreement, which expires May 1. Officers of the Seattle local said retroactive agreements already signed would be recognized, but no further agreements of that character would be made.

Puget sound steamship owners recently asked for a new agreement providing for a 10 per cent cut in wages, which the engineers rejected on the claim that such a cut had been granted on Puget sound vessels two months ago.

The situation was said to threaten no immediate trouble as owners would be required to give 30 days' notice of another 10 per cent reduction.

## MAIL STEAMERS TO OPERATE

### Trans-Pacific Craft to Continue in Spite of Strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Steamship operators have determined upon procedure to be followed in case the threatened strike of marine engineers

## COURT CALLS MOONEY AS WITNESS IN CASE

### Convicted Bomb Murderer To Testify For Self.

## Life Term at San Quentin Will Be in San Francisco Monday Unless Warden Resists.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—A writ of habeas corpus and testificandum (for the purpose of taking the testimony) designed to return Thomas J. Mooney, convicted of a bomb murder, to this city on Monday to testify in an action seeking his release from the penitentiary, was issued by the superior court today.

Unless the warden of the penitentiary at San Quentin resists, Mooney will be brought here on the date specified. It was planned to serve the warden with the order tomorrow.

Mooney's testimony will be taken before Judge Louis H. Ward in connection with a petition for a writ of audita querela (the complaint having been made) intended to release on the ground that his conviction was obtained by fraud. According to his counsel, the code provides for the invocation of this writ, a common-law pleading, when all other means of obtaining relief have failed.

Mooney and Warren K. Billings are serving life sentences following conviction for murder in connection with the death of ten persons in a bomb explosion here during a preparedness day parade in 1914.

## JANITORS ARE MENACED

### Plan to "Farm Out" County Court House Work Protested.

Protest over "farming out" the janitor work of the Multnomah county court house was voiced when the matter came up for consideration of the commissioners yesterday with the opening of bids for the work.

Commissioner Hoyt said it would mean the dismissal of many married men, employes in many cases of the county for years. District Attorney Evans said county officials were pleased with the service.

The bids follow: George Manning, \$1400 a month; Austin Hammond, \$1500; George Zimmerman, \$1295. The bids were referred to Commissioner Rudeen, sponsor of the proposed system. The county is paying about \$2215 for janitor service.

## NEGRO, 19, IS LYNCHED

### Mob Hangs Black Who Confessed to Attack on White Girl.

BOWLING GREEN, Mo., April 29.—Roy Hammond, a 19-year-old negro, awaiting transportation to the penitentiary for assault on a 14-year-old white girl, was seized at the station here tonight by a mob which overpowered Sheriff Moore and half a dozen deputies.

Hammond was lynched at 7:45 P. M., the crowd hanging him to a telegraph pole.

The crime was committed here late Wednesday night and Hammond, arrested this morning, confessed and on his plea of guilty in circuit court this afternoon was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary.

## HUGHES ANSWERS PANAMA

### Secretary Replies to Attack on White Boundary Award.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—Formal answer to Panama's protest against compliance with insistence of Secretary Hughes that the White boundary award should be made the basis of an adjustment of the dispute between Panama and Colombia has been made by Secretary Hughes.

Danger of war between the two southern countries was believed by officials here to have disappeared with the receipt of the American warning that hostilities must not be renewed.

## LIQUOR BIDDY'S PROPERTY

### Law Recognizes Hen's Rights but Punishes Her Owner.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—A settling hen nested over several bottles of wine prevented Mrs. Mamie Crowley, owner of the hen, from being prosecuted as the owner of the wine today, it being decided that the hen was in possession.

Mrs. Crowley was found guilty, however, of selling wine other than that making up the strange nest eggs, and will be sentenced tomorrow.

## PRESIDENT GOLF VICTOR

### Harding, Paired With Evans, Outdo Under-Secretary and Senator.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—President Harding and "Chick" Evans, paired, outclassed Under-Secretary Fletcher of the state department and Senator Kellogg of Minnesota at the Chevy Chase golf links today.

The president and the open golf champion were 15 up when the four-some ended at the 16th hole. The latter part of the match was played in the rain.

## DEATH LURKS IN POCKETS

### Irish Told to Keep Hands Exposed or Run Risk of Being Shot.

DUBLIN, April 29.—A warning has been issued by the military authorities in Tipperary that civilians "with hands in their pockets" are liable to arrest or to run the risk of being fired upon.

The reason for the warning is said to be that murderers not infrequently steal upon their victims with hands in their pockets so as to hide their weapons.

## ALBERS CASE UP TO U. S. ATTORNEY

### Next Move to Be Made in Portland.

## MATTER WILL BE REFERRED

### Government's Views Supposedly to Be Considered.

## JUDGE CAREY CONSULTED

### Counsel for Miller Says Department at First Was Disposed to Grant Full Pardon.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 29.—The next move in the case of Henry Albers, wealthy miller under conviction for violation of the espionage act, must be made by the United States attorney at Portland. The government, through the solicitor-general, having confessed error in the trial of Mr. Albers, the case will be sent back at once to the court at Portland where it originally was tried. Any further proceedings there, it is supposed, will take into consideration the view of the department as expressed in its confession of error.

Charles H. Carey of Portland, of counsel for Mr. Albers, made the following statement today as to the progress of the case after it reached the supreme court:

"When I first applied to the office of the attorney general for the government's brief in reply to one filed by me, I was told by the assistant attorney general that he had read my brief and thought Mr. Albers ought not to have been convicted, for the reason that the disloyal words uttered by him mentioned in the indictment were uttered at a time when he was irresponsible on account of drink.

"The department considered the advisability of granting him a complete pardon, but finding that this was not practicable under the rules of the pardon office before the time when the case could be reached for argument in the supreme court, I was notified that the government would not attempt to reply to my brief, but would confess error. No argument was made by the government on the hearing of the case.

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"We conclude, therefore," the report said, "that if the administration is not willing to ratify the Versailles treaty with such reservations and upon such terms and conditions as will secure to the United States and its nationals all of the rights and privileges which are provided for them under the Versailles treaty, then

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## KNOX PEACE PLANS UP FOR VOTE TODAY

### Friends and Foes Concede Resolution Will Win.

## HITCHCOCK DECLARES MEASURE INTERFERES WITH GERMAN REPARATIONS NEGOTIATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—In spirited debate the senate today proceeded toward the vote on the Knox peace resolution arranged for late tomorrow, with both friends and foes conceding its adoption.

Discussion today developed a break in the democratic ranks, when Senator Reed of Missouri made a lengthy address in support of the resolution.

Senator Pomeroy, democrat, Ohio, filed a minority report, signed by all present democratic members of the foreign relations committee, protesting against the resolution.

That the Knox resolution would interfere with the present German reparations negotiations was emphasized today by its opponents. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, declared the measure "inopportune." He charged that republicans, by failing to speak in support of the measure, were in "a conspiracy of silence," and also were attempting to "flout" the president by dictating terms for a settlement with Germany.

This was denied by Senators Kellogg and Reed, the latter declaring that Mr. Harding has "invited" adoption of the resolution.

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## UNFAIR COMPETITION IN STEEL IS CHARGED

### Complaint Filed by Federal Trade Commission.

## Legality of "Pittsburg Plus Price," Long Denounced, Is to Be Tried Out in Courts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—A formal complaint against the United States Steel corporation and 11 subsidiary companies, alleging unfair competition in interstate commerce, was issued today by the federal trade commission. The commission finally has decided that it has sufficient jurisdiction to take up the long-standing complaints by various users of steel products and others against the alleged use by the corporation of the device known as the "Pittsburg plus price."

It was announced, however, that the commission had divided three to two. Chairman Thompson and Commissioners Pollard and Nugent voting for issuance of the complaint, and Commissioners Gaskill and Murdock dissenting.

The steel corporation and its subsidiaries received 30 days to make formal answer to the complaint, after which the case will proceed to trial on its merits.

The complaint was issued under the Clayton anti-trust act and the law establishing the commission, and the commission's announcement said the case was "an outgrowth of conditions complained of by more than 2700 manufacturers of steel in the Chicago, Duluth and Birmingham districts, by legislators of three states, by seven municipalities and by chambers of commerce and many business organizations throughout the United States."

## TOWNLEY TURNED DOWN

### New Trial Is Denied President of Non-Partisan League.

ST. PAUL, April 29.—The state supreme court today denied a new trial to A. C. Townley, president of the national non-partisan league, by seven Jackson county district court, and sentenced by Judge Dean to 90 days in jail. Execution of sentence was delayed by appeal.

Townley and Gilbert were found guilty July 12, 1919, by a jury in the Jackson county district court, and sentenced by Judge Dean to 90 days in jail. Execution of sentence was delayed by appeal.

## HAWAII HAS TAX SCANDAL

### Laggard Collectors Fail to Get \$500,000 Due Last Year.

HONOLULU, T. H., April 29.—(Special.)—The skeleton in the territorial government closet was rattled at a session of the territorial legislature in the course of an argument over a bill.

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## DUTCH SHUT FIELD TO STANDARD OIL

### Parliament Votes for Sumatra Monopoly.

## AMERICA TO RETALIATE

### Note Announces Ban on All Foreign Capital.

## TEXT IS MADE PUBLIC

### High Importance Is Attached to Principles of Reciprocity and Equal Opportunity.

THE HAGUE, April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The second chamber of parliament today, by a vote of 49 to 30, adopted the Djambi oil field bill, thus barring the bid of the Standard Oil company for a concession in the Sumatra oil region.

The bill provides for the exploitation of the valuable oil lands for a period of 40 years by a combination of the Dutch Indian government and the Batavia Oil company, the latter belonging to the Shell group. The capital of 10,000,000 guilders will be equally divided, but the company will be under control of the Dutch government.

The board of directors must all be Dutchmen. Its president, vice-president and one other member of the board of directors are to be nominated by the Dutch minister of the colonies under the provisions of the bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—The United States finds no alternative than the adoption of the principle that no foreign capital may operate in American oil lands unless its government accords similar privileges to American citizens, William Phillips, American minister at the Hague, said in a note which he handed The Netherlands minister of foreign affairs on April 19 by direction of Secretary Hughes.

Monopoly Protest Is Made.

The note was in the nature of a protest against the granting of a monopoly for the development of the Djambi oil fields in the Dutch East Indies to a company "in which no foreign capital other than American is so largely interested."

"My government," said Mr. Phillips, "attaches the highest importance to the recognition of the principles of the reciprocity and equal opportunity in the solution of the oil problem, as well as the extension to American capital organized under Dutch law of the same privileges and benefits which are granted to other foreign capital similarly organized under the laws of The Netherlands."

Informal Conferences Held.

Presentations of the note followed informal conferences between Mr. Phillips and the Dutch government extending over a period of 12 months and having to do with the efforts of American capital to obtain a concession in the Sumatra oil region. The Standard Oil company had submitted a bid for a concession in that region.

The content of the state department, it was understood, was that the company to which the concession for the development of the Djambi fields is to be granted is largely financed by British capital. At the Dutch legation, however, it was said that the Batavia Oil company, which is to furnish half of the capital for the developing company, is controlled by Dutch money.

The text of the American note, as made public at the state department, follows:

"Excellency: During the last 12 months I have, on several occasions, presented to your excellency the very great interest of my government in the participation by American capital in the development of the mineral oil deposits of The Netherlands East Indies. With your approval, I have also had frequent interviews with the minister of the colonies on this same subject.

Accessibility Is Asked.

"On every occasion I have sought to impress upon the government of The Netherlands that the real interest of the government of the United States in these matters lies in the recognition of the principle of mutual or reciprocal accessibility to vital and natural resources by the nationals of the United States and by those of foreign countries, and the belief that the recognition of the principle of equal opportunity is the solution of the future oil problems throughout the world.

"I have pointed out that the United States has for years carried a burden of supplying a large part of the petroleum consumed by other countries and that the petroleum resources of no other country have been so heavily drawn upon to meet foreign needs as the petroleum resources of the United States.

Ample Supplies Are Needed.

"I have pointed out that in the future ample supplies of petroleum have become indispensable to the life and prosperity of my country as a whole because of the fact that the United States is an industrial nation, in which distance renders transportation

## AVIATOR GIVES LIFE TO SAVE PEDESTRIANS

### Death Chosen Rather Than Landing in Street.

## Pilot Falls 200 Feet to Railway Bridge, and Burned in Debris, Is Lost in Flames.

CLEVELAND, O., April 29.—Rather than attempt a landing in a street—a course which would have endangered the lives of many persons—J. T. Christensen, air mail pilot, 31, of Chicago, sacrificed his life today when he was forced to seek a landing in downtown Cleveland because of engine trouble.

The pilot fell 200 feet to a railroad track, and buried beneath the wreckage of his machine, was burned to death when the gasoline tank exploded, setting fire to the debris.

Christensen was making his first trip on the Chicago-Cleveland route, having left Chicago this morning. He was recently transferred to that division from the Cleveland-New York route and previously flew on the Chicago-Omaha division. He held three speed records. First reports were that he had plunged into the Cuyahoga river.

## BURROUGHS' WILL FILED

### Secretary Gets Royalties From Books of Naturalist.

KINGSTON, N. Y., April 29.—The will of John Burroughs, the naturalist, who died recently while on his way home from California, was filed for probate here today. The document was written on seven sheets of heavy paper, each sheet signed by the testator April 19, 1917. To Henry Ford, "my old friend," is bequeathed the rustic writing table at "Woodchuck Lodge, Roxbury."

Julian Burroughs, his son, is named as executor, excepting as to matters relating to his literary property. To this office Dr. Clara Barrus of West Park, N. Y., is appointed, and in addition she is made the biographer of the deceased. To her is bequeathed for life the royalties and income from his books and writings.

Co-operation Is Favored.

The Italian government also said that it is "particularly glad" whenever the moral policies of the two governments and the material interests of the two nations agree in such a way as to eliminate every possibility of disagreement and to conciliate all conflicting interests.

## FREIGHT ON WOOD RAISED

### Sharp Advance to Consumer Looked for in Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—New freight rates on wood from southeast Washington mills to Tacoma will cause a sharp advance in the cost to the consumer, fuel dealers said today. The new tariffs, effective tomorrow, increase freight rates from 46 to 56 per cent. The change will increase the cost of shipping wood from 94 cents to 1.56½ cents a cord. Fully 60 per cent of the wood used in Tacoma is shipped in from outside mills, the fuel men averred.

City commissioners may take a hand in the business to prevent an increase to the detriment of the city. An investigation of the proposed rise will be started before the advance is made.

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