

HARDING OUTLINES SHIP SUBSIDIES

\$15,000,000 Is Estimate for Next Year's Cost.

OLD POLICY IS ATTACKED

Congress Starts at Once on New Proposal.

TWO BILLS INTRODUCED

Plan of Operation of Merchant Vessels by Government Is Held Fundamentally Wrong.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—President Harding, through a message which he read in person to congress in joint session, today presented the administration programme for development through direct and indirect subsidies of the American merchant marine, and immediately after he had outlined his views, steps were taken to translate his recommendations into legislation.

Policy Is Criticized.

In addressing the joint session of congress at 12:30 o'clock, the president declared that the policy of government operation of its merchant ships had been demonstrated to be fundamentally wrong and practically impossible. He proposed the sale—of an admitted sacrifice—of the government fleet built during the war to the granting of direct and indirect subsidies together with other aid, to private ship operators.

Repeat Not to Be Attempted.

Administration leaders in congress said that no attempt would be made to repeal the treaty abrogation clause of the Jones act, but that the programme would be pressed and a treaty abrogation provision left in the statute books.

MOONEY FILES APPEAL

Denial of New Trial to Be Taken to Supreme Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—An appeal to the state supreme court was taken today on behalf of Thomas J. Mooney, serving a life sentence in San Quentin prison for murder in connection with the preparedness day bomb explosion in San Francisco in 1916.

EX-LINER TO BE REPAIRED

U. S. Transport Madawaska in Drydock at Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The United States army transport Madawaska, which before the war was the Konig Wilhelm II, one of the most luxurious of the Hamburg-America liners, arrived at the Morse Drydock & Repair company's plant in South Brooklyn today for extensive repairs.

NEW HERO OF WAR, AGED 42, REVEALED

ITALIAN MEDAL IS ADDED TO ALREADY BIG COLLECTION.

Veteran Says He's Glad to Have Job After 15 Months of Pounding Pavements in Search.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 28.—The war record of a third super-hero, Frank J. Bart of West Hoboken, is being prepared for a place in the Hall of Fame today, following a ceremony here last night, at which the Italian government added another medal to his already generous collection.

500 PUPILS FLEE FROM SCHOOL FIRE

Holladay Building Is Destroyed by Flames.

INSURANCE TIME NEARLY UP

Blaze Occurs Less Than 3 Hours Before Expiration.

FIGHT IS HARD ONE

Entire Frame Structure Guttered. Some of Children's Books and Wraps Saved.

Just two hours and 25 minutes before expiration of an insurance binder covering all Portland school property up to a period ending at noon yesterday, fire broke out on the roof of the Holladay school on the block bounded by Clackamas, Halkey, East Sixth and East Seventh streets, spread through the entire structure and gutted the large frame building.

FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL FIRE.

Interior of Holladay school building, built in 1889, gutted by flames.

Fire occurs less than three hours before insurance expires.

Five hundred pupils evacuate building in 45 seconds; many think alarm is for fire drill.

Two hundred firemen fight blaze for two hours before flames are extinguished.

Pupils will be transferred to other schools to resume studies Thursday and will meet at Holladay school at 11 A. M. today for instructions.

Other requests included \$10,000 to the Roosevelt Memorial association, and \$13,375 to the Princeton university endowment fund.

FIRE CAUSED BY SPARK.

As nearly as can be ascertained the fire broke out on the northeast corner of the roof of the two and one-half story building and was caused by a spark from the chimney.

STARS' PAY TO BE CUT

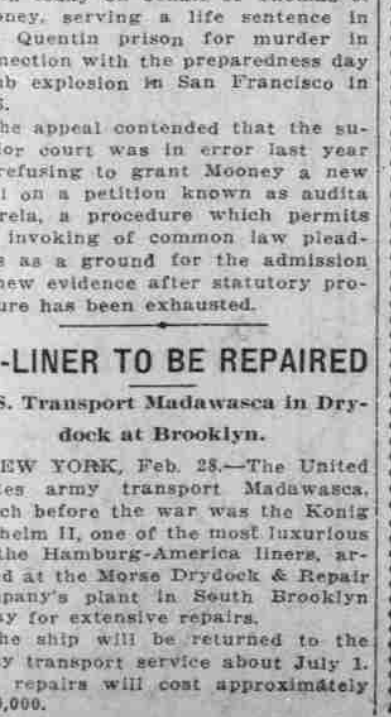
Chicago Opera Association Plans to Keep Singers Busy.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Chicago grand opera stars are going to be paid less and more will be found for them to do, Samuel Insull, new president of the Civic Opera association, said in an address here last night.

"If there were a universal demand for opera stars this year," he said, "we would stand a poor chance of presenting good opera here in Chicago."

Mr. Insull immediately sounded the fire drill bell and dispatched one of the boy pupils to the fire alarm box.

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\$6,000,000 IS GIVEN FOR HYGIENIC WORK

JOHNS HOPKINS ENDOWED BY ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION.

School to Train Public Health Officers Receives Record Financial Assistance.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A gift of \$6,000,000 to the Johns Hopkins university of Baltimore, for endowment and buildings for the school of hygiene and public health, was announced today by the Rockefeller foundation.

The school, which aims at prevention rather than cure of disease, has been supported from year to year by the foundation since its opening in 1916, but the \$6,000,000 gift places it on a permanent footing and provides for construction of new buildings on a site adjacent to the Johns Hopkins medical school and hospital.

The school this year has 131 students from 27 states and ten foreign countries, who are in training for public health work.

Training of public health officers and development of preventive medicine are the two functions of the institution.

The \$6,000,000 gift was said to be the largest ever made by one institution to another at a single time.

During the war the Rockefeller foundation gave \$5,000,000 to the Red Cross and a similar sum to the united war work organizations, and two years ago the general education board gave \$5,000,000 to the University of Rochester for medical work.

\$5,307,072 ESTATE LEFT

Valuation Made of Property of George W. Perkins, Financier.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—George W. Perkins, financier, who died June 18, 1920, left an estate of \$5,307,072, according to an appraisal filed in surrogate court late today.

The bulk of his estate was left to his widow and two children.

The widow, Mrs. Evelina B. Perkins, was bequeathed \$2,513,043; a daughter, Dorothy Perkins Freeman, \$682,319; and a son, George W. Perkins Jr., \$524,808.

Other bequests included: Emily S. Perkins, a sister, \$129,800; Mary Kihm, a friend, \$127,895, and \$1,199,362 to children of the testator's son and daughter.

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FIVE KILLED BY QUAKE

Many Injured and Heavy Damage to Property in Cebu, P. I.

MANILA, P. I., Feb. 28.—Five persons were killed and many injured by a severe earthquake that shook the city of Cebu and vicinity today.

The property damage was heavy. Advice from Cebu said the concrete walls and corrugated iron roofs of a number of buildings were shaken down.

Among the structures badly damaged were the palace of the Catholic bishop and the Catholic convent of Recoletos. It is believed most of the deaths were in the convent and that the dead were all natives.

The city of Cebu, situated in the province of Cebu, has a population of about 75,000. It is the principal shipping point in the Philippines.

THIRTY-FOOT CHANNEL PROJECT IS APPROVED

RIVER AND HARBOR COMMITTEE TO REPORT FAVORABLY.

Coos Bay Harbor Will Get Provision in Bill for Construction of Two Jetties.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Three Oregon river and harbors projects, it is understood, will be favored by tomorrow's report of the house river and harbor committee, the principal one of these recommendations being the maintenance of a 30-foot channel in the Columbia and Willamette rivers from Portland to the sea.

The Columbia-Willamette project also calls for a widening of the present channel from 200 feet to 600 feet, the eventual cost of the work as recommended by the board of engineers to be \$1,750,000.

The bill also will carry provisions for the Coos bay project in Oregon, which calls for the construction of two jetties and the improvement of isthmus slough and the improvement of the Clatskanie river.

Both Representatives Hawley and McArthur expressed pleasure today at the action of the committee, although Mr. Hawley was somewhat disappointed at failure to secure recognition of the Umpqua project.

"This bill puts Portland definitely on the map as a great port city," Representative McArthur said. "By the recommendation to be carried in this bill, the way is opened for greater things for Portland harbor."

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