

SEATTLE SHIP PROBE ENDED ABRUPTLY

Immunity From Prosecution Is
Denied Witness.

MONEY WASTE HELD SURE

Congressional Committee Leaves No
Doubt Suit Will Be Brought
Against Builders.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The Seattle hearings of the special congressional investigation into the shipbuilding programs of the United States shipping board were brought to an abrupt end today by Chairman Walsh of Massachusetts. The reason, he announced, was that immunity from possible prosecution could not be granted probable witnesses in view of the jurisdiction conferred upon the committee by congress.

The announcement was read into the record following an executive session lasting one hour. Copies afterwards were given to the press by Chairman Walsh. The announcement is couched in such terms as to leave no doubt but that federal prosecutions for mismanagement or misapplication of at least part of the huge sums expended in the shipbuilding programs in this district are under consideration.

Mismanagement Alleged.
That such mismanagement occurred, or might have occurred, was the line of reasoning of several members as evidenced by their questioning of the numerous witnesses examined during the hearings held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the past week. Some of the sessions lasted from 9 o'clock in the morning until midnight.

After the executive session today the doors were thrown open and Chairman Walsh and Congressman Kelly drafted the announcement.

Chairman Walsh stated that the select committee would leave at once for Tacoma in its special car, the Federal, and from that city would go to Olympia Sunday to inspect the Sloan shipyard, returning at once to Tacoma, where on Monday the members would visit and inspect the Tacoma shipyards. Chairman Walsh said he did not know whether the committee will go to Aberdeen, as the committee contemplated holding open hearings at Portland and if they deemed it necessary would return to Seattle later.

Session Ends Abruptly.
All members of the committee flatly refused to discuss any phase of the inquiry conducted here, or to comment upon the somewhat startling turn the proceedings took which resulted in the abrupt cessation of the investigation locally.

When the committee, which had spent the morning inspecting the fleet of uncompleted wooden ships moored in Lake Union, and a visit to the Meacham & Babcock Shipbuilding company and Allan plants on Saldanha bay, returned to the Security building, only a few persons were on hand to attend the resumption of the hearing, had such been ordered. Among these were one or two officials of the Seattle shipyard, the office and a similar number of shipbuilders.

During the entire session of the committee here not a single person engaged in the steel shipbuilding business appeared before the investigation, which was virtually confined to witnesses engaged in or connected with the wooden shipbuilding division.

Reference to the steel shipbuilding was only through the introduction of the records of the United States shipping board, which furnished data on production of ships on this material. From this it would seem that if irregularities of the steel shipbuilding division were probably confined to the wooden ship division.

SAILINGS HINDER SCHOOLS

Honolulu Opening Put Off Because
Teachers Can't Arrive.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Because several scores of Honolulu schoolteachers, vacationing in the United States, have found it impossible to obtain accommodations on vessels which would return them to Hawaii in time for the regular opening of the school term, September 15, the schools will remain closed until September 22.

Matson Navigation company officials, in announcing the receipt of advice to this effect, said a number of teachers had obtained passage on army transports.

Passenger lists of all trans-Pacific lines are booked full to the end of the year, officials of steamship lines here report. Some companies which ordinarily carry few passengers have added to their accommodations and the Toyoko Kisen Kaisha Oriental Steamship company recently inaugurated a direct run from San Francisco to Yokohama, eliminating stops at Honolulu and Chinese ports, in order to handle more traffic to and from Japan.

The congestion is expected to continue until more ships are turned back by the United States shipping board to Pacific routes. Little relief is anticipated before the first of next year.

TEACHERS FACE PROBLEMS

Important Issues to Be Raised at
Montana Conference.

HELENA, Mont.—Problems of educational reorganization in Montana—legislative and administrative—will be featured in the discussions of the annual meeting of the state teachers' association, to be held November 24, 25 and 26, the three days preceding Thanksgiving Day. The programme was tentatively outlined at a meeting of the executive committee to the association held here recently. The meeting place for the convention has not yet been selected.

Questionnaires are to be sent to county and city superintendents of the state and to members of the faculties of institutions of higher learning, asking them to outline the problems which confront them. Their replies are to be used as a basis for a part of the discussion. An amendment to the constitution of the association providing for the holding of sectional meetings will be presented at the meeting.

IRISH HAVE NEW PLAN

Suggestion Made for Elected Constitutional Assembly.

DUBLIN.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The latest proposal put forward with a view to settling the Irish question is to have a new convention, and to make it an elected constituent assembly to prepare and publish a detailed scheme for Irish self-government. This suggestion emerges from the office of the Irish Proportional Representation society. The last convention was a nominated body chosen by the government and

though it included many men of representative position, the people had no voice in its selection. The new convention, it is urged, should give real self-determination by letting the people choose their own representatives.

The argument that Ireland has already chosen its representatives and made them mostly Sinn Fein republicans is met by an examination of the figures of the last election with a view to proving that the result greatly exaggerated the preponderance of the republicans.

The contention is that the only true way to arrive at Irish opinion is by proportional representation. It is suggested that the new convention should consist of 105 members elected by the existing constituencies so grouped as to have ten members for each group, each elector having a single transferable vote. The sole function of the convention would be to prepare a scheme of self-government. In Sinn Fein quarters the plan finds no favor, and there is no reason to suppose that they would officially recognize the new convention any more than the old one. The latter party, which came into the old convention, would be hostile to the new one. The antagonists on both extremes "stand pat."

EX-EMPEROR IS IRRITATED

CLAUDE OF PEACE TREATY UN-
NERVES W. HOHENZOLLERN.

Allies' Announcement of Intention to
Bring Late Monarch to Trial
Gives Him Food for Thought.

AMORONGEN.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The former German emperor displayed marked irritation after reading the clause of the peace treaty in which the allies announced their intention of putting him on trial on charges of violation of international morality and of the sanctity of treaties. For several hours after he had read the clause no one at the castle of Amorongen had the courage to approach him. He sat in a chair before the main entrance to the castle entirely alone and apparently in deep thought, while the former empress, Auguste Victoria, and the members of his suite walked in the grounds, occasionally glancing in his direction.

Next day he seemed to be in a state of nervous agitation, for he frequently ceased his walking and walked away, leaving those who assist him to continue the work alone. Later, however, he resumed with increased energy, so much so that one of his assistants was forced to take to his bed for some time in order to recover from a chill caught while perching at the other end of the saw.

Subsequently the dull life at the castle resumed its ordinary dullness, and since the first display of annoyance Count Hohenzollern has shown few signs of being much affected by the conditions of the peace treaty.

The former emperor has sworn his 4000th log and it is asserted by some of his retainers that he intends to bring the number up to 10,000. The logs, which now form a large heap, are placed in piles to dry in preparation for use as fuel in the castle next winter.

BRITAIN TO GET U. S. CARS

Possibly 5000 Motor Vehicles May
Be Imported in Near Future.

LONDON.—(By mail.)—A large quantity of American motor vehicles, possibly 5000, may be admitted into Great Britain in the next few months, says the American chamber of commerce in London. This will include passenger cars, commercial cars and motorcycles.

Up to the present time importers have been rationed on the basis of 50 percent of their 1913 imports, in proportionate monthly quantities up to September 1, 1919, at which time the British government's "transitional policy" is to be reconsidered. Those importers who established their business later than 1913 have not been getting anything at all.

The board of trade recently requested the American chamber of commerce in London to suggest a scheme which would give equitable consideration to all importers from America, old and new.

The chamber has suggested as a basis of distribution, the yearly average of imports obtained by adding the totals for 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and dividing by four. This scheme gives preference to those importers whose organizations have been in existence for a long time, but also takes into account importers who started in 1914 and 1915.

The plan has been ratified unanimously by the importers and the board of trade is now circulating the entire trade for their returns on this basis. This is declared to be only a temporary arrangement, and not to be taken as an indication of the British government's trade policy on motor vehicles after September 1.

WOMAN KNIFED TO DEATH

Wife Objected to Noise in Nailing
Windows, Man Tells Police.

NEW YORK.—After police found Mrs. Emma Hopfinger, 33, of 235 East One Hundred and Third street, stabbed to death they arrested Carl, her husband, 32, on the charge of homicide. In the case that followed the breaking into the Hopfinger apartment James Ross, a watchman of 1679 Avenue A, and Hopfinger were cut and bruised. Dr. Frederick Kins of the Harlem hospital found Mrs. Hopfinger dead, having been stabbed a number of times with a bread knife. The surgeon attended Ross and Hopfinger and the latter was then taken to the East One Hundred and Fourth street station by Detective Ryan and Knight. Hopfinger talked incoherently, according to the police, and said he had been in fear of burglars and that night after night he had locked and bolted the door and nailed the windows. Yesterday morning his wife objected to this, saying the noise disturbed her. Then, he said, she got up and snatched the bread knife, picked up the knife and attempted to stab him with it. He wrested it from her.

Sewer Explosion Stops Cars.

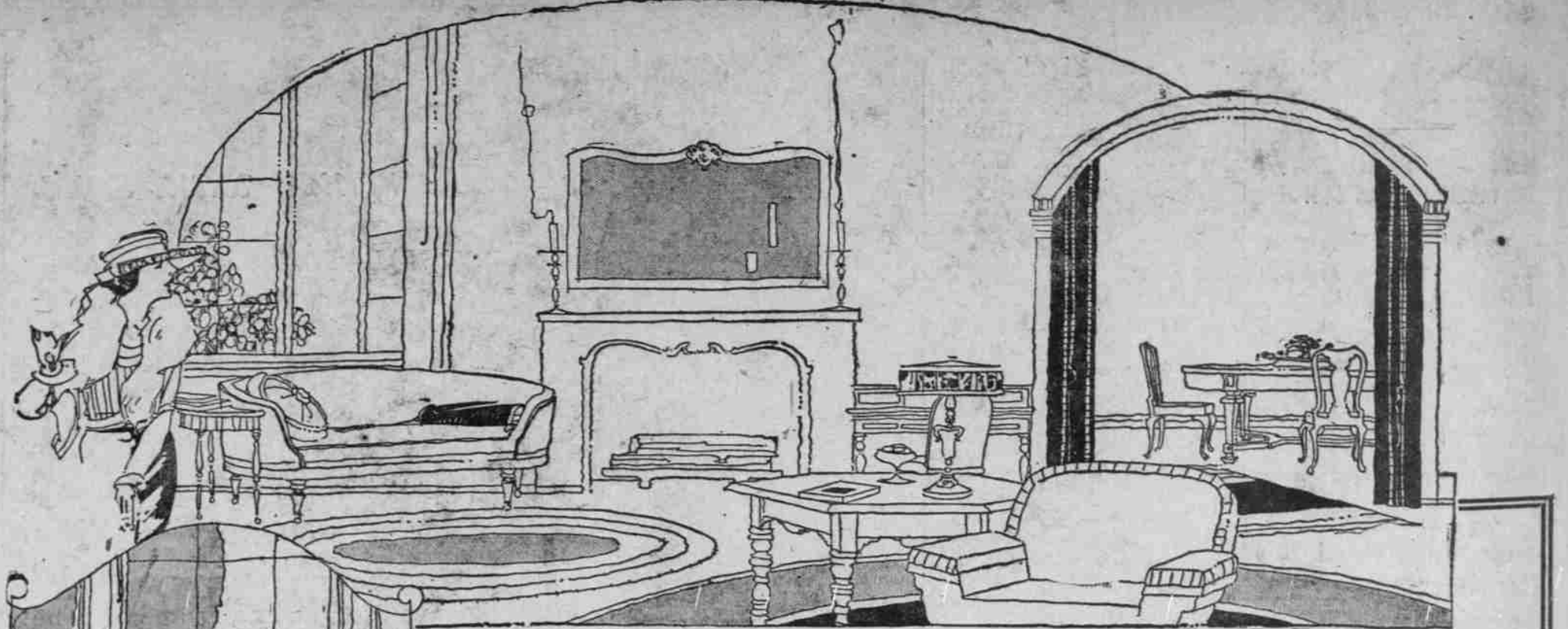
NEW YORK.—Sewer manhole covers were tossed 30 feet into the air along Forty-second street, between Second and Third avenues. Gasoline in the sewer exploded. Traffic on the Cross-town line east of Third avenue was tied up.

One manhole cover underneath the Third avenue "L" station at Forty-second street rose through the structure above and damaged the ties. Hugh Roberts of Corona, L. I., stepped into one of the open manholes and suffered a fractured leg.

Carranza Enemy Busy.

EL PASO, Texas.—In a plainly furnished front room of his home on Wyoming street, Engineer Manuel Bonilla, general executive chairman of the Mexican Fraternal Alliance, is working out his plan for the union of all factions opposed to Carranza in the hope of bringing about a peaceful settlement of Mexico's internal troubles. The engineer and diplomat writes voluminous letters to Mexico in all parts of the United States on a small, folding typewriter.

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The union high school of West Linn, Or., will open for instruction September 22 in a new building of a modern type, which will be one of the best of its kind in the state. Construction, which has been going on all summer, is practically completed.

To the rear of the building is the football gridiron and baseball diamond. Tennis courts will be laid out for use next spring. A large gymnasium occupies the southern side of the school and paved walks are being built about the grounds. The school will be well lighted and a new system of heating has been installed to guarantee a constant temperature in all class rooms. Ordinarily the average city has reached its full growth before it perfects its school system, but the citizens of West Linn have realized that a fine school is a big factor in the development of a community. The new union school building will serve the double purpose of providing educational advantages and a social center, being equipped with a large auditorium and stage.

J. L. Gary, principal of the school, has announced as teachers for the coming term Miss Minerva Gleason, domestic art and science department;

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CASTLE ROCK MARINE HOME

Two Years Spent With American
Expeditionary Forces Overseas.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—First-class Private Thomas H. Carnine of the 15th machine gun battery, 2d division, U. S. M. C., is at home once more after spending two years with the fighting forces overseas. He was welcomed home at Silver Lake Wednesday, coming in unexpectedly before breakfast.

Private Carnine took part in the

great parade in New York and was one of the 1600 in the marine brigade reviewed by President Wilson at Washington, D. C. He was in battles beginning October 15, 1917, through to the Rhine and was in the army of occupation and attended the A. E. F. university in France. He returned unharnessed, although slightly gassed and covered several times with dirt from the big German guns.

Whyatt Headed for Oregon.

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—George Whyatt, whose name first was reported here by telephone from Killekat county as White, when brought to Yakima from Goldendale to answer a charge of horse stealing, had in his possession four horses, three saddles, a branding iron and other articles useful in the stock business. According to Sheriff Hutchinson's information, Whyatt was headed for Oregon.

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