

REPAIR OF LINERS TO COST \$75,000,000

Congress Will Have to Make Appropriation, if Kept.

NEW BILL POSTPONES SALE

Commerce Committee Favors Waiting Until Permanent Merchant Marine Legislation Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Congress will have to appropriate funds for repairing the 34 German liners which the shipping board has been trying to sell, Chairman Payne said today. If the bill is passed, the proposed sale results in legislation requiring their repair and operation by the government.

The chairman estimated that \$75,000,000 would be needed to refit the vessels, which have been in transport service.

Chairman Jones of the senate commerce committee reported favorably today the bill postponing sale of the ships until congress has adopted permanent merchant marine legislation. "These ships are urgently needed in our foreign business," the chairman said.

Consideration of the bill will be asked next week, Senator Jones announced.

In estimating that the reconstruction of the passenger steamers would cost \$75,000,000, officials of the shipping board said that sum would not be available from the board's funds because the 1920 estimate of \$165,000,000 submitted to the house appropriations committee was withdrawn at the request of the chairman. The final estimate of the board's financial requirements for the coming year did not include the possibility of refitting the German liners.

Confidence that the board will ultimately be permitted to dispose of the craft was expressed by officials.

YALE AND HARVARD WANTED

Group of Los Angeles Men Make Highest Offer for Twin Liners.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The navy department received bids today on the twin passenger steamers Yale and Harvard, which formerly operated between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and which were released recently from war service. A group of Los Angeles men, bidding through the Edward P. Farley company, were said to have submitted the highest offer and the required assurance that the concern was free from any foreign connection. The amount of the bid was not made public.

The ships are owned by the Philadelphia Navy Yard, having been used as transports in the English channel service during the war. If the Los Angeles bidders secure them, they are to be restored to their old run.

GIRLS' DORMITORY BURNS

Young Eskimos Made Orphans by Influenza Again Stricken.

DUTCH HARBOR, Alaska, Feb. 21.—Five today destroyed the dormitory occupied by Eskimo girls who live at the Jessie Lee mission here which is conducted by the Methodist Episcopal church for fatherless children of Alaska.

All the girls were rushed out of the building before it was destroyed. They will be housed in other buildings at the mission. Most of the children lost their parents during the influenza epidemic of one year ago.

BIG GERMAN GUNS FOUND

Battery Discovered on Island Off Schleswig-Holstein.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 21.—The Berlingske Tidende's Flensburg correspondent states that the German mission has discovered 42 German cannon and ten machine guns in working order on Sylt island, off Schleswig-Holstein.

HOUSE PASSES RAIL BILL

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committee heard hearings. The compromise bill, he asserted, was the original house bill except "one substantive proposition," by which a rate basis is fixed with earnings in excess of 6 per cent on railroad valuation being divided between the earning carrier and the government for the latter to use for weak roads.

"Financial Straits" Viewed.

Referring to present "financial straits" of the carriers, Mr. Enoch said that prior to government operation only 80 per cent of the roads earned dividends and paid interest.

"During federal control, 192 of the 175 class 1 roads did not earn interest," he added. "In 1916 the roads lacked \$60,000,000 in paying interest on their indebtedness."

"Fifty per cent of the roads in this country would go into the hands of receivers in three months without the government guarantee," Mr. Enoch declared, "and I want to warn you that receiverships for industrial enterprises and other business."

"Fair Deal is Assured." The short lines, he said, had been fairly and generously dealt with, adding that if they suffered the people they served and trunk lines would suffer.

Details of the \$300,000,000 revolving fund were explained and the chairman brought a smile by announcing that provision for free passes for railroad lawyers, doctors and others stood as heretofore.

"I expect this one question has given members of congress more actual concern than the most important provision of the conference report," he declared.

Mr. Enoch denied that the government, under the compromise bill, guaranteed a return of 5 1/2 per cent on railroad investment. He explained that the guarantee was on actual value.

"It is up to the railroads to warn by efficiency," he said. "The government is losing nothing," he added. "Commerce is stimulated. This plan is the best practical solution for a most difficult problem."

Referring to the labor provisions Mr. Enoch declared that the measure contained nothing about compulsory putting into effect of the "decisions" of the labor boards, but that "it relies on public opinion, which is greater than any legislative decrees."

QUIZ FOR WOULD-BE POSTMASTERS IS SET

Applicants for Local Job Must Show Qualifications.

ONLY RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE

March 23 Date Announced for Examination—Education and Business Training Count.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 21.—A civil service examination to fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster at Portland, Or., created by the summary removal of Frank S. Myers on January 21, was announced by the civil service commission today for March 23.

The examination will be held under the executive order of March 31, 1917, which reads:

"Hereafter when a vacancy occurs in the position of postmaster of any office of the first, second or third class, as the result of death, resignation, removal, or on the recommendation of the postmaster-general, to the effect that the efficiency or needs of the service require that a change shall be made, the postmaster-general shall certify the fact to the civil service commission, which shall forthwith hold an open competitive examination to test the fitness of applicants to fill such vacancy, and when such examination has been held and the papers in connection therewith have been rated, the commission shall certify the result thereof to the postmaster-general, who shall submit to the president the name of the highest qualified eligible for appointment to fill such vacancy unless it is established that the character or residence of such applicant disqualifies him for appointment. No person who has passed his 65th birthday shall be given the examination."

Business Training Essential.

Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place, but will be required to furnish subjects, which will have the relative weights indicated:

(A) Education, 20; business training and experience, 40, making a total of 60. In addition to other information required, applicants must furnish the following in connection with each responsible position held by them:

(1) The number of persons under their supervision.

(2) The character of the business done by the person, firm or corporation.

(3) The volume of business done annually.

(4) The commercial rating of each person, firm or corporation.

Applicant Must Be Resident.

To be eligible for this position an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must actually reside within the delivery of the office for which the application is made, and must have been such resident at the time of the occurrence of the present vacancy.

The applicants must show that for at least five years they had held responsible position in which the principal duties involved the management of business affairs, such positions as president, general manager, general superintendent, or assistant general superintendent, requiring the active charge of firms, corporations or offices, and such positions in the navy, army, post office, or postal service.

Statements as to education and experience are subject to verification. Applicants must have reached their 21st birthday on the date of making oath to the application, and must be in good physical condition.

Photographs Are Required.

Applicants must submit with their applications their photographs taken within two years.

The rating on educational qualifications will be determined by the answer to the following questions:

"With respect to both your general and technical or professional education, state fully and in detail the names and locations of the schools or colleges you have attended and the courses of study pursued by you in each, naming any degree or degrees received by you, date conferred and the institution by which conferred. If you have pursued any post-graduate courses of study, state fully what studies and when, where and for what length of time they were pursued."

Experience Prime Factor.

"State fully and in detail all the practical experience you have had in the profession, occupation, or business in which you seek employment, or in professions or occupations of a similar character or of a character to fit you for the position sought. State fully and in detail the names and locations of the schools or colleges you have attended and the courses of study pursued by you in each, naming any degree or degrees received by you, date conferred and the institution by which conferred. If you have pursued any post-graduate courses of study, state fully what studies and when, where and for what length of time they were pursued."

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