

MERCHANT FLEET IS STAKE IN FIGHT

Fate of Shipping Hangs on Choice of Board.

PORTS SPLIT ON ISSUE

Determined Effort Is Being Made to Direct Selection.

BIG HARBORS WANT ALL

Portland Among Those Who Fight for Local Encouragement and Retention of U. S. Vessels.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 24.—A determined contest is being waged for control of the new shipping board. It is expected that seven men with a salary of \$12,000 each.

Two of these men are to come from the Pacific coast, two from the Atlantic seaboard, one from the gulf states, one from the Great Lakes section and one from the interior.

While it is true that the men soon to be named will not be confirmed by the senate it is equally true that these seven men in the next few months will make or wreck the merchant marine of the United States. Regardless of whether they are confirmed or not under the law they may remain in office with full powers until the end of the next session of congress.

Fate Will Be Sealed Soon.

Their confirmation by the senate then being refused, the offices become vacant and new appointments must be made. By that time all of the biggest work for the preservation and development of the merchant marine or its throttling will have been accomplished and the future work of the shipping board will be largely the administration of a going concern.

By the time a new president has opportunity to name a new shipping board all the damage or all the good will have been accomplished in the fixing of the permanent policy of the shipping board and for this reason two determined sets of men are battling for victory in the naming of the men who will determine whether the United States is to be a powerful under the controlling factor in transportation on the oceans of the world.

If one set of men wins the drastic provisions of the new Jones bill, by which the American merchant marine is sought to be created and fostered, will be made a dead letter, and the real dominance in commercial shipping will remain in foreign hands in a few ports of the United States, like New York and San Francisco.

Ports Would Buy Craft.

If the other men win, the ports of the entire United States will be encouraged to organize their own shipping concerns and buy gradually from the United States on easy terms the merchant ships built in the war emergency and which are now being allocated and operated by private enterprise on charter from the shipping board.

To secure such a policy, ports like Boston, New Orleans, south Atlantic ports, such as Baltimore, Charleston and Jacksonville, and Pacific ports, like Los Angeles and Portland, are striving to have men named who will fight to the last ditch for the decentralizing of the shipping business and the development of ocean shipping at all the ports capable of handling international shipments. To avoid rail and ocean congestion, to balance freight movements and prevent what may some day result in real famine through artificial congestion at a few ports is the object of the men back

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REFORMATORY WOMEN ENGAGE IN RACE RIOT

Negroes Hold Off Whites with Knives and Flatirons.

150 Girls Take Part—Several Police Men and Troopers Injured in Quelling Disturbance.

BEDFORD, N. Y., July 24.—Inmates of the state reformatory for women engaged in a serious race riot today, which started in the laundry and quickly spread to all cottages at the institution.

Hot flatirons used by the negro girls during the fight in the laundry forced their opponents to flee, but the battle was renewed on the lawn when scores of white inmates joined the fray. The laundry was wrecked. About 150 girls took part. The negroes were outnumbered five to one, but they held off their opponents with knives and flatirons.

The disturbance was quelled by state troopers and Bedford police. Three girls escaped from the reformatory tonight. A fourth, who escaped during the riot, was caught and brought back.

Several policemen and troopers were injured slightly while quelling the disturbance. One was bitten by a girl. About a dozen girls were cut and bruised. The ringleaders of the riot and about 70 participants were locked in the prison building, where they continued screaming and shouting for some time.

Miss Florence Jones, superintendent, resigned tonight as a result of the trouble. Rev. Thomas Kelley, former chaplain, assisted the police in quieting the rioters.

"Some of the girls got the impression they could do just as they pleased," said Rev. Mr. Kelley. "One girl said they could get away with murder."

RADIO NOVICES BOTHER

Work of Forest Patrol at Eugene Said to Be Interfered With.

EUGENE, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—Amateur radio operators in Eugene, most of them small boys who have installed apparatus of their own at their homes, are interfering with the forest patrol work, according to W. C. Boyce, who has charge of the work in this city for the forest service.

There are so many receiving instruments here, says Mr. Boyce, that the messages sent by the planes as they cover their "beats" are hard to hear at the radio station of the forest service here.

MONITOR DEFENDER DEAD

Member of Crew of Historic Craft Passes in Butte.

BUTTE, Mont., July 24.—Adam Vander-Hayden, a member of the crew of the Monitor in the historic battle with the Merrimack, died here today at the age of 73.

He was born in Amsterdam, Holland, and for 31 years had been a resident of Montana. During the civil war he served in the United States navy.

JOHNSON TO BE JAILED

Bail Will Be Denied Former Heavyweight Champion.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Jack Johnson, former world heavyweight champion, will be refused bail and sent to the county jail when he arrives in Chicago tomorrow in custody of a United States marshal from Los Angeles. This was announced today by District Attorney Clyne.

WEEK GENERALLY FAIR

Occasional Light Rains May Be Expected, Says Bureau.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Rocky mountain and plateau regions—Generally fair, although occasional scattered showers probable; nearly normal temperatures.

Pacific states—Generally fair except occasional light rains on the northern coast.

MURDERER OF GIRL IN TRUNK TRAILED

Police Hope to Identify Girl's Mutilated Body.

TRAIL LEFT BY 2 SUSPECTS

Expressman Believes Victim Is Patron's Wife.

LETTERS TO AID IN CHASE

One of Men Sought Known by Several Aliases; Both Roomed in New York Spanish Colony.

NEW YORK, July 24.—(Special.)—The police today succeeded in obtaining clues which, it is believed, will identify the young woman whose nude body was found Friday morning in a trunk in the general storage warehouse of the American Railway Express company, 228 East Forty-fourth street.

Having read in a morning newspaper that the man who shipped the body from Detroit June 19 gave him name and address as A. A. Tatum, 105 Harper street, Detroit, and that a man named E. Leroy left his apartment at that address about the same date, a day after his wife had mysteriously disappeared, Andrew J. Branic, proprietor of Branic's New York and Brooklyn Express company, 212 West Thirty-fifth street, came to the police today to tell a remarkable story.

Trunk Not Obtained.

Branic said that on June 11 he received a letter from Detroit signed "A. A. Tatum" asking the expressman to get a trunk which Tatum was sending prepaid from Detroit and telling him to hold it until Tatum arrived in New York. An express company receipt, giving the name of the shipper as A. A. Tatum and the consignee as James Douglas, was enclosed in the letter. Branic called for the trunk twice but did not get it.

The handwriting in the Tatum letter, said Branic, was the same as that in a letter the expressman received January 7, O. J. Woods, asking him to send to Detroit a trunk which had been left at Branic's place of business since July 10, 1918. The letter asked that the trunk be sent to E. Leroy.

Branic turned both these letters and the express company receipt over to the police who are making a thorough investigation along this line.

Both Believed Same Man.

"There is no doubt that Leroy and Tatum are the same man," said Branic. "The handwriting in each of the letters is the same. But neither of those names is his correct name. He had a habit of changing his name whenever he got into trouble, and he was known to me by two other names, O. J. Fernandez and O. J. Woods.

"I have known him since October, 1918. He introduced himself then as Fernandez, which I believe to be his real name. He came in here from Pennsylvania station with a man named Joseph Yanez. They said they had just arrived from San Antonio, Texas, where they had been government inspectors of airplanes during the war. The engaged me to get a trunk from Pennsylvania station and keep it here, which I did.

"Later I came to know Fernandez and Yanez very well. They took a room in some place in West Thirty-sixth street and used to come here often and talk. In November, 1918, they took the trunk and went to Philadelphia to take work in an airplane factory in or near that city.

Both Are Mechanics.

"A short time later Yanez came back to New York and took a room in a house in the Spanish colony in

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3 WOMEN LEAP FROM RUNAWAY STREETCAR

ONE INJURED; MOTHER CARRYING BABY JUMPS SAFELY.

One Passenger With Four Children Remains Aboard Until Wild Ride Over Trestles Ends.

Three women jumped from a runaway Kings Heights streetcar yesterday, and one, Mrs. Theodore Heufert, 610 Leland street, sustained a fractured knee-cap and injuries about the head. She was taken to St. Vincent's hospital unconscious, but later regained her senses, and was expected to recover.

The women said that the motor-man, P. Bransetter, 374 Fourteenth street, lost control of the car, and that the conductor advised them to jump. The car was stopped safely after it had careened wildly over two trestles, and had traveled about one-fourth of a mile.

Officials of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company said they had no report on the accident, but it was said that there were nine passengers on the car. One woman and her four children remained aboard until the car stopped. Mrs. Heufert, her daughter, Miss Catherine Heufert, and an unidentified woman with a baby jumped while the car was running at a high rate of speed. Mrs. Heufert was the only one injured.

\$10,000,000 LOST IN FIRE

2000 Indian Cloth Shops in Heart of Bombay Destroyed.

BOMBAY, July 23.—Two thousand Indian cloth shops in the heart of Bombay and the biggest cloth market in India were destroyed by fire tonight. The loss is estimated at 30,000,000 rupees (about \$10,000,000). No casualties are reported.

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The suit is to collect \$246.65 in unpaid personal taxes for the years of 1915 and 1916.

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FLOUR MILL SHIPPED TO ARCTIC CIRCLE

WHEAT GROWERS PROSPER IN FROZEN NORTH.

Government Experiments Result in Variety That Ripens in Short Summers of Alaska.

G. Lansing Hurd has just sold a flour mill to be installed 175 miles south of the arctic circle, in Alaska. This will be the first flour mill that has ever been sent so far north, but the acreage of wheat is increasing so rapidly, and the department of agriculture has been successful in developing a hardy wheat which matures in about 90 days, that the growers have felt the need of a mill. Mr. Hurd is sending a Twentieth Century mill, operated by steam. The plan will be shipped to Seattle, thence by steamer to St. Michael, where it will be transferred to boat and will move up the Yukon 836 miles to the mouth of the Tanana river and thence 250 miles to Fairbanks. The mill has been bought by the Tanana Valley Agricultural association. The capacity of the mill is 25 barrels a day.

For the past six years wheat has been experimented with in the Tanana valley and while the general supposition is that the climate is unfavorable for the growing of grain so close to the arctic circle, it has developed into a complete success. The quality of grain is good and the yield has been large.

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HARDING INDURSES POLITICAL LIBERTY

Generous Amnesty to Prisoners Favored.

DEBS CASE OPINION DECLINED

Senator Refuses to Pass on Individual Offense.

CLEMENCY REPLY GIVEN

"Freedom of Thought, Speech and Press Within Limits That Guarantee Liberty" Desired.

MAHON, O., July 24.—Although declaring for "generous amnesty for political prisoners," Senator Harding declined today to express an opinion regarding the case of Eugene V. Debs, the socialist nominee for president, serving in the Atlanta penitentiary on conviction of attempting to obstruct the draft.

The republican nominee outlined his position in a reply to P. P. Christensen, presidential candidate of the farmer-labor party, who recently telegraphed Senator Harding and Governor Cox asking that they use their influence to obtain executive clemency for Debs.

Telegram Sent in Reply.

"I have your telegram relating to the release from prison of Eugene V. Debs," Senator Harding telegraphed. "I believe as heartily as you do in freedom of thought and speech and press within the limitations which guarantee our liberties and I can well believe your desire regarding the abuses of that freedom when the republic is in peril.

"I believe in generous amnesty for political prisoners, but this broad policy does not justify a hasty disposition of any case before it is considered on its merits. It is not for me now to review a particular case, and it is impossible to utter an opinion without such review."

Pleasure Is Expressed.

He declared himself well pleased by the response given his acceptance speech throughout the country, making particular mention of the statement by Senator Johnson of California.

"I am gratified," said Senator Harding, "over the many expressions of approval which have been spoken. It is very pleasing to be assured that I have correctly spoken the republican interpretation of the platform.

"Of course, it is good to be assured of Senator Johnson's cordial approval. There never was any doubt in my own mind about the ultimate commitment of progressive republicans to the republican cause this year.

High Citizenship Level Urged.

"Under the committee to party government it is our special business to make the republican party expressive of the best thought of the American citizenship which composes it.

Among the few callers was ex-Senator Young, publisher of the Des Moines Capital, who issued a statement afterward declaring that if the republican party could not elect Harding "it could not elect anyone."

"I am greatly pleased with Senator Harding's speech of acceptance," said the statement. "Being a newspaper man he had the intuition as regards what the public had in mind. Nobody but a newspaper man could have thought of making that summary of his creed. This was bold and manly. He met every issue face to face."

Permits Run Into Thousands.

EL PASO, Tex., July 24.—Nearly half a million border permits and identity cards, entitling holders to cross to Mexico, were issued during the first year of prohibition in the United States, it was announced today.

GASOLINE SHORTAGE HERE GROWS WORSE

UNION OIL COMPANY RESTRICTS DISTRIBUTION.

Only Commercial Cars to Be Supplied—Other Companies' Stores Are Drained.

The gasoline situation in Portland took another turn for the worse yesterday, when the Union Oil company supply became so short that orders were given out allowing the fuel to be purchased by cars for commercial purposes only, and Standard, Shell and Associated stations reported heavy purchasing, which seriously drained their supplies.

The Union will continue to supply commercial cars only for today also, it was announced, except at two of its stations, where the usual policy of 20 per cent tank capacity for pleasure cars and 75 per cent for commercial cars will be followed. As these stations will have only the usual supply of 500 gallons each for the day, it is expected both will be exhausted early.

There will be no change in the regulations governing distribution of gasoline by the other companies, it was stated. The Shell and Associated companies will continue distribution on the usual 20 per cent, 75 per cent basis which it has been following. Yesterday's supplies at the various stations did not last through the day in many instances, and by late afternoon practically every Standard station was out. The distribution for today's consumption was made at a late hour last night, and a line of waiting automobiles was expected this morning before the various stations when they opened.

A rise in the price of gasoline went into effect yesterday by the Shell company from 27 to 28 cents a gallon. The Standard and the Union continued to charge 25 1/2 cents, while the Associated is charging 27 cents. No immediate increase in the price of gas is in prospect, so far as the Standard is concerned, according to J. E. Balesley last night, in spite of the Shell's action.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 24.—The price of gasoline was advanced by local stations of a large oil company from 30 1/2 to 32 1/2 cents a gallon today.

Other companies had not received notice of an increase.

GUAM FINES WHISTLERS

Naval Governor of Island Holds Noise Is Unnecessary.

AGANA, Guam, July 24.—Whistling is prohibited in the city of Agana under penalty of \$5 fine by order of Captain Gilmer, governor of Guam, and commander of the United States naval station here. His order reads:

"The practice of whistling is an entirely unnecessary and irritating noise which must be discontinued.

"It is therefore ordered and decreed that no person shall whistle within the limits of the city of Agana.

"The penalty for a violation of this order shall be an executive fine not to exceed five (\$5) dollars.

W. W. GILMER, Governor of Guam."

Captain Gilmer has absolute authority in making the laws of Guam, this perhaps being the only United States possession where one man has this power.

CLATSOP INCREASES 6924

Five Cities of Country Set Live City in Census Race.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Census returns announced here today were as follows:

Clatsop county, Oregon, 23,030; increase, 6924, or 43 per cent.

Boone, Ia., 12,451; increase 2104 or 20.3 per cent.

Cuyahoga Falls, O., 10,209; increase 6180 or 152.7 per cent.

Kingston, N. Y. (revised figures), 25,938; increase 730 or 2.9 per cent. Previously announced as 25,884.

Savannah, Ga. (revised figures), 82,252; increase 13,138 or 28 per cent. Previously announced as 82,667.

Populations to be announced Monday at 10:30 A. M. include Marshallfield, Or.

ROBBER HOLDS UP FOUR PARK STAGES

Tourists Drop \$350 in Hat Passed Around.

JEWELRY IS NOT ACCEPTED

Highwayman With Rifle Sweeps Road.

PASSENGER HAS TO HELP

Tourist Is Required to Take Up Collection While Robber Keeps Others Under Rifle.

FRESNO, Cal., July 24.—Four automobile stages en route to the Yosemite valley filled with passengers were held up and the passengers in two of them were robbed of money by a lone outlaw this afternoon about 1 o'clock at a point on the mountain highway about a mile and a half from Miami lodge in Mariposa county. As near as could be estimated, the robber obtained about \$350. The robber escaped in the brush and tonight a posse under Sheriff Al Turner of Mariposa county was searching the mountain country.

The robber had thrown a log across the road and when the first stage reached it he suddenly appeared from the underbrush on the mountain side above the road and commanded the passengers to remain in their seats. He was armed with a rifle and had a flour sack over his head.

Scouts Not Molested.

The first car had six boy scouts from New York under the leadership of J. E. Matthes. The robber would take no money from them or from the drivers.

The second and third cars were immediately behind. When all three had been stopped the robber commanded C. M. Marcusson of Detroit, a passenger in the third car, to get down and pass the underbrush on the mountain side above the road and commanded the passengers to remain in their seats. He was armed with a rifle and had a flour sack over his head.

The passengers in the second car were Henry J. Young, wife and two children of New York. Young threw a sack containing \$200 to Andy Davidson, driver of the car, and put some small change into the hat.

The passengers in the third car were Mrs. S. A. Costello and two children of San Francisco. Mrs. C. C. Hammond of Mexico, Mo.; J. F. Thayer and brother of New York and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Marcusson of Detroit.