

## CONGRESS AGAINST SALE OF SHIPS TO PRIVATE INTERESTS

Representatives Want Shipping Board to Await Formation of Permanent Policy for Marine.

### FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

Farmers Enter Protest on Word That 19 Ships Have Been Disposed of to Private Parties.

Washington, June 18.—Criticism voiced by members of congress and Western representatives of farmers' organizations over the action of the shipping board in selling 19 steel ships to private interests may result in the introduction of a resolution requesting the shipping board to withhold further sales pending enactment of legislation to provide a definite policy for the American merchant marine.

This was learned today from members of the house merchant marine and fisheries committee, who expressed great surprise that Chairman Hurley should dispose of the ships while the committee is preparing to begin, under direction of the house, an extended inquiry into the shipping situation, so as to determine a definite policy for the future of the American merchant marine.

### POOR TYPES SOLD

While it is recognized by members of congress that the shipping board has full power under the law to dispose of ships, their objection to the sale of the 19 vessels rests in the fact that it was done while congress was trying to work out the best plan for sale or operation. The criticism drew from the shipping board the definite announcement in selling the ships that it did not intend to anticipate the decision of congress as to whether the government should continue to own and control the American merchant marine. The board explained that the ships sold, although built of steel, are not of the type most desired for an American merchant marine of the first class.

The statement was made that the

shipping board proposes to turn over to congress a well-balanced fleet of 10,000,000 deadweight tons, sufficient to handle 50 per cent of this country's overseas trade, and that the ships sold do not belong in this category, because they are undesirable.

### IN WOODEN SHIP CLASS

It was said that these ships are in the same class as wooden ships, and that the board does not wish to retain them in the fleet. The board declared further that the sale would have the advantage of establishing a market price for ships in this category, which would be a basis for future transactions.

Chairman Hurley's action in selling the 19 ships is to be taken up at a meeting of the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries Thursday. The committee is also expected to take up the question of introducing a resolution requesting the shipping board to refrain from making further sales pending action by congress.

Chairman Greene of this committee stated that Representative Walsh, Republican, of Massachusetts will also be heard on his bill providing for the creation of an executive department to be known as the department of marine and fisheries, and to be headed by a secretary of marine and fisheries.

**FLETCHER OPPOSES SALE**  
Under this bill the work of the shipping board and all branches of existing departments dealing with shipping and fishing would be transferred to the new department.

Fletcher of Florida, who was chairman of the commerce committee during the enactment of the shipping board legislation, said today that he was very much opposed to the sale of ships, which he declared the government should own and control them.

The appropriation bill for the shipping board, passed in 1917, gave the president authority to build, operate and dispose of these ships, said Senator Fletcher today. "Now it seems that the president has delegated this power to Mr. Hurley. I do not think that this was expected at the time the bill was passed."

### FARMERS ENTER PROTEST

At the shipping board today it was stated that the sale of the 19 ships to private American interests is safeguarded so that the ships will be operated under the American flag, because the law would bar the transfer of any of the ships to a foreign flag. The shipping board's bill of sale, through the terms of payment, gives it an equity in the ships for several years.

Senator Fletcher said he doubted if any action could be provided to prevent ships, once sold to private interests, from passing into foreign hands.

"No matter what strings might be attached to the sale, ways will be found for the ships to go under foreign control," he declared.

Through Benjamin C. Marsh, secretary, the farmer's national committee on transportation, representing numerous farmers' organizations, today made a statement protesting against the sale of the ships.

## MONEY WAITING FOR HEIRS, IF FOUND, OF CHARLES E. WOODS

Consul General at London Writes Asking That Portland Relatives Be Located.

Robert F. Skinner, American consul general at London, has written the Portland police department to ask for help in finding relatives of Charles E. Woods, who are supposed to live here. Mr. Woods was born here and is said to be an American citizen. He was employed on the S. S. Czarniga and was killed by accident, according to word the consul received from the British board of trade. Woods left considerable money, which Mr. Skinner is desirous of turning over to the heirs.

W. Richard Watson, superintendent of the Southern Pacific railroad at Tucson, Ariz., had written the local police department for assistance in finding his missing father, William Darr Watson, who is supposed to own an apple orchard near the city. Nothing has been heard of the father since 1900, when he left his home as a railroad brakeman. He is said to have advanced to the position of conductor. He is about 60 years of age. The elder Watson is a Mason and a member of Hiram lodge No. 13 of San Marcia, N. M. The Masonic order has also lost all trace of Mr. Watson.

Mrs. Jean Tribaol of Los Angeles, the mother of 13 children, has also asked the Portland police to assist her in locating her husband, who has been missing since June 2. Tribaol is French, and a music teacher, and left Mare Island May 30 for the home of his brother at South Vallejo, Cal. He left the latter place June 2 and mentioned something about Portland. It is thought his disappearance may be due to overwork. Fear is also felt that he may have met with foul play, as he is known to have had \$800. Inspector Robert Craddock is investigating all three cases and would appreciate any information concerning them. He can be reached at room 315 police headquarters.

### War Work Is Discontinued

Medford, June 18.—Active war work has been finished by the local chapter of the Red Cross, but the chapter's activities will not cease. The work of the home service, public health, nursing and Junior Red Cross departments will be continued, with Mrs. Fred L. Mearns, Mrs. Charles L. Schieffelin and Mrs. Platt in charge.

## Medford Voters Turn Down School Budget Decisively

Medford, June 18.—At the special school election of the Medford district held Tuesday the voters overwhelmingly defeated the board of education's tax budget, which provided for the levying a special tax for the year 1919-1920 by a district, which would exceed by more than 8 per cent the tax levied for the preceding year. The proposed tax was \$2,245 for the present year. There were only 61 aye votes for the budget to 222 noes.

H. C. Garnett, hardware merchant, was elected school director for a three-year term, over Harry Stockman, civil engineer. Garnett had 230 votes to Stockman's 90, with 13 scattering votes for other men and 13 blank ballots. Another election will be called soon to vote on a tax budget, board members stated Tuesday, but as to whether the same budget or a decreased one will be submitted they are unable now to state.

### Prominent Orchardist Dies

Medford, June 18.—Word has been received of the death of Hugh E. Kreuter, a prominent orchardist of the valley, at San Francisco at the age of 71 years. He was a native of Oregon and came to Chicago and owned two orchards in the Coker Butte district. His wife and two children, Hugh Kreuter of Kona, and Mrs. C. V. Cummings of Medford, survive.

## Senate Will Ask About Detention Of Correspondent

Washington, June 18.—(U. S. S.)—The senate passed unanimously today a resolution sponsored by Senator Borah of Idaho, calling upon the state department to furnish the senate with information as to the reported detention of William T. Ellis, author and correspondent, by the British authorities at Cairo, Egypt.

Ellis, who is a correspondent of the New York Herald, recently called his paper that he was being detained because he had interviewed Egyptian nationalist leaders during the recent rioting in Cairo.

He accused the United States consular representatives at Cairo of failing to give him proper protection.

## Pioneer Resident of Nehalem Valley Dies

Nehalem, June 18.—William Schoolmeyer, pioneer of the Nehalem valley, died at his home, one mile west of town, Saturday morning. He was born in Schalte, Germany, 65 years ago, and came to this country in 1884, taking up a homestead, where he had resided for 30 years. He is survived by his widow, who has been invalid for many years, and seven children: Johanna, Clara, August, Mrs. Mary Doughney, Mrs. Samuel Thompson and Mrs. Ed Braune-struther, all of Nehalem, and Mrs. Emma Johns of Manning, Or.

## Rotarians Are Urged To Fight Bolshevism

Salt Lake City, June 18.—(U. P.)—Rotarians the world over were called on Tuesday to take their stand against Bolshevism. John Poe of Washington, president of the International Association of Rotary clubs, in session here, declared that "if we do not stop this thing we fall in the ideals of our organization. I call on Rotarians the world over to take their stand against Bolshevism," he said. "This is our opportunity." Six thousand Rotarians were gathered in the Mormon tabernacle.

## Zionist to Speak Here on Thursday

Marvin Loewenthal, Pacific coast director of the Zionist organization of America, with headquarters in San Francisco, is due to arrive today and will address the Portland branch of the organization in the B'nai B'rith building, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, on "The Jews and the Peace Treaty." Local Zionists have been awaiting his arrival. Mr. Loewenthal will be at the Benson.

## Sinn Fein Countess Sentenced to Prison

Dublin, June 18.—Countess Markievicz, the Sinn Fein leader and member of parliament, who was arrested here Friday, was arraigned in the court at Malton Tuesday under the new act and sentenced to four months' imprisonment on the charge of having caused an unlawful assemblage in Cork on May 17.

## Employment Service Appropriation Holds

Washington, June 18.—(U. P.)—The house today adopted the conference reports on the deficiency bill after refusing by a vote of 208 to 1 to strike out the appropriation of \$272,000 for the United States employment service. The bill, carrying about \$22,000,000, now goes to the president.

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## SHRINERS RETURN FROM CONVENTION

Delegation Which Swung 1920 Meet to Rose City Received With Great Acclaim.

Portland Shriners extended a splendid welcome home to its delegation who, returning Tuesday night from the Indianapolis convention, brought with them the 1920 convention of the order. Although 93 of the local nobility attended the convention, but 26 members of the Portland delegation returned. Fourteen had arrived with Mayor Baker Monday night, and the rest of the band are spending their time in the East, attending to business matters or visiting relatives.

The story of Portland's fight against odds for the 1920 convention, of how weather and climate, and the work of the local men overcame the money and influence of the New Orleans delegation, was related by Circuit Judge Stapleton, who presented Portland's bid for the 1920 gathering to the convention.

The 1920 convention, according to the delegates, will be one of the greatest opportunities ever given Oregon for advertising. At least 100,000 persons will visit the city, and the Northwest will be given an unequalled opportunity of displaying her resources to the people of the East.

The reception for the returning delegates consisted of a parade through the

streets of the city, led by a detail of police and a band. At the close of the parade all the members of the delegation were showered with congratulations and praise by the members of the order who remained at home.

## Twenty-Seven Go From Eugene to the G. A. R.-W. R. C. Meet

Eugene, June 18.—Twenty-seven members of the Eugene G. A. R. and W. R. C. posts left Monday for The Dalles to attend the annual convention of the organization, which opened a three-day session Tuesday. Those who are making the trip were:

Colonel W. S. Search, commander of the local G. A. R. post, and Mrs. Search; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shelley, M. J. Moshier, I. F. Circle, Mrs. Jennie Higgins, Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. John Marsh, Mrs. Lorana Wallace, Mrs. Mary A. Lindley, Mrs. Elizabeth Beyton, Mrs. L. Morris, Mrs. Marie Williams, Mrs. L. Hall, W. Marsha, Mr. and Mrs. Ed A. Kraemer, Mrs. Lewellyn Hall, Smith Carr, Mrs. Jessie Marsh, president of the local W. R. C.; Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. Catherine Smith, Mrs. L. Zimmar, Mrs. Mary Clendenon, Mrs. Emma Smith, Mrs. Nora Cram, Mrs. Lydia Fox, Miss Emma Lowry and D. N. McCready.

### WOULD BE CITIZENS GIVEN LIE BY NORTH DAKOTA'S GOVERNOR

Eugene, June 8.—In answer to the claims of a number of Lane county residents that they are naturalized citizens of the United States by virtue of the fact that they were residents of

## Army Funds Raised By Hood River Elks Before Drive Begins

Hood River, June 18.—Although the drive for funds for the Salvation Army is not yet officially "on," J. H. Fredrick, chairman of the local Elks committee, reported on Monday at noon that a total of \$443.50 had been raised without solicitation. Hood River county's quota is \$2200.

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