

PAYNE PRESENTS HIS VIEW ON U. S. MERCHANT MARINE

Washington, March 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The government should not build any more ships, but should leave the "balancing of the fleet" to the efforts of private builders.

The shipping board construction program will be completed this fall, with the exception of 26 passenger ships, on which the work will run into 1921.

Congress will not be asked for any additional money for construction, all money needed coming from receipts from operations, sales of ships and salvage.

The government should get out of the shipping business as soon as possible, consistent with obtaining fair prices for the ships it has for sale.

Sales should be made for something less than present cost of building, plus a reasonable allowance for spot delivery, which works out to approximately prices at which ships are offered.

PAYNE STATES VIEWS

These are outstanding statements from John Barton Payne, chairman of the shipping board, in opening his testimony before the senate commerce committee on the policy to be pursued with the merchant marine. He gave the committee a mass of figures telling what the board has done and the cost of doing it.

He also told of a new plan of sale of shipping board vessels, under which, he said, the purchaser may practically pay for the vessel "out of the hatch." The terms are 24 per cent cash, \$8.50 per ton per month in advance, title to pass when 50 per cent of the price has been paid, the remaining 50 per cent in five years at 5 per cent.

The \$3.30 per ton, he said, is just double the bare boat rate of charter. Under this new plan three ships have been sold in the last month, and many more, Judge Payne believes, will be sold as soon as congress has passed a bill "and the shipping board is left to sell the ships."

PRICES ARE DISCUSSED

Much too much has been said about the price of ships, he thought, and prospective purchasers have held back, believing that the price might be depressed to \$100 or \$150 per ton by action of congress.

Judge Payne gave a statement of services in which shipping board vessels are operated, showing the services out of each port and shipping division. Out of Baltimore are 12 operating firms with 43 ships, out of South Atlantic ports 11 firms with 103 ships, out of Gulf ports 22 firms with 140 ships, out of Pacific coast ports 18 firms with 151 ships.

On the Pacific coast, San Francisco is credited with nine services, Portland with five and Seattle with six. Three of these in each case are for ships serving all three ports.

1919 SHIPS OPERATING

The board has 1235 ships in operation. Total shipping board appropriations have been \$2,181,451,000 and receipts have added \$244,840,000, giving a total of \$3,426,000,000. Expenditures have been \$3,137,311,000. Estimated available funds to June 30, 1920, are \$372,000,000, with disbursements expected to aggregate \$307,000,000, leaving a balance of \$65,000,000.

Judge Payne suggested a provision in the law to prevent the taking of any vessel from under the American flag without the consent of the shipping board. Senator McNary said he had some misgivings as to the power to do this, Payne said he believed that this may be done.

Bill Dealing With Maritime Liens Is Offered in House

Washington, March 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Chairman William S. Greene of the house committee on merchant marine has introduced a bill long under consideration dealing with the subordination of maritime liens to mortgage liens on vessels.

The bill provides that any person furnishing repairs, supplies or other necessities, including towage and the use of drydocks or marine railways, shall have a maritime lien.

It is then provided that such liens and all liens arising out of contract or for damage in the nature of demurrage not arising out of tort, except wages for the crew and stevedores employed by the owner, master, ship's husband or agent of the vessel, general average and salvage, including contract salvage, shall be subject to the lien of any mortgage duly recorded in the office of the collector of customs and noted on the certificate of registry.

Vessels sold under subordinate liens shall not impair the lien of a prior mortgage. The bill provides in detail for the manner of recording liens and procedure in district courts for foreclosure.

Wood-Poindexter in Wrangle Over Treaty

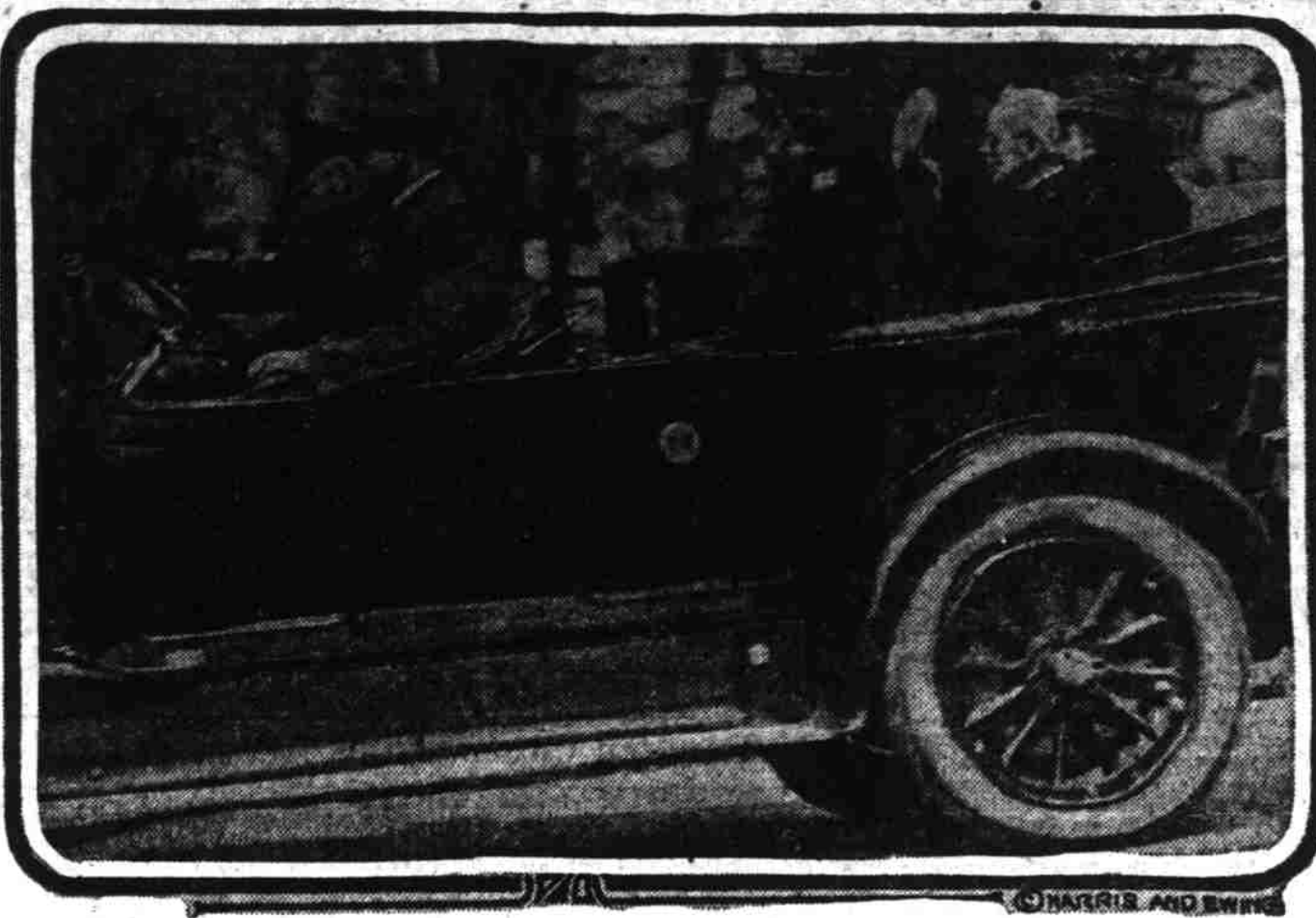
Pierre, S. D., March 22.—(U. P.)—A two-hour debate here Saturday between Major General Wood and United States Senator Poindexter, presidential candidates for the Republican nomination, was spent chiefly in a wrangle over the peace treaty. Wood declared that the treaty should have been ratified with reservations. Poindexter said he was glad the treaty was beaten. Wood reiterated his stand for limited military training. Poindexter opposed a "militaristic policy." Poindexter also attacked Wood's administration in Cuba.

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PRESIDENT'S FIRST PHOTO SINCE ILLNESS



The president and Mrs. Wilson photographed for the first time since the president returned to Washington several months ago from his League of Nations tour. This is one of several rides the president has taken in the past two weeks, but the first time photographers have been allowed to snap him. Dr. Cary N. Grayson is the third occupant of the tonneau. Beside the driver is a secret service man.

LABOR PLATFORM RAPS BLACKLIST

Washington, March 22.—The political platform of the 4,500,000 members of associated trade unions was made public Sunday in an advance editorial in the American Federationist, labor's official organ, by Samuel Gompers.

The editorial, entitled "Labor's Political Banner Unfurled," is generally considered to be an official analysis of labor's platform in the coming presidential campaign.

A united effort on the part of union labor is called for by Gompers to defeat all candidates "who are indifferent or hostile to the aspirations of labor."

BLACKLIST EXPANDED

A "political blacklist" already has been compiled by the American Federation of Labor, containing the names of all probable candidates for office who are claimed to be inimical to the demands of labor. This list, it is understood, will be augmented as the campaign approaches to include all candidates whom labor wishes defeated.

In enumerating the campaign principles for organized labor, Gompers states that "not one measure of really constructive character" has been placed upon the statute books since the armistice, and that labor must take action in the campaign to bring about the selection of candidates who will change this situation.

One of the first evils to be attacked, Gompers points out, is the high cost of living.

"No factor contributes more to industrial unrest and instability than excessive costs in necessities of life," the editorial states.

ADVOCATES COOPERATION

"It is a demonstrated truth that the cost of living has advanced more rapidly than have wages. We urge the denatation of currency; prevention of hoarding and unfair price fixing; establishment of cooperative movement operated under the Rochdale system; making accessible all income tax returns and dividend declarations."

The publicity of profits of all corporations and their federal supervision and control by government examiners is a constructive measure which should have congressional attention, Gompers states.

MODIFIED SINGLE TAX

"Credit also should be extended to voluntary non-profit making housing and joint tenancy associations. States and municipalities should be free from the restrictions preventing their undertaking proper housing projects."

A graduated tax upon all usable land which is not actually cultivated is recommended, to prevent the ownership of large unproductive estates. As to the money principles of taxation, Gompers says:

"There should be provided a progressive increase of taxes on incomes, inheritance and land values, of such a nature as to render it unprofitable to hold land without putting it to use, to afford a transition to greater economic equality and to supply means of liquidating indebtedness growing out of the war."

In the interests of public and democratic education the right of teachers to organize must be recognized, Gompers states.

Government ownership and operation of all public and semi-public utilities, including wharves, docks and shipping should be placed into effect for the interests of the general public.

ANTI-STRIKE ISSUE

The development of the merchant marine under government control should be continued as a vital need, Gompers asserts, and seamen should be given the same rights and privileges exercised by workers in all other employments. Full development of the nation's enormous waterpower is advocated.

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Demonstration for Debs Is Planned

Chicago, March 22.—(U. P.)—Socialists will hold a demonstration in Washington, D. C., April 12, to obtain the release of Eugene V. Debs from the Atlanta, Ga., penitentiary. It was announced at Socialist headquarters here Saturday. Debs, who is expected to be the Socialist presidential candidate, was convicted under the espionage law act and imprisoned April 13, 1919. The demonstration will consist of a parade up Pennsylvania avenue to the White House, where it is planned to have a prearranged conference with the president. General amnesty will be asked for Socialists and radicals imprisoned under the espionage act.



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WILSON MAY GIVE EASTER FUNCTION

Washington, March 22.—Confirmation of the appointment of Bainbridge Colby as secretary of state will permit President Wilson to hold the first cabinet meeting over which he will preside since last August.

If the president should call a meeting of the cabinet the latter part of this week, he will sit down with a new secretary of state, secretary of the treasury, secretary of the interior and secretary of commerce.

Whether or not the president will take his "rejuvenated" cabinet into his confidence on the subject of the peace treaty and what he intends to do with that document is a matter of conjecture.

The president's rapid recovery of late has given rise to the suggestion that Easter week will be chosen for a White House function, the first in several seasons, and that the president may be able to grant an audience to the six ambassadors and three ministers accredited here who are waiting to be received by the chief executive. They are the Belgian, Brazilian, British, Italian, Japanese and Peruvian ambassadors and the Polish, Swiss and Uruguayan ministers.

The new British ambassador, Lord Gray's successor, is expected to be in Washington by that time. Many of the other diplomats have been here for many months but have been prevented from seeing the president by the latter's serious illness.

The president took another long motor ride Tuesday. Accompanied by Mrs. Wilson he left the White House shortly after 10 o'clock this morning and was driven through the parks of the capital. This was another early spring day and the president seemed much refreshed by his outing.

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