

20 ATTORNEYS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR SHIPPING FRAUDS

Washington, Dec. 14.—(U. P.)—Fifteen prosecuting attorneys and five trial lawyers should be employed by the government to prosecute shipping board frauds, Martin J. Gillen, former executive assistant on the board, today recommended in a written report to the Walsh investigation committee. Gillen did not appear today in person.

Edward Denman, first board chairman, continued to testify concerning losses he said American shipping suffered because his successors did not carry out his Diesel engine project. Gillen recommended all officers of ships and all officers of companies operating under the shipping board be required, before receiving their salaries, to take oath they have not received and have no knowledge of rebates, bonuses or bribes. He also urged complete abrogation of all present ship sales contracts and making of new arrangements for the sale of ships. Gillen said that many of the early purchasers of shipping board vessels are "destined to be financially destroyed at an early date. Therefore, the government should take back all its ship sales contracts, adjusting prices anew and making other contracts, he said.

"There are a great number of inefficient members in the shipping board operating companies and vessels should be taken away from them," said Gillen, who also urged a complete separation of the shipping board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation and additional regulatory shipping legislation by congress.

HI JOHNSON'S GROUP WROTH WITH HARDING

not to say he intends to select him—there is naturally dismay in the Johnson camp. But Mr. Johnson is not the only one who would regard the appointment of Mr. Hoover in the same way as waving a red flag in front of a bull. Senator Penrose, when asked what he thought of Mr. Hoover for the cabinet, is quoted as saying he regarded such talk as a joke.

The fact is the possible appointment of Mr. Hoover to the cabinet has stirred up some interesting discussion in Capitol Hill.

SPLIT TALK HEARD

Threats and talk of splitting the party are of course heard. Some of the senators have begun referring again to Mr. Hoover's long residence in England, while others have revived the controversy about the fixing of the price of wheat which Mr. Hoover insists he didn't do, but which was the work of a special committee appointed by the president. Nevertheless, in the scramble for positions, the friends of those who want positions in the cabinet and want to eliminate the League of Nations suggestion that he will be the only western man chosen, are beginning to be united against Mr. Hoover.

HOOPER IN INTERIOR

The understanding here is that Senator Harding is thinking of Mr. Hoover for secretary of the interior, particularly because Mr. Hoover is a western man and is a successful engineer who could deal with the great problems of the interior department. Mr. Hoover may or may not be selected, but his presence in Marion is annoying to his opponents in the senate, who really fear he will be appointed. Until the opponents began to take it seriously the impression was not well defined that Mr. Hoover would be chosen. The activity against Mr. Hoover is the strongest evidence thus far that the president-elect has him strongly in mind for the cabinet. It isn't the view of Herbert Hoover on the League of Nations or European conditions which is influencing Mr. Harding. The close friends of the president-elect say he wants Mr. Hoover because he believes the country has confidence in the former food administrator and expects him to choose men of Hoover's executive ability.

ROOT PLAN IN FAVOR

Some significant things have been happening here, too, on the League of Nations question which, when placed together with occurrences at Marion, reveal Mr. Harding as anxious to have America center her plans for an international association around the court which Elihu Root helped to create. Mr. Harding has wanted to know whether the court wouldn't be sufficient and the purpose of the conference at Marion between Mr. Harding and Mr. Root and the meeting between Senator Fall and Mr. Root is to find out whether the court can be made to stand independently of the League of Nations. Mr. Hughes will be asked his ideas on the same thing. The president-elect wants advice that

WILL HELP HIM HARMONIZE THE DISCORDANT ELEMENTS IN THE PARTY.

He knows how far Senators Borah and Johnson are committed on the subject of an international court. **KNOWS BORAH, JOHNSON** They signed the round robin in March, 1919, which pledged America to an international association of some kind, and Mr. Harding's idea as reflected here is that cooperation of nations, Messrs. Borah and Johnson will have to approve it.

At present the court is a creature of the league, and judges are chosen through the council and assembly of the league.

Mr. Harding is struggling to find a middle ground for a compromise, but in his efforts to do so he has already shown such firmness as to make the irreconcilable group in Washington rather uneasy.

That's the latest development in the national capital and it is fraught with the deepest significance for the future.

HIGHWAY BONDS ARE APPROVED BY DECISION

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throws the weight of his opinion to the side of Justice Brandeis, five members upholding the validity of the constitutional amendment and two—Justice Burnett and Benson—dissenting.

In his opinion today Justice Brandeis said: "The constitution as amended in 1919 in effect said to the counties: 'You may create debts for permanent roads in your county not exceeding six per cent of the assessed value of the property of the county, on approval of a majority of those voting thereon.' PEOPLE'S WILL FOREIGN

"Under our form of government the sovereign will resides in the people. That will is expressed in a written constitution which constitutes a fundamental law of the state. The people in their sovereign capacity assumed the function of limiting by the amendments of 1912 and 1913 to section 10 the amount of indebtedness that counties could incur for building and maintaining permanent county roads and thereby withdrew that subject from legislative authority."

DECISION MAKES CLACKAMAS BONDS VALID, SAY LAWYERS

Through validating the road bond issue in Union county the supreme court reverses its decision in regard to the Clackamas county bond issue. This will probably result in the Clackamas county issue being held valid in the opinion of Portland attorneys, who are familiar with the road bond question.

Six counties are affected by the decision and bonds amounting to approximately \$6,000,000 will be made legal.

DECISION HOLDS UP ISSUE

Following decision of the supreme court last summer on a divided count of four in favor and three opposed to the issue of bonds amounting to 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of the county, the issuance of bonds in other counties was held up.

In Union county a small amount of road bonds were issued, but the treasurer refused to pay the coupons on the strength of the Clackamas county road bond decision of the supreme court.

In the case of Clackamas county, bonds amounting to \$1,700,000, were directly invalidated and other counties were indirectly affected in approximate figures as follows: Union, \$1,500,000; Lane, \$1,000,000; Jackson, \$500,000; Yamhill, \$420,000, and Crook, \$200,000.

SUIT IS INSTITUTED

Upon refusal of the treasurer to pay bond coupons in Union county, Ladd & Tilton instituted their suit against that county, which resulted in the decision of the supreme court upholding validity of the bond issue in that county. This extends the same decision to Yamhill, Jackson, Lane and Crook counties.

Since the bond issue has been declared valid in Union county, the supreme court directly reverses the decision made in the Clackamas county case and will probably result in holding valid the bonds in the latter named county as well.

While actual issuance of bonds was not held up in Coos county, the community had been contemplating a road bond election which was delayed by the Clackamas county decision. Coos county participated in the brief of the Union county case.

War Finance Fight Carried by Western And Southern Men

Washington, Dec. 14.—(U. P.)—The fight to secure relief for farmers today passed to the hands of members of the house from Southern and Eastern states. They were besieging house leaders today to take up immediately the resolution reviving the war finance corporation, which was passed by the senate without a record vote late yesterday. Many house leaders are against the measure, which is aimed to open up foreign markets for the products of the farm and to stay declining prices.

RIDERLESS CAR ON WILD DASH

The most sensational streetcar smashup of recent months occurred on the west approach of the Steel bridge at 9:30 p. m. Monday when an Irvington-Jefferson one-man streetcar ran wild from a point on the bridge to Third street. The most surprising and fortunate feature of the crash lay in the fact that the one-man car was for the nonce a no-man car, the motorman-conductor having left his charge.

A truck driven by William Lelka, driver for the American Soda works, struck the car, injuring John Joulgas, who was on the tracks of H. S. Matulis, the car "crew," left his car, after setting his airbrake, to secure notes on the accident. In some way the car started up, gathered momentum as it traveled westward and hurtling down the bridge approach jumped the track, smashed the concrete pillar supporting an arch, and knocked down the front of an auto repair shop.

Motorcycle Patrolman Drennan, seeing the crash, telephoned the police headquarters to send all the ambulances to the scene. Soon after he found that the car was empty.

M. Eiling, 230 North Seventeenth street, had to run to escape from the wreckage. He gave his name to the truckman with fire engine 2, also saw the crash.

Joulgas was taken to the emergency hospital where he was found to have been badly cut about the head.

HARDING ACTS AS INTERLOCUTOR

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upon, such as his intention to call an extra session of congress and his desire that tariff hearings be started. These matters have already been carried in press reports and will not be rehearsed. The effort here is to tell of his difficulties in carrying out his duties.

The questions were direct, but, as a senator, Harding has become used to them. He is not a man who is noticeably hesitated, and now and then resorted to the explanation that the subject was one he really could not discuss. He said that he was not in a position to discuss the matter, but he parried a little, made a few remarks which developed his mental attitude, then quickly retired.

"You did not ask me that question," he exclaimed, "and I am not a man who is in a position to discuss the matter."

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TENURE BILL BODES ROW IN LEGISLATURE

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board except Director W. F. Woodward, who is aligned with the teachers in their support of the present tenure law. ALLEGED DEFECTS SEEN

Newell contended that the existing statute makes it impossible, to all practical intents and purposes, for the board to get rid of inefficient teachers in the public schools of the city and that direct control of the employment of teachers is taken away by the subrogation of the board's authority to that of the trial commission, to which discharged teachers have the right of appeal from the decisions of the board.

Director Newell contended that the superintendent of schools, who now has the right to hire, should be given the right to fire, subject to the approval and sustaining vote of the board in cases of appeal.

SHULL SUSTAINS NEWELL

In this argument Newell was sustained by Director Frank L. Shull, who said the present law put on trial the principals in the employment and retention of teachers, put them at the mercy of political and personal influence and keep them on the "anxious seat" all the time.

Woodward, who stands alone on the board in opposition to the proposed amendments, argued that the board had enough to do without worrying with tenure. He had watched the operation of the law, he said, and was convinced that it was working well and he suggested that the big questions the board had to solve was the explanation of the \$4,000,000 budget to the taxpayers and the problem of getting rid of "those damned portables," which he said were not "fit to house a hog in."

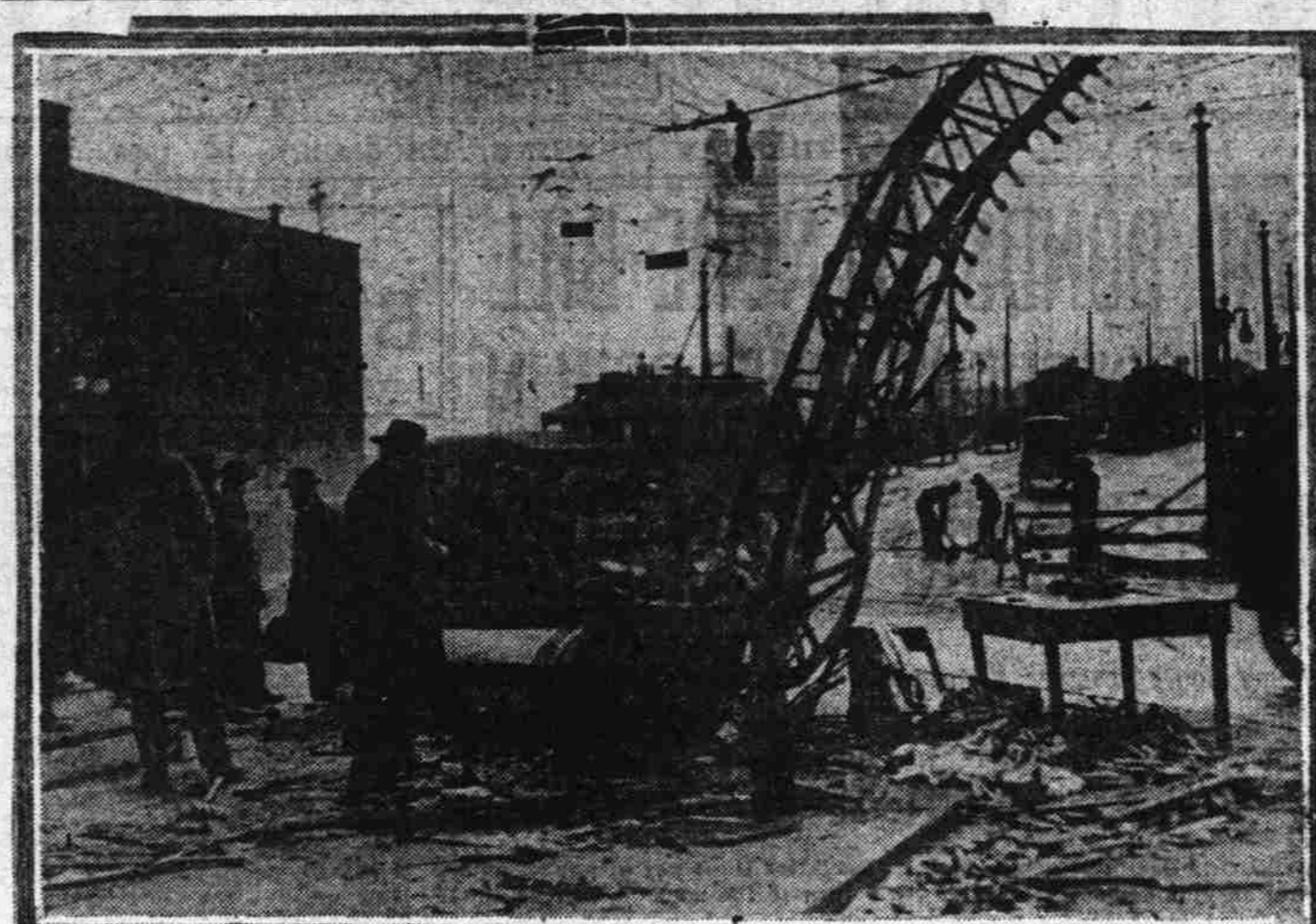
MONTAGUE FAVORS CHANGE

R. W. Montague spoke briefly in favor of the amendments, outlining the arguments of Miss Larrabee that the right of appeal would be taken away by them. Miss Mary Harper said that the "public school system of the country as a whole is crumbling" because of the unpleasant conditions and low pay of the teachers, and she advocated the institution of merit and demerit system for the benefit not only of the efficient teachers, but of the service generally.

A number of other speakers joined in the discussion, but no statement regarding the amendments proposed during or following the meeting, as it is the purpose of the delegates to gain all the information possible concerning legislative matters presented before it for their guidance during the session.

Ray W. Ritner, scheduled president of the senate, was an interested spectator during the evening.

STREET CAR WRECKS LIGHT PILLAR



Disaster wrought by one-man trolley car Monday night when brakes slipped on Steel bridge and sent manless vehicle hurtling along rails to jump track and demolish support of Third street arch at Glisan.

FIERCE STORM IS SWEEPING EAST

Washington, Dec. 14.—(I. N. S.)—The weather bureau today issued storm warnings for the Great Lakes and on the Atlantic coast between Cape Hatteras and Eastport, Maine.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—(I. N. S.)—

Extensive damage was done in Chicago and vicinity early today by a wind and rain storm that swept over Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. The wind reached a velocity of 40 miles an hour at 7 o'clock this morning.

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Girl Rescued From Gypsies Is Buoyant As She Nears Home

Chicago, Dec. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Hundreds of persons who crowded around pretty, fantastically dressed Rosa Miguel, on her way to her home in Norfolk, Va., in the B. & O. station, saw no hint of tragedy in her smile, no hint of seven years' separation from her parents and seven years of roaming over two continents as a prisoner of a gypsy band.

Beside Rosa was Ell Miguel, her father, who had spent seven years and a small fortune in locating his daughter, stolen from her Virginia home by a roving band of gypsies.

Little Rosa's life of roaming terminated recently near Phoenix, Ariz., where her band was discovered by a private detective agency and where she was rescued after a brief fight.

Antonio Ynez, son of the gypsy band's king, whom she was forced to marry a year ago, is held today, together with a number of the band, pending further investigation.

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CONSTANTINE ON WAY TO THRONE

By A. E. Johnson

United News Staff Correspondent
Lucerne, Dec. 14.—Constantine leaves today on the "one ten for Venice and way stations." No royal coaches emblazoned with his coat of arms, no right of way over ordinary trains, no special privileges usually accorded royalty on pilgrimage will be granted him on his entourage.

The Swiss railway officials are no respecters of notables. The only thing they have supplied Constantine above the wants of the usual traveler is sufficient baggage cars to hold the 202 packing cases of household furniture that form the king's impediments. And Constantine must pay for these.

A vast amount of baggage left here Sunday, the remainder going direct with the royal party.

The party will be taken to Milan. At Milan a sleeper will be in readiness for the six hour run to Venice.

The real "royal progress" will begin when Constantine boards a Greek cruiser with his immediate relatives. Once on the cruiser, truly Greek "soil," the king will come into his own again, and pomp will once more begin to play its usual picturesque part for the king.

The king is timed so that the king may make his triumphal entrance into Athens on Sunday.

STREETS LIKE SKATING RINK, DUE TO COLD

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This alone prevented a list of serious and probably fatal accidents.

COLD WAVE GENERAL
Tire chains did little or no good. Some of the streets on Portland Heights could not be negotiated by machines at all.

Every machine that crossed the steel bridge this morning skidded and a special policeman was stationed at the west approach waiting to send in ambulance calls if necessary.

"The weather is cold all over the Northwest, but not severely so," said E. L. Wells, weather forecaster, this morning. "The coldest temperature was reported from Baker, which shivered at 10 degrees above zero."

Wells said that the hail and sleet of Monday afternoon was caused by rain hitting a cold strata of air above the city. This cool air rapidly settled upon the city during the evening.

A fog which arose from the river about midnight carried frost particles to the bushes and trees in the higher sections of the city and made silvered fairylands out of the high lands on the east and west sides of the river.

Mount Hood is blanketed with an un-

MILL BURNS; LOSS \$10,000

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 14.—The Watson & Patch sawmill at Battle Ground was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The loss is estimated from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Much lumber piled near the mill was saved.

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