

## JONES RIDICULES IDEA OF ONE-MAN SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, April 19.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Senator Wesley L. Jones of Washington, chairman of the senate committee on commerce, discounts the talk about the Harding administration favoring the abolition of the shipping board and the substitution of a one-man plan, an "American czar of the sea."

Senator Jones has been at the White House several times lately and discussed shipping board matters, but never, he says, has the president suggested the plan which certain reports have attributed to him. Mr. Jones thinks the president would have said something about it if there was any ground for such reports, as they talked over the subject from several angles.

**JONES WANTS CHANGE**  
As for himself, Mr. Jones is opposed to placing a superman at the head of the merchant marine until the law which bears his name has been given a fair trial. He considers that it has not had much of a trial thus far, because the first board appointed under it late in 1920 faced the certainty of dismissal by the new administration and could not be expected to inaugurate new policies in the short time it had to live.

It is reported that some of the big shipping interests favor the one-man plan of directing the merchant marine, and they are suspected of spreading some of the statements which have been widely printed as to the president favoring the idea. The best information is that the president has done no more than to say an amiable word when this plan was suggested, but that the proponents of the plan hope that he will ultimately support it.

**COMMITTEE URGED CHANGE**  
At the recent session of congress the special committee of the house which investigated shipping board matters, headed by Representative Joseph Walsh of Massachusetts, tackled a paragraph in its report to the effect that shipping board efficiency might be promoted by placing all matters in the hands of a man of large affairs. The plan is likely to be proposed and to have strong support from the big shipping lines. John H. Rossetter, former director of operations and leading factor in the Pacific Mail, is said to advocate it heartily.

## Milton-Freewater District Reelects School Principals

Milton, Or., April 19.—The Milton-Freewater school district No. 3 has engaged the following teachers: Superintendent of union high and public schools combined, Elmer P. Goodwin, now principal of Gresham union high school. Principals—Freewater school, Milton B. Childers; Grove school, L. E. Kicker. Grade teachers—Mrs. Laura Richardson, Mrs. Mabel Robbins, Mrs. Florence

## JAPAN PURCHASES 700 WAR PLANES FROM BRITISHERS

By Forbes W. Fairbairn  
Universal Service Staff Correspondent.  
London, April 19.—A huge purchase of aircraft material by Japan, totaling nearly \$5,000,000, was completed in London last week, according to information given to Universal Service by a director of one of the most important airplane firms in Great Britain.

Approximately 700 of the latest type of British fighting craft are now en route to Japan and additional orders placed in England, France and Italy confirm definitely that Japan is embarking on the most stupendous airplane program of any country in the world. **BIG SCHOOL TO OPEN**  
Headed by Colonel William Forbes Semple, deputy director of the British air ministry, a complete staff consisting of pilots and mechanics are expected to leave England for Japan almost immediately. They will take charge of the entire instructional course in an extensive flying school which is being inaugurated by Japanese military authorities.

Coupled with this, the fact that dozens of Japanese aviators are undergoing instruction at Southampton under British pilots on the latest designed flying boats makes it certain that the mikado's government has definitely decided to make the air branch an important arm of its military machine.

## Teachers in Condon Schools Are Named For Coming Year

Condon, April 19.—The local school boards have named teachers for the grade and high schools of Condon as follows: H. K. Skirk, principal of the high school two years, re-elected; N. S. Roger, principal of the public school for a year, re-elected; Mrs. J. E. Schroeder, high school, re-elected; grade teachers—seventh, Georgia Searey; sixth, Mrs. Lulu Searey; second, Miss Ruby Mayer; and first, Miss Maud Grider. Two vacancies in the high school and three in the grades remain to be filled.

Ben Cook of Condon paid a fine of \$200 for having liquor in his possession. Sheriff Montague followed him to his room and found him ready to treat some friends on the eve of his departure for the East to join his family.

## California Member Against Increase in House Membership

Washington, April 19.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Congressman Barbour of California, who lately returned with other members from a trip to Panama, feels sure there is no foundation for reports recently circulated that the new congress may provide for increasing the membership of the house of representatives. Instead of a trend in that direction, he thinks that new members recently elected will respond readily to popular sentiment

against making the house still more unwieldy and wasteful. Mr. Barbour lost no time in denying a rumor that he might himself weaken on this issue. Representative McArthur of Oregon, who took a strong position against adding new members, likewise believes that there is little foundation for reports of a change of sentiment.

"There is only one argument in favor of increasing the house membership," said Mr. Barbour, "and that has to be whistled. It is 'more jobs.' Some of the members want more jobs; but I am sure that in the new congress there will be a decisive majority the other way, just as there was in the last session."

## Exports Decrease, Imports Increase

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The British air officials are cognizant of the details of Japan's ambitious program, but are unwilling to discuss it. It is an admitted fact that they are uneasy and are hoping that the British government will take steps to keep abreast of the development in the air branch, both military and commercial. British experts are wondering what America will think of Japan's decision to increase her aerial armament. It is believed that the United States is certain to be informed toward amplifying her naval and military air forces to keep abreast of her Pacific rival.

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## Two Gold Hill Bank Robbery Suspects Held in \$2500 Bail

Medford, Or., April 19.—Pete Stroff, alias Dutch Pete, and Frank Kodat, the two men who are accused of being the Gold Hill bank burglars and who were arrested in Medford the same day as the attempted burglary, were bound over to the grand jury in \$2500 bail, each, at their preliminary hearing here in Justice Taylor's court Monday. The chief witness against them was Charles Foster, ex-convict, now living at Gold Hill, who testified that several days before

the Gold Hill burglary the two prisoners talked with him at Gold Hill and told him that they were going to rob the bank within the next few days. He then informed the bank's president and the sheriff's office of the contemplated robbery.

## Cowitiz Marriage Licenses

Kelso, Wash., April 18.—Marriage licenses have been issued in Cowitiz county to the following: Chester McConnell, Deer Island, and Opal Hoglund, St. Helens, Or.; Charles F. Drew and Della Mowery, Portland; Carl I. Hovic and Rosa Ruminsky, Oregon City; Harry F. Anderson, San Francisco, and Erma Boothby, Seattle; William Le Mulex and Mabel Bishop, Kelso

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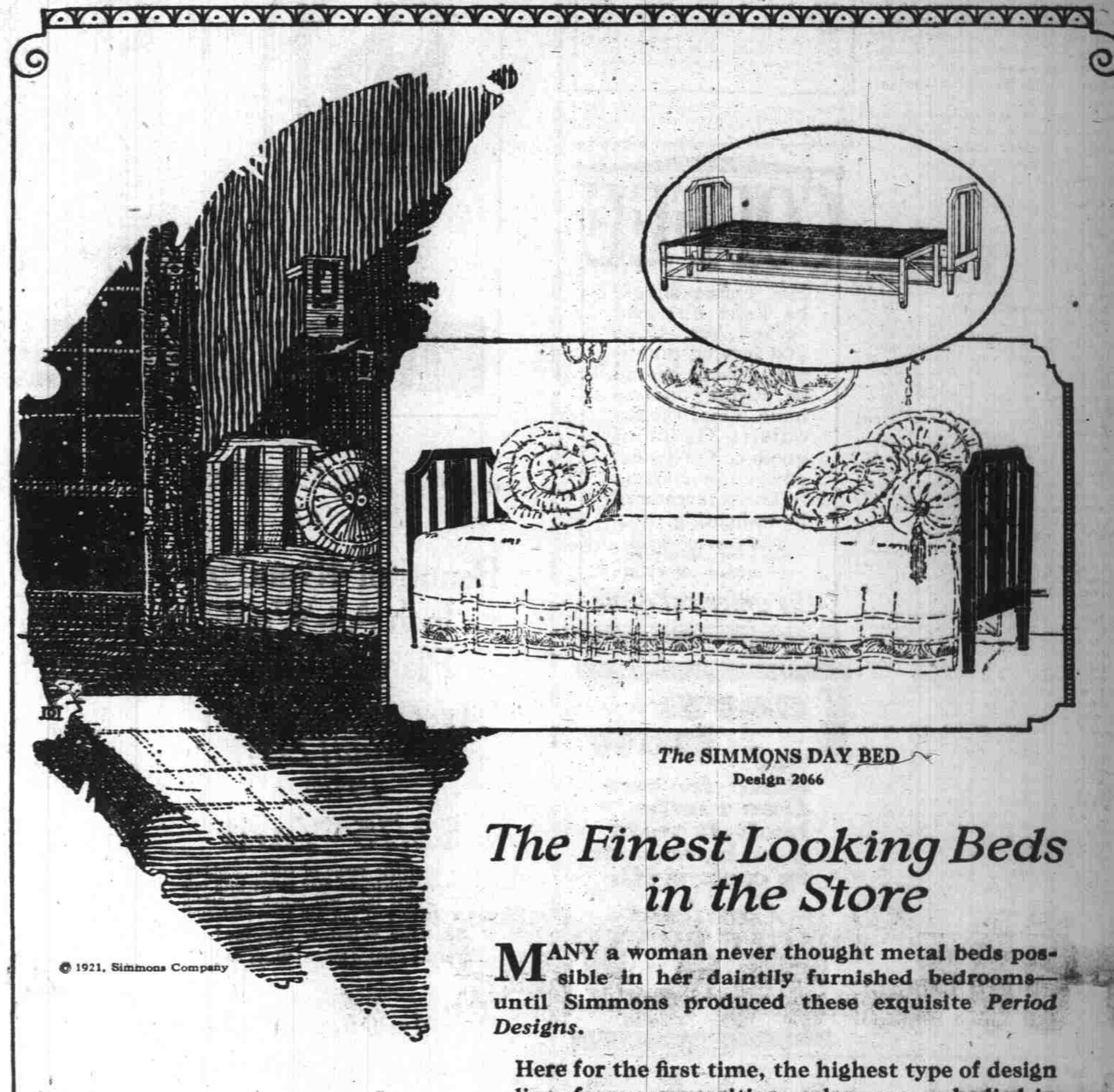
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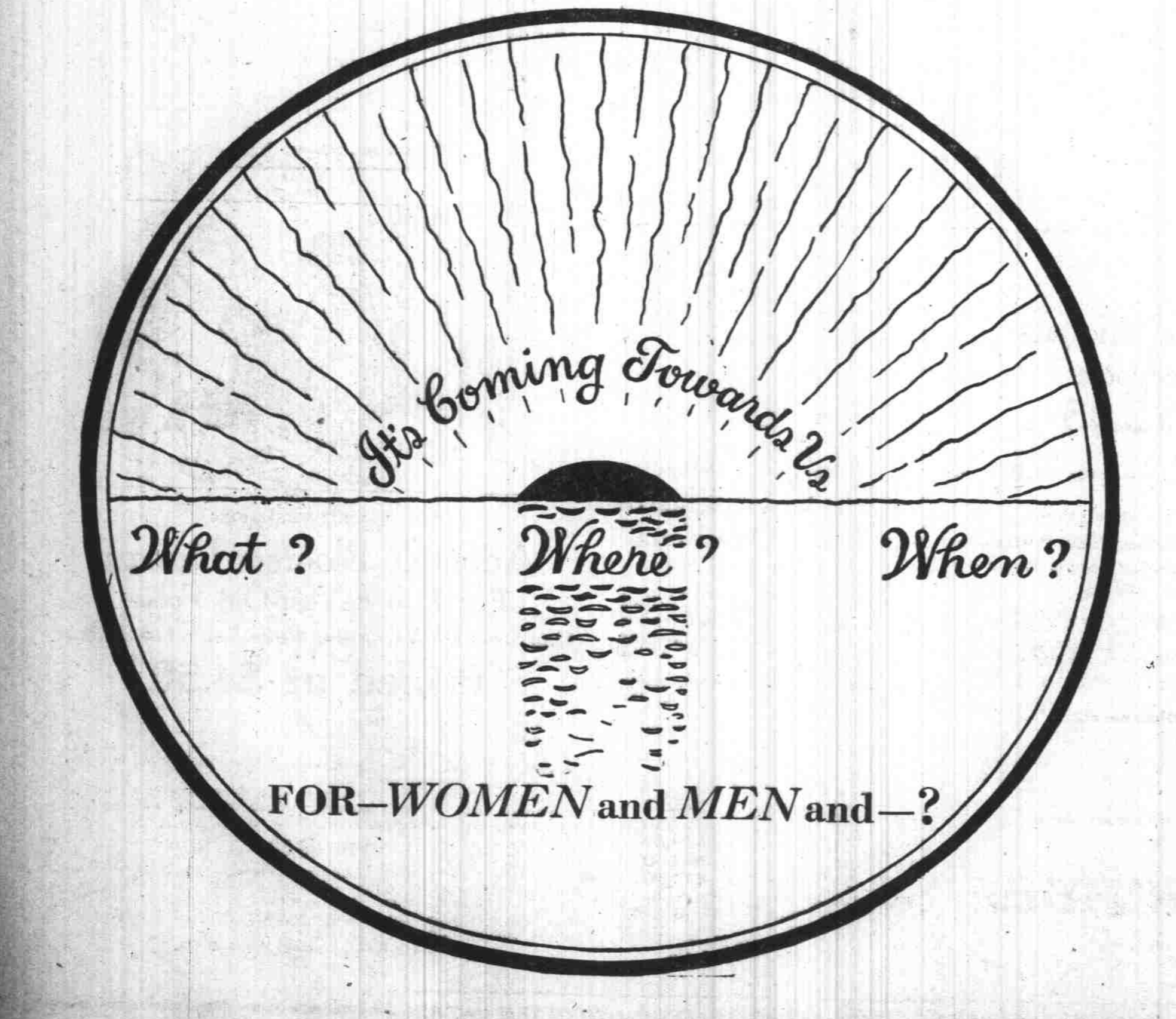
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