

## 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.

The plan would, on the other hand, encounter violent opposition on the part of those who see in it an effort to discredit the Jones law before it has been tried, and it is argued that no consensus of the sea is in sight who could inspire common confidence in handling such a large problem by himself.

## 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

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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.

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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.

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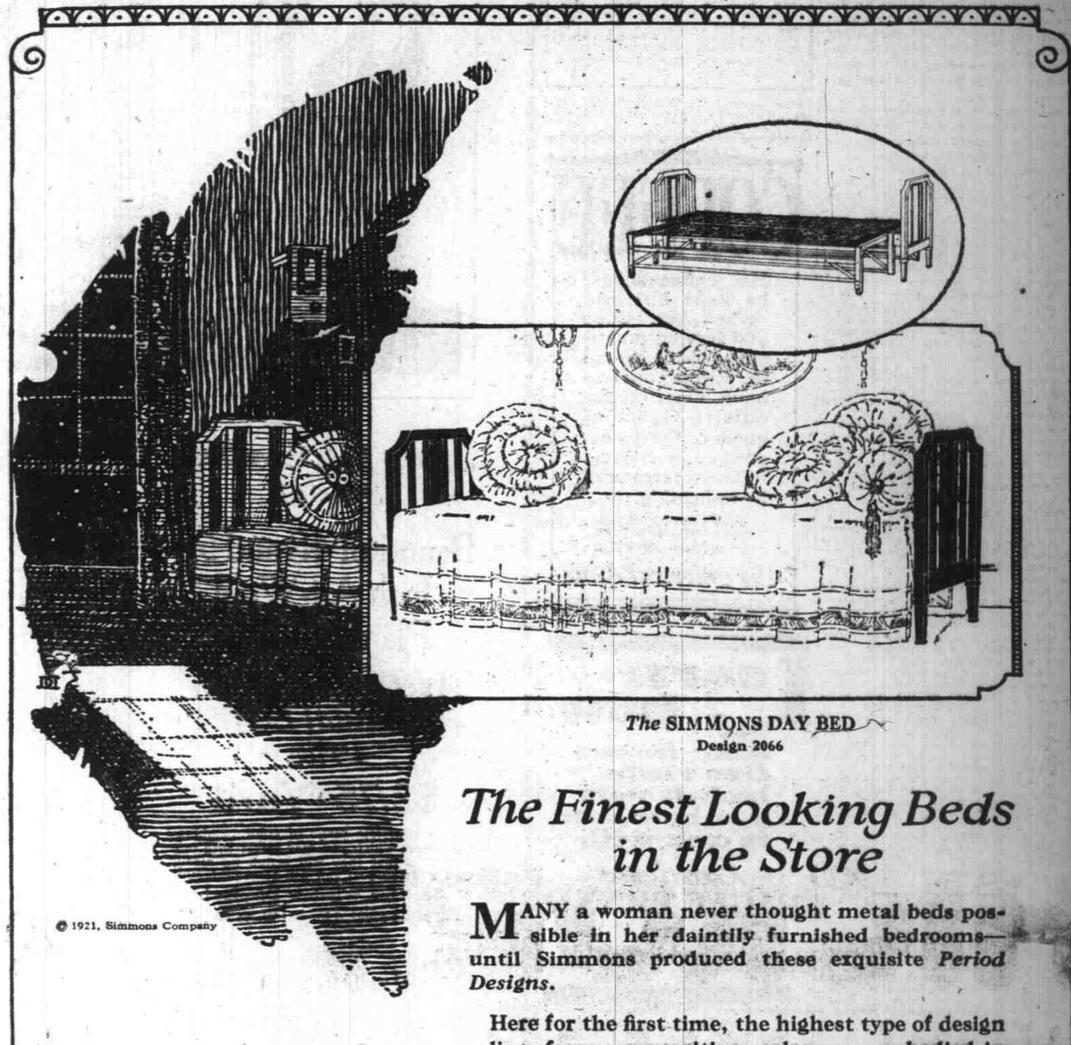
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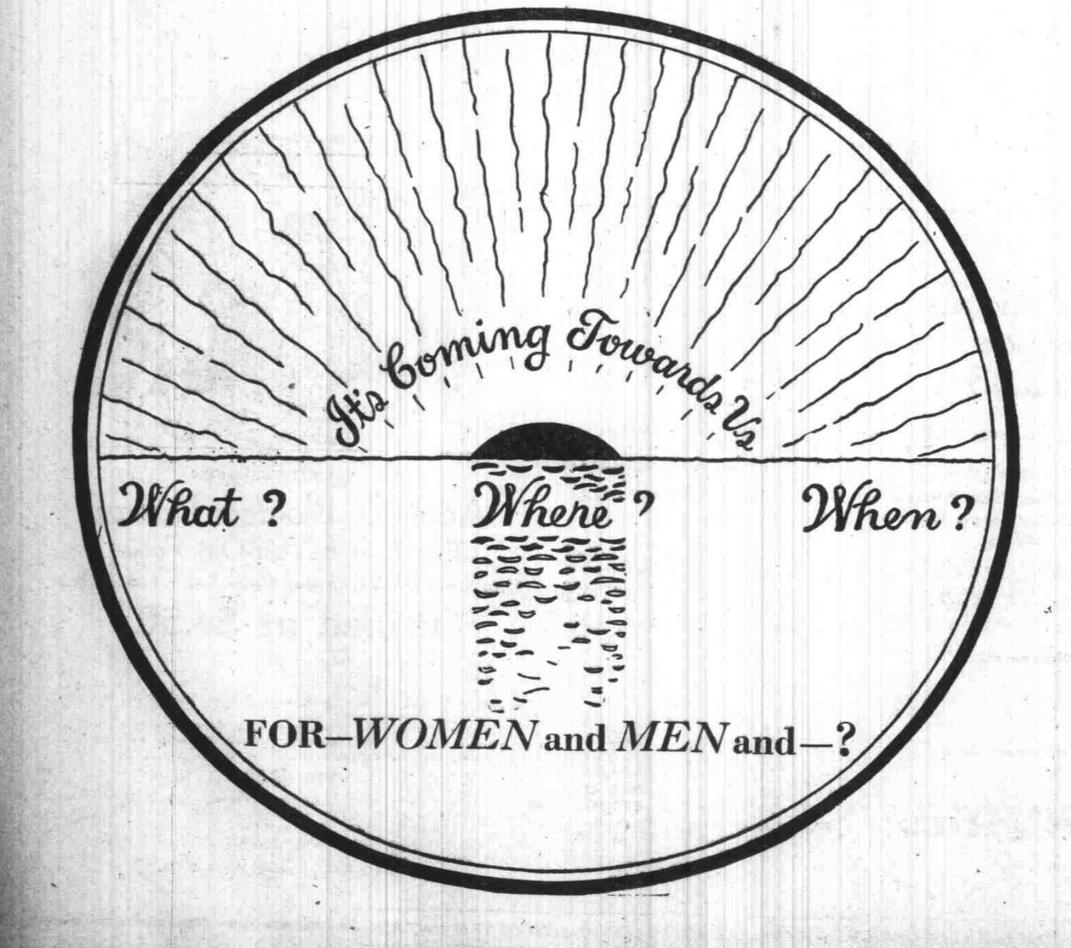
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