

STANDARD OIL MAN IS HARDING CHOICE FOR SHIP BOARD

By David Lawrence
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Washington, June 1.—President Harding has had no more difficult problem to solve since he took office than the selection of a man for the shipping board—and he thinks that at last he has it solved. Harding has been able when a knotty question arose to pass it over to some member of the cabinet in whose domain the matter lay, but not so with the shipping board. It comes under none of the 10 departments of the government, but is an independent body.

So the president has to appeal to the cabinet as a whole for advice. Last Friday the subject was discussed at some length, but as is the case with the subjects that involve personnel, no conclusion could be reached except as to the type of man who ought to be selected. **PRACTICAL MAN WANTED**

All seem to be agreed that the job should be put in the hands of a practical shipping man. The trouble about that, however, is that the men who have made a success of shipping are in the shipping business, and it is difficult to pick a man whose firm is not doing business with the shipping board now or may in the future. This objection, however, is purely the result of a fear of muck-raking or political opposition.

Everybody in the government knows that if the man selected is a person of integrity it does not make any difference with what company he was previously affiliated. Harding did not hesitate, therefore, to name A. W. Mellon secretary of the treasury, in the face of the fact that the latter is reputed the second richest man in America with holdings in many important business concerns.

TEAGLE SLATED FOR CHAIRMAN

The chances are that President Harding will appoint Walter C. Teagle, president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, as the chairman of the shipping board. Teagle is a shipping expert. He is the one man in America on whom everybody hereabouts seems to be agreed that so far as making a success of the job, Teagle could do it. But as has been the case with many appointments, it is one thing for the president to select and it is quite another thing to persuade a man of big business affairs to come into the government service.

There is no certainty at this writing that Teagle could be persuaded to take hold of government shipping problem, but the chances are fair that he will do so.

RECOMMENDED BY HURLEY

The search for a practical man to be chairman of the shipping board began even before Mr. Harding was inaugurated. He did not hesitate to summon to his side men who had some experience in the government shipping board. He asked Edward N. Hurley, former chairman, for his views, and he recommended Teagle. He asked Charles M. Schwab to come to Washington the other day to get his advice.

The president has spent more hours of real work and concentration trying to solve the shipping problem than anything else. And that's no exaggeration, for even perplexing matters or foreign policy have not been so hard to settle because as able a lieutenant as Secretary Hughes shared the responsibility.

Harding has asked his cabinet to do some thinking about the shipping board and give him some ideas about a possible solution.

POLICY ALSO UNDECIDED

For the moment the question converges on the ability of one man, the chairman. As for shipping policy, that too, is literally up in the air, but when once a capable executive is chosen, it is Harding's hope that the chairman will be the Moses to lead the government out of the wilderness of its previous shipping policies.

The tendency here is to liquidate—to

MAY HEAD SHIPPING BOARD



Walter Clark Teagle, 39-year-old president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, the most youthful leader of big business in the country, who is understood to be President Harding's choice as chairman of the United States shipping board. Teagle was born in Cleveland, Ohio, educated at Cornell and ever since has been engaged in the oil industry. He has spent much time abroad becoming familiar with the producing and marketing situation in all parts of the world, and eventually became head of the Standard's export department.

get the government out of shipping business just as soon as it is practicable and economical to do so. But if the government does sell its ships to private owners, can those owners operate the ships in competition with the ships of other countries where labor costs and labor regulations are not so expensive as in the United States?

The shipping content that economies of operation can be achieved without reducing the labor standards. The ship owners insist that the labor costs is the prohibitive factor. When the government ships are in the hands of private owners, however, the problem will not be theoretical but practical. Then it is predicted the ship owners will be asking the government for a subsidy to cover the heavy cost—and they have in the past argued for it on the ground that other governments found it necessary to make ship subsidies to maintain a good merchant marine.

For the moment, it is a question of whether the government will lose more money trying to operate the ships itself or whether privately owned ships would be cheaper in the long run.

POLES DYNAMITE AS THEY REPEAT

By Carl D. Grost

Oppeln, Upper Silesia, June 1.—(U. P.)—Repulsed in their latest attacks on the German lines near Kallanov, Polish insurgents are threatening a reign of terrorism, according to accredited reports here today.

The Poles were said to have planned to use dynamite on public buildings and German homes. They were especially angered at the arrival of British reinforcements in Silesia.

The insurgents reduced the castle of Kallanov with an artillery and machine gun attack, but were driven back to Annaberg. Sixty Poles and 15 Germans were killed during the engagement.

The number of Poles in the battle was estimated at between 700 and 800. From strong fortifications they poured high explosives into the famous castle until it flamed up in a dozen places. Meanwhile they kept the German line well sprayed with machine gun fire.

At the first sign of slackening fire from the Polish trenches German officers ordered their men out. Two companies raced across "No Man's Land," their attack putting the enemy to flight. The Poles made a stand in front of Annaberg and there was a brief, sharp skirmish, after which the Germans retreated.

German officers said the withdrawal was in accordance with plans of allied commanders that they would fight only on the defensive.

Move Under Way to Hold National Dairy Show Here in 1925

A determined effort will be made to bring the 1925 exhibition of the National Dairy Shows association to Portland in conjunction with the 1925 International Exposition, H. A. Van Norman, president of the association and dean of the college of agriculture of the University of California, announced Tuesday night before leaving for Washington, D. C. Dean Van Norman was the guest of O. M. Plummer, president of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, and local dairy breeders and fanciers, during his brief visit in Portland.

"The Pacific International Livestock buildings are the best in America in my opinion," Dean Van Norman said, after visiting the exposition grounds.

"Portland has a marvelous opportunity in this livestock exposition," said Van Norman. "It can be made the greatest educational movement in America and I will certainly do my best to bring the 1925 National Dairy Show to Portland."

Dean Van Norman is on leave of absence from the University of California to plan and conduct a World's Dairy congress to be held in the United States next year, with representatives of every nation in attendance.

After visiting the largest milk distributing and ice cream manufacturing plants in Portland, Dean Van Norman highly complimented the city on the standard of efficiency and sanitation in these two plants.

Motorist So Frank About Himself That Rossman Fines Him

E. J. Freeman frankly admitted that his automobile license was out of date, but explained to Municipal Judge Rossman that it served him very well.

"You are the kind of man who would try to get into a show with old theatre tickets, aren't you?" asked the court. "Yes, if I could fool them."

"Hum, and you'd use transfers, too?"

"If I could get by with it."

"Well," drawled the court deliberately, "you aren't getting by with this. Your frankness will cost you \$10."

Middle Westerners Request Information Concerning Oregon

More than 1000 Middle Westerners have requested information concerning Oregon as a result of advertising which has been run in newspapers of the Middle West by J. R. Heuring, field agent for the State Chamber of Commerce, who is organizing a special excursion of home-seekers to come to this state during the latter part of July.

The demand for literature and information about agricultural and scenic Oregon is being met through the cooperation of the state chamber and the Union Pacific railway system. The U. P. is distributing 10,000 color maps of Oregon through its Eastern representatives.

While the campaign for settlers in the Middle West is proceeding rapidly, the preparations for the reception of settlers when they arrive in the state have also been carried on actively. The Union Pacific system will send a representative of its agricultural department to Portland for the land settlement conference which will be held June 7. Responses are also being received from the invitations which have been sent out over the state. Enterprise and Marshfield have decided to send delegates to the conference in addition to those organizations which had signified their intention to join the conference when the conference plans were first suggested.

14-Months-Old Boy Drowns at Clifton

Wandering away from his parents, Buster Davis, the 14-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Davis of Portland, was drowned in the river at Clifton, Or., Tuesday, when the family had gone to visit relatives. The body was recovered in a few minutes, but efforts to revive the lad were futile. The funeral was held this afternoon at Cathlamet.

Mexico Sends Invitation

Business men of Portland and the Northwest are specially invited to attend the Congress of Chambers of Commerce at Mexico City June 29 to 30, according to advice received this morning from President Novelo of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of the Southern country. The chamber of commerce is not arranging to send a representative delegation.

Delinquent Tax Collections

Sheriff Hurlburt today reported to the county commissioners that during 1920 \$330,321 in delinquent taxes was collected. In 1919 the collections were \$440,153.

6 KILLED BY IRISH MINE EXPLOSION

(By United News)

Dublin, June 1.—Six men were killed, including three members of a military band, and 21 wounded, five seriously, by a rebel Irish mine exploded by electricity, which blew up under the Youghal road near Cork Tuesday afternoon, it was officially announced in Dublin.

Marching along a road near Youghal, headed for the rifle range for target practice, a detachment of British soldiers, preceded by a band, strode across a mined spot in the highway Tuesday, and when the dust of the explosion cleared, three members of the band lay dead and many other members of the contingent wounded.

Father Roche, a Catholic priest, who was motoring to mass, also was wounded. An unidentified mounted civilian is reported to have been killed.

According to military advices there was no rebel attack in connection with the exploding mine, as at first reported.

N. W. Electric Light Convention to Open in Portland June 13

The fourteenth annual convention of the Northwest Electric Light and Power association will open in Portland June 13 with headquarters at the Multnomah hotel. The convention will continue in session over a period of four days.

Several men prominent in the electrical industry and nationally known are expected to be in attendance at the convention. The speakers will include M. H. Aylesworth, executive manager of the National Electric Light association.

Entertainment features of the convention include trips over the Columbia river highway and the annual Kilowatt golf tournament, which is to be held either at the Waverley Country club or Portland Golf club.

Numerous papers bearing on the development of power, accounting and other subjects of interest to the light and power men will be read before the meeting.

The meeting opens Tuesday and continues until Saturday, but the final day is to be given over to entertainment. Officers will be chosen the day preceding the close of the convention.

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