

NEW SHIP HEAD KNOWS NOUGHT OF SHIPS, HE SAYS

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Washington, June 7.—Albert D. Lasker of Chicago has accepted the chairmanship of the United States shipping board. President Harding first offered the place to Mr. Lasker a fortnight ago, but the latter came to Washington and urged the president to appoint Walter C. Teagle, president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. Mr. Lasker believed that Teagle knew more about ships and the particular problems of the government than anybody else and was even willing to act as an assistant to Mr. Teagle in order to persuade the latter to take the job.

The president yielded to Mr. Lasker's advice and made a final effort to get Mr. Teagle. Everything was arranged satisfactorily when the man who was to take over Mr. Teagle's work in the Standard Oil company suddenly became ill and the doctors advised a prolonged trip to Europe. Mr. Teagle couldn't, therefore, leave his work and declined the position.

KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT SHIPS

Mr. Harding consequently fell back on Albert Lasker and insisted that the latter accept as originally planned. Mr. Lasker admitted that he didn't know a thing about ships, but the president was of the opinion that technical assistance could be procured so long as the man at the head of the shipping board was an organizer and a business man.

Mr. Lasker is president and owner of the Lord & Thomas Advertising agency, but is one of the principal owners in many big business enterprises. He is a part owner of the Mitchell Car company, Quaker Oats, Van Camps and the Chicago Cubs baseball club and several other companies. He is the author of the famous Lasker plan by which the warfare in baseball which developed last winter was finally settled. It was Lasker who first suggested Judge Landis as the arbitrator of baseball disputes and he has the happy faculty of being able to settle tangled problems without much fuss or feathers.

HAS ASSISTED HAYS

Throughout the last three years Mr. Lasker has stood beside Will Hays, a sort of man behind the gun. His advice and judgment, which won him millions of dollars of rewards in the business world, were turned to politics. He made several trips around the country with Will Hays when the latter first started out to win congress for the Republicans early in 1918. He was a staunch supporter of Hiram Johnson for president and is said to have financed the latter's campaign at Chicago. After the convention, however, Lasker alongside of Hays continued his work for Republican success and the genius of the Republican advertising and publicity campaign last summer. In this work he frequently came in contact with President Harding and won the latter's esteem and affection. Mr. Lasker is prominent in Illinois politics and is one of the principal supporters of Senator Medill McCormick. As a business man his greatest faculty is quick decision and penetrating judgment. Many a big business concern has gone to him for advice. It is said that at the age of 25 Lasker was earning \$1000 a week for

the personal service he was rendering as a business adviser. Unusually alert and keen, President Harding wants the Lasker energy turned on to the shipping problems.

HARDING SURE OF HIM

The job ahead is one of liquidation without sacrifice to the interests of the government. It is a task of selling ships and salvaging as much as possible of the proceeds for the government. Mr. Lasker is a broad negotiator and possessed of a loyalty which makes President Harding feel absolutely safe that he can turn over the whole shipping question to the new chairman without further worry.

The tales of graft and irregularities in the shipping situation have come to the ears of the president, who has felt that someone who wasn't tied up with the shipping interests would have a detached viewpoint and serve the government better than one who was engaged in the operation of ships.

Mr. Lasker is a member of the American Jewish committee, the first of his race to be summoned to a high place in the Harding administration. He has been active in politics about three years, but in that short time has come to be recognized as an asset to the party, a driving force and genius for organization, a man who is destined to climb higher some day in the Harding administration when the job of selling ships is ended.

Party Charged With Being Intoxicated Crashes Into Pole

August Unay was arrested early this morning on a charge of driving while intoxicated, John J. Polke on a charge of disorderly conduct and Mrs. Sadie Watts and Mrs. Pearl Shealdon charges of being drunk, after an automobile containing the party crashed into a telephone pole at Bybee street and Milwaukee avenue. The automobile was badly wrecked, but none of the occupants was injured. Patrolman Grevelle, who made the arrest, stated in his report that he had some trouble bringing the party to headquarters, but that he was assisted by Polke, who was sober.

Burglar Backs His Victim Into Closet And Then Flees

William Welch, the son of H. U. Welch, county assessor, 648 Ladd avenue, was held up in his father's home Monday night by a burglar, who made his escape but failed to carry away any loot. Young Welch heard the burglar at work when he returned home. He entered the house and called to know who was upstairs. The burglar came running down the steps and covered the lad with a revolver, ordering him back into a clothes closet. When the door was closed the burglar ran out of the house and got away before the police were called. The burglar had evidently been interrupted just as he began to search the house, for nothing was reported missing. Entrance was gained through a rear door left unlocked.

Lighter Paige Cars Reduced in Prices

Advices were received here today of a drop in the lighter models of the Paige car. The light six is reduced \$185, light sport \$115, light sedan and coupe \$175. There will be no drop in the price of the big Paige.

Raising of War Flag Is to Feature Speedway Program

Raising of an American flag, one that went through the Argonne and Belgium with the Ninety-first division, in full military style, will be a feature of the opening of the program of Portland post No. 1 at the Rose City speedway next Saturday afternoon. The flag is one that was spirited back to the United States unofficially by Leslie E. French, a veteran of the Ninety-first, who held the rank of lieutenant.

Four women riders well known in Oregon and the Northwest have signed up for the women's jockey races to date. They are Lola and Della O'Neill, Jeanette Hall and Edith Reynolds.

Hungry Children of Poland Are Thankful For Oregon Flour

Two carloads of flour donated to the American Relief Administration by Milton and Pendleton, have reached Warsaw and helped feed the children the Hoover organization is keeping from starvation in Poland. The president of the Polish-American Relief committee, Mr. St. Stanislawski, writes as follows to the American Relief administration concerning the shipment: "In the name of a large number of children taken care of by our institution, we express our sincere gratitude for the flour which, with other foodstuffs, was used at the feeding stations of the American Relief administration. The supplementary feeding in Poland has given prompt and very considerable results. If all donors, supporting this benevolent action with their gifts, could personally see the children who a short time ago were suffering from rachitis, anemia and threatened with tuberculosis and other diseases caused by insufficient feeding, this would be for them their best reward. Polish children realize who is feeding and saving them and they feel deep gratitude toward their friends in America."

Work Is Begun on Tunnelling Elk Rock

Work on the boring of the quarter mile tunnel through Elk rock on the Oswego line of the Southern Pacific electric line was started Monday by the Hauser Construction company. The tunnel will cost a quarter of a million dollars and is to be completed for winter travel. The work was started at the south end.

Wilson Brown Resigns
Wilson Brown, manager of the Owl Drug company in Portland, resigned his position effective June 1, to become manager of the Yogan Candy company. Brown's successor has not been chosen and the post of manager of the Owl Drug company is being filled temporarily by G. C. Hoffman of Seattle.

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Ex-Convict Taken; Robbery of Salem Pawn Shop Charged

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Whitney was sentenced to 8 months and fined \$500 for the east side house burglary. He served the six months, but the fine was later remitted. Golts recognized him at Third and Davis streets this morning shortly after hearing of the Salem robbery.

Printers Withdraw Their Objection To School Papers

Objections of the Portland Typothetae to the publication of school papers was withdrawn as a result of a conference held between officials of the organization and members of the educational committee of the board of education on Monday afternoon, according to an announcement made by Frank L. Shull, school director.

"The printers objected to outside work being done on the school premises," he said. "For this I do not blame them. The object of the printing department is to educate the boys in the craft and not to commercialize the work of the school."

SINN FEIN LOSES PITCHED BATTLE

Cork, June 7.—(I. N. S.)—A pitched battle in which three members of the Irish Republican army were killed, 12 were wounded and 100 captured, was fought in County Cork today.

Air scouts attached to the crown forces located a large body of republican troops while flying in army airplanes over an area that was known to be thickly infested with militant Sinn Feiners.

British troops were thrown about the district and heavy fighting followed. The casualties of the crown forces were said to be light.

Mexico Replies to Note From America

Washington, June 7.—(U. P.)—The state department has received a reply from President Obregon of Mexico to the recent American memorandum on the question of recognition. It was announced at the department today.

Ex-Husband Held On Threat Charge

Oliver Davis, divorced from his wife for nearly a year, said he would kill any man he found in Mrs. Davis' company, police declare. Monday Davis was held before Judge Rosman on a charge of disorderly conduct after being arrested on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Davis. He admitted he had made the threats, and repeated

them in court. He was held on \$3500 bail and bound over to the grand jury.

Meeting of Supreme Council Postponed

Paris, June 7.—(I. N. S.)—The meeting of the supreme council to settle the

Silesian issue was postponed indefinitely today. A British note was received at the French foreign office agreeing to a postponement of the conference until the British high commis-

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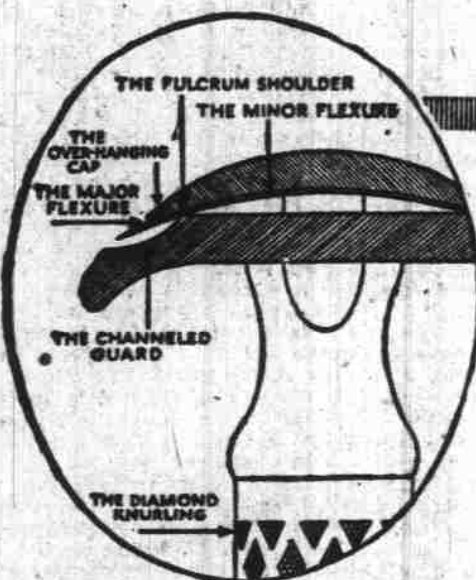
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