

WARDING SEEKS TO HALT FURORE IN NAVAL FIGHT

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Washington, March 27.—President Harding has found it necessary to renege some elements in the navy department who have wished to make a dramatic showdown fight with the house appropriations committee on the question of reduced pay personnel and fuel economy funds.

Whatever may be the president's objections to the \$5,000 limit decided upon by the sub-committee of the house appropriations committee, it may be stated that the president does not favor a lot of fireworks and a play, accompanied by threats that the fleet will be limited to 15 ships, the fleet combined in the Pacific and other points which some navy officers wished to throw in the teeth of congress.

Secretary Denby himself, it is learned, planned to issue a strong public statement to this effect.

As a matter of fact, there is a lively, but not a cornered fight impending on the appropriations bill which threatens to cause a rumpus in the navy department. The president and Denby now have decided to keep hands off the fight in the house and depend upon the senate to give them their aid when the bill gets into the upper chamber.

LINE OF SITUATION

The situation stands this is the line of the navy department.

Secretary Denby and his naval advisers maintain that the personnel should be reduced to 50,000 men.

President Harding, while not fixing a definite figure, is understood to regard

\$5,000 as an acceptable compromise.

The house naval committee, headed by Chairman Butler, has reported out a measure calling for 65,000 men and is prepared to carry its fight for this figure to the floor of the house.

Meantime the sub-committee of the appropriations committee, headed by Representative Kelley of Michigan, is preparing to report its recommendations for a personnel of 65,000 men.

"Any claim that this reduction would make it necessary to reduce the battleship strength is ridiculous," Kelley said Sunday. "We are going ahead with our original plan. The hearings are being printed now, but it probably will be next week before we report out the bill."

BIG FIGHT LOOMING

The big fight is going to come in the navy department itself unless the administration demand for a minimum of 65,000 men is approved by congress. Navy officers insist that the fleet strength allotted the United States under the arms conference treaty cannot be manned by only 45,000 men, and they decide they could not do anything but reduce the fleet strength if this figure finally went through.

On two occasions within the last 10 days President Harding has found it necessary, however, to put the soft pedal on navy threats designed to thwart Kelley's decision to limit the personnel to 65,000. The president holds that congress has the right to limit the personnel of the navy to whatever figure it wishes and if it limits it beyond the point that he believes safe, then the navy must take its medicine, trim sail and do the best it can.

Those who have thought President Harding would veto a bill providing only 65,000 men may recall that after the president warned against the last army reduction he nevertheless signed the measure with a protest.

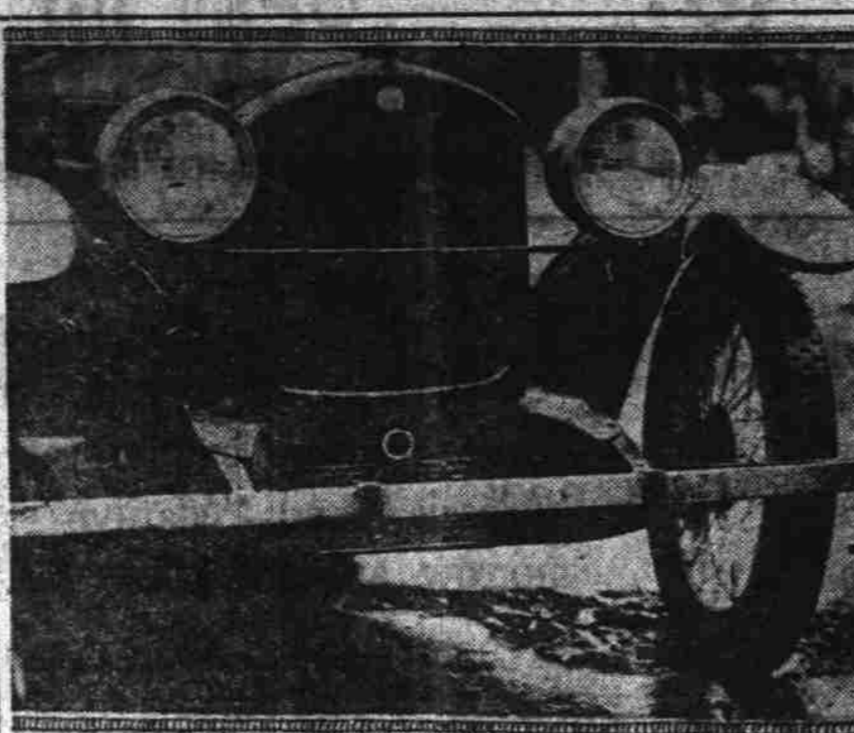
HARDING MAY YIELD

It is assumed he would follow a like course in the present instance. If he does there is certain to be a blow-off in the navy department, where naval officers long have maintained a feud with congress.

The first fight will come when the house naval affairs committee and the appropriations committee clash on personnel. Both sides declare they are going to fight to the end for their respective recommendations.

The feeling in administration quarters, however, is that Kelley will win his fight for reduction to 65,000 men. President Harding and Denby therefore, while keeping the lid on the naval advisors, are centering their efforts to have the senate override the house.

Fourth Street Ambush



Photograph shows hole in pavement on Fourth street, a few feet south of Ankeny street, wheel of Hupmobile carrying Journal scouts resting in the center.

Motorists unacquainted with the tendency of Portland streets to offer little surprises at intervals get a full-sized jolt out of the depression in the pavement on Fourth street, a few feet south of Ankeny. An automobile proceeding

east on Ankeny and turning south on Fourth at a moderate speed jams into the hole with a jarring thud. It is one of the few holes that catches nearly all drivers, its peculiar position making it hard to dodge. The hole is constantly growing in depth and extent.

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Washington, March 27.—What the administration arguments will be for President Harding's merchant marine subsidy have been revealed by Senator Wesley T. Jones of Washington.

The shipping board will fire the first gun in the subsidy fight was explained by Senator Jones, who will introduce the joint hearings on the shipping bills scheduled to begin April 4.

Members of the board will contend for the administration plan, it was stated, that unless some such relief is immediately granted the American merchant marine, this country will again be in the dependent position as regards a merchant fleet that it was before the World War.

"No American will deny that the maintenance of a merchant fleet in our foreign trade, in keeping with our world position generally, is vital," Senator Jones asserted.

"Other nations seeking maritime prominence are leaving no stone unturned to promote the growth of their ocean carrying fleets."

In support of this position, Albert D. Lasker, chairman of the shipping board, will be the first witness before the committee, Senator Jones said. His statement will be a general review of the entire shipping problem as it affects this country.

Man of 68 Spends His Last Cent for Poison; Ends Life

Seattle, March 27.—(U. P.)—Discharged from his job as janitor in a hospital here because of old age, penniless and starving, John Quincy Adams, 68, spent his last 15 cents for poison, Saturday night, and as a result died in the city hospital early this morning.

Adams was found exhausted in a park Sunday morning by the caretaker. The poison had worked slowly and Adams had wandered all night waiting to die, he told the caretaker, stating that he had eaten nothing since Saturday a week ago and was too proud to beg. He had saved the 15 cents for the poison, hoping that he would get work and not be forced to use it.

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Jim O'Leary, Famed As Gambler, Handed First Fine of His Life

(By United News)
Chicago, March 27.—"Jim" O'Leary, for 30 years dean of Chicago gamblers, and known from one end of the country to the other as an astute plunger on anything from a horse race to a presidential election, was arrested here for the first time in his life and fined for being a gambler.

He was fined \$100 as a "first offender," Judge Timothy D. Hurley, ready to pronounce a more severe sentence, was appealed to by O'Leary.

"Look here, your honor, this is the first time I have ever been arrested in my life," he said. "This is my first offense, and I believe I should receive your consideration."

Judge Hurley blinked. O'Leary is Chicago's authority on anything pertaining to chance.

"Your first—" stuttered the amazed court.

"Yes, your honor," replied O'Leary, and records were produced to prove it.

His beautifully furnished establishment was raided by police, and wonderfully carved roulette outfits and sumptuous upholstering for other games were seized.

'Postal Improvement Week' Is Planned by Postmaster General

(By Internal Service)
Washington, March 27.—Postmaster General Work announced today that plans are being made for the observance of a "postal improvement week" beginning May 1.

The purpose of the movement, Dr. Work explained, is to stimulate greater interest in securing better cooperation between the postal employees and the public. He said:

"For in the last analysis the real postal system of the country includes those who prepare mail for transmission, as well as those who are employed in the system proper.

Dr. Work hopes that all postal employees, the public and newspapers will make suggestions as to how "improvement week" may be made a success.

Mrs. Austin Vannest Dies

Pasco, Wash., March 27.—Mrs. Austin Vannest died Saturday. Funeral services were held from the Christian church Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Vannest was a member of Mooseheart Legion and the Christian church. She is survived by her husband and three children.

HOOVER TO GIVE COAST COMMERCE ITS PLACE IN SUN

(By United News)
San Francisco, March 27.—The department of commerce will be reorganized so as to be of more benefit to the Pacific Coast, Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, declared last night on the eve of his departure for the East.

"The department of commerce proposes to reorganize its business service upon the Pacific Coast so as to be of more special service to coast business, both domestic and foreign," Hoover declared.

"During the past year the entire department has undergone vigorous reorganization. In the business service the whole plan of organization has been changed to a commodity basis—that is, some 20 divisions have been set up, such as lumber, iron and steel, canned goods, rice, cotton, automobiles, etc., under experts chosen upon the nomination of special committees of the industries concerned. The department's many hundred agents at home and abroad have been changed to experts on different lines.

"At the present time the service in the Orient, west coast of South America, Australia, etc., reports and secures its major direction from Washington and the East. This works very well for the country east of the Rocky mountains, but it is not an intimate enough relation with the Pacific coast merchants and farm associations and manufacturers in pushing trade over the Pacific and safeguarding the west coast generally.

Note in Bottle Is Alleged to Be From Long-Lost Cyclops

Norfolk, Va., March 27.—A bottle containing a note supposed to have been written by a member of the crew of the naval collier Cyclops, missing since 1917, washed ashore at Suxton, N. C., Sunday, was picked up by a coast guardman. The note was written on paper smeared with oil. It stated:

"German submarine standing by ready to sink us. Crew ordered to leave ship."

The note was signed "Engineer Cyclops." Since all theories regarding the fate of the Cyclops have been exploded without bringing results, the navy department tonight ordered officers of the fifth naval district to investigate the

finding of the note in the bottle at Suxton.

The Cyclops, with 300 men on board, disappeared while en route to Hampton Roads from Rio, in February, 1917. It was believed that the vessel had been sunk or captured by the Germans. After the World War Germany denied destroying or capturing the vessel. The spot where the battle was washed ashore is near Cape Hatteras, the most dangerous and most isolated spot on the North Carolina coast.

GIRLS FROM F. U. ENTERTAIN Seaside, March 27.—The girls' glee club of Pacific university gave a concert here Saturday night under the au-

supervision of the conservatory of music at the college.

PIONEER MINER DIES

Placer, Or., March 27.—Frank Post, pioneer miner, died at his home in Grants Park, Friday.

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