



### MYSTERY OF 4 MISSING SHIPS STIRS CAPITAL

WASHINGTON BEGINS INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE FATE OF VESSELS.

### PIRATING SUSPECTED

ONE VESSEL REPORTED CAPTURED BY OIL BURNING CHASER; CREW PRISONERS.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, June 21.—The steamer William O'Brien was today revealed as one of the four American vessels that have mysteriously disappeared during the last several months.

This vessel started on a trip two months ago when the captain had a dispute with the engineer, put back to port and got a new engineer.

The grim side of the story was revealed by the department of commerce, which announced today that several bodies have been washed ashore near Cape Hatteras, and that the bodies may be those of members of the crews of the missing ships.

By Ralph F. Couch  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—Four departments of the federal government today took up the search for three missing American ships.

"Crews whereabouts never reported." The mystery of the disappearance of the vessels was the more tantalizing because it all happened a short distance from Washington—off Cape Hatteras. On a calm sea and in clear weather the ships disappeared, their crews going with them.

A fourth ship, a schooner, ran ashore in the vicinity of the cape. All sails set, her cargo untouched.

A lone squawling parrot was aboard the schooner.

The parrot and a bottle containing a hastily scribbled note were the sole relics of the schooner—the Deering—which piled up on the coast January 31. The note said the Deering had been captured by an oil-burning chaser and her crew and captain made prisoners. William B. Wormell, Portland, Maine, was captain of the sailing vessel and his daughter has been instrumental in arousing officials to an investigation of the accident. She has made an independent search the country over for her father.

Another young woman was instrumental with Miss Wormell in causing an investigation. She is Miss Barbara Bauer of Big Springs, Tex., who wrote the coast guard here that there might be a connection between the wrecking of the Deering and the disappearance of the Howitt, a steam vessel which left Sabine, Texas, June 20, with a load of sulphur.

Miss Wormell has had the hand writing on the note brought in from

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### TUNNEL AT CAPE HORN UNFEASIBLE

HIGHWAY ENGINEERS TO SOLVE DIFFICULT PROBLEM WITH DEEP CUT.

Cape Horn, the last barrier on the Columbia River highway between Pendleton and Portland, is proving one of the toughest engineering nuts the state highway department has had to crack in the construction of the entire distance of the highway from Pendleton to Astoria. Cape Horn stands high over the highway, about 10 miles east of The Dalles.

The tracks of the O.-W. R. & N. company run directly parallel with the highway at this point, thus making blasting operations exceedingly dangerous. Highway engineers first wanted to make a cut through the mountain, through which the highway would pass. To make such a cut, however, considerable blasting would be necessary and the railroad company protested against this method of procedure.

It was then decided to construct a tunnel beneath the cape at this point. A tunnel shaft was started, but it was soon found that the rock was not solid enough to permit tunneling. Another tunnel, at another spot on the mountain, was started, with the same results.

And finally, after seeing that it was impossible, the railroad company has given permission to the highway engineers to make a cut instead of tunneling, according to Jay E. Peck, engineer in charge of the work.

Workmen are now engaged in the construction of this cut, which will be approximately 160 feet deep. Several large blasts have already been set off, but extreme caution has been taken and no damage has thus far been done.

It is anticipated that at least another month will be required to complete the cut sufficiently to permit travel.

### PREMIERS OF EMPIRE DISCUSS PROBLEMS

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE IS VITAL SUBJECT AT CONFERENCE.

By Ed L. Keen  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
LONDON, June 21.—Premiers of the British Empire today began consultation on policies affecting the welfare of all their dominions.

While Premier Lloyd George was believed to have struck the keynote in his address yesterday, the premiers awaited further reports from British officials touching on colonial affairs.

The visiting officials showed great interest in Lloyd George's statements, especially those touching on the Japanese alliance and the promise to consider any disarmament appeal made by the United States.

The statement was believed to have a bearing on the Anglo-Japanese treaty, which expires shortly. The premier declared, however, that

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### NAVAL AVIATORS BOMB EX-GERMAN U-BOAT IN TESTS

UNDERSEAS FIGHTER SUNK AFTER SECOND ATTACK; 12 BOMBS DROPPED.

### 2 DIRECT HITS MADE

ARMY PLANES HELD IN RESERVE BUT WERE NOT NEEDED.

By United Press  
NORFOLK, Va., June 21.—Naval plane NC-7 caught fire over the Mid-dleburg lighthouse, Hampton Roads. The crew of seven men was rescued by a tug.

The chief radio operator stuck to the plane and was rescued by E. J. Applegate of the tug, who swam to the plane for the unconscious man.

The naval plane was on its way to take part in the bombing tests off Norfolk.

The NC-7 carried bombs but fuses had been fixed to prevent an explosion.

HAMPTON ROADS, Va., June 21.—The ex-German submarine U-117 was today sunk by naval planes 60 miles off Hampton roads, in air maneuvers.

The attempt was made to establish superiority of air fighters over water fighters for defense and offense against submarines.

Twenty-four naval planes were used and army planes were held in reserve. The submarine sank after two attacks, during which 12 bombs were dropped. One direct hit was made during the first attack and another hit during the second attack, sinking the vessel.

Six minutes after the second bomb struck the vessel she listed and the conning tower disappeared.

Colonel Culver, in an army plane, crashed into the sea with his observer. Both men were rescued uninjured.

A large number of planes were used in the maneuvers and considerable interest was manifested in the tests, as the efficiency of the naval plane has been disputed.

By A. L. Bradford  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
ON BOARD U. S. S. HENDERSON, OFF HAMPTON ROADS, Va., June 21.—"The navy that swims" and "the navy that flies" were set for their first test of strength today. Fifty miles off Cape Charles lights ship lies

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### FLOODS IN JAPAN DROWN HUNDREDS

WATERS SWEEP AWAY HUNDREDS OF LIGHTLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS.

By United Press  
TOKIO, June 21.—Terrific floods are sweeping large areas in Japan. Death lists today approached 200.

Entire villages were submerged under 15 feet of water in the Hita district. At Kyushu more than 600 houses were washed away.

Heavy rains caused the floods. The district of Kyushu was inundated so quickly that thousands had narrow escapes. At least 180 persons drowned there.

The flood quickly swept hundreds of lightly constructed dwellings into the torrent where they collapsed and were carried out to sea in a mass of debris.

Bridges were torn out and swept away.

In the Hita district the waters spread more slowly, filling the streets of many villages, some of them to a depth of 15 feet. Twenty-three villages were known to be under water, their inhabitants taking to boats, some living precariously in trees and others clinging to roofs of cottages which threatened momentarily to leave their foundations.

Near Mukuoka, a city of almost 100,000 persons, great damage was done.

BUTTER MAKERS CHARGED WITH PROFITEERING

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Profits as high as 36 percent are common in the manufacture of creamery butter and canned evaporated milk, the federal trade commission Monday reported to congress. The report was based on a nation-wide survey of milk products. Many manufacturers of butter and canned milk do a business of \$5,000,000 yearly, the report said. Unfair practices are common.

### Police Protection For Musical Seal

Mill creek's new inhabitant, the seal with the musical voice, is having a hot time of it nowadays, according to John Chambers, who lives near the section of the creek that the seal has adopted for a home.

Apparently believing that the seal's hide is valuable, a number of small boys, armed with .22 caliber rifles have been keeping watch on the creek bank and taking a shot at Mr. Seal whenever he ventured to poke his nose above the surface for air according to Chambers. So far the seal has managed to escape with his life probably because he is so fat that an ordinary .22 caliber bullet does not penetrate far enough to reach a vital spot. The only danger, in the opinion of Chambers, is that the seal will get so much lead in him that he can't come to the surface for air.

Chief of Police Frank Heater has announced himself as the champion of Mill creek's amphibious guest, however, and says that he will arrest all boys found shooting along the creek banks. This part of Mill creek is in side of the city limits and a city ordinance forbids the discharge of firearms there.

The seal in question is a "hair" seal. It is pointed out, and is classed in the same category as the rattlesnake and jackrabbit, in that science has not yet found any use for animals of his type. Each year hair seals follow the salmon run up the Columbia, destroying a large number of fish.

### AMERICA'S LARGEST FLEET IN PACIFIC

WESTERN UNIT OF NAVY WILL BE COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF OIL BURNERS.

By Ralph H. Turner  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—By the new allocation of American war vessels, just announced by Secretary Denby, America's largest and newest battleships, the California and Maryland, will be assigned to the Pacific fleet.

This is part of a new naval policy which not only strengthens the United States defense on the west coast by the addition of a new first line battleship, but also increases the tactical value of the Pacific fleet by making it an homogeneous oil burning force. With all the Pacific fleet burning oil, it will be capable of a wider cruising radius and will contain more space for guns, ammunition and supplies.

Under the redistribution announced by Denby, four coal burning vessels the New York, Texas, Wyoming and Arkansas, will be transferred from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Four oil burners, the Arizona, Nevada, Oklahoma and Maryland will be shifted from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The Maryland is not yet ready for active service, but will have her trial tests, Tuesday off Newport News and is expected to join the Pacific contingent within a few months. With a normal displacement of 23,669 tons, the Maryland will be the largest vessel thus far constructed for the American navy. Upon the completion of the California, now under construction at the Mare Island navy yard, this vessel, with a displacement of 32,300 tons, will also become part of the Pacific fleet.

Three destroyer divisions, under the new arrangement, will be transferred gradually from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

The battleships of the two fleets, after the exchange of vessels and completion of the California and Maryland, will be:

Atlantic fleet: Pennsylvania (flagship of Admiral Hilary Jones, commander of Atlantic fleet), Wyoming, New York, Texas, Arkansas, Florida, North Dakota and the Delaware.

Pacific fleet: California (flagship of Admiral E. W. Eberle, commander of the Pacific fleet), New Mexico, Idaho, Tennessee, Mississippi, Maryland, Arizona, Oklahoma and Nevada.

Thus, the Pacific battleships will have a combined displacement of 274,600 tons, and the total displacement of the Atlantic dreadnaughts will be 199,225 tons.

The Tennessee, in the Pacific, has a tonnage as great as that of the Maryland, but the latter will be a more modern ship.

The battleship Utah, now in the Atlantic fleet, will be assigned as a flagship of Vice Admiral Niblack commander of the American naval force in European waters.

### BANKRUPTCY OF ISLAND GOVERNMENT THREATENS

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—A bill increasing the limit of indebtedness of the Bank of the Philippines from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 was passed by the house Monday. Major General Wood urged the passage of the measure in a cable to the war department, as being necessary to prevent the bankruptcy of the Philippine government.

### CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENCY OF FEDERATION HOT

JOHN M. LEWIS SERIOUS CON TENDER FOR GOMPERS' OFFICE.

### FEELING IS INTENSE

OLD ORDER CHALLENGES NEW; NO PRINCIPLES INVOLVED.

By United Press  
DENVER, June 21.—The heated campaign of John M. Lewis and Samuel Gompers for the presidency of the American Federation of Labor has increased to the intensity of a quarrel.

The more conservative elements are backing Gompers, who has been president for 39 years. Young and fighting delegates, such as miners and carpenters, are backing Lewis.

Gompers was defeated in 1894 by a mine worker.

Lewis is the man who put the miners strike over in 1919, against the opposition of the federal government. He is more experienced now, but is still a fighter.

It is a case of the old order challenging the new. No great principle is involved.

Lewis is actively leading in the fight for the presidency.

### TODAY LONGEST OF YEAR AND FIRST OF SUMMER

This is the first day of summer, and everyone will agree that it feels like it. It is also the longest day of the year, but one has to do some intricate astronomical-mathematical problems to determine the exact split second which determines this particular day to be any longer than yesterday was or tomorrow will be. The sun rose at 4:24 this morning and will set at 7:41 this evening.

### KING GEORGE WILL OPEN ULSTER PARLIAMENT

By United Press  
LONDON, June 21.—Amidst the greatest anxiety felt since the war, London today saw King George and Queen Mary depart for Belfast to open the Ulster parliament.

The royal couple are surrounded by the heaviest guard in years. In Ulster a regiment of Irish guards will protect their majesties.

### ONE KILLED IN LABOR BATTLE

POLICEMEN AND MARINE STRIKE BREAKERS HAVE GUN FIGHT AT LINNTON.

By United Press  
PORTLAND, June 21.—One man is dead, two are believed to have been wounded and five are in jail today as a result of a gun battle last night between alleged strikebreaking seamen and policemen, at Linnton.

John Darrell was killed. A bus driver hauled eight men to the Shell oil docks near Linnton and then reported to the police that they were planning mischief against the crew of the tanker City of Reno.

The police investigated and were halted. A battle ensued over the docks and surrounding country. Two of the men escaped but are believed to have been wounded. The police are searching the brush for them.

PORTLAND, June 21.—Seven men are now in jail as a result of the fight between police and alleged striking seamen at Linnton. Five men were arrested shortly following the raid and two others were jailed this morning.

Police are investigating and searching for guns, believed to have been thrown away by robbers in running from the scene of the fight.

### CAMP MERRITT BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE

By United Press  
NEW YORK, June 21.—Fire sweeping through the tinder-dry barracks of Camp Merritt, long since abandoned by the army, Monday night, menaced the town of Dumont, N. J., and caused Mayor Moore of that place to call on the New York fire department for assistance.

More than 200 of the barracks had been destroyed after two hours' progress of the fire.

### ONE THIRD OF CHERRY CROP HARVESTED

ESTIMATE ON CAR SHIPMENTS NOW PLACED UNDER FORTY.

Nine cars of cherries have already been shipped from The Dalles to eastern markets, and four more are being made ready today, according to a statement by J. H. Frazier, manager of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association.

The four cars now being loaded will go to Chicago, Pittsburgh and New York, two of them being consigned to Chicago, Frazier said.

As the picking progresses through the orchards, the association is cutting down its forecast, made last week, that nearly 50 cars would be dispatched from The Dalles during the season. The crop is now about one third harvested, Frazier said, and it is now believed that between 30 and 40 cars will complete the season's shipments. A number of orchards have been cleaned out, and others are finishing today or tomorrow.

The first car shipped from The Dalles to eastern markets will be sold tomorrow in Chicago, probably before 9 o'clock, and the growers are anxiously awaiting word of the prices that will be realized.

About 40 people are employed at the cooperative warehouse in one shift. The work has been delayed somewhat by shortage of box shooks.

Of the cars that will be sent this season, 23 or 24 of them will contain Royal Annes exclusively, Frazier said.

### HAWLEY DIVORCE CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT

By United Press  
SALEM, June 21.—The Willard and Margaret Hawley divorce case, appealed by Mrs. Hawley of Oregon City from the lower court, is now being heard in the supreme court here.

### COMMITTEE DOOMS NEW VOLSTEAD ACT

SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURE UNDESIRABLE IN PRESENT FORM DECLARED.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—The house rules committee today virtually decided to kill the Volstead supplement prohibition bill in its present form. Chairman Campbell of Kansas announced today.

"The committee does not want the bill in its present form to be rushed through congress, and it won't," Campbell said, replying to charges that the committee had managed to delay in an effort to give the chemical industry a chance to present opposition.

### GENERAL DAWES DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL BUDGET

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—The White House today announced that President Harding has named Charles G. Dawes of Chicago as director of the budget. Dawes is the man who "smoke" his mind in the house war committee investigation.

### Regulations for Manufacture of Beer Will Soon Be Promulgated

WHILE PROHIBITIONISTS ARE WRANGLING AMONG THEMSELVES AND NEW VOLSTEAD BILL IMPENDS, GOVERNMENT PLANS PUTTING INTO EFFECT PALMER'S RULING.

By John M. Gleissner  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—Regulations governing the use of beer as medicine will be issued shortly, according to Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, unless prohibitionists can agree among themselves and put through congress a law to forbid it.

The use of beer as medicine is permissible under a ruling handed down by A. Mitchell Palmer, when he was attorney general, which his successors have declined to revoke. But the issuance of regulations which would have put Palmer's ruling into effect have been held up, first, until new officials were installed in the bureau of internal revenue, and lately because prohibitionists asked it. It would be futile, they said, to permit the manufacture of beer because of the impending passage of the Volstead supplemental bill.

The new Volstead bill, however, is not yet passed, and its proponents in and out of congress, have been wrangling among themselves. Treasury department officials as a consequence are preparing to issue the regulations. These would say under what conditions and in what quantities physicians might be permitted to have beer as medicine.

Wayne B. Wheeler of the Anti-Saloon league, E. C. Binwiddle, of the National Temperance bureau, and others, appeared before the house rules committee Monday to urge prompt enactment of the anti-beer bill. At the same time, Representative Campbell of Kansas, chairman of the committee, attacked unnamed prohibitionists for threatening his political defeat because he insisted on holding hearings on the bill, its supporters wanted it passed without additional hearings.

"This is a free country," said Campbell. "I thought I was acting wisely in giving hearings to reputable business men to oppose certain provisions of the bill. I did this, and now find that I and other members of the committee have been threatened with political defeat."

"This comes with poor grace from men who recently have taken up prohibition work and I do not take kindly to criticism from men who are making a business of prohibition."

Binwiddle, in appearing before the rules committee, urged immediate passage of the anti-beer provision of the bill, but objected to other features.

"I have held all along that we have no right to interfere with any legitimate business that uses alcohol," he said. "And I am not alone in this opinion."

"Unless the anti-beer bill is passed

### KURTZ, MALLOY, WIN IN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

235 VOTES CAST IN SPIRITED CONTEST FOR DIRECTORS MONDAY.

### RESULTS KNOWN EARLY

TOTAL BALLOTING CONTRASTS STRIKINGLY WITH 1920 ELECTION.

In a spirited contest attracting wide attention throughout the district, Edward Kurtz and E. C. Malloy, were selected as directors for three year terms at the school election held Monday.

The total vote cast was 835. Kurtz led with 560 votes, E. C. Malloy had 421, L. J. Gates, 255, and John L. Boque, 337.

The voting was at the high school, and no polling place in the general election last November did such a rushing business as did the one in yesterday's little affair. Beginning about 5 o'clock, voters began coming in streams, and a line was formed reaching out into the hall, which was never broken until the polls closed.

At no time during the day did the members of the election board have much leisure, and in the evening they were kept going at top speed. Few persons took more than a few seconds for voting, and as a result the line kept moving rapidly.

The new directors succeed J. B. Kirk, retiring chairman of the board and W. F. Doak.

When friends of participants in the election saw that the voting was strong, they got busy, and numerous automobiles were pressed into service hauling voters up the hill to the school.

The election count was put through in good shape, and the results were known at 10 o'clock. There were so many votes cast that the supply of tally sheets ran out early, and a hurry-up call had to be made for more.

The total vote cast was a little less than half of the possible vote for school district No. 12. The registration for this district is about 1864. The district not only includes the city, but also Thompson's addition and Three Mile to the east, the south Dalles section, and west to Chenoweth. The vote cast yesterday, probably the largest ever rolled up in a school election in Wasco county, contrasts strikingly with the 21 votes mustered at the election in 1920.

Benton Mays was chairman of the election board, Mrs. A. W. Manchester, judge, and Messdames B. F. Pillars, A. E. Crosby and R. D. Maxon, clerks.

### SALEM DIRECTORS ELECTED

By United Press  
ASTORIA, June 21.—H. R. Hoefler, candy manufacturer and E. E. Gray, former mayor, were today elected as members of the school board.

### Soldier vs. Shipyarder Provokes Arguments Over Impending Fight

PRO AND CON BATTLE RAGES OVER MERITS OF PRINCIPALS IN INTERNATIONAL BOXING MATCH, BUT ALL SHOW DEFERENCE WHEN FRENCH CHAMP APPEARS IN EXHIBITION.

By William Staffs McNutt  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
MANHASSET, L. I., June 21.—Carpenter is just an ordinary cheap prize fighter," said the cynic of the party angrily. "Where do you get this stuff that he's a gentleman and a hero and all that rot?"

"He's a thoroughbred gentleman," the idealist insisted indignantly.

"I hope he knocks Dempsey kicking," the heated patriot chipped in. "I want to see the soldier win over the shipyard worker."

"What's this?" the broad-minded inquired scornfully, "a prize fight or a flag waving contest?"

"He's a gentleman," the idealist insisted.

"He's a bum!" said the cynic.

"He's got a good war record," said the patriot.

"Haw! Haw! Haw! Haw!" said the broadminded man.

men shouted and got mad at each other.

Then we reached Carpenter's camp. We lowered our voices as the car drew up before a pretty little farm house on the country road. I don't know why we lowered our voices, but we did.

A crowd of well dressed men and women were lounging in the shade of trees lining the lane leading back to the barn where the Frenchman trains, some stood in groups chatting. Every one spoke in a low voice. Whispers were the order of the afternoon. We stood around with the others and talked in whispers. Occasionally we looked at the house in the hope of seeing Carpenter.

The argument was over. We were all impressed. I don't know why, but we were. We behaved in the manner of people at face with greatness or tragedy. Every man in that party is accustomed to interviewing the great men of the world without being in any way awed. Yet we were awed. We talked and joked in low tones. There was infinitely more deference shown than when a similar crowd of newspapermen are waiting on the President of the United States at some critical period.

"It's like a country funeral," said the broad-minded man, "a few close friends in the house, with the corpse

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