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By Russell Browning
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, June 23.—The fate of the "vanishing ships" today threatened to go down in history as one of the unexplained mysteries of the sea.

Officials of the department of commerce admitted that the search for a twentieth century pirate, undertaken after all other theories to explain the disappearance of half a dozen boats off Cap Hatteras failed, so far had produced no results.

"I've heard many tall yarns of the sea," said Eugene T. Chamberlain, commissioner of navigation. "But in this case the facts are there. The Carroll A. Deering and the Hewitt met some strange fate beyond that of ordinary vessels."

The Deering was the schooner that sailed on the shoals, abandoned apparently in calm seas, and with the ship and cargo in good condition. The Hewitt and her crew dropped completely out of sight about the same time.

"Of course we don't say flatly that these ships were victims of piracy, but we have investigated and are investigating that angle," Chamberlain said.

NEW YORK, June 23.—If any of them still live who sailed aboard the mysterious missing ships for which the United States government is now searching, Mrs. Lillian Thomas, of the seamen's commerce institute, New York, will confidently go about finding them.

She now has a list of about 400 missing, including quite a few of the sailors who were last heard of on board the shipping board freighter William O'Brien and the same list is posted in the seamen's homes and in the seaports of 27 countries.

Mrs. Thomas, who runs the missing seamen bureau of the seamen's church institute, has "found" 635 missing men since January 1.

CHILD'S CRIES LEADS TO FIND OF DOUBLE TRAGEDY

By United Press
CHICAGO, June 23.—Cries of an eight-year-old girl today attracted the police to a flat where they found the father and mother of the girl dead. The child said that the father had shot her mother and then himself.

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BUSINESS MEN'S CONTEST EXPECTED TO PROVE DRAWING CARD.

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In order that the entire city may turn out for the big community baseball game tomorrow afternoon, every business house in the city will close its doors at 5 o'clock, it was announced today by H. W. Arbury, Community Service director, who is organizing the teams in an endeavor to form a "twilight" baseball league in this city.

The game will start shortly after 5 o'clock and will be played for a full nine innings. Considerable interest has been aroused in the game and members of both teams last night held a work-out on Amation field, where the game will be played tomorrow.

Another practice will be held tonight. Organization of business men into baseball teams has created spirited argument as to the relative merits of the respective teams. In one instance at least, one of these arguments is known to have reached the stage where offers of betting have been made.

"The old boys aren't as peppy as a lot of people think according to H. S. Rice, who is taking an active interest in the game and who will be one of the players. "In fact, most of the men on both teams were all first-class ball-players in their time, and a great many of them are yet. I'll bet that we can pick a team made up of nobody but local business men and

SIMS ORDERED TO REPORT ON SPEECH

ADMIRAL HAS CHANCE TO PROVE THAT HE WAS "MISQUOTED" IN LONDON UTTERANCES.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, June 23.—Secretary of the Navy Denby today ordered Admiral Sims to give him a complete report on his London "jackass" speech.

Any action that Denby may contemplate against Sims will await his formal report on the accuracy of dispatches reporting Sims' remarks concerning Irish sympathizers in the United States.

Denby's instructions were given Sims when the admiral reported to the secretary in accordance with orders cabled him while in Europe. "Admiral Sims denied the accuracy of the statements attributed to him in dispatches reporting his London speech," Denby said.

GOVERNMENT TAX RECEIPTS MAY BE FIVE BILLIONS

U. S. FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS MAY LIVE WITHIN INCOME.

COLLECTIONS SHORT

PANAMA TOLLS ONE THIRD OF THOSE YEAR AGO; OTHER TAXES DECLINE.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, June 23.—More than \$474,000,000 has been collected in excess profits and income taxes, the second installment of which were payable June 15. Installments will total \$600,000,000 when all are collected, according to the treasury department.

Total collections this year will exceed \$5,000,000,000, treasury officials believe. With expenditures running below that figure, the government is beginning to live within its income for the first time in several years.

Tax collections so far this month, of all kinds, exceed \$500,000,000 as compared to nearly \$300,000,000 in June, 1920.

Customs received total nearly \$17,000,000, \$1,000,000 below the same month last year.

Imports of merchandise and farm products from abroad are not falling off as a result of the enactment of the emergency tariff law.

Panama canal tolls total \$250,000, which is one-third of the total for June last year. This is another indication, it is felt, of the world's stagnation and depression.

DROWNS AFTER RESCUE OF THREE CHILDREN

By United Press
PEORIA, Ill., June 23.—Mrs. Alice Connolly was today drowned in a small creek, after rescuing three small children. She was exhausted following the rescue of the third child, fell into the creek and was drowned.

CONGRESS SITS ON FREAK BILLS

LEADERS DECIDE TO CONFINE ACTION TO STRICTLY IMPORTANT BUSINESS.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, June 23.—Republican congressional leaders today decided to take a firmer hold on the legislative helm.

COCK ROBIN ON TRIAL BY U. S. AS CHERRY VANDAL

Robins, woodpeckers and crows are under investigation in Wasco county to determine how much damage they are doing to the fruit and berry crops.

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FOREST SERVICE WILL BEGIN PRELIMINARY WORK NEXT WEEK.

CHAMBER BEHIND MOVE

GOVERNMENT AND STATE MAY PAY COST THROUGH RESERVE.

The United States Forest Service will next week start survey of a connecting road between The Dalles and the Mt. Hood loop road, now being built, it was announced by T. H. Sherrard, supervisor of the Oregon national forest, following a trip of inspection made yesterday morning to the starting point of the proposed new road, E. F. Van Schoick, J. T. Reick, T. A. Sammis and William Circle accompanied Sherrard on the trip.

Request for a survey of the proposed roads was made several weeks ago by the chamber of commerce. The tentative route selected is over the present road up Mill creek and across Mt. Hood flat to Brooks Meadows, where the new road will start. A fair road already extends from The Dalles to Brooks Meadows. From this point to the Mt. Hood loop road is a distance of only six miles.

The construction of this six miles of road is the matter that is now occupying the attention of directors of the chamber. According to Secretary Van Schoick, Sherrard definitely promised that the government would pay half of the cost of construction of such a road, provided that the state highway commission can be prevailed upon to pay the other half. As soon as possible, this matter will be taken up with the highway commission.

In order that no legal impediment to the construction of the six mile stretch of road through the government forest may come up after the survey has been made, Sherrard insisted upon a written permit from The Dalles city water commission giving right of way for such a road through the water shed. A special meeting of the water commission was hurriedly called yesterday afternoon and the written permit given.

Although the present road to Brooks meadow is passable, to insure The Dalles receiving the lion's share of travel over the Mt. Hood loop road it will be necessary to establish a new grade in some places and widen the present grade the entire distance.

Along this line, the chamber of commerce is going to make an effort to have the county court allot at least a part of next year's market road fund for use on the improvement of the present road to the Meadows.

With the connecting link completed The Dalles will benefit by thousands of tourists annually, who will

Belfast Wildly Welcomes King In Opening of New Parliament

ROYAL HEADS OF BRITISH EMPIRE SPEND FIVE HOURS IN NORTH-EAST IRELAND STRONGHOLD; 11,000 TROOPS IN AND AROUND CITY GUARD AGAINST OUTBREAKS.

By United Press
BELFAST, June 23.—From a political standpoint, as well as from the personal popularity of King George and Queen Mary, the five hour visit of their majesties to Belfast for the opening of the northern parliament was a tremendous success.

The enthusiasm with which the king and queen were greeted has never been exceeded in any part of the British empire, and the acclaim with which the king's speech was greeted in the city hall, where the ceremonies were held, was in striking contrast to the temper of reports which had resulted in the greatest precautions being taken to guard his majesty during the trip.

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The proceedings in the senate incident to the formal opening of the new parliament lasted but a brief half hour, being modelled after the "mother of parliaments" in London. No Sinn Fein members of parliament was present among the 1,500 guests. In the king's speech from the throne he emphasized his affection for the Irish people, and declared that he came in person as head of the empire to inaugurate parliament because he could not allow himself to express to Ireland through a deputy, his good wishes and earnest prayers in the new era, which the ceremony opened. The king declared it was a great and critical occasion in the history of the north and also for Ireland.

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