

CHARGE BY SANDS IS BLACKMAIL

Officials of Corporation Declares Graft Charges Against Bolling Are Absolutely False

CHAIRMAN WELSH ASKS PROOF OF INNOCENCE

Statements of Sands Not Roborated by Bank Accountants

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Testimony given today before the Walsh committee investigating shipping board affairs, naming the Downey Shipbuilding corporation of New York in connection with alleged collusion to obtain contracts, was declared by officials of the corporation tonight to be "absolutely false." They declare the company "did not pay any bribe of any kind to any party or parties."

Allegations Are False.

Denials of the allegations and a request that they be immediately subpoenaed to appear to disprove them were made in a telegram sent by officials of the corporation tonight to Chairman Walsh.

Charges that R. W. Bolling, brother-in-law of President Wilson and treasurer of the shipping board, participated in the distribution of \$40,000 alleged to have been given by a shipbuilding company for assistance in obtaining a shipbuilding contract, were contained in testimony today before the Walsh investigating committee.

Sands Makes Charge.

The money, it was charged by Tucker K. Sands, former official of the Commercial National bank in Washington, and alleged go-between, was given by the Wallace Downey Shipbuilding company of Staten Island. Others, he alleged, participated, including Lester Boling, former secretary of the shipping board, and John Cranor, said to have been interested as a representative of the Downey company in shipping board contracts. Mr. Sands' replies to questions proved contradictory at times.

He charged there was an understanding that \$15,000 was to go to Cranor and that the remaining \$25,000 was to be divided among Cranor, Boling, Sister and himself. He at first said he knew neither Mr. Boling nor Mr. Sister had anything to do with the board's contract and that he did not believe Mr. Boling received any of the money.

Later he testified he gave Boling \$1800 in the nature of a loan but that Boling paid back \$200, and that he had taken no note from the treasurer.

Chairman Benson of the shipping board, in a formal statement regarding charges of bribery made before the Walsh committee in New York against R. W. Bolling, treasurer of the board, declared that Mr. Bolling's explanation of the report was "perfectly satisfactory."

Whole Story Related.

The chairman said that after Mr. Bolling was appointed treasurer Mr. Bolling told him "the whole story of the alleged charges" made by Tucker K. Sands. His explanation was perfectly satisfactory, said Admiral Benson. "In addition, the matter was discussed with Colonel Goff, my general counsel, and together we directed that a thorough investigation be made.

Attached to the statement was a copy of the report of the investigation made by the division of investigation, dated September 22. It was signed by Frank Burke, chief of division.

Investigation Is Made.

Mr. Bolling requested Mr. Thompson to make thorough investigation because of the fact he was charged with a serious crime and if he was guilty he should be punished; if innocent his innocence should be established. The letter, it seems, was

TWO YOUTHS CONFESS PLANNING OF ROBBERY

STOLEN PROPERTY WORTH \$3,000,000

Brother Is Placed Under Arrest as Partner in Mail Coach Cleanup

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Nov. 20.—Two youths, Orville Phillips and Fred Poffenberger, neither over 20 years of age, planned the robbery of the Burlington mail car a week ago tonight, according to confessions they made. Post-office Inspector Claude Glenn, of Council Bluffs said tonight.

Federal officers were still attempting to clear up further details in connection with the robbery in which it has been estimated more than \$3,000,000 worth of property was stolen. Inspector Glenn admitted that federal officers were anxious to learn the whereabouts of Keith Collins, said to be a former army lieutenant, as they wanted to interview him.

Clyde R. Poffenberger, aged 24, brother of Fred F. Poffenberger, now under arrest and charged with robbing the Burlington mail car a week ago, was taken into custody here tonight by federal officials in an attempt to discover the whereabouts of the \$10,000 which Fred Poffenberger is said to have taken from the T. A. Daly home last Monday. Clyde is a switchman, employed by the Burlington.

JAP SMUGGLING PLOT REVEALED

Water Is Alleged Agent of Fraudulent Ring on Arizona Maru

SEATTLE, Nov. 20.—United States immigration officers announced two more arrests today of alleged agents of an international smuggling plot to slip Japanese laborers into the United States. The men held are Motogi Miyagishima and Katsuo Miyagishima, manufacturers of soy bean cheese. They were arrested in the Japanese smuggling case in the last three weeks now number 26.

AGGIES AND OREGON TIE

Both Teams Fail to Score When Opportunity Opens

CORVALLIS, Or., Nov. 20.—The Oregon Aggies, in the state championship game today played the University of Oregon team to a standstill. The score was nothing to nothing at the close.

Outplayed in the first quarter where nothing except the "breaks" saved them from being scored on, the Aggies fought back and kept the game even in the second period. In the third period Oregon's attack was at its best, but twice just as the Eugene men were coming toward the Aggie goal, the Aggie secondary defense grabbed Oregon's passes and on one of these Summers sprinted 48 yards before being down. That ended Oregon's hopes and from then on the Aggies opened up.

In the final period, taking advantage of a fumble by Steers, which gave the ball in Oregon territory, the Aggies started a series of passes with Kasberger as the pivot man. The last one put the ball on Oregon's four-yard line for a first down. Then Oregon made a magnificent stand and withstood four plunges. It was the Aggies' best and only chance. Steers of Oregon out-punted McKenna.

Enthusiasm Over Return of Constantine Is Dying

ATHENS, Nov. 19.—Enthusiasm over the prospective return of ex-king Constantine seemed to be dying down today although the topic of the dynasty is virtually the only one discussed.

Meanwhile news is being awaited as to the attitude of the French and British governments and also as to the reports of the ex-king's attempt to reach Greece.

AUDIT SHOWS VOUCHERS ARE LACKING

Half Disbursements of Shipping Board for 17 Months Are Unsupported by Proper Vouchers

ACCOUNTS GIVEN TO SECRETARY HOUSTON

Corporation Is Unable to Render Systematized Report

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Nearly one-half of the disbursements of the shipping board emergency fund corporation over a period of 17 months, totaling over \$2,000,000, were unsupported by proper vouchers, according to the audit of the corporation's accounts submitted to Secretary Houston today by the comptroller of the treasury in his annual report.

Congress Directs Audit.

The audit was made by direction of congress for the period October, 1918 to February, 1920, and showed total disbursements of the fleet corporation were \$2,732,915,213, of which exception to the payment of \$1,184,326,243 was taken by the comptroller because of the "lack of supporting papers." Subsequent production of supporting papers, however, the comptroller said, resulted in a credit to the corporation of \$70,825,898, leaving a balance as of February of \$1,113,790,245 disapproved by the auditors.

The comptroller presented figures only up to February, but M. J. Gillen, former special assistant to the chairman of the board under Secretary Payne, declared before the congressional investigating committee in New York last week that up to March 1, \$2,700,000,000 had been submitted for the audit and payment of \$1,500,000,000 had been disapproved because vouchers were not supported by the necessary data.

Vouchers unsupported, declared that at least 25 per cent of all vouchers received were unsupported by documents or other papers explaining or justifying the payment.

"It would appear," he added, "as if the emergency fleet corporation considered approval of the resident or district auditor as sufficient authority or justification for a voucher, especially in reference to 'imprest funds.'"

Imprest funds are explained as funds established by the corporation and set up in banks adjacent to the plants of the ship contractors and expenditures were made from them under general orders of the corporation.

No System in Accounts.—At the hearing on Feb. 1, 1919, the comptroller continued, the corporation's accounts were to be rendered in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the treasury but "the audit of the accounts to February, 1920, would indicate strict adherence thereto has not been made. Little improvement, if any, is noted in the February 1920 account over the previous period."

"Despite the fleet corporation's original desire to obtain an audit of its accounts by the treasury," the corporation apparently found it well nigh hopeless to bring together the scattered supporting papers necessary to a systematized rendering of its accounts.

Tribute to Heroism of Topeka Crew Paid

PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—Tribute to heroes of members of his crew who rescued 30 persons from the wrecked steam schooner Joan of Arc was paid in a report by Captain W. A. Hall of the steamer City of Topeka, which arrived here today after stopping at Marshfield, where the rescued persons were left.

Two women and ten men were in the first lifeboat from the Joan of Arc which went ashore at Port Orford, Ore., Monday night. After the second boat from the wreck was picked up, A. Nelson, said in a report to O. B. Nelson, captain of the Topeka, and a young sailor on board, were the same crew, volunteer carpenter and three members of the crew of the Joan of Arc, and made three trips until all on the wreck were taken off. Captain Hall also praised Chief Engineer L. Skelinger of the Topeka, who he said manned the searchlight and kept a beam on the lifeboats and the wreck until the rescue was completed.

MISS DOYLE APPOINTED HEAD OF COMMITTEES

CLAIMS OF EX-SERVICE MEN TO BE SETTLED

Census of All Hospital Cases To Be Taken and Records Kept at National Headquarters

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—With the appointment of Miss Jane V. Doyle as chairman of a newly organized hospitalization committee, the state executive department of Oregon, began today on this state's share of the legion's national movement to clean up all cases of sick ex-service men who have unsettled claims against the government.

A census will be taken of all hospital cases, records will be kept in national headquarters of the legion, and all claims will be cleared up with the least possible delay, according to Edward J. Fivers, state adjutant, who has just returned from a conference of department adjutants with Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander, in Indianapolis.

MRS. STEWART HEADS SOCIETY

Salem Florists Elect Officers—Plans Made to Beautify State Street

The election of officers for the coming year was the principal business of the Salem Floral society, which met in the auditorium of the Commercial club last night. Mrs. Frederick S. Stewart was named president, Mrs. L. T. Harris vice-president, Miss Elizabeth Lord treasurer, and Mrs. W. Everett Anderson secretary.

Mother Places Baby on Red Hot Stove

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—After she had been arrested, accused of placing her seven-months old boy on a red hot stove, Mrs. Grace Randall told the Brooklyn police tonight that her husband, whom she loves "better than anything else in the world," had "treated her coolly" since the child was born.

Firemen of Dallas Are Treated by Church Women

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special to The Statesman.)—At the annual convention of the Christian church last night the firemen of Dallas were given a banquet by the church in appreciation of the heroic work done by that organization at a fire which seriously damaged the building the early part of the summer. The fire, which caught from a defective fuse, baffled the efforts of the firemen for more than an hour. Several firemen were hurt by falling glass during the fire.

Marion County Road Is Given Wide Advertising

Successful Methods, a magazine published in Chicago, recently reproduced the print advertisement of a Marion county asphaltic concrete pavement, and made very complimentary comment on Marion county methods of road work. Recently the Austin-Western Road Machinery company, also of Chicago, put out a new catalog and adopted in this same view for the front page of the publication.

Miss Beardsley Head of Parent-Teacher Society

Miss Florence Beardsley of Salem was elected president of the Marion County Parent-Teacher association at the semi-annual conference which was held yesterday at the high school.

The meeting was attended by delegates coming from all parts of the county.

CZECH AND GERMAN CLASHES CONTINUE

ONE KILLED AND SCORES ARE WOUNDED IN COMBAT

Crowds Stoned Prefecture When Tocsin Was Sounded Which Brought On Fight

PRAGUE, Nov. 20.—There was a continuation last night of the disorders growing out of the feeling between Czech and German elements. A crowd tried to storm the German opera, but was driven back by the police. In the face of an increasing crowd, the government withdrew the police and stopped the performance.

One person was killed and a score wounded in a clash of Czech soldiers and German inhabitants of Aesch, Thursday night, when the soldiers removed the monument of Joseph II and began firing to celebrate their act. The Tocsin was sounded and a crowd stoned the prefecture. Reinforcements were attacked and fighting followed.

YEON ACCEPTS ROAD POSITION

Portland Man Persuaded to Take Place Left Vacant by Simon Benson

John B. Yeon of Portland is the new member of the state highway commission to take the place of Simon Benson, resigned.

A telegram from Mr. Yeon, announcing his acceptance, was received by the governor's office last yesterday.

Mr. Yeon was the governor's first selection for the position, but declined to accept because of the pressure of private affairs. The governor then appointed Eric V. Hauser who also declined. Governor Olcott renewed efforts to induce Mr. Yeon to accept and he finally consented.

Yeon is a wealthy Portland business man, and more than any other person, perhaps, is to be credited with bringing into existence the famous Columbia River highway.

FORESTRY MEN LACK QUORUM

Adoption of New State Policy Must be at Meeting in Two Weeks

Lack of a quorum yesterday prevented the state board of forestry in a meeting at Corvallis from adopting what forestry men say will be the most complete and comprehensive state forestry policy that ever has been adopted by any state in the union, and which will be a model that other states doubtless will follow.

C. S. Chapman, forester for the Western Forestry and Conservation association said here last night that because of Oregon's vast timber resources it is important that the state should take a lead such as that represented in the policy to be adopted.

Governor Olcott and other members of the board who returned to Salem last night, declined to make public a gist of the new policy, explaining that they wished to wait until it is adopted, which doubtless will be two weeks from today at a meeting in Portland. The new state policy was drafted by Mr. Chapman and Dean George W. Peavy, head of the forestry department at Oregon Agricultural college.

Importation of Wheat From Canada Increases

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Decided increase in the importation of wheat flour from Canada during the second half of October was shown in figures issued today by the federal trade commission. Further response to President Wilson's direction for injury into the decline in wheat prices.

HOUSE MOTHER DIES.

CORVALLIS, Nov. 20.—Mrs. A. D. Crane, house mother of Delta Delta house here, died suddenly last night of heart failure. She formerly lived at Los Angeles.

U.S. FIGURES SILENTLY IN CONFERENCE

Attitude of America Plays Part in Shaping Policies of League of Nations in Session at Geneva

LABORS OF ARMAMENT COMMITTEE BEGUN

Dr. Koo Urges Careful Action Considering Advice of Outside Nations

GENEVA, Nov. 20.—(By Asst. Press.)—Although the United States is not represented by a delegate in the assembly of the league of nations, there is hardly a session in which the United States today had a volunteer spokesman on the speakers' stand in N. W. Rowell of Canada, who warned the assembly against any policy involving interference in the internal affairs of any country.

"U. S. Has An Influence," said Mr. Rowell, "will never consent to any such interferences," adding: "You cannot expect the great country to the south of Canada to become a party to the league if there is any pretension that the league can interfere in its internal affairs."

Signor Tittoni, of Italy, replying, regretted that the delegate took such a radical position on a subject he thought open to discussion.

Today's session concluded the first stage of the assembly's work. The agenda now is in the hands of the committees, which are expected to report early on questions susceptible of quick solution, so that the full session can act on these while committees continue their work.

Advice of Nations Sought.—The armament committee began its labors today in open session. Christian Lange, of Norway, and Dr. Wellington Koo, of China, gave a general sketch of the work. The former suggested that the only measure that could be adopted to gauge limitations of armaments was the budget.

Dr. Da Cunha, of Brazil, introduced a resolution providing that the manufacture of armaments and munitions be limited to state monopoly.

Dr. Koo said it was necessary to go slowly to progress surely. He said that the United States and Russia were not members of the league and that other countries which it would be necessary to consult are out of the league.

Winter Travel Developed From Yakon Silver Camp

DAWSON, Nov. 20.—Extensive winter travel has developed between Dawson and the new Yukon silver camp at Mayo. The Keno Hill operations are continuing all winter with electric equipment. The Guggenheims have started hauling three thousand tons of ore from the hill with sleighs, ready to ship to the smelter when the river opens. The ore ranges in value from one hundred to one thousand dollars a ton. Individual operators also will ship this winter.

Farmers Face Situation of Credit or Bankruptcy

LAUREL, Neb., Nov. 20.—Farmers of the country will be forced into bankruptcy unless the federal reserve board arranges emergency credit extension, according to a petition circulated by the Laurel Commercial club and signed by hundreds of farmers and business men. W. F. Westrand, secretary, says the petition is being circulated in all parts of this and surrounding states and will be forwarded to Governor W. P. G. Harding of the federal reserve board.

New Orleans Wharfage Is Destroyed by Fire

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 20.—The loss involved by a river front fire here today will be at least \$2,500,000 and may be \$4,000,000, according to a statement issued tonight. The blaze consumed 2000 feet of wharfage in the downtown section.

HARDING REACHES HALF WAY MARK

PARTY ENCOUNTERS REAL TROPICAL HEAT

Fair Weather Favors Senator Who Spends Day Working, Reading and Playing Games

ON BOARD STEAMER PARIS-MINA, Nov. 20.—(By Wireless.)—Sailing through a quiet sea the steamer Parismina with President-elect Harding and party aboard tonight approached the half way mark in her voyage from New Orleans to Panama.

Except for the light rain and moderate wind, fair weather favored the senator and he spent most of the day on deck walking, reading and playing ship games. Mrs. Harding remained in her stateroom on the advice of her physician. It was explained she was not ill, but was in need of rest. Real tropical heat was encountered today.

THOUSANDS GO INTO BUILDING

Nearly Half Million Dollars Represented in Ten Months' Permits

Ask the average resident of Salem if he thinks the property values of the city have increased much during the past ten months, and invariably the reply will be that the city has grown very little. But figures do not lie, although sometimes hard to figure, and a careful compiling of the building and repair permits issued in the city recorder's office this year offers a revelation to the ordinary busy worker of Salem who has had little time in which to look around and see the happenings in the city.

During the past 10 months \$4 permits for the erection of new buildings have been issued, the valuation of which is \$372,450. This amount does not include the paper mill, for which a building permit was not issued, and which would swell the figure about a quarter of a million dollars.

Steers' Father Is Hurt in Automobile Accident

THE DALLES, Ore., Nov. 20.—H. P. Steers, father of Captain "Bill" Steers of the University of Oregon football eleven, who was injured in an automobile accident yesterday, was doing well today and his recovery was believed to be assured. The family telegraphed the son to play the game today at Oregon Agricultural college. He was expected to come to his home immediately after the game.

Dallas Lodging Houses Must Have Fire Escapes

DALLAS, Nov. 20.—(Special to The Statesman.)—When the next fire breaks out in the buildings in this city used as hotels and rooming houses with two or more stories will be equipped with fire escapes as an ordinance to that effect is now pending before the city council and undoubtedly will be passed at the next regular meeting.

ACCIDENT LIST

What narrowly escaped being a serious accident occurred yesterday at the intersection of Church and Court streets when an automobile driven by Roy Roland of 503 North Summer street, collided with a buggy, the occupants of which were thrown to the pavement. William Hawkins of 525 North Capital street, who was riding in the buggy, received injuries about the head but William Williamson, who was also in the buggy escaped uninjured. The buggy was slightly damaged.

Silverton High School is Defeated by Dallas

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The Dallas high school football team defeated a team from the Silverton high school on the local grounds yesterday afternoon by a score of 7 to 0. The game was a hard fought contest, the field being a sea of mud and water. Silverton and Dallas have been rivals in athletic sports for the past several years and the high school boys are enthusiastic over their victory. Dallas has made an enviable record this season, having lost but one game. They play their last game Thanksgiving day with a team from the Forest Grove high school.

Newspaper Claims Treaty Is Acceptable to Japan

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 20.—Japanese newspapers today announced the completion of the new treaty between Japan and the United States and stated it was "acceptable" to Japan, according to a cable from Tokyo received here today by the Japanese Daily News.

It was declared the treaty would in no way affect Hawaii.

SHIPPERS TO OPPOSE ANY RATE CUTS

Existing Schedules to Continue Until Competition Forces Revision is Agreement of Conference

EXPECT NO CHANGE BY MITSUI COMPANY

Any Revision of Rates Required to Meet Competition Favored by Members

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 20.—Shipping men, members of the Pacific Westbound conference, in session here today, took action for protection against threatened rate cutting on trans-Pacific freight, by going on record as favoring any revision of existing rates required to meet competition, with proper notice to all members.

Rates Not to be Cut.—At the same time, J. J. Middleton, resident agent for the Blue Funnel line, which concerns had been reported contemplating cuts in rates, made positive statement that while his company cannot under the rules of the Holt corporation enter any conference, it would abide by the rates established at the conference.

The Mitsui Company, which also was reported preparing to cut rates, is a member of the conference and local members said they anticipate no rate cutting from that concern.

Revision is Favored.—Shippers attending the conference today declared the two companies, neither of which was represented at the meeting, are accepting freight at less than conference rates.

It was agreed today that the existing schedule of rates will be maintained until competition forces revision, and that, with notice to all members and to the United States shipping board, the conference will cut its rates to any degree necessary to meet competition.

Dallas Lodging Houses Must Have Fire Escapes

DALLAS, Nov. 20.—(Special to The Statesman.)—When the next fire breaks out in the buildings in this city used as hotels and rooming houses with two or more stories will be equipped with fire escapes as an ordinance to that effect is now pending before the city council and undoubtedly will be passed at the next regular meeting.

VANCOUVER MILLS CLOSE.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 20.—The Vancouver flour mills were closed today. The management announced the mill was shut down owing to the condition of the flour market. Fifty men were employed at the mills.

While in Portland Stop At HOTEL HOYT Sixth and Hoyt Sts.