

FRUIT DISEASE IS CONSIDERED

State Horticultural Board Calls Meeting in Portland for Friday

That the potato interests of Oregon should be protected from further infestation from the tuber moth, was the consensus of opinion at the public hearing for the consideration of the quarantine between California and Oregon, which was held in this city Tuesday. The purpose of the hearing was to give all persons interested an opportunity to express their views on the subject.

While a portion of California is infested with the tuber moth, there are many parts of that state which are free from it.

C. A. Park, chairman of the state board of horticulture, has given assurance that any modification of the quarantine already existing between the two states, will be such as to protect the potato industry of Oregon. At the present time there are no potatoes being shipped from California into Oregon, Mr. Park says, and will not be for the next six months, after which the new potatoes will be ready for shipment. Recently the state of California placed a quarantine on the importation of all strawberry plants grown north of the line east and west through McMinville, on account of the strawberry root weevil. This pest is known to grow in the northern part of the state. A public hearing to consider the quarantine in regard to the strawberry root weevil will be held Friday, Dec. 17, in Portland at the office of the state board, room 150 in the court house.

Lee A. Stroger, deputy chief plant quarantine officer of California, will be in attendance at the meeting to render assistance in its deliberations.

At present California has but one infestation of this pest, which is a 20-acre strawberry patch. Plants imported from this state are planted on the field. The acreage will be entirely destroyed by the quarantine officer to eradicate the pest within the borders of that state.

"The horticultural department of California has extended a courtesy to Oregon, in sending Mr. Stroger here personally to make a survey of the strawberry districts, in order that the entire state may not be affected by the quarantine," said Mr. Park.

VICIOUS WAR TALK BLAMED FOR TROUBLE

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As the spirit of good faith and good will between nations," "No treaty," he added, "no arrangements of any kind can serve as an absolute assurance of peace if nations are actually suspicious or spiteful. By making these observations, I have no intention of casting any reflection on the league of nations. The league is, in my judgment a splendid machinery."

The ambassador said the league is an association of a comparatively few nations and it will between almost any of them would be fatal to its use and accurate working.

Fought Three Wars. "If there is no generous spirit among them," he said, "the league will either founder or become an instrument of tyranny. Whether or not you accept the league, I trust you will accept the proposition that international peace rests on the foundation of international friendship. It is based on a vivid sympathy, on a recognition that, as individuals, we do in the main feel a real and healthy liking for each other. It is based on a friendship that carries with it a broad tolerance of faults and errors, a warm anxiety to see the best."

Japan, he said, like the rest of the world, has been misunderstood and misrepresented in many ways. She has been branded as a war-like nation, he added, bent on military achievement and aggression, but in all her history extending for over 2500 years, she engaged in only three foreign wars.

ASSESSORS OF STATE WANT TAXATION LAWS AMENDED

To consider amendments to the present tax laws of Oregon, which may be presented at the coming legislature, a legislative committee composed of county assessors appointed at the annual state meeting held in this city last month, met yesterday at the court house for consultation. The assessors throughout the state desire that the tax laws of Oregon be made more workable, and to this end they will endeavor to have amendments passed this winter to put the work of assessing on a more simple and practicable basis.

F. P. Leinenweder, assessor of Clatsop county, who was appointed as chairman of the committee, was unable to be present and requested that Ben F. West, assessor of Marion county, act as chairman. Other members of the committee present were: J. S. Van Winkle of Linn county; C. E. Walker of Lane county; and J. B. Coleman of Jackson county.

FIFTY-FOUR APPLICANTS TAKING EXAMINATION

The semi-annual teachers examination is being held in the city this week, in charge of the county superintendent of schools, Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson, at the First Methodist church. Fifty-four applicants for teachers' certificates are taking the examination. They are:

Pearl Miller and Alice Thompson, Macleay; Edna Lindberg, Arline A. Skotland, Mary A. McKay and Ada E. Vest, Woodburn; Lulu P. Dale, Lois Myers and Eva McCreary, Stayton; Edna Davidson, Sister Mary Margaret, and Sister Mary Paula, St. Paul; Beatrice B. Barton, Pratum; Grace Reed,

Carrie McCormick, Lloy A. Kniss, Hubbard; Pearl B. Kelly, Jeanetta Humfeld and Lena E. Ball, Turner; Gertrude Humfeld and Rosa E. Gregg, Portland; Louise Bess, Astoria; M. Herman and Heide Hamm, Jefferson; Florence Skerry and Rita Mahony, Gresham; Blanche Stine, Silverton; Oscar J. Olson, Marjorie Scott and Olga J. Johnson, Silverton; Mary Spencer and Rose Vandervelden, Beaverton; Josephine B. Wood, Mill City; Rebecca Brown, Elmira; Sister Mary Basil Wood, Shaw; Frank H. Stumble, E. Anson Will, Nellie Curt, Mabel Stollar, Letha Stollar, Hazel K. Marshall, Emily Loose, Carrie Branch, Grace Von Behren, A. D. Leach, Carolyn Williams, Nellie E. Logsdon, Mrs. Ralph W. Cheney, G. B. Brotherton, Blanche Clark, Pauline Matthes, W. J. McWilliams, Charlotte A. Tischhauser, Lillian M. Teschhauser, all of Salem.

NEGRO ROBBED MAIL

Valentine, a negro arrested a few days ago at the request of the Kokomo, Ind., police, tonight told the police that a "confession" he had made last night of a \$9,000,000 mail robbery was a lie.

On the spur of the moment to satisfy detectives who kept him from going to sleep by their continuous questioning. "Those detectives wouldn't let me sleep," Valentine said. "They kept me awake everything in the world and I was getting too tired to keep on answering. I thought of the Omaha mail robbery, so I told them a nice story about how I was one of a gang that robbed the car and that we got \$9,000,000. That satisfied them so they let me alone and I had a fine nap. But I wasn't in that robbery at all. I just wanted to go to sleep."

Valentine, according to the police, "confessed" to mail robberies in St. Louis, Kokomo and West Chicago, Ill.

METHODIST CHORUS WILL GIVE MUSICAL PROGRAM

The first of the Christmas festivities of the First Methodist church will occur tonight at 7:30 o'clock, when the church choir will present a splendid program of Christmas music. Prof. E. W. Hobson of Willamette university, is the director, and Prof. T. S. Roberts is the organist and accompanist. The entertainment is public. The program is as follows:

Organ Prelude, "Pro Peccatis" (from "Stabat Mater") Rossini "Angels From the Realms of Glory" By the Choir.

Violin Solo, "Meditation" (From "Thais") Massenet Miss Viola Ash

Hymn No. 110, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." Choir and Congregation

Prayer Due "Oh, Holy Night" Adolphe Adam Miss Lucile Barton, Mr. R. D. Barton.

Violin Obligato, Miss Viola Ash Responsive Reading—The Psalmist "First special reading, page 79. "Shout the Glad Tidings" Marz

By the Choir Brief Address, "The Implied Hope of Christmas" Rev. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick "Awake My Glory" Chadwick By the Choir

Benediction—Organ Postlude, "Christmas March" Merkel

INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS ARE DINED BY RESERVES

The senior high Girl Reserves of the Y. W. C. A. held a dinner Monday night for the intermediate club members of the Y. M. C. A. Twenty-five cents a plate was charged and the girls realized \$4.95.

Those assisting Miss Scott, the girls' work secretary, were: Mrs. Gillette, Margaret Livesley, Winifred Reinhardt, Clemmie Lee Hunt, Wilma Spence and Bernice Eby. The Girl Reserves hope to repeat the affair in the near future.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS IN RECENT CONVENTION

The fourth annual convention of the Sunday school convention of the Donald district was held here Sunday. At the business session C. L. McShane of Hubbard was re-elected chairman, and Ralph Rader of Fargo, secretary.

The Presbyterian church was well filled with delegates from the Sunday schools of North Marion county. The presiding officer State Secretary Johnson, W. T. Walter, Y. M. C. A. secretary for Marion county, H. N. Goodie of Donald, and others made well received talks upon topics connected with the Sunday school work.

It was very noticeable that the attendance of Aurora people was very small. The local people who attended express their satisfaction with the program, the addresses and the singing were especially pleasing.

The next meeting of the association will be held the first week of March, 1921; the location to be announced later.—Aurora Observer.

Two Consolidate to Publish Labor Paper

W. R. McQuade, editor of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Worker, San Francisco is here making arrangements to move his plant and publication to Salem where he will consolidate with I. V. McAdoo, who recently started The Labor Leader here, and the two men will publish a labor paper. Mr. McQuade is accompanied by his wife and baby.

TWO STEAMSHIPS ARE LAUNCHED IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 15.—Two 12,000-ton tank steamships were launched in this district today. The W. H. Libby took the water from the yard of the Guy M. Standiford construction company at Vancouver, Wash., while the Swiftsure was launched later in the day from the ways of the Northwest Bridge and Iron company in South Portland.

CHINA ENTERS WORLD COUNCIL

Asiatic Nation Takes Rank With Principle Powers—Succeeding Greece

GENEVA, Dec. 15.—China today took rank among the principal powers directing the affairs of the world through its entry into the council of the league of nations in succession to Greece. The election of China had been discounted largely since the assembly previously had adopted the recommendation of the committee on organization that another elective member be allotted to Asia. It was doubtful up to the last moment, however, whether the members who for the last few days had been advocating Slav or Scandinavian representation would not succeed with their argument that the Asiatic races could not expect two places on the council while two important European countries were not represented at all.

The majority of the delegates, however, held to their implied promise, but the success of China was due largely to the personal strength of Dr. Wellington Koo, of the Chinese delegation, who acquired in the assembly. The delegates appeared to be less interested in the election of new states to the league and followed the recommendation of the committee on the admission of new states, which it had long been known as a foregone conclusion they would approve.

A woman made her debut in the league today and was cordially received and welcomed by the assembly. In the discussion on action to suppress the white slave traffic, Mademoiselle Henri Forthamer, a substitute delegate for Denmark, took the floor and in the purest English gave the delegates an example of clearness and consciousness which, if it had come earlier, might have shortened the meeting of the assembly.

Montana Secretary May be Invited to Meeting

That Secretary of State Stewart of Montana be invited to participate in a conference of Pacific coast state secretaries relative to interstate automobile regulations is a suggestion of J. Grant Hinkle, Washington secretary of state in a letter to Sam A. Koser, secretary of state for Oregon.

Mr. Hinkle joins with Secretary of State Jones of Idaho in approving Secretary Koser's suggestion for a conference, and with Mr. Jones believes it should be held in Portland December 20, 21 and 22.

Slayer is Allowed to Spend Christmas Home

W. W. Wilder of the Freewater district of Umatilla county will be allowed to spend Christmas in his home vicinity, though he may be in jail, and not begin his life term in the state penitentiary until after the holidays. Wilder was convicted of second degree murder for the killing of W. H. McNease and the lower court was upheld by the supreme court.

Detectives Employed by Business League

The Salem Business Men's league has employed six plain clothesmen to operate against shoplifters in the city during the Christmas trade season. In former years considerable difficulty has been experienced with shoplifters, but it is believed this will be forestalled this season by officers employed by the merchants to keep a lookout for the offenders.

KING ENTERS VATICAN

ROME, Dec. 15.—King Christian X. of Denmark, accompanied by Queen Alexandra, today was received by Pope Benedict. The pontiff and the royal visitors were together for half an hour in the Pope's private library. Benedict thanked Christian for the king's assistance in the papal proposal that the bolsheviks in Russia allow the Russian grand duchesses to leave their country and come to Rome, to be maintained at the expense of the pontiff.

This was the first time in about five centuries that a king of Denmark had entered the Vatican. Christian I, the first king of the Oldenburg family, was the last one to come to Rome. This was in the year 1474. When Christian X, his descendant, entered the Vatican today, he was received with great pomp between the walls of the apostolic palace where two Danish sovereigns, Canute IV and Canave V. were canonized.

CHICAGO CONDEMNNS ARMED AN INVASION OF IRELAND

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The city council today unanimously adopted a resolution condemning what it termed "the armed invasion of Ireland by Great Britain."

The resolution follows in part: "Whereas, Sir Hammar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland for the British government, declared in a speech in parliament that he 'had not heard condemnation, official or unofficial from any civilized community of Great Britain's actions in Ireland' and, 'Whereas, The actions referred to embrace the uncivilized reprehensible and barbarous practice of making reprisals against the lives and property of the civilian population of Ireland that has been carried on by the military forces of Great Britain for the last several months with ever increasing brutality and disregard for human life; therefore be it resolved, By the city council

of the city of Chicago, that we hereby unreservedly condemn such practices and that we earnestly protest against the present armed invasion of Ireland by Great Britain," being clearly against the great principle "government by the consent of the governed," which is the basic principle of the United States and which laws adopted by the allied powers during the world war, including Great Britain."

Air Planes Are Chinese Puzzle

PEKING, Dec. 15.—The question to what use shall be made of several airplanes recently bought by the Chinese government—whether for war or for establishment of mail service as stipulated in the contract for their purchase from a British firm—has been settled so far as three of them is concerned.

Chang Tso-lin, who at present dominates north China military, ordered three of the six machines shipped to him at Mukden. The others were to be sent to Paoing-fu for military purposes.

Those destined for Mukden were last sent east and started northward. Some distance beyond Tientsin they collided with the superstructure of a railway bridge which, along with the machines, was put out of commission. The wreck tied up traffic for a long time.

NO TRACE OF BALLOON FOUND IN MOUNTAIN

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Communication with various sections of the Adirondack mountains tonight failed to throw light on the fate of the naval balloon which left Rockaway Point, N. Y., on Monday, bound for Canada, and which was last reported Tuesday night near Wells, Hamilton county.

Woodsmen familiar with wind conditions believe that the balloon, unless it met with accident, probably has drifted into Quebec or Ontario. Lieut. Walter Hinton, a member of the crew of the seaplane NC-4 during his trans-Atlantic flight, and who was in charge of the balloon, is regarded as a resourceful navigator. His companions are Lieutenants S. A. Farrell and A. L. Kloor.

It is possible the airman have been forced to land at a point far from human habitation. If such is the case, the three naval officers, who set out on the trip without rations, will face a hard fight against the rigors of the Adirondacks winter weather.

KNICKERBOCKER'S TEAM STILL HOLDING LEAD

With the close of the contest but a short way off, the team under Knickerbocker is maintaining its lead in the business men's gym class at the Y. M. C. A. despite hard fighting on the part of Stockum's team. Last night Stockum won in the volleyball game while Knickerbocker won in basketball, making the score, Knickerbocker, 243; Stockum, 233.

The schedule for today's activities follows:

4:15—Juniors gym class. 5:15—Handball tournament. 5:00—Physical examinations. 7:30—Intermediate and senior gym class.

The schedule for handball for today is: Eyre and Franklin vs. Harris and Knowland in the east court; Dinse and Utter vs. Hamilton and Young in the west court; Albert and Butler vs. Harris and Minier in the center court.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST FLIES ANNOUNCED BY POMEROY

Starting with the first of the new year, a campaign will be instituted against the fly. At that particular time an inspection will be made of garbage cans and dumping grounds in the entire city, according to information received from Dr. R. E. Pomeroy, city health officer.

City ordinance No. 1098, section 13, says in substance, that all garbage must be kept in metallic cans, with tight-fitting covers. In other words, flyproof.

"Persons not complying with this ordinance," says Dr. Pomeroy "will be dealt with by the city court. The penalty for the offense is a fine of from \$5 to \$25."

SENATORS ARE URGED TO SUPPORT WOOL EMBARGO

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 15.—Oregon's representatives in congress are to be urged through the bankers of the state to support all bills providing for an embargo on wool and wool products, according to Mac Hoke, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers' association who today received a telegram from F. R. Marshall of Salt Lake, secretary of the national wool growers' association, urging him to press this action.

Mr. Hoke enlisted the support of all three local banks today and each of them wired the Oregon delegation to support any and all measures urging an embargo.

Bankers in other parts of the state will be solicited following the 23rd annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers' association which is to meet here Friday and Saturday, it was said. Over a hundred wool growers from all parts of the state are expected to attend this convention.

MINERS OUT OF WORK.

GLOBE, Ariz., Dec. 15.—Three hundred men employed by the Arizona Commercial Mining company, with properties at Copper Hill, on the outskirts of this city, were thrown out of work today when the entire operations of the company were suspended for an indefinite period following telegraphic instructions from officials in the east.

SALE OF STEEL IS REFUSED N. Y.

Corporation Will Not Sell Fabricated Steel to Builders and Contractors

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Bethlehem Steel corporation will refuse to sell fabricated steel to builders and contractors in the New York and Philadelphia districts to be erected on a closed shop basis.

This policy was disclosed by Eugene G. Grace, president of the corporation, who testified today before the joint legislative committee investigating the alleged "building trust," replying to the charges that his corporation was sponsoring the "open shop" movement by withholding steel from the builders employing only union iron erectors.

"I think it is a proper thing to protect the open shop principle," declared Mr. Grace, who explained that his stand would not be changed even if building operations in New York were to be suspended because steel could not be obtained by union erectors.

Whether the corporation will extend its policy to other parts of the country, the witness said, depends "entirely on what effect I should expect it to have on our general labor situation."

The steel magnate was subjected to a severe grilling by Samuel Untermyer, the committee's counsel, who has stated that he, Untermyer, is the largest stockholder in the Bethlehem corporation.

Charging Mr. Grace with fencing and evading his questions, Mr. Untermyer several times appealed to Senator Carson, acting chairman, to order the witness to answer his questions.

"You are not in the office of the Bethlehem Steel corporation; you are before a legislative committee," Mr. Untermyer reminded the witness, adding that the president must not have his own way all the time.

While his corporation was a member of the National Steel Fabricator's Association, Mr. Grace declared it had acted independently of the association's "open shop" program, and had not entered into any agreement "with any other interests" to sponsor the movement.

STEADY STREAM OF TAXPAYERS FLOOD OFFICE

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—There was a steady stream of income taxpayers in evidence at the office of the internal revenue collector here throughout today to make their final quarterly pay-

ments, before expiration of the last day of grace. Collector Milton A. Miller said that a number of heavy taxpayers had complained of difficulty in obtaining the necessary money for their payments. The offices were kept open until late tonight to accommodate last-minute payers.

WAGE CUT IS POSTED.

WARWICK, R. I., Dec. 15.—The Elizabeth mills at Hills Grove and East Greenwich, and the Apponaug company at Apponaug today posted notices to their 930 employees announcing wage reductions December 20. The Elizabeth mills, thread manufacturers, employing 480, makes its first wage cut in 49 years, amounting to 22 1/2 per cent. The Apponaug company, bleachers, gives no amount in the notice, but it is understood to be 22 1/2 per cent.

DESTROYER LAUNCHED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The destroyer McDougall, built at the Union Iron works for the United States navy, was launched here today. She was the sixty-first of her type built on the Pacific coast since the commencement of the world war. She will have a speed of 35 knots and will be assigned to the Pacific fleet, the navy department said.

VIGILANCE PLANNED.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 15.—A detail of 100 firemen to assist a vigilance committee in the Diamond district here was announced today by Commissioner F. F. Morse. The vigilance committee was formed recently to prevent recurrence of attacks on women in the district.

ROBBERS TAKE JEWELRY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Three robbers, two of whom carried revolvers, and the third a black-jack, held up Owen C. Linthwaite of Red Bank, N. J., president of the New Jersey Motor Sales corporation, and H. L. Worley of Newark, N. J., and their wives in Linthwaite's room, on the second floor of the hotel Astor tonight. The men took jewelry and money. One of the robbers was caught and the jewelry recovered. The others escaped.

NOTRE DAME STAR TO BE BURIED WITH HONORS

HOUGHTON, Mich., Dec. 15.—The body of George Gipp, famous Notre Dame University football player, is expected to arrive at his home, Lanrum, Mich., near here, tomorrow morning and the funeral will be held Saturday.

Military honors will be accorded Gipp by the American Legion and other organization, Gipp having been a member of the Notre Dame training corps.

\$15,000,000 Damage Is Result of Cork Burning

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The burning of Cork resulted in damages of \$15,000,000 and threw 200 persons out of employment, the state department was advised from the American consul at Queenstown.

INEZ PETERS MUST SERVE FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Inez Peters who pleaded guilty in the circuit court here last Monday to a charge of manslaughter in the shooting of Frank Seltz of Toledo, Or., was today sentenced to serve a term of five years imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Salem.

SEA MARRIAGE RECORDED AMONG COUNTY ARCHIVES

OREGON CITY, Dec. 15.—The first marriage at sea ever to be recorded in the county archives here was that of Carl Barney of Oregon City, and Miss Dorris McTimmond of Lebanon, Or. Return on the marriage was received by the county clerk today. The couple, according to the record, were married on the steamer Rose City en route from San Francisco to Portland, on December 12. Captain T. J. MacGonn, master of the Rose City, performed the ceremony.

COAST MEATS ARE LOWER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—C. H. Frye of Seattle, a meat packer, who is on his way back to the coast after a trip through the east, today said that the retail price of meat in eastern and middle western cities was from 25 to 50 per cent higher than on the coast, although livestock prices there were higher than any place in the United States.

"If the retailers had cut their prices the consumption would have been increased considerably and there would not be the glut and congestion of livestock in the large centers," said Mr. Frye.

BOARD APPROVES BUILDING OF 4 MERCHANT VESSELS

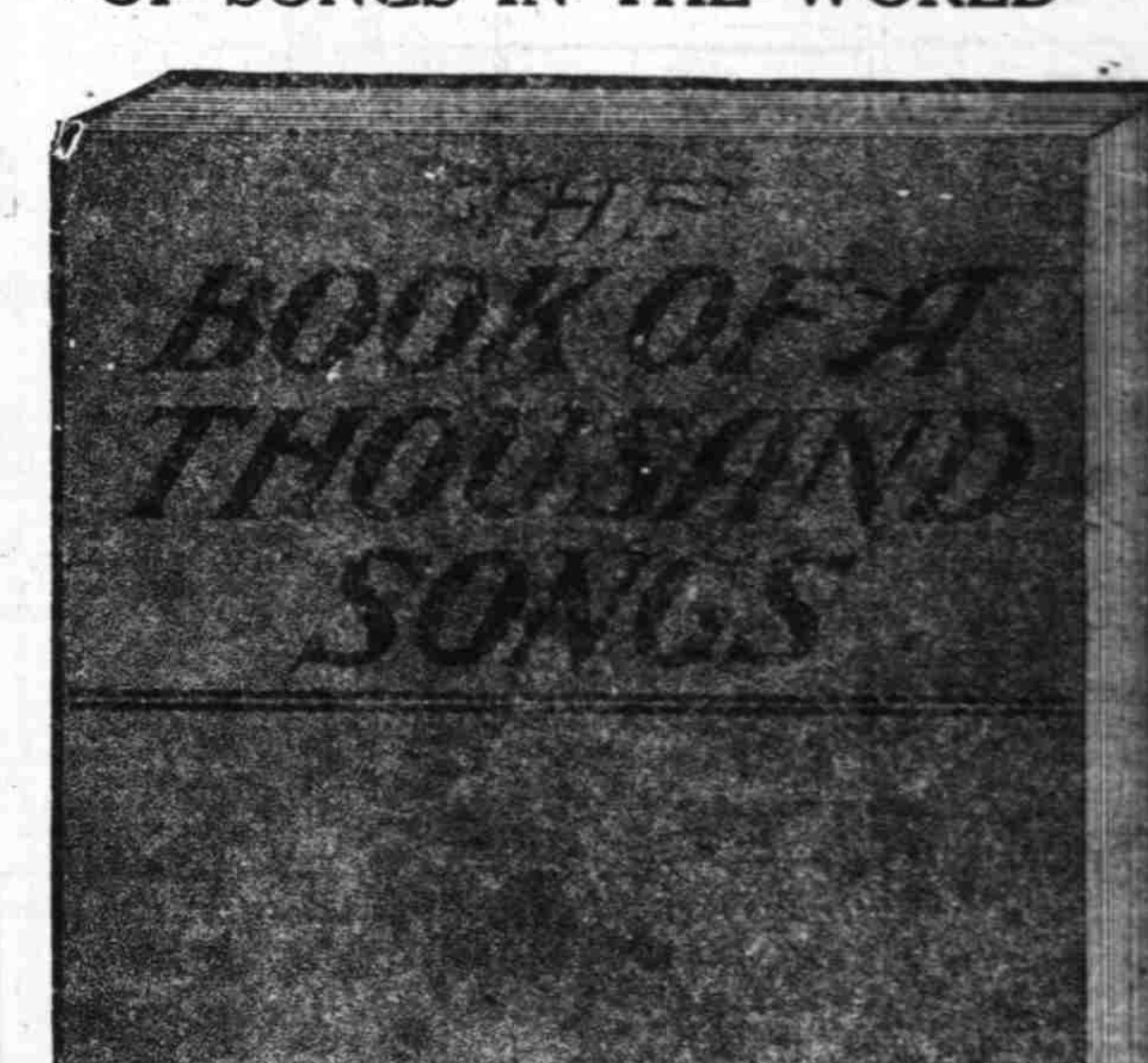
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The shipping board today approved the construction of four vessels aggregating 20,000 deadweight tons under the tax exemption provisions of the Jones merchant marine act which permit an operator to utilize funds set aside for export rebate charges for the construction of new tonnage of design meeting the approval of the board.

The applications approved are from the Alaska Steamship company of New York for a 6,000-ton cargo motorship to be built at Tacoma, Wash., from the Cal-

WILLER IS ARRESTED

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 15.—H. C. Willer, wanted in Los Angeles in connection with the murder of Mrs. Fay Sudow, found dead near the coast city Sunday, was arrested late here tonight by Tucson police. Willer admits his identity, but denies any connection with the murder.

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