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## SLOAT IS BROUGHT TO SALEM

### FORDS SHOALS OFFER PLAYED BY COMMITTEE

Republican Members Denounce Propagandists and Urge That Public Be Given Facts.

### OFFER OF \$5,000,000 DECLARED INADEQUATE

Expenditure Already Many Times More Than Price Now Offered

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Eight Republican members of the house military committee today signed a report, submitted to the house by Representative Kearns of Ohio, denouncing Henry Ford's offer to purchase and lease the government's project at Muscle Shoals, Ala. Their action increased to four the number of reports emanating from the committee and marked another division of opinion among the 21 members over the question of Muscle Shoals disposition.

The eight members were Representative Kearns, Ohio; Morin, Crago and Ransley, Pennsylvania; Crowther, New York; Hill, Maryland; Parker, New Jersey and Frothingham, Massachusetts.

None of the signatories to the report was willing for congress to accept the Ford offer. The Kearns report stressed the importance of getting "to the country a clear, fair and unbiased statement of facts" concerning the Ford proposal, declared that "wicked" and "paid" propagandists were "scattering propaganda throughout the country that is often void of truth" and attacked the Ford offer in a way that left none of its provisions free from hostile criticism.

The report also asserted that the Alabama Power company, which submitted an offer to develop the power projects at Muscle Shoals, had "always dealt fairly with the government" and was offering \$2,500,000 for its interests in the steam plant at Gorgas, in accordance with the terms of the contract executed with the war department when the plant was erected.

Plant Was Erected  
In another part of the report summarized the cost prices of the projects which Mr. Ford would purchase for \$5,000,000. A total expenditure of \$45,343,296 was claimed on the Waco inquiry, the Gorgas steam plant and nitrate plants No. 1 and 2, while the amount offered was held to be "wholly inadequate."

100-Year Lease Attacked  
Among the other provisions of the Ford offer which were attacked by the report were those proposing a lease of the water projects for 100 years, that fixing the terms of the amortization plan for repaying the government for building dams two and three; that offering \$55,000 annually to the government for maintenance and repair of dams; that providing for the manufacture of fertilizers during the 100-year lease, and the failure of the Detroit manufacturer to agree to pay interest on the \$17,000,000 already spent on the Wilson dam.

"Some say that Mr. Ford is honest," the report declared, "and that he has said he wants to make fertilizer, and they are willing to take him at his word whether it is in the contract or not. What they say about Mr. Ford is not endowed with a perpetual life, although some members of the military affairs committee would give him this water power lease in perpetuity."

"Mr. Ford cannot live throughout any considerable part of the terms of this water power leasehold, and when he is gone and all the men that he may have surrounded him will have passed away we do not know in what unconscionable hands this plant will fall and neither does any man who is living today."

THE WEATHER  
Scattered showers and cooler.

### TREMENDOUS CROWD TURNS OUT TO HEAR FIRST BAND CONCERT

Salem folk turned out in great numbers last night to hear the first band concert of the year which was given by the Salem Cherrian band in Willson park. This will be the only concert this week, since the band will accompany the Cherrians to Portland and will not be here Friday, according to Oscar Steelhammer, director.

### SUBSIDY BILL VOTE APPROVED

Return of Ship Holdings to Private Interest Seriously Needed

WASHINGTON, June 20.—President Harding tonight gave formal approval to plans for Republican leaders in the house to bring the administration ship subsidy bill to a vote at this session immediately after the tariff bill had been sent to the conference by the house.

The president's position was stated in a letter to Representative Mondell of Wyoming, the Republican leader, which embodied also detailed arguments advanced by Mr. Harding in favor of enactment of the measure at the present session.

Public interest will not admit of a postponement of decision on the policy to the next congress or the approaching short session, the president said, but advantage will result in a delay of a short time while house members, particularly many of whom are now away from Washington, consult their constituents. The subsidy bill, he declared, is needed to get the government ship holdings into private hands and into economic usage if for nothing else, and this question he held "not to be prejudiced by the old and worn-out cry against the subsidy."

The exact time fixed for voting on the measure, the president said, in describing his agreement with house leaders, is "approximately such time as house members will be called in active attendance to send the tariff bill to conference."

### THREE NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH

Astoria Car Overtakes on Jefferson Road—Donald McComber is Hurt

Three people had narrow escapes from death yesterday afternoon on the Salem-Jefferson road four miles from Jefferson when the automobile driven by Donald McComber of Astoria, and in which his wife and little girl were riding, turned completely over, plunging McComber beneath the car and inflicting serious bruises and sprains to the woman and little girl.

The injured people were freed from the wrecked car by passing motorists and taken to Jefferson where they received medical attention.

Mr. McComber was unable to tell exactly how the accident occurred, but it is thought that he was driving at a fair rate of speed and a fire blew out, causing the machine to turn turtle.

Mr. McComber was the most seriously injured of the trio, suffering a badly wrenched back and bruises about the face and body. Mrs. McComber escaped with bruises, while the girl sustained a lacerated leg.

The McCombers left Astoria several days ago and were on their way to California.

According to those who viewed the demolished car and saw the way Mr. McComber was pinned beneath, death would have been almost a certainty had the car been other than a light one. It is their intention to resume their journey as soon as their injuries make travel possible.

### OWNERSHIP IS NOT ISSUE IN RAIL WALKOUT

Government Operation Will Not Be Asked, Labor Federation Told at Convention.

### UNION PROGRAM NOT GIVEN UP ENTIRELY

Administration Declared to Be Unfriendly by Union President

CINCINNATI, June 20.—Government ownership and operation of the railroads will not be an issue in the threatened strike of 1,000,000 shop workers and others, spokesmen for the rail unions today told the American Federation of Labor convention which responded to their request by a re-affirmation of the federation's stand in favor of the adoption of such a policy.

"The rail unions have not abandoned the program of public ownership or grown lukewarm or indifferent," declared William D. Johnston, president of the machinists' union in explaining the request.

"We ask declaration, however because we have a most unfriendly and unsympathetic administration at this time and our enemies would say if the strike occurs in the very near future that the fight was for government ownership. I believe the strike is inevitable for there is no other way out and we want the issue clear-cut. The issue is the amelioration of the wrongs committed by the railroads.

Similar pleas by others, who are the prospective leaders in the threatened walkout led Max Hayes of Cleveland to withdraw his motion for a re-declaration of the government ownership policy. The motion was injected into the convention's work when it for a second time during the day went on record as favoring repeal of the transportation act, in which connection it denounced the railroad labor board for its orders, especially those reducing wages and changing working conditions.

Consideration of the strike threat in connection with the resolution for repeal of the transportation act provoked the only long discussion of the day's session which was crowded with business.

Early in the day the convention was marked by an oral clash between President John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers and Joseph Lynall, Peoria, trades and labor council, when the latter sought to force consideration of a resolution congratulating Alexander Howat and August Dorchy, leaders of Kansas miners, for their stand against the Kansas industrial court. The trouble ended with the convention refusing to act on the resolution, and its reference to the miners' union for consideration.

In addition to its big program of work, the convention was marked by the beginning of a movement to run Mr. Lewis as a candidate for president of the federation in opposition to Samuel Gompers, although Mr. Lewis declared he was "in no sense" a candidate.

### Secretary Weeks Should Resign Says Capper

TOPEKA, Kan., June 20.—Senator Capper of Kansas in a special dispatch received here tonight declares that Secretary of War Weeks is out of tune with the Harding administration and that if he does not resign, his resignation might very properly be requested by the president.

### Automobile Bandit Caught Following Bold Hold-up

ROSEVILLE, Cal., June 20.—Herbert Lee Carter, 21, automobile bandit, was taken into custody here early tonight after he had forced an autoist at the point of a revolver to drive him here from Marysville. Carter has terrorized the district between here and Oroville since Monday afternoon, forcing several autoists to carry him over the highway.

### ALLEGED PERVERT IS LODGED IN MARION COUNTY JAIL AND IMMEDIATE TRIAL IS LIKELY

### WEST GRANTED LARGE VERDICT IN LOBBY CASE

Ex-Governor Awarded \$19,681 Due from Coos County for Taxes Refunded 1919

EUGENE, Or., June 20.—Oswald West, ex-governor of Oregon was given a verdict by a jury in the circuit court here this afternoon against Coos county, Oregon, in the sum of \$19,681 which he claims was due him as a commission for lobbying before congress at Washington, D. C., in 1919, for a bill to re-imburse Coos county in the sum of \$390,000 as taxes on the southern Oregon land grant which had been turned back to the government. The ex-governor offered testimony to the effect that he had a verbal agreement with the county courts of Coos and Douglas, that he was to be paid 4 per cent of the amount refunded to those counties. The case will be appealed to the supreme court, according to an announcement of attorneys for Coos county.

### COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE SUCCESS

Big Subscriptions Received from All Committee Has Been Able to Meet

When the Illahee Country club was organized in Salem several years ago, one prominent citizen refused to join and become a charter member, declaring he had neither the time, money, health nor conveyance to get him to the golf links.

But later he joined, and since joining he has found that he has more time than he ever realized. He has played golf and become exceedingly robust, so durned robust in fact that he has found it easy to make money. He didn't miss the few hundred that later he invested in an automobile, and now drives to the golf links several times a week.

When he was visited a couple of days ago by the committee of club members who are soliciting for \$10,000 to improve the grounds and club house he didn't hesitate but wrote out a check for \$200.

The committee reports that it is being received courteously everywhere and that large subscriptions have been signed by all whom the committee has had opportunity to meet.

One of the much needed improvements in the piping of water to the greens so that grass greens may be maintained instead of the present cinder greens. A cottage is to be built for the keeper and improvements will be made to the club house.

### SHRINERS HURT IN TRAIN WRECK

Section of Denver & Rio Grande Passenger Leaves Rails in Colorado

LEADVILLE, Colo., June 20.—Twenty-four persons were injured, four seriously today when the first section of Denver & Rio Grande Western passenger No. 2, eastbound, was wrecked at Keel-dar, a small station 10 miles from Leadville. Spreading rails were believed to have caused the accident. The scene of the wreck is near the foot of Tennessee Pass. The train carried many Shriners returning from San Francisco. Three Pullman cars and the dining car turned over, while another Pullman also jumped the track and turned part way over.

### LAI GWONG TO BE DEPORTED

Chinese Alleged to Have Attacked Benefactor's Wife in Government's Toils

Scorned by his fellow countrymen in the United States and doomed to face ostracism in his own country for the rest of his natural life, Lai Gwong, arrested here about a week ago, started on the first lap of his journey to China last night in charge of R. P. Bonham, immigration inspector, who will take Lai to Portland, from which place he will be immediately deported.

The average celestial has little respect or regard for the laws of the caucasian, but seldom are they known to violate the laws of their own land or of their own gods, but Lai Gwong respected neither the laws of this country or his own when, 10 days ago, he attempted a criminal assault upon the pretty little wife of Lai Sue, the man who had befriended him. He was severely beaten by the husband and later turned over to the sheriff's office and placed in the county jail.

Record Not Good

Investigation on the part of the immigration authorities disclosed the fact that Lai Gwong had also been sought for the past three years for making unlawful entry into the United States. The records of the government showed that he had been deported in 1907 for a like crime upon a Chinese woman. He remained in China for four years and gained admittance to Canada when that government permitted the entrance of Orientals by the payment of a \$500 head tax. Three years later Lai paid smugglers another \$200 to bring him into this country. Since that time he has been around Salem.

Life of Outcast Awaits

The two crimes against women of his own race, of which he had been charged during 10 years, set a precedent, for nothing of the like had ever before been heard of among the Chinese. For that reason he is scorned by all of his own people, and must live out his life, isolated in his own country lest he be brought to answer to the unwritten law of his fellow men.

### One Man Killed, One Hurt When Auto Hits Train

EUGENE, Or., June 20.—W. A. Basfield, aged 50, of West Springfield, was killed and Harry Thompson, of Creswell, was badly injured when an automobile in which they were riding and the rear end of a logging train collided at Springfield early today.

Basfield, Thompson and G. R. Smith, employes of the Booth-Kelly lumber company's mill, on the night shift, were on their way back from work when the train, switching in the yard, backed into their automobile at a crossing. Smith jumped from the running board of the automobile to a flatcar of the train and escaped injury.

### Alien Women to Have Same Rights as Men

WASHINGTON, June 20.—To meet conditions which its friends claimed have been emphasized by the women's suffrage amendment, the house today by a vote of 206 to 96 passed a bill which would open to alien married women substantially naturalization and citizenship rights enjoyed by alien men. The bill would also permit American women who marry foreigners to retain their citizenship unless they renounce their allegiance as do American men who marry aliens or unless they marry aliens ineligible to United States citizenship.

C. A. Sloat, alleged pervert, and former Oakville school teacher, was returned to Salem last night from Albany and placed in the county jail by Sheriff Oscar Bower to face six indictments secretly returned by the Marion county grand jury last Friday, charging him with criminal attacks upon two small girls of Salem.

Sloat was recently arrested in Albany, charged with like assaults upon a small girl of that city, but investigation by the local sheriff's office satisfied the Linn county officials that there was a stronger case against the former school teacher in this county.

The specific charges on which Sloat will be tried in the Marion county courts consist of one charge of rape, two of assault with intent to commit rape, and three crimes against nature. According to the authorities, Sloat has confessed to the alleged crimes against the two Salem girls, the offense being committed March 5.

This is not the first time that the alleged pervert has faced charges of this nature. It is said he was convicted for a similar offense in Tacoma some years ago, and that he was arrested and later acquitted of an assault charge in McMinnville several months ago.

It is possible that the accused man will be arraigned immediately as Circuit Judge Bingham announced recently that Sloat would be given quick hearing if returned to Marion from Linn county. It was on this provision that District Attorney Lewelling of Linn county relinquished Sloat to the local officials.

Should Sloat be convicted on all six counts against him it would be possible to impose a life sentence upon him, District Attorney John H. Carson has declared.

### IRISH ELECTION COUNT DELAYED

Hitch in Counts in Waterford District Causes Official Investigation

DUBLIN, June 20.—The results of the elections are still incomplete and final figures in some of the important constituencies will not be announced until Wednesday. There has been some hitch at Waterford, which with Tipperary east, forms a constituency of five seats, and two officials of the provisional government have gone there to straighten the matter out.

The DeValera members whose seats in the Dail are endangered, including Charles Burgess, former minister of defense, and Seamus Robinson, one of the leaders of the dissentient section of the army.

The nature of the hitch is not definitely known but it is expected to cause a postponement of declaration of the results for possibly 24 hours.

### Man and Woman Murdered; Gunman Escapes in Car

YAKIMA, Wash., June 20.—A woman was killed and her husband mortally wounded at Harrah, a Yakima Indian reservation town according to a report to the sheriff's office here by telephone. The alleged assassin escaped in a high powered car. The highways leading from the reservation are heavily guarded. Sheriff Pad Borah, before he left the scene of the killing declared he knew the identity of the supposed gunman.

### BONUS ACTION FIGHT LED BY SENATOR WALSH

Move to Upset Early Consideration Brings Torrid Battle on Floor of House—Vote 52 to 8.

### WALL STREET ACCUSED OF BLOCKING MEASURE

Soldier Relief Measure to Follow Tariff Bill; Bitter Fight Waged

WASHINGTON, June 20.—The soldiers' bonus bill was made today, by a vote of 52 to 8, the special order of business of the senate immediately after the final vote on the tariff bill unless it is disposed of before that time.

Adoption of a motion to this effect came after an all day fight, at the outset of which an effort to get the bonus before the senate failed. Several senators gave formal notice that they would continue to press for action on the bonus ahead of the tariff.

A move to upset the program of the Republican majority calling for action first on the tariff was launched by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, who made a formal motion that the tariff bill be displaced by the bonus measure. Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, moved to lay this motion on the table and his motion prevailed. Eight Democrats supported the Watson motion and two Republicans voted against it.

With the announcement of the result of this vote, the bonus row began in earnest and waged for five hours.

In offering his motion to displace the tariff, Senator Walsh stated this was the third time that there had been an effort to postpone action and "by that means kill the bill." He added that proponents of the legislation proposed to put the senate on record on this question.

McComber Denies Charge  
Denying that there was a purpose to defeat the bill, Senator McComber, Republican, North Dakota, in charge of the legislation, read to the senate the resolution adopted yesterday by the Republican conference and specifying that the bonus be made the unfinished business of the senate after action on the tariff. He declared that this was assurance that there would be definite action at this session of congress.

Senator Watson of Indiana, cut off further discussion by his motion to lay the Walsh motion on the table, but after the roll call, the storm broke in earnest. Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, charged in the course of a long address that the object of today's proceedings was to prevent passage of the bonus at this session, adding that the bill was being "made" the football of contemptible politics.

Wall Street Attacked  
Senator Heflin, Democrat, Alabama, attacked the majority for delaying action, declaring that Wall street was behind the move for delay in the hope that the bill could be killed in the meantime by a propaganda which the senator charged was being conducted by the "war rich." He also attacked metropolitan newspapers opposing the bonus and declared that some of the papers in opposition were "subsidized."

The two Democratic senators were attacked by Senator Lenroot, Republican, of Wisconsin, who declared that they delayed final disposition of the bonus bill by the time they had taken up in discussing it. He charged also that the time was being occupied for the purpose of making some "political capital out of the situation."

Senator Watson of Indiana then offered his motion to make the bonus the special order of business after passage of the tariff and Senator Ashurst, Democrat, Arizona, jumped into the fray with a demand that there be an understanding that once the bonus was taken up it should not be displaced by the ship subsidy or any other bill. Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, said he would not.

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