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SENATE SAYS TO SELL SHIPS TO FOREIGNERS

IF AMERICANS WON'T BUY THEY WILL BE DISPOSED OF ELSEWHERE

SHIPPING BOARD RETAINED

Permanent Body Authorized by Provisions Contains Seven Members

Washington, June 2.—The sale of American ships to foreign interests if, after a diligent effort by the shipping board they have been unable to dispose of them to Americans, is provided for in the merchant marine bill as finally agreed upon by the senate and house conferees, after an all night session. The senate provisions providing for a permanent shipping board of seven members were retained.

EXPLOSION IN COAL SHAFT TAKES LIVES OF SIX MEN

Pittsburg, June 2.—At least six men were killed in an explosion in a coal shaft of the Ontario Gas and Coal Company, near Cokesburg today. The men were buried under tons of earth.

GOVERNMENT APPEALS ARE DISMISSED BY SUPREME COURT

Washington, June 2.—Government appeals in the federal anti-trust suit against the "Quaker Oats Company" were dismissed today by the supreme court on the motion of the government.

POLICE SEEKING FOR REUBEN ASSAILANT

Roseburg, June 2.—The whole county has been aroused over the assault upon Mrs. Gibson Hamilton at Reuben last Saturday afternoon. The woman is still in a very serious condition as the result of the terrible experience and from the injuries received in her efforts to escape. She was badly beaten about the head and face, and for some time her condition was considered precarious, but it is now believed she will recover.

Immediate action was taken to apprehend the man responsible and the search is still on. Sheriff Quine after placing deputies in charge of the situation at Reuben immediately notified the authorities at all points along the railroad, giving them the description of the assailant. Several coinciding descriptions have been obtained, so that in the event the man is seen there will be no difficulty in bringing about his arrest.

Men from Glendale and Reuben who had seen the man during his stay in those places immediately went to various points along the railroads for several miles in each direction and every train is being watched.

Suspects have been picked up at Grants Pass and Medford but upon investigation they were found to be the wrong parties and were released from custody. A man answering the description in every detail was captured here yesterday but was found to have a well established alibi.

Poses are still watching the hills in the neighborhood in which the crime was committed and in the event the man appears he will be immediately placed under arrest. Some believe that he has made his escape by railroad, while others think he is still in the hills.

Railroad men who were in Glendale at the time the assault occurred and who joined themselves to the quickly organized posse, state that feeling ran very high following the incident, and that in the event he is captured he will doubtless be harshly dealt with.

COTTON CROP IS LOWEST IN YEARS

Production Only 3/5 of the Average According to Figures by Department of Agriculture

Washington, June 2.—Reporting the condition of the cotton crop May 25th at 64.4 per cent normal, the department of agriculture announced today that this is the lowest in record for 50 years and that the recurring statement "the worst ever known" was confirmed.

COTTON INDUSTRY IN GERMANY DECREASED

Berlin, May 29.—The Bremen firm of Hagedorn, in a report on the Continental cotton situation, states that Germany through the loss of Alsace-Lorraine has lost one-sixth of her cotton industry but is still third after the United States and Great Britain in the number of spindles and looms.

The German cotton industry is working at 25 to 30 per cent normal and Hagedorn estimates that to occupy the Continental looms fully it would require 2,500,000 bales of American cotton during the next six months.

Recovering Rapidly—

Mrs. S. Rowell, who underwent a major operation at the Good Samaritan hospital yesterday is reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

Hotel Trade Slackens—

F. E. Streets, of the Oxford hotel, says that the tourist travel has taken a great slump on account of the lack of gasoline. For a while every room in town was being taken by this trade but according to Mr. Streets, the traffic fell off all at once.

Examinations to Be Held—

Eighth grade examinations will be held on June 10 and 11, according to County Superintendent Alice M. Bacon. This will give those a chance to take it who did not have an opportunity in May and also those who failed will get another try for an eighth grade certificate.

Show Pleases—

The attraction "The Passing Show" at the Page theater in Medford last night drew a large attendance from valley points. Everyone who saw the show was more than pleased with the performance. The show was one of the largest that has ever shown in the valley, being direct from the Winter Garden in New York. The costumes and scenery were especially good. The troupe takes five cars to move from one place to the other.

No Pavement North—

J. S. McFadden, county commissioner, who returned this morning from Portland, states that there will be no pavement laid north of town this year. The road will be macadamized and put in shape so that it will be open all winter however, says Mr. McFadden. The macadam will be laid to connect with the macadam at Grave creek, which will insure good roads all winter. The road over Hayes hill is to be fixed up and rock laid. Judge Gillette and Commissioner McCabe are still in Portland and will arrive here tomorrow.

Reward for Bergdoll—

The American Legion is taking an active interest in the capture of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, millionaire draft evader, who escaped recently after his conviction. Numerous rewards have been offered for his capture, the American Legion Weekly, the official paper of the organization, being the latest one to offer a reward. The following telegram was sent to all departments in the hope that it might aid in finding him. "The Legion Weekly offers \$500 reward for the capture of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, millionaire draft deserter who escaped the federal officials at Philadelphia. This is in addition to the \$3550 offered by others. Please advise posts of your department requesting them to notify the press of the reward and telegraph the weekly any clues as to the whereabouts of the fugitive."

REPORT MADE BY COMMITTEE FOR PLATFORM

COOPERATION URGED BETWEEN LOCAL AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES ON QUESTION

AID TO SCHOOLS IS SUGGESTED

Inadequate Facilities for Education Could Find Remedy by Government Help

New York, June 2.—Greater cooperation between local and national authorities in the enactment of legislation affecting education, public health and public roads and highways is urged in a report made public today by a sub-committee of the republican national committee of which Everett Colby, New Jersey, is chairman. It is stated that the report will be submitted to the platform committee of the republican national convention at Chicago.

The chief cause of inadequate public school facilities in many states and localities, the report states, is the financial limitation of small school districts having but little taxable value, causing under-payment of teachers struggling to maintain high standards of education. Other conditions which could be remedied by increasing federal and state aid to the local communities are the inadequacy of the schools, particularly in the lower grades, and the shortage of trained teachers.

Creation of an executive department with a secretary education as a member of the president's cabinet, is recommended together with the appropriation by congress of \$100,000,000 to be apportioned among the states to combat illiteracy, aid Americanization of foreign-born and increase teachers' salaries.

Financial assistance to states to build roads under state authority, conditioned on the state appropriating an equal amount, and a system of national automobile highways are advocated.

The program outlines means to accomplish a better coordinated public health service through the cooperation of civil agencies with the medical departments of the army and navy. A lack of physical training in the youth, revealed by the selective draft, would be remedied by an extensive program of physical culture in the public schools with emphasis on the training of girls to fit them physically for motherhood, says the sub-committee.

The lack of wisdom of enacting further legislation intended to curb peace time sedition is pointed out in

TURK UNDER DEATH SENTENCE IS LIVING IN LUXURIOUS MANNER

Geneva, Switzerland, June 2.—In one of the most luxurious hotels in Lausanne is now living the Turkish multi-millionaire named General Ahmed Djemal Pasha, former Turkish minister under the Young Turk regime at Constantinople and former commander of the fourth Turkish army in Syria.

He is the first upon the black list of the Arabian government for extradition and punishment, being accused, says the Tribune de Geneve, of the deaths of 7,000 Arabian, Syrian and Armenian families whom he is alleged to have ordered to be massacred or deported into the desert where they died of hunger and thirst in the war. He has been sentenced to death after a hearing in Turkey.

Djemal Pasha who called himself the "Hero of Islam" admits, according to the newspaper, that he was "only directly responsible for about 200 deaths of heretics." By tyranny, it is charged, he obtained his vast wealth in Turkish gold always refusing bank notes. Once a week his wife or one of the members of his family travelled to Con-

BREWERS BACK PALMER CLAIM OF BONNIWELL

SALOON INTERESTS TIE UP WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL COMMITTEE IS INFORMED

PENNSYLVANIA SAID WIDE OPEN

Distilleries and Bonded Warehouses Protected by Justice Department Holds Opponent

Washington, June 2.—Charges that the campaign for the nomination of Attorney General Palmer as the democratic candidate for the presidency had been conducted in Pennsylvania with an open appeal to the distillery and brewery interests in the state, were made today before the senate investigating committee by Eugene C. Bonniwell, of Philadelphia.

Bonniwell, who distributed the McAdoo stickers during the primary, said the saloons and bonded warehouses in some parts of the state are now running "wide open" and that this was proceeding under the eyes of the department of justice and federal prohibition enforcement officers, appointed "with Palmer's vice."

Washington, June 2.—Attorney General Palmer asked the senate committee for permission to reply to the Bonniwell charges, saying "This is an old story. I don't care to await the transcript."

WEARING APPAREL DEALERS GET FINE FOR PROFITTEERING

Syracuse, June 2.—The John A. Roberts Corporation, of Utica, dealers in wearing apparel, today were fined \$55,000 by Federal Judge Howe, following their conviction of profiteering on 11 counts.

BALLOTING AT CHICAGO TO COMMENCE ON FRIDAY

Chicago, June 2.—Nominating speeches for the republican national convention next week will probably come Thursday, with balloting on Friday. L. W. Henley, secretary of the arrangements committee, announced today following the keynote speech by Senator Lodge, temporary chairman and appointments of committees Tuesday. Henley said the convention probably will adjourn until Wednesday for committee work.

The report of another sub-committee, of which Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana, is chairman.

REPEAL OF WAR MEASURES VOTED

House Judiciary Committee Orders Out the Resolution—Lever Act Is Excluded

Washington, June 2.—By a unanimous vote, the house judiciary committee today ordered out the resolution repealing all wartime emergency legislation excepting the Lever food control act, the trading with the enemy act, and the District of Columbia rent profiteering measure.

ENGLISH UNIONS ARE HELD BY JEALOUSY

London, June 2.—Labor conditions still are unsettled in England, not so much because of dissatisfaction with wages, hours or working conditions as to jealousy between rival trade unions and particularly between skilled and unskilled labor, says the American Chamber of Commerce here.

A crop of new wage demands from other unions is declared to have resulted from the settlement of the demands of the longshoremen by granting them a minimum wage of 16 shillings a day.

The railway men are demanding an advance of 1 pound a week in disregard of an agreement they had made with the government only five days earlier which provided for an automatic adjustment of wages according to cost of living. The engineers and firemen also have presented demands for large increases.

Gave Surprise Party—

A surprise party was given last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Vannice, of the Golden Rule store, for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper. The employees of the store were all present.

Meeting Postponed—

On account of the Shriners ceremonial at Ashland next Saturday the meeting of the executive committee of the Josephine Farm Bureau has been postponed until Monday afternoon at 1:30.

Boxcars On Fire—

Two Southern Pacific boxcars caught fire this afternoon near the dye works factory and the fire department was called out. The cars were loaded with lumber and were left standing on the siding. A grass fire ignited the cars. They were taken to the water tank at the station and the fire quenched.

Baptist Association Meetings—

The Rogue River District Baptist association will meet in Grants Pass Friday of this week and hold their meetings over Sunday. Various phases of missionary work will be under consideration. Dr. Reid, the Irish evangelist will preach each evening. The sessions are open to the public.

GENERAL AGUILAR GIVES UP TO NEW GOVERNMENT

Vera Cruz, June 2.—General Candid Aguilar, governor of Vera Cruz and a son-in-law of the late President Carranza, has surrendered to the new government. He will be allowed to leave the country.

BUBONIC PLAGUE BREAKS OUT IN MEXICAN CITY

Vera Cruz, June 2.—President Wilson has offered to send hospital ships, nurses, doctors and medical supplies here immediately to assist in combating the bubonic plague which has appeared in this city, 11 authentic cases having developed to date with five deaths resulting.

WHEAT STANDARDS WILL BE CONTINUED SAYS MERIDITH

Washington, June 2.—The continuation of the present federal wheat standards was decided upon today by Secretary of Agriculture Meridith.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, June 2.—Cattle weaker, choice steers \$11 at \$11.50; hogs, sheep, butter and eggs steady and unchanged.

WILL CONTEST M'CAMANT SEAT IN CONVENTION

OREGON JOHNSON MANAGER TO APPEAR IN CHICAGO BEFORE COMMITTEE

FRAUD WILL BE CHARGED

Disobedience to Mandate of Voters Will Also Be Held Against Portland Attorney

Portland, June 2.—Sanfield McDonald, campaign manager of Hiram Johnson in Oregon; left for Chicago last night prepared to contest the seat of Wallace McCamant. He bears a petition alleging that McCamant had obtained the election by fraud, and that he refused to obey the mandate of the republican party in Oregon, whose servant he is under state election laws.

Chicago, June 2.—Resuming work on convention contests, the republican national committee today seated 12 uninstructed delegates from Louisiana headed by Emile Kuntz, of New Orleans, national committeeman. The committee dismissed contests of the "Lily White" group.

Chicago, June 2.—In the first decision affecting the Johnson forces in the convention, the republican national committee voted 36 to 13, to seat the delegates from the Tenth Minnesota district who are counted as favorable to the candidacy of the California senator.

Salem, June 2.—Complete official returns from every county in Oregon canvassed by the secretary of state, show that Hiram Johnson won over Leonard Wood in the recent primary by a plurality of 2393. The official final figures give Johnson 46,163; Wood 43,770; Lowden, 15,576; Hoover, 14,557.

BARGE CONVERTED TO A TOPSAIL SCHOONER

Portland, Ore., June 2.—After being operated for ten years as a barge, the former three-masted sailing ship William H. Smith, is now being refitted as a five-masted topsail schooner and shortly will load her first off-shore cargo in ten years. The William H. Smith was built on the Maine coast 37 years ago and was originally a full-rigged, three-masted, skysail-yarder ship. She was noted for her luxurious cabin furnishings.

After operating in the Atlantic trade for many years, she was purchased some 15 years ago by the California Shipping company and brought around the Horn for operation out of San Francisco. As one of a fleet of 32 sailing vessels she carried wheat around the Horn to New York and Europe, later being placed in the Australian trade. It was in this trade that the William H. Smith almost met a disastrous end.

The vessel had just started for Australia with a full cargo of lumber loaded at Puget Sound ports when she encountered a heavy storm and was dismasted off the coast of Washington. She was saved by her anchor off Grays Harbor, and finally was towed back to Seattle, a battered hulk.

What was left of the clipper ship was sold for \$8400. Her value today is estimated by ship underwriters at \$250,000, although she has been operated for a barge for ten years, carrying coal between British Columbia and Seattle and Tacoma.

The William H. Smith has been re-rigged as a five-masted topsail schooner by her present owners, the Charles Nelson company, and will soon sail for Australia.