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PROFITEERS ARE WORSE THAN REDS

'Jail Bars for Profit Hoogs' Is Senator Capper's Suggestion—Public Being Sandbagged by Manufacturers in Every Line of Industry—Charge \$100 for Suit in Which Wool Costs \$7.37—Shoes Go Up While Leather Trust Cuts Melon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Jail bars for profiteers was urged by Senator Capper, republican, Kansas, in an address today in the senate. Profiteers, he said, are more dangerous than 'reds.'

The Kansas senator declared there could be no doubt that the "general public is being sandbagged" in view of profits reported by large manufacturing corporations and the rise in value of their securities.

Referring to increased prices of clothing, Senator Capper read a telegram from the National Wool Growers' association stating that the wool in a suit of clothes selling for \$100 costs only \$7.37.

"A fifty per cent increase in the price of shoes by next summer is predicted by the president of the National Shoe Travelers' association," continued Mr. Capper.

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"The market price of the farmers' livestock has declined nearly 50 per cent, bringing many farmers to the verge of bankruptcy, but the high prices the consumer pays for meat are virtually unchanged."

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GERARD WILL DEBATE WITH GEORGE D. MONROE ON CAMPAIGN ISSUES

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, whose name was filed as a democratic candidate for president at the South Dakota primaries, has accepted the challenge of George D. Monroe of Chicago, an independent candidate for a joint debate on the presidential issues.

The debate will be held at Sioux Falls, March 2. Mr. Gerard announced.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Conferences between premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy will be held before the next move in the proceedings to extradite former Emperor William from Holland is decided upon, according to information given to the Associated Press by the French foreign office.

Whether the next demand for surrender will be directed to The Hague or Berlin will be the main subject to be determined. The next meeting will be held in London but as no date has been fixed and the matter cannot be left pending a long time the foreign office expressed the opinion that the question might be settled thru diplomatic channels between Rome, Paris and London.

AMERONGEN, Friday, Jan. 23.—Former Emperor William of Germany was not surprised by the formal refusal of the Dutch government to comply with the allied demand for his surrender, it was declared today at Bentinck castle, where the ex-uler makes his home.

A refusal of extradition has been expected from the first, the correspondent was told, but the castle's residents had never been officially informed that such a decision had been or would be reached.

RUDAPEST, Jan. 24.—Czecho-Slovakia and the Austro-Hungarian republic have formed an alliance against Hungary, according to a news agency report published here.

It is said the agreement reached by Chancellor Renner at Prague, provides that Austria shall undertake no measures looking to an increase in her military establishment without submitting them to Czecho-Slovakia for approval and that in the event of war between the Czechs and Hungary, Austria shall supply munitions and material only to the former.

In addition, it is said, Czecho-Slovakia has agreed to furnish troops to aid Austria in securing German sections of western Hungary.

reversal of form?" he ejaculated when the result was announced. In conversation with a member of the chamber of deputies, the British premier is said to have expressed an opinion that the peace treaty was hard luck for anyone having had a hand in it.

"Yes," the deputy is quoted as replying. "Premier Orlando is out of office, Premier Clemenceau is again in private life and President Wilson has met with reverse in Washington. Only you have been spared."

"Yes, and in less than six months it will be my turn," is the reply attributed to the British leader.

BIGGEST MANSHIP GRAFT IS INDICTED

Captain John F. Blaine, Seattle, Arrested On Charge of Receiving Secret Commissions Totalling Approximately \$17,500—Biggest Man In Government Shipbuilding Operations Declares Assist. Atty General Schlesinger—Charge Denied.

SEATTLE, Jan. 24.—More evidence of alleged irregularities in the handling of money the government paid to carry out its huge wartime shipbuilding program in the Pacific northwest will be presented here next week to a federal grand jury which yesterday indicted Captain John F. Blaine, Seattle, former Northern Pacific district manager of the emergency fleet corporation, according to Bert Schlesinger, special assistant United States attorney general.

Mr. Schlesinger, who presented the grand jury with the evidence on which the indictments of Captain Blaine were based left at midnight for San Francisco, his home. He declared he would return to Seattle in a few days. Mr. Schlesinger will handle the prosecution of the cases when they come to trial.

"In the indictment of Captain Blaine we have produced evidence of irregularities against the biggest man in the government's shipbuilding operations in the Pacific Northwest," Mr. Schlesinger said.

Several other indictments should follow in the near future, according to Walter C. Foster, special agent of the department of justice, who has been here two months checking Oregon and Washington shipyard accounts.

Captain Blaine, who was charged in the indictments with accepting secret commissions on sales made to the emergency fleet corporation while he was manager, will be arraigned here Monday. He was arrested yesterday and released on \$10,000 cash bail. The secret commissions, it was charged, totalled approximately \$17,500.

"Well, wouldn't that make your hair turn gray?" Captain Blaine said when a deputy United States marshal handed him the warrant for his arrest yesterday. Captain Blaine later declined to make a statement but promised he might have something to say later.

The indictments returned against Captain Blaine charged that he received \$17,750 from the Steward David and Equipment corporation, New York, in secret commissions, between September 26, 1917, and April 19, 1919. The commissions, the indictments charged, were sent to Frank Trezoung, Seattle, who gave them to Mrs. G. H. Boyer, Blaine's mother-in-law, who later gave them to Blaine. "The indictments contain a list of deals and amounts which it is charged were received by Blaine on the dates mentioned."

Charge Is Denied

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The Steward David and Equipment corporation denied today that it had given illegal commissions to Captain John F. Blaine on purchases in behalf of the emergency fleet corporation, as charged in indictments returned against him at Seattle yesterday.

"On June 1, 1917," said the corporation's statement, "Captain Blaine discontinued his agency for the Steward corporation and became district manager of the fleet corporation for the North Pacific coast. During his connection with the fleet corporation, the Steward corporation paid him no commissions excepting a trifling amount earned prior to his leaving the Steward corporation."

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DEMOCRATIC SENATOR STARTS MUD SLINGING ANTI-HOOVER CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Charging that Herbert Hoover was "one of the saboteurs of the Colored House and members high in the British government during the negotiations preceding the entry of the United States into the war," Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, launched a vigorous attack today in the senate against what he characterized as Mr. Hoover's "self promoted boom for president."

Senator Reed said Mr. Hoover was so close to the British government that "he constituted a convenient connecting link," and challenged any member of the senate who doubted his statement to introduce a resolution of investigation.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A "Hoover for President" boom was launched here today by a temporary organization of several Minneapolis business men, formed here last night. The organization plans to push Herbert Hoover for the republican nomination for president.

NEW YORK.—The New York World, in its leading editorial today declared for Herbert C. Hoover for president.

"We should be glad to support Mr. Hoover as the democratic candidate for president," the editorial said, "on a platform that represented the historical principles of the democratic party. We should be glad to support him as an independent candidate on a platform of progressive liberalism. We should not hesitate to support him as the republican candidate on a platform representing the kind of government which Hoover has exemplified in his public career."

The World declared partisan objections to Hoover are arguments in his favor, adding: "The American people are tired of professional politicians and disgusted with party politics. The old party lines have been broken down... and in respect to principles both parties are bankrupt."

Most of the presidential candidates of both parties, the World says, "are so inadequate in view of the issues that the next president must meet, that their aspirations are little short of ridiculous."

Of all the men whose names have been mentioned, the World believes Hoover alone measures up to the presidency in the fullest sense."

MONDELL OPPOSES FOOD RELIEF FOR STARVING EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Opposition to the proposed \$150,000,000 food relief loan to Austria, Poland and Armenia and to an appropriation of \$1,999,000 for additional army airplanes was expressed in the house today by Representative Mondell, the republican leader, who replied to charges by Representative Kitchen of North Carolina, former democratic leader, that the republican steering committee had blocked the relief bill before the ways and means committee.

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ULTIMATUM IS DELIVERED BY SENATORS

Johnson, Borah et al Serve Notice They Want Agree to Any Modification of So-Called Lodge Reservations—Claim Enough Support to Kill Treaty Entirely If Threat to Quit Party Is Disregarded—Conference With Democrats Called Off

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Republican senators met in informal caucus today to consider procedure with the peace treaty in view of the protests against further compromise made yesterday by the eight republicans headed by Senators Johnson of California and Borah of Idaho.

In order that the republican conference might proceed freely, Senator Lodge, the republican leader, cancelled the meeting planned with the democratic committee, headed by Senator Hitchcock, to discuss compromise reservations. Mr. Lodge called a number of republicans, including those of the "mild reservation" group to his office to consider the situation presented by the threatened defection of the Johnson-Borah group.

After the conference, Senator Lodge announced that his informal committee on compromise would meet with the democratic committee again on Monday. There were indications that the cancellation of today's bi-partisan conference was merely to give Senator Lodge time to consult with the rank and file of republican senators.

The eight republicans headed by Senators Johnson and Borah had served notice that they positively will not agree to any modification of the so-called Lodge reservations as proposed, with a threatened split in the party's solidarity as the alternative. In this attitude they claimed to have the support of thirty other senators, enough to defeat ratification of the treaty if presented with the Lodge reservations compromised.

VOTE MONEY TO PROTECT BOOZE BUT NOT PROTECT NAVY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—By a margin of one vote the house appropriations committee today refused to include in the deficiency appropriation bill a fund of \$10,000,000 asked by the navy department for repairs to ships. Naval officials had informed the committee that unless the money was made available necessary repairs to many capital ships and destroyers could not be made and that 12,900 navy yard employees would have to be discharged next month.

To increase the number of guards at government bonded warehouses where whiskey is stored, the committee increased \$1,000,000 or half the amount asked by the internal revenue bureau. A like sum was included for immigration service use in deporting radicals and regulating immigration.

Besides the direct appropriations the committee authorized expenditure of \$11,200,000 of unexpended war department balances, to be used in building storage houses and for re-erecting the Washington-Alaska military cable system.

PTERANODON, FIRST SEAPLANE MONSTER EXHIBITED IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The skeleton of a huge flying reptile, probably the largest flying creature that ever existed, which in its pre-historic day was as wide-ranging as a ocean traveler as a modern seaplane, has been placed on exhibition at the American Museum of Natural History, it was announced today.

Study of the mechanics of the creature's flight, which is planned by scientists, may throw light on the practical problems of aeronautics, it is declared. The clumsy, toothless animal—a pteranodon—which flourished in the age of reptiles, many millions of

Y. M. C. A. CRITICISM DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING SAYS GENERAL PERSHING

BENECIA, Cal., Jan. 24.—Criticism of the Y. M. C. A. work overseas was due largely to a misunderstanding of the difficulties under which the organization conducted its post-exchanges, General John J. Pershing said in an address here today to citizens of Benecia.

"I have a feeling of the deepest gratitude for the Y. M. C. A.," said the general. He inspected the government arsenal here before continuing his journey to San Francisco.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—Eight cases of influenza were listed on board of health reports in Portland today, two having developed in the last twenty-four hours. None of the cases were serious, it was said.

Reports from Yankton, five miles from St. Helena, state there were thirty cases there, mostly among children. A number of cases were said to be developing in Klamath Falls.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Influenza and pneumonia continued to spread in Chicago today at the rate of more than 2000 new cases every 24 hours. The highest death rate for any 24 hours since the epidemic began was reported. There were 2512 new cases and 161 deaths.

At the Great Lakes naval training station total deaths reached 18 and the total number of cases 1034. Industrial establishments today reported their working forces had been depleted ten per cent by the epidemic.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—A total of 2361 new influenza cases was reported in the city today as compared to 1332 yesterday. Thirty-three deaths, ten more than yesterday were reported from this cause. Pneumonia cases numbered 364, with 11 deaths. Yesterday's figures were 496 cases and 83 deaths.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—California is not preparing for any general influenza epidemic, and none is expected although there may be an increase in the number of cases, Dr. George E. Ehrlich, president of the state board of health announced here today.

"The hospitals are taking no unusual measures," Dr. Ehrlich said. "The number of pneumonia cases is about normal for this season of the year and there has been but a slight increase in influenza cases. The country was well burned over by the epidemic of last year and as a result the general immunity has been strengthened and increased."

"We are ready for the epidemic if it comes but we do not expect it. The less said about it, the better."

years ago, had a wing spread of 16 feet from tip to tip, but because of its curious dimensions may not have been as heavy as a modern condor which sometimes attains a 15-foot spread. It was nearly all wings and head, with a small body, slender hind legs, and a mere stump of a tail.

The specimen was found by Handel T. Martin, curator of the geological museum of Kansas university in the cretaceous chalk beds of the Smoky Hill river of western Kansas. It is believed to be the only mounted specimen of a pteranodon in any American museum.

TEXAS DEMO. HOPES G.O.P. WINS 1920

Representative Blanton Hopes Republicans Win in 1920 if Its Impossible to Get Democratic Cabinet Officer Who Stands for Americanism—People Are Tired of Bowing to Gompers Declares Fire Eatino Congressman.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Enactment of anti-sedition legislation was urged before the house rules committee today by Representative Blanton, democrat, Texas, and Davey, democrat, Ohio. The Texas member vigorously attacked President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor for his opposition to such legislation and charged that the department of labor was "honeycombed with anarchy."

Asserting that Mr. Gompers had not been patriotic during the war, Mr. Blanton charged that when Provost Marshal General Crowder issued his "work or fight" order the labor leader openly opposed it, declaring he "would call a revolution."

Blanton, added that 6,000 strikes occurred in this country during the war and that at times President Wilson had to "compel men to work."

"Congress must either pass a sedition law which would sanction anarchy or else bear the mark of having bowed to Gompers," Mr. Blanton said. He added "it is simply a question of whether you want to be re-elected."

Attacks Labor Dept. Attacking the department of labor, Blanton said he hoped the republicans would be victorious in the coming presidential election "if it is impossible to obtain a democratic cabinet officer who stands for Americanism."

"The republicans will win any way," Chairman Campbell interjected. "Not if you vacillate on this bill" Representative Blanton retorted. "The people won't stand for you bowing to Gompers."

Representative Davey, who introduced Attorney General Palmer's anti-sedition bill last November, told the committee he was a "friend of labor until it joins hands with anarchy."

Davey criticized the American Federation of Labor for participation in the Boston police strike, but said Mr. Gompers was the dominant influence which stood between organized labor and anarchy.

Jackson H. Radston, attorney for the American Federation of Labor, and National Popular Government league, said a crisis was imminent in this country. The danger, he said, will not be from reds or anarchists, but from the suppression of free speech.

"Those who advocate such a bill forget they are Americans, forget even the confidence they should have in American traditions which are on a real foundation," he said.

children, was made without incident late Thursday. The civilians on the disabled transport were praised for their calmness and courage by the army officers who were their fellow passengers. The pluck of the women was praised especially. When the water rose until it floated the engines, cutting out the fires and leaving the ship without heat or light with a tempest raging, the passengers took their discomforts philosophically. They seemed to place every confidence in the seamanship of the captain and crew.

"LEAGUE OF NATIONS 'HOODO' WILL GET ME NEXT," SAYS PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE

PARIS, Jan. 24.—His fortune has attended statesmen intimately associated with the framing of the treaty of Versailles in the opinion of Premier David Lloyd George of Great Britain, according to a newspaper article published here.

Mr. Lloyd George was so convinced Georges Clemenceau would be the next president of the French republic that he considered the race over. Therefore when he heard of the election of Paul Deschanel as president he could not refrain from expressing his astonishment.

"Who could have expected such a

RAISE BOOZE BAN FOR FLU PATIENTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Plans to expedite issuance of permits to reputable druggists to sell liquor are under way to assure a supply of whiskey for influenza and pneumonia patients, should the epidemic continue to grow, James Shevlin, assistant supervising federal prohibition agent, announced here today.

The druggists will sell liquor only on a physician's prescription and the minimum bond of \$1000 which they put up will represent a fine if they violate the law.

WOMEN BEHAVE LIKE HEROES WHEN OCEAN LINER IS WRECKED AT SEA

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Bringing safely back to port the 271 passengers of the disabled transport Powhatan as well as the last contingent of American troops in France, the transport Northern Pacific docked at Hoboken today.

Although they suffered from the cold while the leaking Powhatan was tossed about a raging, storm swept sea, far off the Nova Scotia coast, the passengers here bore their discomfort without complaint and were rather inclined to treat it as a lark. The transfer of the passengers, who include 11 women and eight