

It was learned that an invitation to Lord Northcliffe to make his home at the British Embassy during his visit to Washington was extended by Ambassador Geddes several months ago and long before the publication of the criticism of Lord Curzon in the "Times" which led the Minister for Foreign Affairs to adopt punitive measures toward the British journal.

As set out in Lord Northcliffe's statement to-night, he and Sir Auckland Geddes have been personal friends of long standing and it was understood that the extension of the hospitality of the embassy to Lord Northcliffe during his stay was on a purely personal footing.

Dinner Set for Last Night. It was part of the programme of entertainment for the visitor to give a dinner at the embassy to-night, to which would be bidden as guests many officials and prominent persons in Washington.

It must be understood that the British Embassy building in this capital, with most of its furniture, is the property of the British Government—as such as No. 10 Downing street, London—and while it is stated that Ambassador Geddes did not receive any instructions from the British Government as to the propriety of the use by him of the property of the British Government, it is certain even a personal friend if that person had fallen under the ban of the Foreign Office.

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U. S. FOR NOVEMBER 11 Britain and Some Other Powers are in Favor of Later Month.

AMERICA AGAINST DELAY London Reports Plans of Preliminary Meeting When Premiers Can Attend.

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Japan Will Get Reports on Army's Curtailment

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HARDING AT DINNER URGES TAX HASTE

Guests Tell Him House Can Clear Calendar in Time for Mid-August Recess.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Passage of revenue, Shipping Board appropriation and railroad legislation before the suggested summer recess of the House was understood by President Harding to-night at a White House dinner conference.

The recess, under the legislative scheme on which there was an apparent agreement, is scheduled to begin by the latter date. The President was told, it was said, that it would be possible to clear up the calendar of the legislation on which he urged speed by the latter date.

Similar questions as they affect the Senate were talked over by the President Tuesday night at a dinner where a group of influential Republican senators were present.

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SHIP SEIZURE CASE GOES TO U. S. COURT

Transfer Keeps Injunction in Effect for Week at Least.

NEW SUIT IS BEGUN N. Y. Harbor and Dry Dock Co. Asks \$175,000 for Work on Potomac.

BOARD IS CODEFENDANT U. S. Mail Co. Explains Why Charter Hire.

Clearance next Wednesday of the steamship George Washington under the ensign of the United States Mail Steamship Company was assured yesterday when Supreme Court Justice Burr transferred to the United States District Court argument of the temporary injunction obtained Monday by the steamship company.

The order tied up for at least a week the legal proceedings resulting from the seizure last Saturday of nine of the United States Shipping Board's vessels by officials of the United States Shipping Board. The injunction will be operative during the interim, however, thereby enabling the United States Mail to operate the ships.

But the troubles of the United States Mail assumed a more complicated aspect through the announcement it would be named defendant to-day in a suit for \$175,000 growing out of the reconditioning of one of the vessels chartered from the Shipping Board. The Shipping Board is to be named co-defendant in the action, which will be begun by the New York Harbor Dry Dock Company. Officers of the steamship company intimated the proposed suit is but a further attempt to embarrass them and an effort to make it appear the company is not in sound condition financially.

No action was taken by the Shipping Board on the United States Mail's offer to buy the nine steamships. The Shipping Board, on the contrary, explained it was up to the board rather than to the United States Mail to name the figure at which the ships could be bought, and quoted a section of the steamship company's charter to show the vessels could not be purchased if there was any default, which is the main charge of the board against the company.

Explains Purchase Offer. Officers of the steamship company explained that the \$90,000 offered had not been raised overnight and that neither had it been offered to the company by financiers who felt the United States Mail was the injured party in its row with the Shipping Board. The offer to buy the ships was made possible, a semi-official statement said, by "a group of large financial interests in New York" who had been negotiating with the United States Mail for more than four months.

The supposed reason why the United States Mail discontinued paying the bills on March 31 was explained for the first time. Some time in February, it was stated, officers of the company went to Rear Admiral Benson, then chief of the Shipping Board, and asked that the charter hire of \$3.30 a month a dead ton be modified. Admiral Benson, the informant said, agreed the figure was too high, but was asked to surrender the chairmanship of the board he suggested the matter be left over for the next board.

Two notices of default were sent to the United States Mail since March 31, and on each occasion, it was stated, the matter was taken up with an officer of the board, and the result was the same, pending a modification of the contract. The United States Mail still was awaiting this modification when J. H. Lasker, small vice-president of the Shipping Board, and Elmer Schlesinger, the board's general counsel, pounced on the nine steamships. It was learned that Rear Admiral Benson, probably will be called by the steamship company's attorneys to prove a modification of the contract was under consideration.

Statement From Board. The United States Mail's offer to buy the vessels has been held in the first instance by the Shipping Board. The board has issued since the injunction was obtained last Monday, W. Marshall Bullitt, special counsel for the board in the suit, was authorized by the board to make the following statement: "The main purpose of the United States Shipping Board with reference to the United States Mail Steamship Company was to repress the company's interests and to keep the boats sailing. This the board proposes to do."

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SIX KILLED BY HEAT, 15 ARE PROSTRATED

BOSTON, July 28.—More than 150 bathers were treated at a hospital and thousands more were driven from Nantucket and adjoining beaches to-day when a school of red jellyfish drifted in shore and severely stung all who came in contact with their tentacles. It was said to-night bathing at the invaded beaches might be curtailed until the fish go away.

This species of red jellyfish is commonly called the "stingaree" and sometimes the "Australian stingaree" because it is commonly found in Australian waters. The feelers exude a poisonous substance, which inflicts the pain and causes swelling and skin.

Lightning, visited several places along the Atlantic seaboard last night. At Baltimore an excursion steamer was driven ashore by the wind and several hundred passengers were panic-stricken until they were rescued. Worcester, Mass., had five persons injured, 400 telegraph poles on commission trees blown down in all parts of the city, and tremendous damage to crops. In Whitcombville, Mass., an occupant of an automobile was struck by a tree felled by lightning. Two men and a woman were struck by lightning in Uxbridge and at Oxford a child was severely shocked.

HEAT IN MADRID MELTS ETIQUETTE OF COURT MADRID, July 28.—The extreme heat of this summer has melted the ice of Spanish court etiquette, causing the ruling order by royal order of the frock coat and top hat as the prescribed attire for the Cabinet Ministers when they go to call upon the King.

During the summer months King Alfonso usually sojourns at San Sebastian, where he receives his Ministers. The recent reverses suffered by the Spanish troops in Morocco, however, compelled the King to return to Madrid, where he will remain for several days for necessary conferences with the Ministers. Under the rules of court etiquette the Ministers should wear the accepted attire when going to lay matters of State before his Majesty, but the King has decided to abolish this custom and hereafter the Ministers in their visits will be permitted to attire themselves more seasonably.

SIROCCO OVER PARIS; MERCURY PASSES 101 PARIS, July 28.—Paris sweltered under record high temperature to-day, with the mercury over 101 degrees. It was 97 in Madrid, where the sun was shining brightly and the barometer dropped sharply, but there was no sign of a cloud.

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