

LOBBY PROBE ON SHIP BILL OF LITTLE AVAIL

With Only One More Witness to Be Heard, Senator Sutherland Declares Investigation Has Result of Small Consequence

ROOSEVELT DOES NOT TESTIFY

His Declination to Appear is Placed on Record - Reasons Same as Those Expressed on Floor of the Senate

WASHINGTON, March 27.—With only one more witness subpoenaed to testify before the senate ship bill lobby committee, Senator Sutherland, republican, declared the investigation was almost concluded and that "absolutely nothing of any consequence had come of it."

Theodore Roosevelt's telegram to the committee declining to testify was placed on record. It is more than a thousand words long. The former president said his reasons for having opposed the ship bill were the same as expressed on the floor of the senate by such members as Lodge, Root, Borah, Burton, Smoot and other senators who contested the efforts of the administration forces bring the bill to a vote at the recent session of congress.

Colonel Roosevelt asserted that "every man who had looked into the matter at all knew perfectly well that we were literally purchasing a quarter with every ship that we purchased from any of the corporations owning the German interned ships."

The senators' resolution for the investigation proposed by Senator Burton, directed the committee to determine whether American firms or corporations had made loans or advances to owners of ships tied up in United States ports or elsewhere to avoid war consequences or to obtain options on such ships, or whether they having made such loans or obtained options, had any connection with the government, or whether there had been lobbying by the so-called shipping trust or others to defeat the ship purchase bill.

YUMA SELLS BONDS

YUMA, March 27.—Yuma county sold \$500,000 of highway bonds for the construction of 2 roads through lands of the government, Yuma reclamation project. One will be built from Yuma to Agua Caliente, the other to Bouse. The bonds were sold to a Chicago bond house.

Battleship Is Ordered Out For Neutrality Duty

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The battleship Alabama of the reserve fleet was ordered to Hampton Roads tonight on "neutrality duty," according to announcement of the navy department. The battleship is at the Philadelphia navy yard.

Secretary Daniels said it was intended to place one of the large vessels on guard to support the submarines and destroyers which had been on duty since the German commerce destroyer Prinz Eitel Friedrich reached Newport News.

Heavy ships have been employed in neutrality duty at Boston and New York the secretary said and it is thought best to take similar precautions at Hampton Roads, as smaller vessels would be handicapped in the event of heavy weather.

Russians Say German Press Reports Are Malicious Lies

PETROGRAD, March 27.—An official statement issued tonight brands as "malicious inventions," the assertions reported as made in the German press to the effect that the garrison of Przemyśl did not exceed 25,000 when it surrendered; that the supplies would have lasted a long time if the garrison had not been compelled to share its scanty rations with an enormous number of Russian prisoners, but the fall of Przemyśl has no military importance and

CHAIN LOOP SLIPS AND THE F-4 SETTLES BACK AGAIN ON OCEAN BED

GRAND VIZIER GIVES PROMISE OF PROTECTION

NEW YORK, March 27.—The grand vizier of Turkey has ordered his subordinates that all inhabitants in the mob-ridden section of Persia, must be protected, so the state department notified the President's board of foreign missions. Turkish reports yesterday that all the men of the village of Gulpashan were killed, 65 refugees from the French and American missions were hanged and a massacre is impending. Ambassador Morgenthau asked the grand vizier to protect Americans and the latter replied he would immediately instruct his subordinates to protect all inhabitants in the section.

DAMERON, ORME AND MRS. ABBOT SEEM ELECTED

Mrs. Abbot on Returns Seems to Have Defeated A. A. Betts for High School Board by Majority of Eight

On returns from all but one of the districts included in the Phoenix high school district Mrs. E. H. Abbott appeared to have been elected to membership of the board for the city by a plurality of five over A. A. Betts. The only district not heard from was Riverside where it was expected there would be a very tight vote. The totals exclusive of Riverside gave Mrs. Abbott 231 and Mr. Betts 218. The out of town returns were received by telephone and, therefore, may be subject to alteration. Lin B. Orme was elected to the board from the districts outside of Phoenix.

Dr. L. D. Dameron was re-elected to the grade school board by a vote of 712 to a vote of 229 for Mrs. T. M. Elder, out of a total vote of 941, by far the heaviest ever cast at a Phoenix school election. Hillier in high school elections, the result in Phoenix has determined the result in the district but this time the country districts had to be reckoned with. The vote in Phoenix was as follows: Mr. Betts 206, Mrs. Abbott 223, B. W. Getzinger 190, R. N. Moorhead 75. The vote of Mr. Orme was so large that nobody could exactly remember the figures but they were something in excess of 200.

This gives Betts a lead of fifty three over Mrs. Abbott and that was increased by the returns from Ocoona to fifty eight. A vote of 24 in the Creighton district for Mrs. Abbott to none for Mr. Betts materially reduced this lead which was further whittled down by the returns from Madison giving Mrs. Abbott 19, Mr. Betts 19. The Betts lead was wiped out but was re-established.

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ASSOCIATION OF PRODUCE GROWERS IS ORGANIZED

Representing every district in the valley, over thirty-five farmers met at the chamber of commerce yesterday afternoon, and with a number of the business men of the city, organized the United Produce Growers' Association of Arizona and elected a board of directors. Articles of incorporation have been prepared and will be filed with the corporation commission early this week.

Officers of the new association, elected by the board of directors yesterday are; President, A. H. Terrill, Peoria; secretary, W. O. Ferris, Glendale; treasurer, P. T. Slayback, Phoenix. With them will be associated a general manager and an executive committee of five who will assist in the work of marketing and finding markets for farm products, both in this state and in other parts of the country. The articles of incorporation as drawn up provide for a capital stock of \$50,000, half of which shall be preferred or controlling stock of half common stock. Both kinds are to be sold at five dollars a share and only one share of the preferred stock is to be sold to one person. A broad charter is provided in the articles of incorporation, so that the association will be free to engage in whatever lines of business may be necessary to carry out its purpose of finding a steady market for the products of the valley.

The board of directors will meet Tuesday to name committees on membership, who will at once begin an active campaign in every district of the valley. Those elected directors of the organization yesterday are: C. C. Green, Lafayette Myers, Rudolph Kochler, P. T. Slayback, David Goldberg, Rudolph Johnson, Charles Goldman, Fred H. Perkins, A. O. Grant, C. R. Seely, J. W. Ritter, A. H. Terrill, James G. Hammels, H. M. Fennemore, A. H. Terrill, P. Aepfler, W. O. Ferris, H. C. Reed, Hugh D. Marshall, Dr. J. C. Norton and Gus Noll.

Hope That Ill-fated Submarine Would Be Raised Before Nightfall is Blasted When Series of Mishaps Occur

FIFTY FEET UP THEN DOWN AGAIN

Some Naval Officers Still Profess to Believe There May Be Life Aboard, But General Opinion is That All Have Perished

HONOLULU, March 27.—Hope that the ill-fated submarine F-4 would be raised before nightfall failed this afternoon when the chain loop attached to the disabled craft slipped, and the F-4 settled back again on the bed of the ocean. The most optimistic of the naval officials here conceded tonight there was no reasonable chance of any of the submarine's crew of twenty-one being taken out alive.

The powerful dredger California, from the Pearl Harbor naval station, had lifted the submarine fifty feet before the mishap occurred which plunged the vessel back into the lips of the submarine crater in which it had lodged. Immediately, however, fresh efforts were begun to secure another grip on the hull. Air bubbles raising to the surface were taken to indicate that at least one of the three compartments had burst. It is believed the bodies of most of the crew will be found in the forward compartment, the smallest and strongest of the three.

Relatives of the crew residing here refuse to abandon hope and plead with naval officers to hasten the work of raising the craft.

Owing to the great depth—56 fathoms—of the submarine's resting place, and the peculiar formation of the ocean's floor at this point outside of Honolulu harbor, the task of passing chains under the hessel is extremely difficult.

Divers cannot work effectively at that depth and casting about for a hold is necessarily more or less haphazard. The Alert, mother ship of the submarine flotilla here, is lending all possible aid to the dredger. As soon as the F-4 is elevated to a point where the divers can operate, lifting chains will be made fast to bulks, bows and stern, then it will be comparatively easy for a dredger to bring the submarine to the surface. Rescuers worked with feverish haste during the day cheered with the confident predictions by the officers that life would be found in some of the crew if the boat could be raised to the surface before night.

There were numerous heart-breaking mishaps. One cable, groaning with the dead weight of the hull suddenly sagged, releasing its hold on the F-4. Later just after a chain had been successfully passed under the vessel, it slipped off the smooth plates. The disappointment of the workers reached a climax when the hull, after it had been raised half fifty feet, again shook off the chain and sank.

TURKS REPORT VICTORY

BERLIN, March 27.—The Turkish general staff reports that a British force has been defeated in southeast Caenah, with a loss of 500 men and a quantity of arms and ammunition.

IN DESPERATE STRAITS WHEN SURRENDERING

Striking Story of Last Days of Austrian Stronghold of Przemyśl Told by Lieutenant Stanger of Aviation Corps

OVER TWO HUNDRED DIED EACH DAY

Rations Virtually Gave Out on March 18, When It Was Decided to Make the Final and Futile Attempt to Break Lines

BERLIN, March 27.—A striking story of the last days of the Austrian stronghold of Przemyśl has been sent out by the correspondent of Berlin Lokal Anzeiger at Austrian press headquarters who obtained the information from an Austrian aviator lieutenant named Stanger. The lieutenant and pilot, Capt. Lehmann were the only aviators who left Przemyśl on the last day of its existence having reported to the Austrian authorities.

According to Stanger, as early as December the rations of the defenders grew scarce and allotments were cut down. They virtually gave out on March 18. Bread had long since been unknown, horse meat and rice lasted the longest. The condition of the defenders in every way was precarious. Over two hundred died each day during the last few days of the siege, there were no fewer than 28,000 in the hospitals. It was consequently decided on March 18 to make a final attempt to break through the Russian lines.

Honed and some older troops sallied out on this last expedition singing, but the flesh was weaker than the spirit. It took seven hours to march four miles and many were exhausted and left along the way. The expedition fought bravely but were forced to retreat. It had to return a distance of ten miles before they reached the protection of the forts. Nevertheless, Honvedas came back singing as he had gone out.

The Russians who saw from the condition of the captives made by them how desperate was the plight of the garrison, began their bombardment on the night of March 29 only a few hours after the exhausted members of the expeditionary force returned to the forts. The commandant declared that the forts must be held until five o'clock of the morning of March 30 and preparations were made to destroy the fortifications and the artillery. The infantry regiments were withdrawn from their positions and the civilian population of Przemyśl was assembled outside the zone of danger. Then the work of destruction began.

The method was this: A motor howitzer was loaded as usual and then the gun was filled with sand. It was then fired, with the result that the explosive force, thrown back into the gun, wrecked it and its immediate surroundings.

Five Russian officers and 2000 soldiers, prisoners of war, were in the fortress when it fell. An Austrian officer was posted on the ruins of each fort and provided with a white flag. He was instructed to make this announcement to the Russians: "His excellency cannot hold the fort any longer on account of the lack of provisions and he leaves everything to the chivalry of the enemy."

Manager Craig Economizes By Cutting Force

Affairs moved smoothly at the city hall yesterday. Manager Craig was at his office bright and early. During the day he was flooded with applications for various positions, answered about four thousand questions and dictated and signed no end of letters. Across the hall from the office of the manager, City Treasurer J. C. H. Boon was kept busy paying city employees warrants at the close of business had cancelled warrants aggregating over \$7,000. The most drastic move made by Manager Craig yesterday was that of further cutting down the police force. After consulting with Acting Chief Wilkerson, the manager decided that for purposes of economy the services of the city policeman and two patrolmen could be dispensed with. Miss Ora Matthews who has filled the position of policeman for nearly a year, and Policemen Frank King and Alberto Lopez were given notice of the discontinuance of the positions they held. It was explained in each instance that there was no other reason justifying the manager in their removal than that of economy.

HUNDREDS OF ARMED MEN HOLD OKLAHOMA BANK BANDITS AT BAY

Following Robbery of Two National Banks in Stroud by Eleven Desperados Citizens Quickly Organize Posse to Pursue

PAUL CURRY IS HERO OF THE RAID

Young Son of Town Marshal Wounds and Helps Capture Leader of Raiders When Band Rushes from Bank

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 27.—Hundreds of armed men circled tonight watching the woods two miles from Stroud, Okla., where the surviving members of a band of eleven desperados, who robbed early today the two national banks in Stroud of approximately \$5,000 are making a stand. Two of the band, one believed to be the notorious Harry Starr, a Cherokee desperado, were wounded and captured.

It is reported a farmer, Jerry Turner, was fatally wounded because he refused to throw up his hands at the command of the robbers when the Stroud National bank was robbed. Paul Curry, aged eighteen, is the hero of the raid, for it was the town marshal's young son who wounded and helped to capture the leaders of the band when the band rushed from the bank and attempted to mount horses and escape from the gathering citizens.

The second man captured, who gave the name of Bill Estes was also wounded. He fell from his horse while fleeing from the posse and was captured. Less than an hour after the robbers fled from Stroud under hot fire, they were surrounded by a determined posse. Telephone calls brought scores of armed ranchers in automobiles on horseback and on foot to the scene. Those guarding the supposed leader of the band are positive he is Henry Starr for whose capture, dead or alive, the state of Oklahoma has offered a reward of \$1,000. In his pocket was found \$1,700 of the money taken from the banks. Oddly enough, Gov. Williams today received a letter in Starr's handwriting purporting to come from Reno, Nevada, protesting against the charge that he had been implicated in recent bank robberies in Oklahoma.

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BRITISH STEAMER WRECKED

LONDON, March 27.—Eighteen members of the crew of the British steamship Trostburg lost their lives yesterday when the vessel was wrecked near Cape Spartel on the Moroccan coast at the entrance to the strait of Gibraltar, according to a dispatch from Tangier to Reuters. The Trostburg was a vessel of 7000 tons.

EARTHQUAKES RECORDED

ROME, March 27.—Slight earthquakes were recorded in the province of Perugia. No damage was done. Nevertheless, the whole population are camping in the open air. The people are in an extraordinary condition of nervousness because of the fatal earthquakes a few months ago in the Abruzzi provinces.

SPECTACULAR THREE CENTURY MOTORCYCLE RACE AT VENICE

VENICE, March 24.—For the first time west of Dodge City what is known as the rolling start, a most spectacular and unique method of setting off motorcycle racers, will be employed at the Venice Grand Prix race tomorrow.

Paul Derkim, manager of the race is the originator of this plan and employed it with great success for the first time in the Dodge City contest.

Drivers were gathered at race headquarters in Thomas Prior's office yesterday and instructed by Chas. Fuller Gates, the referee in the details of the rolling start and in the other rules of the track. The starter and clerk of the course will line up the contestants in rows of four each, about 50 feet apart for the rolling start. Referee Gates, in the official car, will make pace for the riders, the signals being given by the starter from the car. There was an innovation at the race track this morning. Barney Oldfield, winner of the Venice auto race last week, in the Phoenix Bugatti, driven in that race by Marcellino, raced the motorcycles in practice. Oldfield is reported may buy the Bugatti and wanted to make a fair trial of its speed-powers before investing. Twenty three riders raged around

CREW ROWS 700 MILES WITHOUT FOOD

SAN LUISOBISPO, Cal., March 27.—Rowing most of 700 miles in a skiff on account of a lack of wind and on short provisions of water for the last 2 days, Chief Mate E. M. McAlister and 5 of the crew of the steam schooner, O. M. Clark, arrived in the port of San Luis. They left the Clark 400 miles off Point Concepcion, disabled in the tail shaft. The ship was bound from Hilo for San Diego and was eight days overdue. She was riding nicely when the boatload departed from the schooner, McAlister expects to locate repairs and return.

PRINCE EITEL LIKELY TO BE HELD INTERNED

German Commerce Destroyer Must Soon Leave Newport News or Remain There Until Close of War, Believe Officials

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The German commerce destroyer Prinz Eitel Friedrich will be interned at Newport News by order of the Washington government within a few days, according to the opinion expressed here tonight in official quarters. No one in authority, however, would discuss the ship's status. There is little doubt that a time limit for making repairs to the Eitel has been set by the government and that the limit is close to expiration. When the period granted expires, Commander Thierichens of the Eitel will be formally notified he must either put to sea within twenty-four hours or his ship and crew will be interned during the war.

It appeared to be the general opinion that Commander Thierichens would not ask that his ship be interned, but would wait out his time limit and compel the government to act. Officials re-called the statement of Captain Kiehn of the American ship Wm. P. Frye, sunk by the Eitel who declared when he reached the shore from the cruiser she would not put to sea again during the war. He refused to say on what he based his prediction; but officials believed his long association with the Eitel's officers after the Frye was sunk qualified him to speak with some authority.

It was suggested to officials today that the presence of numerous British house transports at Newport News might serve to delay the departure of the Eitel, should her commander determine to attempt a dash to sea past the patrol of warships said to be maintained by the allies off the harbor and beyond the three mile limit. Under the neutrality laws no belligerent warship, such as the Eitel may leave the port.

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AUTO SALES INCREASED BY THE EXHIBIT

Fourth Annual Display of Motor Cars Ends With Everybody Satisfied - Business Increased in Every Line

BUY IT NOW MOVE POPULAR

Many Conclude to Purchase Cars as Result of Splendid Opportunity Offered by the Dealers for Comparing Cars

The fourth annual exhibit of automobiles is history—and it occupies a pretty rosetate position on the pages, too. While falling below the show of last year in attendance, the display that was closed in the First Battalion Armory last night exceeded all past ones in the amount of interest it created and the number of sales it stimulated.

The "Buy It Now" idea, originally proposed by the Republican as a general slogan, seemed to take on immensely with the motor car buying public. For the record of sales that are to be directly attributed to the sale, will amount up very favorably.

Manager Gustin secured statements from a number of the dealers last night as the show was breaking up. In all cases, the comment was optimistic. Not all the agents disposed of their cars, but some of the dealers sold out their entire stock, including demonstrators. And some took orders way ahead, to be filled when freight can be gotten into the valley.

In the motorcycle division, another record was made. "Doc" Lane of the Harley agency made four cash sales. The Indian and Excelsior people each disposed of a number of machines, but were not speaking for publication. The motorcycle show had to take its demonstrators off the floor yesterday in order to satisfy a clamoring customer.

In the industrial and architectural section, great interest was aroused by the class displays of architects' drawings and by the building and plumbing material. This was the first event of that sort—when houses and the things that are built into them were to be seen in a show of this sort. That the architectural feature of automobile and other shows will be continued is a certainty.

Accessory men report increases in their several trades, while tire interest was crystallized and stimulated. Usually, a man buys tires because he needs them, and he buys the ones that are handiest. Certainly, only the very best of tires were displayed last week, and in each make a new interest was aroused.

A fair crowd attended the last night of the show. But other attractions drew them away and the real exhibit was over by ten-thirty at which hour a number of machines were driven out of the armory hall.

Villa Begins His Onslaught On Matamoros

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Villa began an attack on Matamoros, opposite Brownsville, Texas, the possession of which would give him practically undisputed control of states bordering on the American frontier.

EL PASO, March 27.—A message from Col Jose Flores of the Carranza garrison, received by Carranza Constable Garcia, claimed a victory for the Carranza garrison in the first encounter with the Villa forces in the battle of Matamoros. The message read: "Fighting began today. The enemy was repulsed. We took eighty-two prisoners. We are holding our original positions."

Victory for Carranza. In paying an indemnity for the acts of his subordinates, Calles is merely following the precedent established early in the Samaniego raid when he paid Americans for food and animals. It is said, Mexicans will lose their property, however, the constitutionalist military governor of Sonora refusing to pay their claims. As a result of the raid, several hundred destitute Mexicans are said to be making their way to Nacozari toward the border in hope of finding food.

Says Was Not Looting But Confiscation Of Property

DOUGLAS, March 27.—The action of Colonel Miguel Samaniego at Mottezuma was not looting but confiscation of property in behalf of the constitutionalist cause said General P. Elias Calles, Carranza commander at Sonora. It was reported here that the Slaughter ranch which was entirely stripped of livestock, even to chickens, had the American flag flying over the main buildings. Calles stated his intention of indemnifying the Americans and other foreigners.