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Ashurst Acts To Stop Bargain Sale of Ships

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given by the Shipping Board of the sale, to permit competitive bidding.

"If they are asking for bids they must expect to accept them," Pomerene said in answer to Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, who said the board only was to receive bids.

"The public has not had the opportunity to bid on vessels to be sold as it should be," Pomerene added.

Pomerene asked if the Senate Commerce Committee had adopted a policy as to the sale of the ships.

Senator Jones, chairman of the committee, said the committee now is formulating such a policy.

"The ships are to be sold before a policy is adopted?" Pomerene asked. "The question involved is the future of our merchant marine."

"We received these ships as a result of the allied victory," Senator Brandegee said. "It might be well in the case of the sale of these vessels, described as one of the finest fleets in the world, to determine the attitude of Congress toward disposing of them."

Hearings This Afternoon.

"It might be true that we cannot operate passenger vessels because of prohibition. This should be looked into," Brandegee said.

He declared "that the entire fleet of German ships are to be sold at a sacrifice of one-half or one-third of their value to purchasers under conditions which make it impossible for there to be any competitive bidding."

Senator Brandegee said he could not understand why the Government proposed to dispose of such valuable shipping at a time when it was urging Congress to maintain a large American merchant marine.

"It seems to be exceedingly unwise," said Senator Brandegee, to immediately dispose of such a large number of these ships, especially to a foreign flag."

Ashurst, urging immediate action on his resolution, said: "It is needless to say that my remarks are no reflection on the Shipping Board."

Reflection on the Shipping Board.

No defense was offered against the attack of Senator Ashurst, although Senator Jones of New Mexico, chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, stated that he believed the charges of conspiracy brought against the Shipping Board had no foundation. In this he was supported by Senators King and Pomerene.

The Senate Commerce Committee on Commerce holds a hearing at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon to start an inquiry into the charges that have been made. Chairman Payne will appear before the committee late this afternoon to explain the reasons for the sale of the ships.

Surprised that the Government intends to sell its German merchant vessels at a sacrifice price to a foreign flag, Senator Brandegee denounced the proposal as "an exceedingly unwise policy."

"The British flag isn't a foreign flag, perhaps," suggested Senator Ball of Delaware.

"It is a foreign flag, nevertheless," he replied. Senator Brandegee. The discussion of the proposed sale that would transfer the German tonnage now under the American flag to the merchant fleet of Great Britain came up during questioning of the War Department's policy with regard to the sale of surplus army stores.

Senator Brandegee called the attention of the Senate to the exposure of the German ship deal in The Washington Times.

Norris Offers Amendment.

Senator Norris offered an amendment to the Ashurst resolution which would prohibit the sale of vessels without the authority of Congress.

Ashurst accepted the amendment. Senator McKellar supported the Norris amendment, saying Congressional action should be required.

Senator Lodge, Republican leader, referred to the recommendation of the Secretary of War that the German ships should not be sold.

"We are selling these ships for \$80 a ton and replacing them with ships at \$225 a ton," Lodge declared. "I feel the entire operation of the Shipping Board should be a subject of investigation."

"For the present, since the Commerce Committee is investigating this, I feel the further sale of ships should be delayed," Senator Norris added.

Senator Fletcher, Democrat, Florida, reviewed the history of the Shipping Board since its inception.

Payne and William Randolph Hearst will testify this afternoon at a hearing on the ship sale question before the Senate Commerce Committee.

PRINCIPALITY NEAR RUIN.

GENEVA, Feb. 13.—It is reported from Buchs that the little independent principality of Liechtenstein is perishing economically, as no business is done in the hotels and the principal shops are closed. Nobody accepts Austrian kroners, and only Swiss money is current.

CAPTURE GOLDEN EAGLE.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Col., Feb. 13.—A rare specimen of golden eagle, said by experts to be the finest ever captured in this section of the country, was trapped recently on Mt. Sopris, near this city. The eagle is full grown and will be presented, alive, to the City Park Zoo, in Denver.

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BITTER AT MARTIAL RULE FOR IRELAND

Arthur Griffith, Founder of Sinn Fein, Scores Dublin Castle Policy.

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publican government would function better than it does today.

"It is not the Sinn Fein policy to play the British game by force of arms or yield to the British policy for the expatriation of Irishmen.

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Lloyd George Plan No Good.

Asked whether Premier Lloyd George's scheme for a dual parliament in Ireland would work, Mr. Griffith responded:

"It never will work. The proposal is dead already. I was told by an English journalist that it was only a plan to stall off Irish opinion on the United States because of the approaching Presidential election.

"As to Ulster, I can say that 80 per cent of the province is Sinn Fein. Ulster will never take up arms against the south of Ireland. The Ulster question was largely an excuse for British misrepresentations."

Mr. Griffith was elected to Parliament on the Sinn Fein ticket in Ireland, but never took his seat. He came to London to deliver a speech at an Irish demonstration.

WOMEN POLITICIANS DISCUSS PROBLEMS

H. C. L., Illiteracy, and Citizenship Considered at Suffrage Convention.

By CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Reduction of the cost of living and of the number of illiterate voters, and the raising of standards of citizenship and of laws for the protection of women and children were the problems occupying the attention of delegates to the fifty-first annual convention of the National Woman Suffrage Association, and the first annual convention of the League of Women Voters here today.

Advice as to methods for accomplishing these ends—the result of the years of laboratory work of the new league—has been formulated for the consideration of the delegates.

The facts compiled by the eight national committees of the league have been eagerly absorbed by the hundreds of delegates representing every State in the Union, who intend through their own organizations, organizations of men and women and the political parties to effect legislation which will improve citizens and citizenship.

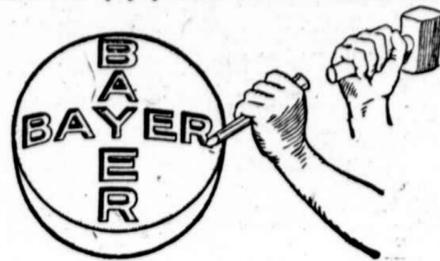
In every conference yesterday, the league made it clear that it is not to dissolve any present organization, but

to unite all existing organizations of women who believe in its principles. It is not to create sex antagonism, but to develop co-operation between men and women. It is not to lure women from partisanship, but to combine them in an effort for legislation which will protect coming movements which we cannot even foretell from the untoward conditions which have hindered so long the coming of equal suffrage.

Next week, the results of these conferences will come before the convention for adoption of a legislative platform. But for the next few days the national suffrage will have the floor, rejoicing over its victory and reviewing the momentous events of the past few months.

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