

SHIPPING BOARD MAY SUBSIDIZE MERCHANT SHIPS

SPECIAL COMMITTEE DRAFTS PLAN FOR SUBSIDIZING MERCHANT MARINE TO TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES TO INSURE MAINTENANCE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A final conference of officials of leading marine transportation companies with the shipping board's special subsidy committee has been called for January 5 to pass upon a tentative plan formulated by the committee providing for the subsidizing of the American merchant marine to insure its maintenance.

The committee was formed to study subsidies at the suggestion of President Harding. The plan which finally approved will be submitted to the president, who is expected to adopt some of its provisions in a message to congress.

In its present form, which committee members stated was not official and subject to change, the plan proposes both direct and indirect aid, the former through diversion of 10 per cent of import customs as bonus to American ship operators and the latter through establishment of a revolving loan fund of \$100,000,000. Other suggestions are understood to include:

That the shipping board sell its remaining fleet as rapidly as possible at prices not to exceed the prevailing world market price.

Amendment of section 11 of the merchant marine act to permit establishment of a merchant marine loan fund of about \$100,000,000 under the administration of the shipping board for making loans at reasonable rates of interest, not to exceed 5 per cent per annum, on first mortgages on American flag ships; this fund not to be limited to shipping board transactions, but to be available for financing all American ship operating organizations.

Income tax relief to create an incentive to shippers to use ships flying the American flag providing for a deduction from net income taxes payable on the basis of a small percentage of freight paid on American flag ships, or through a greater allowance on depreciation in ships.

Creation of a government marine insurance, non-profit making corporation to insure its own ships and to offer hull insurance at cost to private American owners, backed by a loan of \$10,000,000.

Other suggested schemes include the carrying in American ships of at least 10 per cent of the immigrants coming to this country; a ship financing system; amending and revising navigation laws; preferential through rates to American flag vessels; the extension of wage and subsistence differential between the ships.

Making available a portion of the remunerative fund of about \$200,000 per annum for encouraging construction of mail carriers.

Encouragement of special services and new routes through nominal bareboat charters, operation under managing operators contract, until private capital is available, and through bids for the operation of prescribed routes and services.

Customs receipts and tonnage taxes form the main support of the direct aid suggested. From the estimated income from customs receipts for 1922-23 about \$200,000,000, 10 per cent, or \$20,000,000, would be set aside as a special fund for paying remuneration to American ships on a basis to be adopted. Augmenting this fund, there would be the report states, a tonnage tax collected in American ports from all ships both American and foreign. This tax, estimated at \$2,000,000 under present conditions would be raised to \$4,000,000 if the proposed tonnage dues under the pending measure be made effective.

SOVIET CONGRESS APPROVES LENINE ECONOMIC POLICY

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
MOSCOW, Dec. 25.—The ninth all-Russian soviet congress today approved of the new soviet economic policy as outlined before that gathering yesterday by Premier Lenine. This approval was given by accepting Premier Lenine's address which dealt with the report of the council of commissars on the domestic and foreign policies of the soviet government.

The congress endorsed a resolution of thanks to Dr. Fridtjof Nansen and the American relief administration for recent famine relief in Russia. The resolution especially mentioned the relief administration as having helped more than any other foreign organization.

Delegate Semashko presented an alarming report of the typhus epidemic which he described as being so bad on the railways that half of the soldiers traveling from place to place had contracted the disease. He said dozens of bodies, including many children, were being picked up daily at congested railway centers.

A large faction of communists who dislike the government's change to capitalist methods, joined grudgingly in acceptance of the new economic policy.

One reason why they approved it at all, it was explained in some quarters, was because they had no alternative to offer. Although they detest the terms "money," "capitalism" and "trusts" they received their leaders' apologies that the economic change was only a preface to construction of a real communistic government.

Ohio River Reaches 56 Foot Flood Crest

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—Continuing to rise at approximately the tenth of a foot every two hours, the Ohio river here registered 56 feet at 7 o'clock tonight. Indications were, according to river men, that the rise would continue at a diminishing rate until the crest of about 58 feet is reached late tonight.

Reports from up river points indicated that all the larger tributaries were receding.

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STEAL RIDE ON FREIGHT TRAIN; ARE SMOTHERED

SILOUX CITY, Iowa, Dec. 26.—Two young men, both of St. Paul, Minn. were found smothered to death in a refrigerator car of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad here today.

Letters and papers found on the bodies showed the dead to be Clark Marion and Clarence Cooney. They are believed to have been overcome by fumes from an oil stove used to heat the car.

MEXICAN FIGHTING SQUAD EXECUTES REVOLT LEADER

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 26.—General Francisco Reyna, who had figured prominently in revolutions in Mexico in the last ten years, was executed by a firing squad in Nogales, Sonora, across the international line from here, late today. He was alleged to have been caught slinging rifles, saddles and ammunition from the ground near Canosa, Sonora, 15 miles west of Nogales.

General Reyna, who has been living in the mountains of Santa Cruz county, Arizona, ten miles northeast of here, was captured about 9 o'clock this morning and was taken to the Nogales, Sonora, jail where he was tried by a military court. Reyna's chauffeur also was arrested.

Mexican officials said that after Reyna was captured, soldiers unearthed 20 rifles, 20 saddles and about 4,000 rounds of ammunition at the spot where he was digging. Reyna and his chauffeur were arrested by 15 Mexican soldiers under the command of Captain Francisco Gonzalez.

Reyna and about 200 followers, it is alleged, planned to launch a revolution January 1. He also was charged with having had connections with leaders of another proposed revolution. The alleged leaders of that affair were arrested in Nogales, Sonora, about a month ago and were executed shortly afterward in Hermosillo, Sonora. Reyna was arrested by United States officials at that time but later was released.

Juarez Visitors Get Tough Of Real Life Through Fake Police

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 26.—Joe Lane and Charles King, American visitors to the border town, were taken to the Mexican jail today by police officers, were searching them for valuables when a genuine policeman arrived on the scene. One of the visitors, Lane, was taken away but the other, King, was released.

The prisoner gave his name as Samuel Porras. He was unarmed and said his companion also was without a gun.

SENENCE OF LIFE TERMER COMMITTED TO FIFTEEN YEARS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
LEAVENWORTH, Kans., Dec. 26.—Harry Kincaid, "life term" at the federal penitentiary here, received Christmas clemency in the form of commutation of sentence to 15 years, it was announced today.

Kincaid was convicted by court martial on charges of murder, manslaughter and a charge of murder. He was a sergeant in an engineer detachment, Kincaid and another soldier, who was said to have had a prison record, staged a battle as the result of a quarrel over a matter of opinion. Kincaid killed the soldier using an army automatic.

Immigration officials arrived today to take into custody Charles Ashleigh, H. L. Trelease and Giovanni Baldozzi, extended executive clemency when Eugene V. Debs and 21 other war prisoners were ordered released. The three were all convicted under the espionage act. They will be deported, Ashleigh, an Oxford graduate, was one of the most picturesque figures in the penitentiary. He is a former newspaper man and a poet. He is said to have come to the United States from South America after an adventurous trip from his native land, England.

Unidentified Mexican Killed By Officers At Fort Hancock, Texas

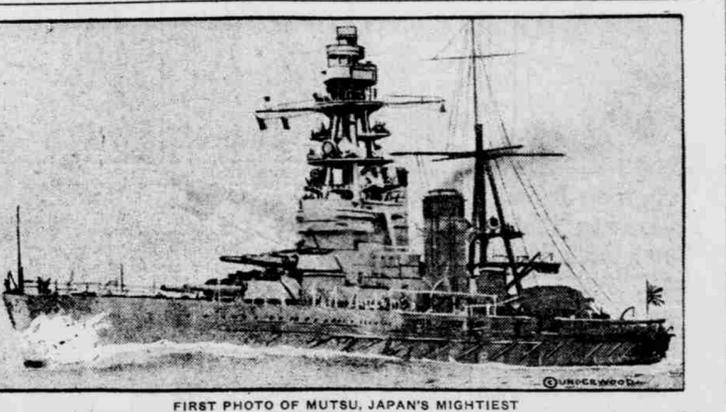
(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 26.—An unidentified Mexican, 49 years of age, was shot to death at Fort Hancock, Texas, 82 miles east of here, shortly after midnight last night. Deputy Sheriff J. M. Bean, who did the shooting reported to the sheriff that the man was one of four he found riding a Southern Pacific freight car, and who ran when they caught sight of the officer. Bean said he fired twice after calling on the man and the fire was returned.

On the body of the dead man was found a revolver, two chambers of which contained empty cartridges. Six robbery cases of freight cars have been reported from Fort Hancock within the last few days. No trace has been found of the remaining members of the band.

ARMY OFFICER SUICIDES

LAWTON, Okla., Dec. 26.—Capt. E. C. Caldwell of the school of fire at Fort Sill was found dead at his quarters last night. Officers who rushed to his quarters after hearing the shots advanced the theory of suicide. No reasons were given by the officers tonight for the tragedy, but an investigation has been started.

Sentiment Saves Jap Super-Drednaught



FIRST PHOTO OF MUTSU, JAPAN'S MIGHTIEST helped to pay for it with their pennies. Japanese designers and workmen built it and the material was entirely furnished by Japan. It travels 23 knots an hour, has a tonnage of 33,500 and is equipped with eight 14-inch guns.

CHAIRMAN USES BOWLING PIN TO KEEP ORDER AT REBEL MEETING

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Steve Burcher, New Jersey delegate to the convention called for organization of the Workers' Party of America, who presided with a policeman's billy at yesterday's noisy session, took the chair today with a bowling pin for a gavel.

A preliminary rap and the convention proceeded with the work of adopting a constitution for an organization dedicated to the overthrow of the present government and substitution of a workers' republic.

After an address by "Comrade" Bill Dunn of Montana, a former I. W. W. leader, in which he predicted the ultimate success of the Russian revolution and the spread of communism throughout the world. He added that it was "becoming fashionable to believe that some sort of capitalism is springing up in Russia."

"We are meeting here in security, or at least in fancied security," he continued, "and up to the present none of the forces of capitalism, either through the government or otherwise, has interfered with us. As a matter of fact, no radical body has been raised within the last two years and some of us seem to think that the hysteria of war has died down. But it is not true."

He then declared that the reason for lack of raids was because the radical element had banded together and fought back.

Citing the incident at Centralia, Wash., he said:

"Bloodshed is always deplorable. It is a terrible thing for men and women to have to live their lives in sweat. But it is always better to die fighting than it is to be kicked to death."

Will applause followed.

Reference to the party's declaration of principles, finally adopted before adjournment, which was taken sine die, denounced the "dictatorship" of the Russian proletariat and affirmed that the Russian soviet government was firmer today than ever.

Continuing, it declared that the United States had acquired its imperial possessions by "loot and plunder" and called for freeing all such lands and withdrawal of troops from Haiti.

Prominent Bisbee Educator Suffers Stroke; Near Dead

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
BISBEE, Ariz., Dec. 26.—Following a stroke of paralysis Saturday night, C. P. Philbrook, for many years superintendent of the public schools here, reported in a serious condition. Physicians said his condition had shown no improvement since the stroke.

Mr. Philbrook was stricken during a Christmas eve celebration. As he had worked long hours for several days in connection with preparations for the celebration it was at first believed he had merely fainted as the result of over-exertion. Later when he was taken to a hospital and kept under examination all Saturday night, it was found that he was suffering from paralysis.

Mr. Philbrook has for many years been a leader in educational work in the state. He is also prominent in Masonic circles.

Key West Merchant Hanged To Phone Pole By Angry Mob

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 26.—Manuel Head, manager of a coffee shop who, after he had been beaten by a band of masked men yesterday, shot and killed W. H. Decker, a prominent resident, was taken from the jail by a mob early today and lynched. He was shot twice before being removed from the jail, then taken out on a county road and strung to a telephone pole where he was riddled with bullets.

Buried in the copula of a house, Head last night stood off an armed mob until captured and taken to the county jail. Marines along the roadway stood guard outside the jail until the mob had disbanded. But at 2 a. m. when the mob were released by deputies, the mob gathered again and forced their way into the cell house.

Watchman Loses False Teeth In Patagonia Fire

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 26.—Fire destroyed the hotel and restaurant at the Morning Glory mine, 13 miles southeast of Patagonia, early today, going damage estimated at \$19,000. James Muldon, 70-year-old watchman at the mine, who was the only one in the building at the time of the fire, had a narrow escape from being burned to death, the top of his head having been scorched before the bark of his dog awakened him.

Muldon lost all his clothes, except those in which he was sleeping, and had to walk barefooted through the mountains to the nearest neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bender, who lived a mile and a half from the Morning Glory mine. He was three hours reaching his home and was weak from the cold when he got there.

The watchman also lost his false teeth in the fire. He became so black fighting the flames that Mrs. Bender at first believed he was a negro, and the lack of his teeth, which impeded his speech, made it difficult for him to make her understand who he was.

The fire is believed to have been due to a defective flue.

GERMAN BARON IS AWARDED CUSTODY OF AMERICAN GIRL

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
SENECA, Kansas, Dec. 26.—Pette Mary de Munn, eight years old, through a recent decision of a New Jersey court, lost her American citizenship and became a German baroness.

The court decreed that Baron Walter de Munn, millionaire champagne producer by husband of the late Madame Frances de Munn, formerly Miss Frances Scoville of this town, should have the custody of the daughter, who has been living with her maternal grand parents. She must be returned to her father by March 1, the court ordered.

The international romance of the Baron de Munn and the French Scoville attracted widespread attention in 1912. They met while Miss Scoville was traveling in Switzerland and were married in London the same year.

The daughter was born in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1914. The mother's husband, who had been living with the baron's love for his fatherland, caused an estrangement.

Madame de Munn later came to America and her social life with progress her American citizenship was restored.

Madame de Munn returned to France to fight for her share of her husband's property which the French had seized when the war broke out. A legal separation had been agreed to in 1918. Madame de Munn died in Paris, May 5, 1919.

When diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States were resumed, the father took on the fight for the custody of his child.

2 Packing Plant Strikers Openly Defy Law; Jailed

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
OMAHA, Dec. 26.—Open defiance of a police was manifested here tonight by large crowds of packing plant striking workmen. Two men were arrested after they had smashed a policeman, attempting to disarm him. The men were taken to a three block chase. The police making the arrests declared the strikers hoisted threats and threatened to take the prisoner from them.

When officers arrested a man near the Armour and company plant for alleged disorderly conduct and were waiting for a patrol wagon, a crowd gathered and again threatened to free the prisoner, police said. The officers in one instance early tonight swept a crowd before them with bayonet-tipped riot guns, clearing a street for blocks. Police officials said tonight that they are having trouble when the late night and early morning cars bearing workers returning from the Christmas holiday parties in Omaha, Saturday night, were being held up by a mob of about 100 men. The mob was armed with clubs, stones or carry weapons of any kind.

DEBS DISCUSSES RELEASE TERMS WITH PRESIDENT AT WHITE HOUSE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, whose ten-year prison sentence for violation of the espionage act was commuted on Christmas, came here today from the Atlanta Federal penitentiary and called on President Harding and Attorney General Daugherty.

Mr. Daugherty said Debs came of his own volition, while Debs declared his visit was at the "request" of the attorney general and that he was given a ticket to the capital by the warden without choice of destination, although he had planned to go immediately to his home at Terre Haute, Ind.

After his conference with Debs, the attorney general declared in a statement attached to the communication of the sentence, that no advice was offered to Debs nor was any requested, and that he hoped Debs would direct his talents to a useful purpose.

No statement was made after the White House conference, but on reaching his hotel Debs broke his own silence and declared he would devote his time to the freedom of all prisoners. He added that he had discussed his opinions with President Harding in order that their effort be no misunderstanding as to his principles and ideals.

Debs arrived at 8 a. m. He left Atlanta in a day coach, giving the extra fare to Russian relief, but about 10 o'clock last night, according to friends who accompanied him, he changed to a sleeper. With him were his brother, Theodore; Miss Coia Rotter, of the Debs freedom conference; Miss Lucy Robbins, of the American Federation of Labor, and newspaper men.

He went immediately to a hotel near the White House and to the attorney general's office. From the department he walked to the White House and then back to his hotel.

His first planned stop was Washington when his calls had been paid, but tonight, it was decided to remain over until tomorrow night to confer with friends. One of his visitors after his return from the White House was Samuel Gompers, who declared that the work for freedom in behalf of political prisoners would go on.

Prisoner Killed In Attempt Of 5 To Make Escape

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Five convicts recently found guilty of rioting in the yard of Auburn prison failed in an attempt to escape on Christmas night through their effort to carry away one of their number who had broken his leg in flight. This became known today when prison officials announced an criminal had been slain and the others recaptured.

During their way out of the cells, the convicts dropped into the outer yard and one was injured. The alarm was spread while he was being taken in a wheelbarrow across the yard and some of his companions were searching for a ladder with which to scale the outer wall.

The crippled and two others were immediately caught but the other two were not recaptured until they were discovered this morning hiding in a packing box in a private office. A bullet fired to frighten them killed one who was crouching in the bottom of the box.

Mine Union Leaders Surrender To Police On Serious Charges

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
LOHMAN, W. Va., Dec. 26.—C. Frank Kennedy and Fred Mononey, president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of district No. 1, United Mine Workers of America, and William Blizard, a sub-district president of the union, were placed in jail tonight after their surrender at Huntington preparatory to pleading to indictments charging out of the armed men into Logan county last summer.

The three men were released from jail in Charleston, Saturday night, after furnishing \$10,000 bail each. They had been here in connection with the same Logan county case.

DELEGATES PLAN NEW CONFERENCE ON SUB QUESTION

FAILURE OF JAPAN AND FRANCE TO AGREE ON SUB LIMITS STARTS AGITATION FOR LATER CONFERENCE TO EXAMINE ARMAMENT

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The arms conference naval committee which faces a perplexing situation in its effort to agree on limitation of submarine tonnage postponed its next meeting until Wednesday so that the French and possibly the Japanese might receive from home more definite instructions regarding the American compromise proposal.

All indications here, however, pointed to continued objection to the American plan by both the French and the Japanese. At the same time, the Americans and British appeared to feel that in offering to scale down their submarine fleet to 60,000 tons each, they had made a maximum concession in the interest of an agreement.

In these circumstances, more definite shape was assumed by the movement for a later conference, to be attended by the unsatisfied nations, for another examination of the submarine problem, and for a future meeting of the great powers to assess the general possibilities of further armament limitations. There were indications that the plan for a world submarine conference would be put into concrete form quickly.

The proposed new conference on the general subject of armaments probably will be held in 1928 or 1929, and provision for it would be made in the treaty that is to embody the decisions of the present meeting.

Postponement of the naval committee meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday is understood to have resulted from a request by the French delegates, who have not yet heard the verdict of their home government on the American plan to fix American and British submarine strength at 60,000 tons and to make a status quo arrangement for France, Italy and Japan.

The impression among French delegates tonight was that the plan would be unsatisfactory to Paris. A submarine tonnage of 90,000 tons has been suggested for France by her naval experts and under the American proposal, she would have only 21,000.

The Japanese maintained silence at the meeting. It was understood there was no evidence that they intended to recede from their flat refusal to accept the American compromise. The Japanese have told the conference they consider that the 40,000 tons is necessary to their national security in place of the 21,000 allotted in the compromise arrangement. In some quarters however, it is hoped that further advice from Tokyo may soften somewhat their position.

Should the American plan fail to bring the powers together, it is suggested by some of those connected with the conference that consideration may be given to a proposal for a general building holiday in submarines under an agreement that all five powers would leave their submarine strength distributed as at present in the various sea areas. Under this suggestion, which has so far received no formal endorsement from any of the delegations, the United States, Japan, Italy and France would undertake to maintain the tonnage of submarines they now have stationed in the Atlantic, the Pacific, the Mediterranean and the Adriatic.

The proposal to write into the naval limitation treaty an agreement for assembling the conference has begun to make more definite form. An informal exchange of views among the American, British and French delegates have developed a feeling that by that time, it may be possible to work out an extension of the naval holiday in the light of a seven-year test of the agreement. In any event, it has been said, there will be details to work out the program that is to replace the ten-year fleet status with actual application.

WOMAN BEATS MALE INTRUDER TO DEATH WITH BASEBALL BAT

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 26.—An unidentified man believed by the police to be Norman D. Gould, died at the county hospital as a result of a hearing administered to him tonight by a jury. Mrs. Caroline Ross, a woman, was the intruder who beat the man to death with a baseball bat.

The man, armed with a revolver and displaying the badge of a deputy sheriff, according to Mrs. Ross, approached her at her home and demanded money. He drew his pistol and flourished it in the air for a moment and then struck Mrs. Ross on the head, the woman told the police.

Mrs. Ross said she gripped the intruder behind a kitchen range and retaliated with a blow to the man's head. She struck him several times until he toppled over on the floor. Mrs. Ross then approached her at her home and demanded money. He drew his pistol and flourished it in the air for a moment and then struck Mrs. Ross on the head, the woman told the police.

Two little children of Mrs. Ross, Ernest, eight, and Mary, four, and two other children, were in the house at the time. Mrs. Ross, proprietor of the Moonlight ranch, near Denver, was identified as the woman who was identified as Gould, the police say by papers which he carried in his pockets. Physicians at the hospital said he was suffering from a fractured skull.

PLAN HISTORICAL BUREAU

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Establishment of a bureau to furnish authentic material to writers and persons interested in American history, will be one of the subjects considered at the joint convention of the American Historical Association and five other historical societies, which opens here tomorrow night.

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