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ACTUAL SAVING
TO GOVERNMENT
WOULD RESULT

From Enactment of Merchant Marine Law, He Told Congress in Special Message To-day — Declares Other Nations Are Opposed To Our American Merchant Marine

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—Enactment of the administration merchant marine bill was urged upon Congress to-day by President Harding as necessary to relieve the government of present "staggering losses" in operation of the war-built merchant fleet, and to establish a program of assured shipping to serve the nation in war and give a guarantee of commercial independence in time of peace.

Personally addressing a joint session of the House and Senate, the executive declared an actual monetary saving to the government would result from the proposed law. He challenged every insinuation of favored interests and the enriching of the special few at the expense of the public treasury. The legislation, he asserted, automatically guarded against enrichment or perpetual bestowal.

"If success attends, as we hope it will," he added, "the government outlay is returned, the inspiration of opportunity to earn remains, and American transportation by sea is maintained."

The president said, concern about the American merchant marine policy was not limited "to our own domain," adding that the maritime nations of the world "in complete accord with the opposition here to the pending measure."

He declared those nations had a perfect right to such an attitude, but that he wished to stress the American viewpoint which he said should be the viewpoint "from which one sees American carriers at sea, the independence of American commerce and American vessels for American reliance in the event of war."

Mr. Harding declared it would be most discouraging if a measure of "such transcending national importance" must have its fate depend on geographical, occupational, professional or partisan objections. A commercial eminence on the seas and ample agencies for the promotion in carrying of American commerce, he asserted, were of no less importance to the people of the Mississippi and the Missouri valley, the great northwest and the Rocky mountain states than to the seaboard states and industrial communities inland.

"It is a common cause, with its benefits commonly shared," said he. "If government aid is a fair term to apply to authorizations aggregating \$75,000,000 to promote good roads for public highways, the president added, it is equally fit to be applied to the establishment and maintenance of American market highways on the 'salted seas.'"

As to present government operation of the shipping board fleet, Mr. Harding said there was the unavoidable task of wiping out a fifty million dollar annual loss and losses aggregating "many hundreds of millions" in worn out, sacrificed or scrapped shipping. He called attention that the government ships were being worn out without any provision for replacement and that a program of surrender and sacrifice and the liquidation which he declared would be inevitable unless the proposed legislation were enacted would cost scores of millions.

The cost of the proposed legislation giving direct aid, he said, with ocean carrying maintained at the present average would not reach \$20,000,000 a year, and if the maximum direct aid for American shipping were so motivated that it would carry one-half of the nation's deep sea commerce would not exceed thirty million annually.

**MERCHANT MARINE
REPORTED IN HOUSE**

No Recommendation Was Made By Committee—Bill Contained Amendments Agreed to By Republicans.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—The administration merchant marine bill, with amendments agreed to yesterday by Republican members, was formally reported out by the House merchant marine committee to-day, without a record vote, while President Harding was arranging to go to the Capitol and address a joint session of Congress in the interest of the legislation.

SCOTCH LABORERS THREATEN.

To "Smash All This" in the House of Commons.

London, Nov. 21. (By the Associated Press).—Parliamentary writers have already decided that the new House of Commons will be livelier than its predecessors and that the opposition, which will apparently be furnished by the laborites will be keener and more aggressive.

Discussing incidents and scenes attendant upon the opening of the session yesterday, the correspondents call attention to the challenging spirit which the radical laborites from the Clyde district seem to have brought with them. The exclamation "We will smash all this," shouted in broad Scottish accent by one of the labor members at the conclusion of the time honored ceremonies, is considered significant.

These laborites are described by some writers as "grim, stern, set men" to whom the Scottish word *dour* seems especially applicable, and they are credited with the intention of injecting a bit of ginger into their party.

RUSSIA WANTS CAPITAL.

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AGAIN BLOCKED MRS. FELTON

Senate Would Not Consider Credentials of Would-be Senator

WALSH, MONTANA, PUT IN OBJECTION

Saying That Legal Consideration Should Be Carefully Weighed

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PROSECUTOR WEAVES CASE

Calls in Policemen and Doctors To Testify To Grand Jury

IN HALL-MILLS INVESTIGATION

Physicians Who Performed Autopsies Tell of Wounds

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 21 (By the Associated Press).—James Curran, one of the first policemen to view the bodies of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, who were found slain on the Phillips farm last September, was the first witness called when the Somerset county grand jury to-day began its second day investigating the double murder.

Edward Garrigan, another New Brunswick policeman who viewed the bodies, followed Curran.

The third witness was Edward C. Stricker. It was from his home that Raymond Schneider, who found the bodies, telephoned the police regarding his discovery.

After the jurors had heard the story of John Lathrop, a farmer living near the scene of the murder who claims he heard shots, special Deputy Attorney General Mott called Dr. A. L. Smith, who performed an autopsy on the body of the choir singer and found that, besides having been shot, his throat had been cut. He also was present when the autopsy was performed on the body of Dr. Hall.

WAS DESPONDENT.

But George Bronson Howard Gave No Hint of Suicide Plan.

Los Angeles, Nov. 21.—Despondency over domestic and financial troubles was the reason ascribed by friends to-day for what they and the police both termed the suicide in his apartment yesterday of George Bronson Howard, novelist, dramatist and photo playwright.

On a table not far from the closet in which the body with a gas tube in the mouth was found, lay a letter he had written to his wife, Mrs. Jean Bronson Howard, in Baltimore, and an autographed copy of his book, "God's Man."

The letter contained no hint that the writer contemplated suicide, but disclosed that he was apparently oppressed by various troubles.

The playwright was in outwardly optimistic mood up to about 2 o'clock in the morning, according to John C. Davis, his friend and secretary, who worked with him until that hour in the preparation of a scenario.

He had been living in the Hollywood district since September. Friends said the present Mrs. Howard was his second wife and that he had been divorced from his first wife in 1908.

HARVARD STUDENT

DOUBLY WARNED

Gets "K. K. K." Letter and Then a Fellow Student Calls on Him and Orders Him to Leave Cambridge.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 21.—Whether the Ku Klux Klan has invaded Harvard college, or Hubert C. Clay of Colorado Springs, a sophomore, has been made a subject of a practical joke was in doubt to-day. On top of the warning to leave the city, signed "K. K. K." and a telephone call of the same nature, Clay said he had received a call from a fellow student just before he retired last night, in which the man, after representing himself as a Klansman, adopted a menacing and threatening attitude.

The effect of his caller's message, he said, was that he had "better shut up or get out." Clay said he was staying on, hoping it was all a joke, yet somewhat concerned because as a former member of the Klan in Colorado, he knew enough of its workings to be afraid.

The Harvard college office, to which Clay reported the threats, advised him they were undoubtedly part of a joke, and to-day let it be known that it regarded the matter in that light. The police to whom also Clay went for protection, refused his request for a permit to go armed, and said the case seemed to be one for the college authorities to handle. The police, however, turned over to postal officials the warning letter which was mailed here.

Clay, who is president of the Harvard Golf association and veteran of the World war, said to-day that this was not his first experience with the Klan. He would not go into detail about his severance of relations with the Colorado Klan beyond saying he was not in accord with its policies, but said that correspondence he had with Edward J. Clark, imperial kludge of the Klan, which would explain it, was now in Colorado.

After his arrival at Cambridge last year as a freshman, Clay said he was asked to join a Klan of which other Harvard men were members. He refused, reiterating the reasons that he had given for quitting the Klan in Colorado. Another undergraduate of the acquaintance, who wrote an editorial in the Harvard Crimson, about that time, he said, was warned by telephone that he must stop attacking the Klan. Clay said he knew one or two others also who had received threats from supposed Klansmen.

TWELVE CHILDREN RESCUED.

From Burning Tenement House in Lynn.

Lynn, Mass., Nov. 21.—Twelve children, asleep in their beds, were rescued by police and firemen in a fire in a three-story tenement structure in Center street last night. Firemen confined the blaze to the cellar, but smoke and searing heat spread quickly to the upper floors, making the rescue difficult.

AGAINST SALOONS; FOR BEER AND WINE

"Wet" Organization Started in St. Louis Will Begin Propaganda.

St. Louis, Nov. 21.—Declaring the results of the recent election were a strong indication that public sentiment favors repeal of the Volstead act, a score of state secretaries of the association opposed to the prohibition amendment to-day perfected plans for modification of the dry enforcement law and eventually repeal of the 18th amendment at the closing session here of two days of the National Association of Resolutions providing for the working out of a plan for dispensing alcoholic beverages under the regulation of states and others directing the presentation to Congress of bills for legislation favorable to the wet were prepared for submission.

Although the association was formed for the special purpose of obtaining the repeal of the prohibition amendment, its executive committee has adopted a resolution opposing the restoration of saloons in the event the manufacture and sale of light wines and beer is permitted.

Ways and means for carrying for the proposed distribution of liquors are to be studied by a committee.

All of the delegates expressed jubilation over what they declare were overwhelming victories for the "wet" forces in the recent elections and said they do not intend to affiliate with either the Democratic or Republican parties at present.

**VERDICT OF GUILTY
BY CUTTING CARDS**

Two Jurors Are Alleged to Have Decided That Way Whether to "Hang Jury" or Not.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 21.—A verdict of guilty returned against George W. Egan, three times candidate for governor of South Dakota, on a charge of making false returns to insurance companies and resulting in a sentence to two years in the state penitentiary, through cutting of a deck of playing cards, according to affidavits filed in civil court to-day by two of the jurors. The affidavits were filed in support of a motion for a new trial.

According to the affidavits, the jury had been deadlocked with two members for conviction and two for acquittal.

After several hours, the affidavits say, the two objecting jurors decided to cut for high card to see whether they should retain their "not guilty" stand, or agree with the other jurors. The card said guilty, it was alleged, and a verdict to that effect was returned.

NO INTERFERENCE.

With Mexico's Internal Affairs By the United States.

Mexico City, Nov. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The American secretary of state, in a statement replying to the declarations of the American state department concerning charges in the Mexican chamber of deputies of interference by the United States in Mexican legislative affairs, said:

"It is a fact that the foreign office and Mr. Sumner (American charge d'affaires) have had to discuss various matters pertaining to resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries, and it is necessary to emphasize that this department, which is the only legal one which the government may employ to communicate with the chancelleries of other governments, never framed a petroleum law project of which it did not give knowledge to the American state department or on which it did not solicit the state department's comment."

"If President Obregon saw the necessity of informing the chamber of deputies of the case in question it was because he believes Mr. Sumner's notes exercised restraint on the legislative faculties of Mexico, and to silence the matter would have been to show lack of co-operation with the federal power involved and would have lent itself further to the belief that it was creating a precedent contrary to the nation's sovereignty, a precedent which could easily be invoked against Mexico by any foreign government in the future."

"Fortunately, the American state department had declared that it has no intention in the case mentioned of disregarding Mexico's sovereignty; that the United States has no desire to mix in Mexico's internal affairs as it is the only judge of what its internal policy shall be and that its feeling towards Mexico continues friendly."

MAJESTIC AGAIN READY.

Steamer Overhauled and Equipped With Lighter Propellers.

Boston, Nov. 21.—Preparations were completed early to-day for refloating the White Star liner Majestic, largest ship in the world, from the naval drydock in South Boston where she has been undergoing a five days overhauling. She was ready to slip back into the ocean at high tide this afternoon.

After the pumping of 15 feet of water into the cradle the Majestic was inspected and found to be seaworthy in every detail. Then the dock was flooded raising the huge hull five feet clear of all blocking on which the 38,000 tons had rested. All that remained was to remove the caisson at the entrance of the massive dock. Harbortugs were ready to guide the liner into the sea path.

Four new and lighter propellers have been installed and naval architects expect the Majestic to show increased speed when she is due to leave New York next Saturday for Chiribogue and Southampton.

WATCHMAN KILLED.

When Trapped in \$350,000 Fire at Allentown, Pa.

Allentown, Pa., Nov. 21.—The building of the Allentown Crocker company, occupied by a number of tenants and lodges, was destroyed by fire early to-day. Theodore Schneider, a watchman, was trapped in the building and burned to death. The loss is estimated at \$350,000.

TURNED DOWN MILL'S TERMS

Textile Strikers in Manchester, N. H., 99 Per Cent Strong

AGAINST PLAN OF AMOSKEAG CO.

Proposal was 54-hour Week and Clause Termed Hostile

Manchester, N. H., Nov. 21.—Textile strike leaders here to-day announced formally that they had notified the Amoskeag Manufacturing company of the rejection by the strikers of its terms for ending the dispute.

Ninety-nine per cent of those voting were against acceptance, the announcement said. No figures on the number voting were given out.

The company's proposal included the 54-hour week and a clause interpreted by strikers as being discriminatory against their leaders. It was furnished the former employees after a committee of their number had requested the company to state its terms.

**"NO BOX, NO MAIL"
ORDER EXTENDED**

Postmasters Given Discretion to Postpone Effective Rate from Jan. 1 to March 1.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—The demand for letter boxes has become so great as a result of the recent post office department "no box, no mail" edict that manufacturers are unable to fill orders, the department said to-day in announcing that for this reason, postmasters had been authorized in their discretion to postpone the effective date of the order from Jan. 1 to not later than March 1.

The postponement is not to be construed, the department added, as a waiver of the requirement for mail receptacles or door slots, or as any relaxation of a determination to enforce the new regulation.

**TALK ABOUT COMMERCE
And the Possibilities of United States in Trade.**

Chicago, Nov. 21 (By the Associated Press).—American commercial possibilities in central and South America and in Europe were discussed to-day by ambassadors, ministers and other representatives of several foreign governments at the second session of the southern commercial congress.

Speakers on the program included the ambassadors of Germany and Peru, the ministers of Ecuador, Czechoslovakia, Bolivia, Bulgaria and Finland and the foreign consul of the Greek legation at Washington.

This afternoon Senator N. B. Dial of South Carolina, will discuss "The Injustice of the Present Future Cotton Contract Law."

To-night the congress will hold an agricultural conference to discuss farm and marketing problems, particularly of the south.

GETS FORTUNE FRIDAY NOON.

William H. Vanderbilt Comes of Age That Day.

Portsmouth, R. I., Nov. 21.—William H. Vanderbilt, on his 21st birthday next Friday will come into possession of the fortune left him by his father, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who went down with the Lusitania. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, brother of Alfred, who has held the property as trustee, will turn it over to young Vanderbilt Friday noon.

Oakland, the country estate here which has been unoccupied since Alfred Vanderbilt's death, is being renovated and will be re-opened Thursday evening when William Vanderbilt will entertain relatives and friends.

SETTLED FOR \$25,000.

Mrs. James O. Howard Had Sued for \$42,500 for Alienation.

Warsaw, N. Y., Nov. 21.—The suit brought by Mrs. James O. Howard of Castle against her son, Fred, young Castle heir, for the alienation of the affections of Mrs. Howard's 44-year-old husband has been settled for \$25,000. A Wyoming county jury in September gave Mrs. Howard a verdict of \$42,500. From this an appeal was taken.

Mrs. Howard, who was in poor health and compelled to earn her living by picking lemons, decided to accept a compromise offer.

Miss Pierce, who is now Mrs. Lyle Smith, is in Florida on her honeymoon.

LOST FOUR FINGERS.

Howard Clark, Quarryman at West Dummerston, Victim.

Brattleboro, Nov. 21.—Howard Clark of West Dummerston, an employee of the Presbury Leland granite quarry at that place, was injured yesterday afternoon, one hand being caught in a chain. Four fingers were crushed so that they had to be amputated. Mr. Clark was brought to the Memorial hospital here.

COOLIDGE IN CLEVELAND.

To Attend Annual Dinner of New England Society.

CAUGHT ALLEGED ASSAILANT.

Charles Phillips of St. Johnsbury Held on Girl's Charge.

Passumpsic, Nov. 21.—Excitement is running high in this village over the alleged assault yesterday noon upon Phyllis, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Worrell. The little girl was going from school to her home in the edge of the village when she was accosted by a young man, who, it is stated, attempted to drag her down over a bank at the side of the road. After several ineffectual efforts the girl broke away and ran screaming toward a nearby house.

Her assailant was seen to cross down to the railroad tracks and proceeded south. Deputy Sheriff Byron R. Smith was notified and a description of the miscreant telephoned on ahead. At East Barre, the Deputy Sheriff George Richardson spotted his man and held him pending arrival of other officers. The man gave his name as Charles Phillips of St. Johnsbury and is married. It is stated that he has been identified by the little girl and also neighbors. He is in the county jail at St. Johnsbury waiting a hearing.

SPOKE AT WATERBURY.

On Proposal to Pool Milk of New England.

W. P. Davis, assistant manager of the Boston office of the N. E. M. P. A., who addressed a meeting of Washington county district of the association at Montpelier yesterday, closed his address at a meeting of the Waterbury local of the organization, held at Waterbury Center.

The committee on pooling, for which he reported yesterday, is made up of Messrs. Little, president of the association, Bradford, Edwards, Putnam, Hough, Murdock and Brown, he stated. It is thought that an effort will be made to establish a New England pool for marketing milk before northern New York is included. The pool would include the co-operative milk producing organizations, and it will be necessary to find some basis on which all can come together, whatever their particular manufactured product may be. How this might be done was explained by the speaker.

TWO LETTERS PUT IN.

During Trial of Capital Garage Company's Case.

Trial of the case of Capital Garage company vs. Max L. Powers, Raymond J. Kennedy and M. A. Chase was resumed in Washington county court yesterday afternoon.

Two letters, one from M. G. Morse, tax commissioner, to Mr. Powell and his reply were read while Mr. Powell was on the stand this morning. The Morse letter, dated March 28, 1920, refers to an advertisement of the Capital Garage company which the commissioner supposed showed that someone was doing business under that name and he asked that returns be filed. Mr. Powell's letter stated that he had told Mr. Laundry to have the name changed in the advertisement from Capital Garage company to Capital Garage, and stated that the business was in Mr. Powell's name.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.

H. C. Thorson Struck by Machine at St. Johnsbury.

H. C. Thorson of St. Johnsbury was struck by an automobile driven by Irving M. Locke and owned by R. A. Renfrew of St. Johnsbury on Portland street, St. Johnsbury, November 17, according to a report to the secretary of state. His clothes were torn and he suffered a bruise on his hip.

Alfred Helie of Groton has reported that his car struck a stump when he turned out to meet another car in Newbury October 6.

Lafayette Coffin of West Topsham has reported running into a bridge and fence in West Topsham November 17, doing about \$25 damage to his automobile.

NOW SEEKS DIVORCE.

Prof. Tiernan Alleges Cruel and Inhuman Treatment.

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 21.—Professor John P. Tiernan, whose wife, Mrs. Augusta H. Tiernan, recently waged an unsuccessful lawsuit to prove that Harry Poulin, clothing salesman, was the father of her third born child, has filed a cross complaint for divorce from complaint Tiernan charges his wife with cruel and inhuman treatment.

Professor Tiernan requests the care and custody of his two daughters, Irene, five years old, and Mary, four. No mention is made of the year old infant Billy, whose paternity was the subject of the legal attack on Poulin.

DIED OF INJURIES.

Joseph Diezel, Paymaster of Boston Police Department.

Boston, Nov. 21.—Joseph Diezel, paymaster of the Boston police department, died at a hospital here early to-day of injuries received last night when an automobile crashed through a fence at Dedham. He was flung from the machine, a pocket in the fence penetrating his abdomen.

Two of Diezel's companions were arraigned in the Dedham district court in connection with the accident. James C. McNally, the driver, was charged with operating an automobile while intoxicated.

RELIEF SHIP GOES DEC. 4.