

SHIP AUCTION HELD, BUT NO SALES MADE

Board Complies With Senate Request to Defer Disposal of Vessels.

COURT ACTION DELAYED

Group Proposals Bring No Response—Wilson Asked to Keep Payne on Board.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Although the Shipping Board held its promised auction today of the twenty-eight German steamships seized at the outbreak of the war, sale or disposal of the vessels is to be postponed indefinitely.

While the board was receiving bids, the Senate, without a record vote, passed a resolution requesting the board to defer disposal of the vessels until the Senate acted. The request will be complied with.

Developments in the proposed sale came rapidly to-day: First—The auction was started by the Shipping Board with Commissioner Thomas T. Scott as auctioneer. Vessels in groups for services were offered as planned and no bids were received.

Second—While the bidding was on Chairman Payne of the board, with Judge H. Ames, Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, appeared in the District Supreme Court to answer a rule to show cause why the court should not enjoin the sale.

Want Payne to Stay on Board. Third—President Wilson began preparation of what is expected to be a sharp reply to the resolution of Senator Brandegee (Conn.) telling the Senate there is absolutely no basis for the report that any secret agreement was made with Great Britain for the sale of the vessels.

Fourth—All members of the Commerce Committee of the Senate, with the exception of Senator Brandegee, signed a letter to President Wilson urging that John Barton Payne be continued as chairman of the Shipping Board because of the necessity of following a matured policy of plan until Congress can pass legislation for the future guidance of the board.

Fifth—The Senate engaged in a long debate on the issue of sale of the ships, which terminated in the passage of a resolution by Senator McKellar (Tenn.) requesting that sale be postponed until the Senate acts.

At the beginning of the auction it was announced by Commissioner Scott that while the board would receive bids on the vessels, final action on the bids would not be taken until a decision was had from the local courts, and until they were reported to the Commerce Committee of the Senate and the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee of the House. This, it was stated, was expected to require only a few days, and unless the bids were accepted by Saturday of this week all checks will be returned.

Spirited Bidding on Six Ships. Although there were at least one hundred representatives of shipping interests present, bidding on the vessels lagged throughout the day. The only line competition developed was when Major Gen. George W. Goethals, for the American Ship and Commerce Corporation, offered \$10,000,000 for the George Washington, Martha Washington, President Grant, America, Nassau and Callan, for the Hamburg and Bremen service. F. A. S. Franklin, for the International Mercantile Marine, jumped the price half a million, and it was run up in quarter million and one hundred thousand dollar jumps to a final bid of \$12,100,000 by Mr. Franklin.

In the first hour only one bid was offered. It was from Philip Deronde, for the Oriental Navigation Company, and was an offer of \$700,000 for the Black Arrow, to go into Black Sea service.

The vessels first were offered in groups but there were no bids on this offering. The bidders then arranged their own groupings and more interest was shown, but bidding was not keen. In the afternoon these ships were offered singly, but this aroused little interest and bids were generally not so good as those on secret bidding.

Not more than half a dozen concerns engaged in the bidding, including the International Mercantile Marine, the American Ship and Commerce Corporation, the Munson Steamship Company, C. B. Richards & Co., James Erwin, Oriental Navigation Company, Comptone Generale Transatlantique, Moore & McCormick, International Bureau of Supplies and the Poland Legation.

Before the bidding started the International Mercantile Marine withdrew its previous bids and asked for the return of its checks, as did the Ship and Commerce Corporation.

Injunction proceedings to halt the sale were postponed after a brief hearing until next Friday.

DIXON FREE IN LIBEL CASE. Canadian Assemblyman's Friend Had Been Convicted.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 16.—F. J. Dixon, a member of the Provincial Assembly, was acquitted to-day of seditious libel in promoting the Winnipeg general strike last year. The jury had been out since Saturday afternoon.

H. B. Russell, with whom Dixon was accused of cooperating, was convicted of seditious conspiracy recently, and sentenced to two years in prison.

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LOAN OF \$20,000,000 ARRANGED FOR CHINA Is the Forerunner of a Larger Flotation.

By the Associated Press. PEKING, Feb. 15 (delayed).—The foreign legations have notified the Foreign Office that Great Britain, France, the United States and Japan are prepared to raise a loan of \$20,000,000 to be issued by a group of banks, to be secured by the salt and other revenues, it was announced to-day.

The loan will be conditional on negotiations between North and South China being resumed and the disbanding of unnecessary troops. The four Governments named will supervise the funds and the disbanding of the soldiers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Bankers of the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan, who are ready to make a loan of approximately \$20,000,000 to China are included in those who will be in a consortium which is being planned to finance China on an extensive scale.

This loan, however, is not a part of the consortium project, but a temporary advance to meet urgent needs.

Thomas W. Lamont of New York is now on his way to China to represent the consortium loan, in the final negotiations. Great Britain and France are unable to take immediately their parts of the consortium or the present temporary loan, and until they have stabilized conditions at home, the United States and Japan are to "carry" the bank of those countries.

It was stated at the State Department that the consortium loan is being delayed because of certain details in regard to Japan's participation. Japan insists that Mongolia and Manchuria be excluded. The other Powers have not agreed to this.

SUGAR PROFITEERS GO TO JAIL. Two Baltimore Storekeepers Also Are Fined \$150.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. BALTIMORE, Feb. 16.—Jail sentences were passed to-day for the first time by Judge Rose in the United States District Court for sugar profiteering.

Joseph L. and Andrew Crouse, who conduct a store, pleaded guilty on three charges and were sentenced to 15 days in jail and fined \$75 each. The fines aggregate the amount of profit said to have been realized by the dealers in the sale of barrel lots of sugar, the total being \$150.

NO SAFETY IN HER STOCKING. Mrs. Mohr Poils House Thieves, but Loses Jewels Anyway.

Mrs. Mary Mohr of 77 Bay Twenty-sixth street, Bensonhurst, decided yesterday to visit her sister, Mrs. Joseph Leisler of 516 Broadway, Bayonne, N. J. She had been reading in the newspapers of the activities of burglars and sneak thieves and thought it would be best for her to take her jewelry along. Mrs. Mohr could think of no safer place to carry it than in her stocking.

When she left the railroad train at Twenty-second street, Bayonne, Mrs. Mohr discovered that her garter had become undone and her stocking had fallen down. The jewelry, consisting of two rings, a bracelet and a set of earrings, all of which she valued at \$3,500, were missing.

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BILL TO BAR STRIKES OFFERED IN ALBANY

Assemblyman Cuvillier Proposes Creation of Industrial Relations Commission.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, Feb. 16.—Creation of a State Industrial Relations Commission, similar to that built up in Kansas by Gov. Allen to prevent strikes, walkouts and labor disturbances generally, is proposed in a bill introduced to-night by Assemblyman Cuvillier of Manhattan. Endorsement of this form of legislation last week by THE SUN AND THE NEW YORK HERALD created considerable comment among the legislators.

Three commissioners would be appointed under the proposed bill. Each would receive \$15,000 a year and would serve for three years.

The industrial relations commission would be empowered to order such changes as might be necessary about the conduct of any industry or business subject to it, in the matters of working and living conditions, hours of labor, rates and practices and a reasonable minimum wage or standard of wages.

The bill gives the commission power to investigate, regulate and supervise the industries put under its authority. Collective bargaining by incorporated labor organizations is permitted under the bill. Discrimination against employees for testifying against a corporation is prohibited. Boycotts are prohibited. Lockouts are prohibited. Curtailment of production without approval of the commission is prohibited.

FOR COAST TO COAST AIR MAIL. Senate Committee Favors It—New York Tunnel Project Disapproved.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—In completing consideration of the annual post office appropriation bill to-day the Senate Post Office sub-committee inserted an amendment providing for the establishment of a transcontinental airplane mail route from New York to San Francisco, via Chicago and Omaha.

The sub-committee decided to sustain the amendment in eliminating appropriations for the present Washington-New York airplane mail route and for establishing new ones between Washington and Atlanta and Pittsburgh and Omaha.

Recommendations of the Post Office Department for an appropriation to construct a tunnel between the Pennsylvania and Grand Central stations in New York to expedite handling of mail were disapproved. The committee agreed to provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the necessity for such a tunnel.

OPPOSE N. Y. COAL PRIORITY. New England Governors Ask Hines for Use of Barges.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—Action looking toward the bringing of more coal into New England to relieve the present shortage was taken at a conference of New England Governors to-day.

The Governor-drafted communications requesting the Shipping Board to provide more ships for coal transportation to this district, asking Secretary Daniels whether it would be possible to use some of the Navy's coal colliers to relieve the shortage and urging Director-General Hines to modify a recent order giving New York public utilities priority in loading, so that barges seeking coal at New York for southern New England public utilities might be loaded in their regular order.

ELLIS ISLAND IS ON PRE-WAR BASIS Acting Commissioner Will Reorganize His Force.

Ellis Island was reopened yesterday on the same basis existing just before the war, when there was a big slump in immigration. Acting Commissioner Byron H. Uhl has reorganized his force so that it will be able to pass comfortably about 4,000 immigrants a day.

The literary test has added to the labor of inspection, as it requires much time to put the immigrant above the school age through the task of reading forty words in the language of his country. This requirement will result in a diminution of immigrants, especially from Italy and the Slavic countries. All immigrants hereafter will be sent to Ellis Island for final examination.

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MAINTENANCE MEN INSIST ON STRIKING

Union Chief Fears Trouble Keeping Them at Work.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. DETROIT, Feb. 16.—Allen E. Barker, president of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Ways and Shop Laborers, stated to-day that although grand lodge officers and general chairmen throughout the country had been instructed to get any men who strike to-morrow back on their job at once, he feared considerable trouble, caused from unauthorized strikes.

Throughout yesterday and to-day Mr. Barker has been deluged with telegrams protesting against the postponement to to-morrow which was scheduled for to-morrow. The executive board has been summoned to meet February 19 preparatory to attending the conference in Washington February 23.

"President Wilson will have to act and act quickly or we will strike, and our strike will be stronger than ever," Mr. Barker said to-night.

SWEDISH CABINET TO RESIGN. Socialist Ministry With Thorsson as Premier to Succeed It.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16.—The Cabinet probably will resign to-morrow. It was said in official circles here to-day.

It will be followed by a Socialist Ministry, with the present Minister of Finance, P. W. Thorsson, as Premier, and Hjalmar Branting, former Finance Minister, as Minister of the Interior.

REID DIVORCE TRIAL SET. Issues in Capitalist's Case to Be Heard February 23.

Supreme Court Justice Bijur yesterday ordered the issues in the divorce case brought by Daniel G. Reid, mill/maire, against Margaret Carre Reid set for trial on February 23. The plaintiff and defendant ask for the same relief—a decree of divorce for the other's alleged misconduct.

Mr. Reid names Capt. Sampson Chernoff, a Serbian army officer. Mrs. Reid charges her husband with having entertained unidentified women at times since her marriage to him. Each denies the other's charges. Capt. Chernoff will be represented at the trial by counsel.

To Fix Rate of Exchange. SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, Feb. 16.—The Government has issued a decree providing for the establishment of a commission to fix officially the rate of exchange. This action was taken by the Government to prevent continuance of the depreciation of American gold through speculation and to facilitate business transactions.

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FOLLOW NEW CLUES IN BINKOWITZ CRIME. Cops Get Murder Hints From Liberty Bond Plotters.

Members of the Connecticut State police came to this city yesterday to cooperate with the staff of Second Deputy Police Commissioner William J. Lahey in following new clues that may clear the mystery in the murder of Bennie Binkowitz, a broker's messenger, who disappeared last summer with \$178,000 worth of Liberty bonds.

These clues have developed through statements made and hints thrown out by "Big Eddie" Furey and other men who are under arrest for alleged complicity in the plot to steal \$5,000,000 worth of securities through the "dead line" in one day.

Detective Sergeant Varell of Connecticut spent considerable time yesterday in questioning the two Gluck brothers, Joseph and Irving, who are in the Tombs together with Detective Sergeants August Mayer and Grover Cleveland Brown, he endeavored to question Furey, but that prisoner is holding out for a bargain with the District Attorney's office.

MEXICAN BANDITS KIDNAP AMERICAN. W. W. Adams of Los Angeles Is Held for Ransom.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Wilson Welsh Adams, an American, has been captured by bandits in Zacatecas, Mexico, and is being held for \$50,000 ransom, the State Department was advised to-day. Adams' home is in Los Angeles.

The American Embassy in Mexico City has been instructed by the State Department to call the kidnaping to the attention of the Mexican authorities with the request that every step be taken to secure Adams' release.

SHERIFFS ROUTED BY BURGUESSES CORPS

Bank Checks Save Day for Valiant Band.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, Feb. 16.—The Burgesses Corps, Albany's oldest military organization, waved to-day when it faced a firing squad of sheriffs and city marshals, but the line did not break. What for a time was feared would be the corps' last engagement was turned to temporary victory when a few checks came from New York. The auction sale of the historic collection of uniforms, paintings and other effects was postponed until next Tuesday.

Fighting gallantly against bill collectors, Major James Otis Woodward, Corps Commander of New York, brought up the reserve forces just in time to-day when Marshal John H. Webster, of the City Court, and his staff of recruits attacked the headquarters in No. 104 State Street. John P. Dennin, one of the chiefs of the attacking party, had a rent bomb amounting to \$965 which he threatened to hurl, but he was disarmed by the checks which descended into his hands.

Like the Old Guard of New York, which it resembles in picturesque uniform and habits, the Burgesses Corps has suffered many reverses since real war came. It is an eighty-seven-year-old band of one-time fighters.

Every member of the corps has a title, running from Major up. So far as now known there is no private.

COMMONS DEFEATS CAPITAL LEVY PLAN. Wartime Increases in Wealth May Be Taxed.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—In the House of Commons this evening, on the Government's motion for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the practicability of a tax on wartime increases in wealth, Sir Donald Maclean, Liberal, moved an amendment in favor of extending the inquiry to the practicability of a levy would encourage extravagant spending, check enterprise and discourage saving.

The Maclean amendment was defeated by a vote of 167 to 62, and the Government committee as proposed was appointed.

Prices realized on Swift & Company sales of carcass beef in New York City for week ending Saturday, Feb. 14th, on shipments sold out, ranged from 14.99 cents to 22.99 cents per pound and averaged 17.67 cents per pound—Ad.

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BIG ISSUES FACED BY DRY GOODS MEN To Consider Them in Sessions Beginning To-morrow. The biggest annual convention of the National Retail Dry Goods Association ever has held will begin to-morrow in the Hotel Pennsylvania and continue through Thursday and Friday. It will spread over an entire floor of the hotel. Among the questions to be discussed are: "What are we going to do to reduce the cost of living?" "What is practical?" "How much higher will prices go?" and "What do we think of the excess profits taxes?" Howard E. Figg, Assistant United States Attorney-General in charge of the enforcement of the Lever act, will be one of the speakers to-morrow afternoon. In the evening there will be a get-together smoker. On Thursday afternoon John Leitch will talk on "Industrial Democracy." Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, and the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman will speak at the banquet Thursday evening. On Friday Daniel C. Roper, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, will discuss Federal taxation. In connection with the convention there will be an exhibition of office systems, store appliances and equipment. In one of the convention sessions the retailers will hear from Representative Isaac Bacharach of New Jersey, who has introduced a bill to substitute a flat tax on purchases for the excess profits and luxury taxes has created much talk.

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