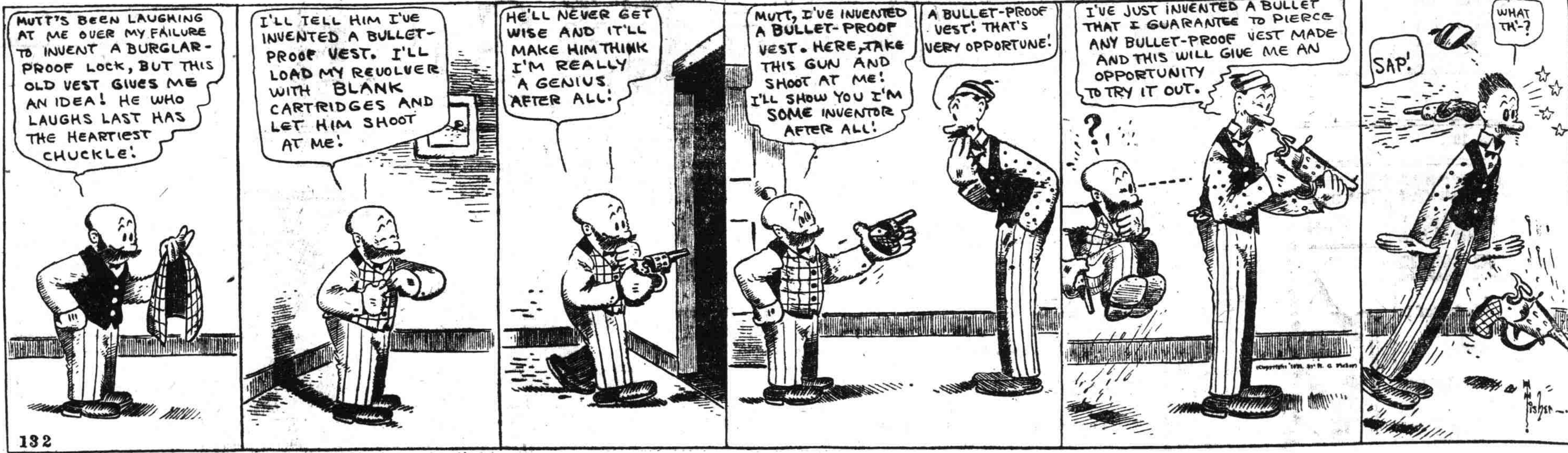


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SHIPPING BOARD MUST REDUCE ITS OVERHEAD

Will Sell 257 Wooden Ships, Lying in James River, Va., at \$25,000 Each

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The shipping board must wipe out its overhead expenses before the American merchant marine can successfully compete with foreign shipping interests. Chairman Benson declared tonight before the house committee investigating the board's activities.

Discussing policies worked out under his direction, he said particular efforts had been made to cut down expenses. Until they are reduced to a rock bottom basis, he said, the American merchant fleet would be seriously handicapped.

When he became chairman, the witness continued, he was impressed by the fact that the shipping board's personnel was unnecessarily large, and took immediate steps to cut down the number of employees. Offices have been abolished or consolidated, the committee was informed, and no appointments made or salaries increased until approved by the chairman.

Chairman Walsh of the committee asked about rumors involving R. W. Bolling, brother-in-law of President Wilson, who is treasurer of the board. Chairman Benson said Mr. Bolling had come to him saving an attempt was being made to create the impression he was guilty of wrong-doing.

"I was satisfied, after talking with him," said the admiral, "that there was absolutely no basis for such rumors, but later on hearing similar reports from other sources, I instructed the head of the board's division of investigation to go into the matter thoroughly. He did so, and reported there was no grounds whatever for the rumor."

Admiral Henson also declared there was no basis for the statement of Col. E. H. Abadie, former comptroller general, before the committee, that he had been "railroaded" out of his position by Martin J. Gillen, former executive assistant to the chairman.

Referring to the board's fleet of 257 wooden ships, tied up in the James river, Virginia, the chairman said he was convinced they never could be operated profitably by American companies. Negotiations are in progress, he added, for their sale at \$25,000 each.

NARCOTIC AGENT HELD FOR MANY VIOLATIONS

Embezzlement, Extortion and Conspiracy Are Charged

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 17.—Indictments carrying 30 counts were returned by a grand jury in federal court here today against Fred S. Hoback, United States narcotic inspector for Virginia, charging him, among other things, with embezzlement, extortion and conspiracy in connection with alleged violations of the federal narcotic law.

One individual indictment, carrying 24 counts, was returned against Hoback, and a joint indictment of six counts was issued against Hoback and E. E. Wright, a local soft drink dealer, charging both with extortion and unlawfully selling morphine.

Another count, charging that Hoback turned over to Wright "certain drugs which Wright attempted to dispose of," declares Hoback and Wright "unlawfully did conspire to commit an offense against the United States by unlawfully selling various and sundry quantities of morphine."

"Hoback, who was arrested here yesterday on a bench warrant, is now out on a bond of \$10,000 to appear before the federal grand jury tomorrow."

VO CLUE TO HORRIBLE CRIME IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

CLEVELAND, Feb. 17.—No trace of the murderers of Miss Louise Wood, 23, the principal of the Parma Heights high school, and Miss Mabel Pope, 24, a teacher, was found when officers and a posse of more than 200 farmers gave up their search tonight. Two German police dogs failed to pick up the trail.

The two women were clubbed to death while on their way home from school late yesterday afternoon, but their bodies were not discovered until this morning when the pupils on their way to school found them badly mutilated, lying near a roadway.

MISS WILSON ATTACKS CONGRESSIONAL CRITIC

Advocates Disbandment of the National Woman's Party Organization

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Members of congress who, she said, had opposed appropriations for local community centers on the ground that they were breeding unrest, were warmly taken to task by Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, in an address at today's session of the national woman's party convention here.

Declaring there was no evidence to support the charge, Miss Wilson asserted that, even granting there was such evidence, it was "not the business of congress to supervise the activities of speech of those they represent," but it was the "business of the courts to try the individuals who have broken the law."

Adding there had also been expressions of opposition in congress to the use of schools by community center organizations for dancing, Miss Wilson asked:

"Granting that we have a moral right to use the school buildings, is it any of their business what we do in them, whether we listen to socialist speeches or whether we dance?"

Speaking as a representative of the national woman's party, she declared more could be accomplished toward true self-government and necessary social reforms by the organization of local groups into co-operative, thinking bodies than through the workings of party organizations. On this ground, she advised immediate disbandment of the national woman's party, which, she said, was not in a broad sense "non-partisan" but "exclusive," and organized for the purpose of "building up a woman's machine," which would not be "more honest or effective than a man's machine."

Prior to Miss Wilson's address, however, the executive committee of the national woman's party had placed before the convention a recommendation that the organization be continued, though reorganized under another name and with a new executive board. It will be acted upon by the convention tomorrow.

EAST CAROLINA LEAGUE DISCUSSED BY 5 CITIES

Effort to Freeze Out Wilmington Doesn't Succeed

(Special to The Star) KINSTON, Feb. 17.—Representatives of five cities in eastern North Carolina, Greenville, Washington, New Bern, Kinston and Wilmington met here tonight for a preliminary discussion of plans to form an Eastern Carolina league. Sentiment prevailing throughout the meeting was for the formation of an independent league, outside the pale of organized baseball, which would permit the playing of college stars without their losing their amateur standing.

An executive committee, consisting of two members from each city represented here tonight, was appointed and tentative resolutions favoring the organization of a league were adopted. This body also decided to have a meeting at New Bern Friday, February 25, at which time the organization will be perfected and details of the schedule will be gone into. Blato Collins, of Kinston, was chairman of the temporary organization.

Between 35 and 40 fans were present at the meeting. E. G. Van Landingham representing Wilmington, Goldboro, which did not have a delegate present, was given until the New Bern meeting next Friday to assert its intentions as to entering the league. Wilmington, in danger of being ruled out of the proposed league because of geographical location, found Kinston a firm supporter and the train overcame all opposition.

Wilmington and Greenville delegates started the movement to freeze out Wilmington on grounds of distance. Kinston delegates joined Wilmington's one representative in urging that city's admission.

TALK OF SPIRITS CONFUSES CHICAGO CONOVERS JURY

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The inquest over the Nancy Maria Chamberlain, whose body was recovered yesterday after her daughter and granddaughter had confessed they buried it one midnight in their garden, was continued today for one week pending a post-mortem examination of the body.

Mrs. Achsah Townsend, known to her neighbors as Ruth, and Miss Marian Townsend, the daughter and granddaughter, kept the coroner's jury confused throughout the day with testimony concerning spirits.

Asked why she buried Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Townsend replied that "Power No. 1" asked it and when asked what caused her mother's death she said "because it was in the Bible."

GODWIN TO REMAIN AT CAPITAL AFTER MAR. 4

Row Started in Democratic National Committee Has Been Smoothed Over

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Representative H. L. Godwin will not return to the Sixth district at the end of his term in congress, but will remain here and practice law. He is to be associated with Guy T. Helvering, former congressman from Kansas, and his office will be in the Southern building.

Mr. Godwin owns a beautiful home on Connecticut avenue in the Cleveland park neighborhood. Messrs. Godwin and Helvering will make a specialty of departmental matters, the internal revenue and other bureaus. Mr. Godwin was defeated for re-nomination last summer by Homer Lyon of Whiteville, who comes here March 4.

The row started in the Democratic national committee by Thomas E. Love, of Texas, and Robert W. Woolley, of this city, blew over today. Angus Wilton McLean, national committeeman from North Carolina, acted as peace-maker and harmonizer.

"I think," said Mr. McLean tonight, "the friction on the committee will quiet down and we will have harmony. It was the consensus of opinion of the executive committee that it is too early to call a meeting of the full committee. This is not the proper time for such a gathering. It was stated there today by friends of Mr. William Gibbs McAdoo that he had nothing to do with the appeal for March 1 meeting. This was asserted by Messrs. Love and Woolley as well as others."

Mr. McLean thinks the Democrats should make haste to watch the Republicans have a fight.

DOUBLE THE BONDS IN WILSON TOBACCO CASE

Four Defendants Are Alleged to Have Robbed the Imperial Tobacco Company

WILSON, Feb. 17.—In superior court this afternoon upon motion of Solicitor Ailsbrook, the bonds of W. T. Estes, J. R. Rutter, Frank V. Barnes and R. L. Fenner, were increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and capias were issued for the two who are out on bail, Fenner and Barnes.

Solicitor Ailsbrook said that his attention had been called to the matter by W. A. Lucas, for the prosecution, in view of the enormity of the offense, and the amount of money involved, the alleged stealings running into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The cases were so complicated, involving forgery, conspiracy, larceny and receiving tobacco and money from the Imperial Tobacco company of this city, that it was too important to allow the bonds to remain as small as they were, and he had reason to believe that if Estes got out, his home being in Kentucky, he might not show up again.

One Calvert said that if all bonds were increased it would be fair to each defendant, and he directed that they be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The cases were postponed until the last term of court, to remain as small as they were, and he had reason to believe that if Estes got out, his home being in Kentucky, he might not show up again.

MINERS' OFFICIALS NOW FACE CRIMINAL CHARGE

Howat and Dorchy Accused of Fomenting a Strike

PITTSBURGH, Kans., Feb. 17.—Alexander M. Howat, president, and August Dorchy, vice-president, respectively, of the Kansas district of the United Mine Workers, were arrested late today on warrants charging them with criminally violating the Kansas industrial court law in connection with the calling of the MacKie strike.

The arrest of Howat and Dorchy is the first under the criminal sections of industrial court law in the Kansas mine field.

If held for trial on the criminal charge, Howat and Dorchy will face the Cherokee county district court at Columbus. Imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than a year upon conviction is provided.

The MacKie strike began February 1 in a controversy over the age of a mine, Howat and Dorchy using their power as union officials to induce the men to quit work.

Both men were sentenced to jail last April for contempt of court and again yesterday for a similar charge.

VON TIRPITZ TALKS OF AMERICAN NAVAL PLAN

Says This Country Must Build Great Navy to Protect Its Commerce

ST. BLASIEN, Baden, Feb. 18. (By Associated Press.)—Admiral Von Tirpitz, the German naval authority, in the course of an interview today, discussed the American naval program and its reference to the prospective relations of the United States with Great Britain and Japan.

"The United States is about to build a great fleet," said the admiral; "as the country borders on both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and lacks outlying naval bases, America will probably give special attention to the radius of action of her ships. That holds good equally for surface ships such as battleships and battle cruisers and for submarines and air craft, both dirigibles and airplanes. In creating a navy, Americans should remember that the great decision lies not with coast defenses but in open sea."

Admiral Von Tirpitz contrasted America's position today with that of Germany a few years ago, and said: "America's great industrial growth and the consequent increase of her merchant marine require increase of the navy, and it is my belief that America will not make the mistake Germany did of trusting the life and prosperity of its commerce and industry merely to the brotherly feeling of the English. It is all very well to regard the brotherhood of nations as a distant aim worth striving for, but meantime Providence has ordained a rivalry in order to keep alive the impulse for national advancement."

BORAH WON'T ABDICATE HIS JUDGMENT FOR MR. HARDING'S

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Emphatic notice was given in the senate today by Senator Borah, Republican, of Idaho, that he would not "abdicate" his judgment to that of "President-elect Harding during the next four years."

Senator Borah's declaration came at the conclusion of a sharp clash with Senator McCormick, Republican, of Illinois, over the question of disarmament. The latter had charged that the naval disarmament proposal of Senator Borah would "disarm" Mr. Harding in arranging for a general disarmament council.

Disclaiming any desire to embarrass Mr. Harding, Senator Borah, in replying, added: "We have heard much criticism in the last few years of waiting for nod from the white house. Congress has been accused of abdicating only its judgment, but its function is to let me say here, without disrespect to the President-elect, that I shall abdicate my judgment any more during the next four years than I have during the past eight."

DESMOINES PLANS FOR NOBEL

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 17.—More than \$125,000 will be spent preparing for and entertaining the 1921 convocation of the nobles of the Mystic Shrine here June 14, 15 and 16. Representatives of business men have assumed the cost of the entertainment fund and an Astor-Zig temple here will produce the remaining \$75,000.

Des Moines was designated the meeting place early in January. A ready approximately fifty hands at patrols of the Shrine have roomed hotel accommodations, while a number have made arrangements for special trains in which they intend to travel while here.

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