

SAYS SHIP REPAIR BILLS WERE 'GRAFT'

Traveling Auditor of Shipping Board Tells of Extravagance in Repairs

New York, Nov. 29.—Testimony that ten per cent of the \$7,000,000 Shipping Board repair bills in the South Atlantic district was "graft" was given here today to the Walsh congressional committee examining into shipping board affairs. The allegation was made by Charles Banzhaf, a traveling auditor of the board out of New York. It was contained in a letter written by the witness to the general comptroller of the board last July, read here today by Chairman Walsh and identified by the witness.

Means by which the alleged "graft" was made possible, the witness testified, included lack of inspections, failure to check repair work, overcharges for materials and labor and unnecessary repairs. He cited an instance of a repair engineer who, he said, had sat in a pilot house and approved repair bills, amounting to "thousands of dollars," without ever looking at the work. He declared inspectors had been told that "costs" were some of their business and that there was a spirit of make, rather than cut down repair work.

Two of the former German ships were brought into the inquiry for the first time by Banzhaf. He asserted he had been instructed to check up bills for the reconditioning of the former German liner Hamburg, now the New Rochelle. This ship was sold on a charter purchase contract to the Baltic Steamship Corporation. The sale price, he understood, was approximately \$985,000 and the Shipping Board had advanced for the reconditioning of the ship about \$400,000. The bill of repairs for this ship, he added, was about \$1,500,000.

The cost of reconditioning, he said, he could not explain without the cost of a tract of sale which he did not have with him. The contract for the reconditioning, he said, was awarded to the Morgan Engineering Company, of Jersey City. He also testified the steamer Mercury, formerly the Barbarossa, was taken to the same yard for reconditioning, but after \$175,000 had been expended work was stopped because of lack of funds.

Wooden ship construction contracts promulgated by the Emergency Fleet Corporation in the early days of its organization were gone into by Eads Johnson, who was district officer of the fleet. Johnson generally condemned the wooden ship idea and said he resigned because he could not conform to it.

Sales of surplus material now average about \$1,000,000 monthly, George D. Watt, manager of the Eastern division of the sales and warehouse section, testified. The payroll of the division is about \$200,000 a year. Watt said if the present ratio of sales continued, it would require about eighty months to close out the property. Robert Leggett, head of the department, who had previously testified, was recalled and said he planned to clean the entire matter up in one year by making sales of entire projects.

To Make Members of Congress Stop Work On Sabbath

(Continued from Page One) mainly responsible for the American offensive in Flanders.

The matter has been taken up through the offices of Senator Simmons.

Mills Kitchin to Marry. Mills Kitchin, eldest son of Representative Claude Kitchin, will be married tomorrow evening to Miss Jane Bushong, of Charlottesville, W. Va.

The affair will be very quiet, the ceremony to take place at the home of Rev. James B. Montgomery, pastor of the Calvary Methodist church, of Washington.

The bride-elect is from a well known West Virginia family and has been in Washington taking post graduate music work following her graduation at the Cincinnati college of music.

Young Mr. Kitchin is special counsel in the office of the Solicitor of the Internal Revenue Department. He was formerly special assistant attorney general and in charge of prosecutions in Chicago and other western cities under the Lever Act. After a short trip, the couple will make their home here at Fallsstone courts.

Zeb W. Taylor, of the Southern Public Utilities Company, of Charlotte, is here today, as is Col. B. F. Fries, president of the Wachovia Banking and Trust Company, of Winston-Salem. They are stopping at the Raleigh.

Officers Commissioned. Officers from North Carolina commissioned in the regular army under the re-organization set were announced tonight by the War Department as follows:

Major Darius Cleveland Absher, 108 Granger avenue, Kinston, Medical Corps.

First Lieutenant Harrison Morton Stewart, United States Public Health Service, hospital, Ocean, Medical Corps.

First Lieutenant Stanley Rankin Ryan, United States Public Health Service Hospital, 45, Biltmore, N. C., Dental Corps.

Second Lieutenant William Thomas Johnson, R. O. T. C. Davidson College, Davidson, Infantry.

Paul Pittenger, formerly of Raleigh, now of Atlanta, was commissioned a first lieutenant of infantry.

F. H. Reel has been appointed fourth class postmaster at Reelboro, Pamlico county, succeeding George G. Brinson, resigned.

SCENE FROM FAMOUS HOLD ME NUMBER IN "DARDANELLA" COMING HERE SATURDAY



Two Wake County Farmers' Wives Shot Down In Homes

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must have returned to the use of drugs after leaving here," he added.

armed the earlier diagnosis of Dr. Vann that he was suffering only from the effects of whiskey.

Miss Mariette Davis, the older daughter, stated that her father had drunk a gallon and a half of whiskey since Friday night.

word tenore, to hold. But how long does he hold? One year at most, sometimes he has to turn loose in August in order to keep soul and body together. The law has cut the five-year lease down to three years, and some landlords will not lease at all. Can you see the reason for the present crop?

the twelve million dollars appropriated by Congress last year for rivers and harbors and made the latter look like thirty cents.

The exercises at the Chamber of Commerce were presided over by Mayor Albert Roper, and the only speakers were the two distinguished visitors. Barton Myers, former president of the chamber, presided at the exercises at Great Bridge.

Old Canal Gone. One hundred years ago to the year the Dismal Swamp toll canal between Norfolk and Elizabeth City was opened and Mr. Myers referred to the fact that the new canal would put this old business. George Washington, Patrick Henry and other distinguished men held stock in the company and it has been in use since. However, the new canal will put it out of business because of being toll free. The army engineers rejected it as a part of the inland waterways because of the necessity of locks to maintain the minimum depth of ten feet, while the new route is at sea level.

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LANDIS WILL ATTEND 1921 OPENING CONTEST

New York, Nov. 29.—Judge E. M. Landis, new head of organized baseball has accepted an invitation to attend the opening game of the 1921 season of the New York Giants. Today he will be the guest of honor of the New York chapter of the Baseball Writers of America at the unveiling of a memorial tablet in honor of Charles Eddie Grant, of the Giants, who was killed in the battle of the Argonne.

CABLE MATTER TO BE INVESTIGATED

Committed To Probe Controversy Between Western Union and State Dept.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The whole question of cable landings in the United States, including the present controversy between the Western Union Telegraph company and the State Department, is to be investigated by a senate committee, it was announced today by Senator Kellogg, Republican, Minnesota.

Senator Kellogg said the inquiry would be held in connection with his pending bill proposing to empower the State Department officers also will be connections in this country. He added that he already had requested Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union, and other cable companies to have representatives at the hearing. State department officers also will be invited to attend.

A request for the hearings has been made by the department, Senator Kellogg disclosed, and it is expected that there will be a complete airing of the "usual" of the State Department to permit the Western Union to land at Miami, Fla., a cable from Barbados which would connect there with a British cable line to the east coast of South America.

Senator Kellogg's bill, introduced at the last session of Congress and referred to the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, would empower the State Department to grant or refuse permission for cable landings. It also would provide a license system and would give the department broad discretion in determining whether a cable landing was in the interest of the United States. The measure also would authorize the president to use force in preventing any landing prohibited by

REDUCING ACREAGE

Mr. Strickland Says It Is a Much Harder Thing Than It Appears

To the Editor: Just a few words about the reduction of cotton and tobacco acreage. After all the pros and cons and threshing of old straw on any subject that comes up, it seems that there is always one or more factors that never occur to the average mind of all the discussers and "cussers" who are not given to the thorough analysis of any given subject.

And on that one factor, that one stud, the building stands or falls—generally falls.

Many individual farmers would be more than glad to reduce their money crop, and make their own "hog and hominy." They are not buying "Baltimore" at twenty-five cents per pound because they love or like it, but simply because they are forced to it. "What force?" you ask. Force of circumstance.

One among many, but by no means the least, is this: One can not possibly get supplies "on time" to make other than a money crop. "How many acres of cotton, tobacco and corn are you going to plant?" asks the supply merchant. "Four in cotton, four in tobacco, and sixteen in corn," replies Mr. Money-Crop-Reducer. "You can have guano for cotton and tobacco, but your corn will have to depend on mother clay." Now there you are. What will you do about it? Live on the wind? and make corn without commercial fertilizer? It can't be done; the day is past, especially the former.

"Organize, organize," you say. Organize nothing. No State, church, institution, organization or what not, ever amounts to more than the individual members composing such a State, etc. Put that in your pipe and smoke it. If you put nothing into a pot and boil till doom-day you will not take out the much-desired "hog and hominy." Haven't we had farmers' organizations galore? We've had the Grange, the Alliance, the Union, and God only knows what, but the names alone remain to tell the tale of—failure.

Oh, the fertility of it all! Aren't 99 per cent of the farmers tenants? And as to the question of any of the so-called farmers being real farmers, the landlord all too often, and to say, is not as good a farmer as his "poor-trash" tenant. And suppose the poor tenant joins any of the many farmer's organizations? He is a non-entity. Just so much flotsam. Water may float him, but when it is a question of finances, where is the landlord brother of the alliance? He's out. Why, the landlord will not even hold his own part of the produce in order that the poor tenant may obtain more for his part. He will not advance the tenant money at six per cent, or even ten per cent, to buy his year's supplies, but he will let him go "heels over head" in debt by buying supplies at time prices with ten per cent added, and then put a ten to twenty per cent discount in his own pocket.

Mr. Editor, this is not a wall, but stubborn facts that the poor tenants have to endure, and that the landlord must recognize and remedy sooner or later, or more "poor-trash" will be there in cotton mills and other public works until landlords learn that there are their "brother's keeper."

Provide better living conditions for his fellowman, instead of being a fact that he has to pay tax to eleemosynary institutions.

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STOPS ROBESON SHERIFF FROM COLLECTING TAXES

Judge Horton Issues Restraining Order; Charge Gross Valuation Errors

Lumberton, Nov. 29.—Judge J. Lloyd Horton, at chambers, in Raeford, N. C., today signed an order restraining the sheriff of Robeson county from collecting taxes of any kind in Rowland and Alfordville townships in Robeson county. It was made to appear to Judge Horton that gross errors, mistakes and inequalities were made in the valuation of property in these townships. Failure to comply with the terms of the revaluation act in many particulars by the authorities were alleged. Messrs. W. E. Lynch, of Rowland, and McNeill and Hackett, attorneys, represent the taxpayers, of whom there are a great many.

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PARRISH CAPTAIN OF V. P. I. 1921 ELEVEN

Blacksburg, Va., Nov. 29.—George Parrish, of Bristol, Va., star left end of the Virginia Poly football team, was today elected captain of the 1921 eleven. Robert Shultz of Lynchburg, Va., was elected manager.

The following men were awarded the coveted Tech monograms: Parrish, T. Tilson, Reah, Hardwick, Saunders, Sherertz, Crisp, Carpenter, Lybrook, Sulton, Schaefer, Wallace, Martin, Rice and Manager Eppa Winbush.

To Hear Rate Cases. Washington, Nov. 29.—Argument in intra-state railroad rate cases affecting Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska and Florida will be heard by the Interstate Commerce Commission December 13.

The question involved as in previous cases is authority of the Federal commission under the transportation act to control intra-state rates under certain conditions.

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