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\$12,239,852 PAID NORWAY BY U. S.

OWNERS OF SHIPS SEIZED DURING THE WAR ARE PAID IN FULL.

ABIDES BY BOARD'S AWARD

Secretary Hughes Does Not Approve of Methods Used in Reaching Verdict.

Washington.—Payment of \$12,239,852.47, the amount of the award rendered last October by the tribunal of arbitration which passed on the claims growing out of the seizure during the war of Norwegian ships, was made to Norway by the United States.

Coincident with the payment, Secretary Hughes in a note delivered to Minister Brun for transmission to the Norwegian government, declared that while the United States supported the principle of arbitration, it felt obliged to make certain reservations to the tribunal's action, as the award could not be regarded by the American government to pass an authoritative character as a precedent.

Congress recently passed a resolution which authorized the administration to make the settlement in full satisfaction of the claims of Norwegian subjects arising out of requisitions by the emergency fleet corporation. A draft upon the treasurer of the United States accompanied Mr. Hughes' note. Declaring that in making payment the American government "gives tangible proof of its desire to respect arbitral awards, and it again acknowledges devotion to the principle of arbitral settlements even in the face of a decision proclaiming certain theories of law which it cannot accept," Mr. Hughes asserted:

"Faithful to its traditional policy, my government is most desirous to promote the judicial determination of international disputes of a justifiable character and in this interest to give its due support to judicial determinations.

"It is because of this established policy that my government especially regrets that it seems to be necessary to refer to statements contained in the present award."

The award, the Norwegian government was informed, "recognizes the requisitioning power of a belligerent, but would seem to apply a limitation on its exercise, where the property concerned is that of neutral aliens * * * thus subjecting the government to a different test and a heavier burden * * * than in the case where it is owned by nationals of the requisitioning state.

"No such duty to discriminate in favor of neutral aliens," the note continued, "is believed to be imposed upon a state by international law, with respect to property such as is concerned in the present case. It is the view of this government that private property having its situs within the territory of a state, including as in the present case property proceed or treated therein and never removed therefrom, is from the standpoint of international law subject to the belligerent needs of the territorial sovereign quite regardless of the nationality of the owners, provided that in case of its requisition just compensation be made."

Great Haul Made By Mail Robbers.
New York.—Theft of thousands of dollars in registered mail from a New York Central train between Syracuse and Albany several days ago was reported by authoritative sources. The robbery, it was said, was similar to that in Grand Central terminal.

The robbers, it was said, evidently worked at leisure in the registered mail, rifling the packages and casting the wrappers out the window. Later track-walkers found wrappers strewn along the right of way, many of which, it was said, bore European addresses. The robbed train was eastbound.

The similarity of this robbery and the one in the Grand Central Terminal, when the Chicago fast mail train, composed of ten steel cars, was robbed, led to the belief that both were committed by the same ring of bandits.

Alien Smuggling Inquiry Ordered.
Washington.—Immigration authorities have begun an extensive survey of industrial areas in New Jersey and northeastern Pennsylvania. Secretary Davis announced, to determine how many aliens have been smuggled into the United States in violation of the Seaman's Act. Warrants ordering deportation from the United States of 198 individuals already have been issued.

TWO PERSONS ARE KILLED AND 13 INJURED IN WRECK.

Atlanta, Ga.—Two persons were killed and 13 injured, none seriously, resulting from the wreck of the second section of the Dixie Flyer, fast northbound passenger train at McDaniel's crossing, near Calhoun, Ga., according to an official report to the office here of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad. The dead are: C. C. Doak, fireman, Inman Yards, Atlanta, and T. H. Gourley, passenger, 2829 Washington avenue, St. Louis.

The injured were: H. L. Blakeley, Union City, Tenn.; Dena Arcadia, Tampa, Fla.; Hugo Greenwald, 2855 North Kedgie avenue, Chicago; C. W. Francis, 42 Rutledge avenue, Nashville, Tenn.; David Wilcox, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; W. A. Duseant, West Salem, Ill.; M. M. Ralph, Hartford, Ky.; John Grubbs, Wilson, Mo.; A. J. Thorman, Blairstown, Iowa; Mrs. J. E. Evitts, Ringgold, Ga.; Will Harding, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; J. R. Abrams, Forsyth, Ga.; J. B. Haubach, Mahanet, Ill.

202 DOCTORS ATTEND MEET

TRI-STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS AND ADJOURNS.

Dr. Charles O. H. Laughinghouse Succeeds Dr. S. S. Gale as President.

High Point.—At the final session of the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Tri-State Medical Association which convened here, Dr. Chas. O. H. Laughinghouse, of Greenville, N. C., was elected to succeed Dr. S. S. Gale, of Roanoke, Va., as president, and Greenville, S. C., was chosen as the meeting place for next year's convention. When the convention registration books closed 202 doctors from all parts of Virginia, North and South Carolina had entered their names upon it. That the High Point convention had been the best in every respect ever held in the history of the association was the consensus of opinion of all of its members.

The elections of Dr. Laughinghouse, and all the officers were unanimous.

Dr. D. A. Stanton, one of High Point's leading practitioners, was elected vice president from North Carolina; Dr. W. L. Peeples, Richmond, vice president from Virginia, and Dr. S. B. Sherard, Gaffney, S. C., vice president from that state. Dr. James K. Hall, of the medical staff of Westbrook sanatorium, Richmond, Va., formerly assistant superintendent of the state hospital at Morgantown, was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Dr. Hall has faithfully filled this position for two years.

Dr. F. M. Hodges, of Richmond; Dr. D. A. Stanton, High Point; and Dr. W. A. Wallace, Chester, S. C., were elected as new members of the executive council.

Greenville, Florence and Columbia asked for next year's meeting of the association. On the advice of the executive council Greenville was selected. The meeting is to be held in the month of February, but the exact dates have not been set.

Consumption of Meat Increases.

Washington.—More meat was consumed in the United States last year than in any previous year, the department of agriculture announced. The total consumption was estimated at 16,333,000,000 pounds which amounts to 149.7 pounds per person applying the July 1, 1922 estimate of population. The per capita consumption showed an increase of six pounds over 1921 and 6 1/2 pounds over 1920.

"Coupled with the decrease in the exports and somewhat higher prices to purchasers in 1922," the department said, "these figures evidence a satisfactory state of the home market, due doubtless to the prosperous condition and better purchasing power of the people generally."

The average meat bill per person in 1922, according to the estimate, was made up of 61.4 pounds of beef, 7.3 pounds of veal, 5 pounds of mutton and lamb, and 76 pounds of pork. All classes of meat except mutton and lambs showed increased consumption. The largest increase was in beef, 3.6 pounds per person, while the increased consumption of pork was only slightly less, 3.1 pounds per capita. Lamb and mutton decreased 1-2 pounds per capita.

Whiskey Rolled Away.

Baltimore.—While three armed watchmen were supposedly on guard, robbers sawed their way into the warehouse of the Federal distillery, Colgate Station, near Camp Holabird, and rolled 25 barrels of whiskey out of the front door.

14,000 BILLS ON THE CALENDER

CONGRESS IN HOME STRETCH WITH PLENTY OF BUSINESS UNFINISHED.

MORE OF A JAM IN HOUSE

Farm Credit Legislation and Deficiency Appropriation Bill Will Pass.

Washington.—The sixty-seventh Congress enters the home stretch with more than 14,000 bills and resolutions on its calendars and with prospects of enactment of about 100, including two of major importance, farm credits legislation and the deficiency appropriation bill.

In the house also vigorous efforts will be made to complete action on the Norris constitutional amendment to change the date of the presidential inaugural and the convening of Congress, and to get a vote on Mississippi flood control and other bills.

Prospective disposition by the senate of the administration shipping bill is expected to facilitate senate action on a number of other measures. A pending motion to recommit the shipping bill, the defeat of which is conceded, is expected to be lost, but displacement of the bill by the "alleged" milk bill or some other measure is expected, thus consigning the shipping measure to the legislative bonnyard.

The presentation of the administration's proposal for conditional American representation on The Hague international court of justice under the league of nations promises a sharp flurry in the senate, but the opinion is general that action must go over, for lack of time, until next December.

The end of filibustering in both senate and house is not yet in sight, as there is a prospect of obstruction to several measures yet to be brought forth, including the "truth in fabric" bill in the senate.

Principal efforts are expected to be in behalf of the government employees' salary reclassification and the foreign service re-organization bills, in addition to the farm credits and deficiency appropriation measures. The most serious tie-up in conference is threatened for the rural credits legislation because of the action of the obuse banking committee in bringing forth a bill combining one house and two senate bills.

Several reports on past investigations will be submitted before sine die adjournment by investigation committees, including that on the senate inquiry into the oil and gas industry, on which another brief hearing will be held.

German Station Hears Singing.

Lichterfelde.—Germany for the first time listened to a program of music transmitted by radio from the United States. The experimental wireless station at Seehof picked up the voice of Miss Edith Bennett singing in a department store in Newark, N. J.

Both the vocal and instrumental tones were perfectly audible. The transmitter is regarded as remarkable since the broadening station operated on a 400-meter wave length, the same as is commonly used for nearby American listeners. Eight high vacuum amplifiers were used in receiving, but only ordinary antenna eight meter high.

Jury Finds Thomas Not Guilty.

Salisbury.—The jury in the case of O. G. (Red) Thomas, Charlotte automobile salesman, on trial for the killing of Arthur J. Allen, master plumber, of Kannapolis, on October 25, 1921, returned a verdict of not guilty after deliberating for five hours. This is the second trial of Thomas, he having been convicted at Concord at the former trial and sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary, from which verdict he was appealed.

Accompanied by Mrs. Thomas, who had been with him throughout the trial, Thomas left for his home in Charlotte immediately after the verdict had been returned. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas expressed appreciation of the manner in which they had been treated at Salisbury and were particularly pleased at the demonstration for Thomas on the part of spectators upon the announcement of the verdict.

Robbers Get \$3,000 in Stamps.

McNeil, Ark.—Robbers who entered the postoffice here obtained \$150 in cash \$3,000 in stamps and a quantity of registered mail, an investigation disclosed. No trace of the men has been found.

SIXTY BARRELS WHISKEY ARE STOLEN BY BANDITS.

York, Pa.—Five masked men with pistols held up two guards at the Fourst Distillery near Glen Rock, while other members of their band loaded more than 60 barrels of whiskey on motor trucks and drove away. Government agents have failed to find a clue to the identity of the robbers.

This is the second big robbery at the Fourst Plant, 161 barrels of whiskey having been removed July 15, last. Twenty-four persons are under indictment for that offense.

SMALL DECREASE IN WAGES

JANUARY FIGURES SHOW IMPROVEMENT THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

Pottery Industry Showed the Greatest Increase in Employment, the Gain Being 36.9 Per Cent.

Washington.—Employment throughout the country during January increased 1.4 per cent over the preceding month, according to a report made public by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, while a decrease of 2.8 per cent was registered in the total amount of wages paid. The figures are based on reports to the bureau from 4,153 representative establishments in 43 industries.

Increases in the number of employees for January as compared with December were shown in 24 industries and decreases in 18, while employment in one industry remained stationary.

The pottery industry showed the greatest increase in employment, the gain being 36.9 per cent. Women's clothing was next with an increase of 11.1 per cent, and the fertilizer industry followed with 10.8 per cent. The greatest decrease was shown in the brick industry, it being 7.5 per cent. The flour industry was next with 7 per cent.

The greatest increase in payrolls was in the pottery industry, it being 54.5 per cent. Women's clothing was next with 24.5 per cent, and the fertilizer industry next with 9.3 per cent. The greatest decrease in total payrolls was shown by the flour industry, it being 11.4 per cent. The piano industry was next with 9.3 per cent, and the brick industry followed with 9 per cent.

Comparative data relating to establishments in thirteen industries for January, 1922, as compared with January, 1921, showed increases of employment in ten industries and decreases in three. Automobiles, iron and steel, and car building and repairing showed increases of 42.7, 40.2 and 35.8 per cent, respectively, while men's clothing showed a decrease of 9.2 per cent.

The total of payrolls for the year increased in 11 of the 13 industries, two showing decreases. Automobiles, iron and steel showed increases of 135.7 and 103.6 per cent, respectively, while men's clothing and hosiery and knit goods showed decreases.

Of the 43 industries reporting for January, 81 per cent were operating on full time, 17 per cent on part time, and two per cent were closed down.

Wage adjustments, effective between December 15 and January 15, showed increases in various establishments of 40 industries that reported, with the exception of three instances, where decreases were reported.

Smith Urges Farmer Help.

Washington.—Another measure for the stimulation of agriculture would get right of way in the House under a rule adopted by the Rules Committee. It is the Senate resolution proposing Government purchase of \$10,000,000 worth of Chilean nitrates and calcium arsenate and their re-sale to the farmers at cost for use in connection with the 1923 and 1924 crops.

Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, and a number of representatives from the Southern States, in urging early action, declared the use of the Chilean nitrates and the arsenate, which is manufactured in this country, will go a long way toward checking the ravages of the boll weevil in the cotton crops.

Senator Smith declared this was the only fertilizer obtainable that would stimulate the cotton plant to such growth as to overcome the early season ravages of the boll weevil. Federal purchase and distribution, he asserted, would be of particular benefit to the small cotton planter and he called attention that these produced 67 per cent of the total crop.

MULTITUDE HEARS BRYAN AT TARBORO

THOUSANDS HEAR COMMONER SPEAK ON THE "WORLD'S GREATEST NEED."

KIWANIANS ENTERTAIN PARTY

Josephus Daniels and Governor Cameron Morrison Also Deliver Speeches.

Tarboro.—Nearly 30,000 people greeted Williams Jennings Bryan here when he spoke in the interest of the Tarboro Kiwanis educational fund. The Commoner was met in Rocky Mount by a large body of Tarboro Kiwanians who were guests at a luncheon given to Mr. Bryan and his party by the Kiwanians of Rocky Mount. The party was then escorted to Tarboro over the new hard-surface road by a convoy of about 20 cars.

Besides the Commoner, there were in this party Josephus Daniels, Clarence Mitchell, Soly Brower, Phillip McGruder and Allen J. Barwick, who motored from Raleigh to be guests of the Tarboro Kiwanis Club on this occasion. Gov. Cameron Morrison, R. A. Doughton, Frank Page, R. T. Fountain, and Paul Jones arrived by motor from Raleigh in time for a dinner reception given by Mr. W. A. Hart, at his home on Main street in honor of Mr. Bryan, Josephus Daniels, and the above mentioned guests. There were 20 prominent Tarboro men at this reception to meet the Commoner and other distinguished guests.

At seven thirty the large crowd at the Farmers' warehouse gave Mr. Bryan a great ovation as he entered with the other distinguished visitors.

In addition to the guests who entered with the speaker there were on the stage the presidents of many of the Kiwanis Clubs in Eastern North Carolina, Kiwanian District Lieut. Governor Burt James, of Greenville, N. C., and the officers of the local Kiwanis club. Rev. Dan Iverson, president of the local club called the meeting to order.

The Rev. Bertram E. Brown of the Episcopal Church being called upon led the audience in prayer.

Here the president introduced Josephus Daniels, who explained some of the things that the Kiwanian stands for.

W. A. Hart in a few well chosen words introduced Governor Morrison and told of some of the things he had accomplished since he has been Governor.

The Governor introduced to the people the man whom he characterized as the greatest orator that has appeared on the earth in half a century—William Jennings Bryan.

Seventeen Die in Kansas City Fire.

Kansas City, Kans.—Seventeen persons are believed to have perished in the fire which destroyed a two-story frame rooming house here. Twelve bodies have been recovered and search is being made of five other persons believed to have lost their lives in the blaze. Only three bodies have been identified.

Between 20 and 30 persons occupied the rooms on the second floor of the building. Several escaped by jumping from windows.

The first floor of the building was the H. and H. Garage, in which about 15 motorcars were destroyed. Fire Chief John McNary estimated the total property damage at \$200,000.

The fire was discovered by persons on a passing street car. The crew and passengers shouted to those in the building to awaken them.

Paris Denies Soviet Reports.

Paris.—The French foreign office flatly denied that the cabinet had decided to reopen negotiations with Soviet Russia, as asserted by The Echo National.

It was declared that the departure of M. de Chevilly from Paris had no significance such as ascribed to it by the newspaper. M. de Chevilly holds the position of commercial attache in the countries bordering on Russia, and officials said he was going on a mission to those countries and not to Russia.

The article in The Echo National was declared in some political circles as an effort to embarrass the Government.

Eating More Meat.

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