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POLICE SEEK MAYOR OF SEA ISLE CITY

Countrywide Search Instituted for R. W. Croncker, Missing Since May 4

A countrywide search has been instituted for R. W. Croncker, Mayor of Sea Isle City, N. J., who disappeared May 4.

Philadelphia's police together with the police of all the large cities of the country were asked today to co-operate with the authorities of Sea Isle City and Cape May County in the search for the missing executive.

Mayor Croncker made his home at the Ridgeway House, Delaware avenue and Market street, this city, for some time, but inquiry there elicited the information that he had not occupied his room for several days. He maintained a law office in Camden, N. J., but had not been seen there since about the middle of April.

Considerable mystery surrounds his absence and friends and relatives are alarmed, believing he would not remain away from his duties of his own accord unless suffering from a serious mental disorder.

Members of the Mayor's family are in complete ignorance of his whereabouts, and fear that he has met with an accident. A regular meeting of the City Commissioners of Sea Isle City was held last Friday and it was expected he would return for the session, inasmuch as he had not missed a meeting since becoming Mayor. He did not appear.

Mayor Croncker was one of the youngest mayors in New Jersey and was extremely popular, having been elected by the largest majority ever given an official of Sea Isle City. He instituted an economy program by which he hoped to place the city on an independent financial basis.

He was a Democrat and was chairman of the Cape May County executive committee of that party. He served two years as president of the Sea Isle City Business Association and was a director of the city's public utility. He was vice president of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce for some time.

When last seen Mayor Croncker was attired in a blue suit, broad felt hat and long black shoes. He is five feet four inches in height, weighs 130 pounds, has dark brown hair and gray eyes. He wears a signet ring with the initials "R. W. C." and a slight twitch on the left side of his neck.

SEE WESTINGHOUSE WORK

Philadelphia Engineers Inspect Marine Power Plant

About sixty members of the Institution of Operating Engineers of Philadelphia visited the new plant at the Westinghouse works of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company at South Philadelphia yesterday. The party was in charge of Secretary W. D. Martin, who arrived at the works at 7:30 p. m. They were given a number of guides who in charge of Lieutenant Show of the police department, conducted the visitors through the various shops. The inspection trip consumed about three hours.

This is the plant engaged in the manufacture of marine power apparatus for the Government in its shipbuilding program. The factory has at present a productive capacity of 75,000 horsepower a month.

POLITICS DISRUPTS CLUB

Main Members of Automobile Body Piqued at O'Neil Indorsement

Lancaster, Pa., May 21.—A ruffle of the political waters was caused by the publication of a numerous signed protest of members of the Lancaster Automobile club against the club's action Friday in introducing politics into the organization by indorsing the candidacy of J. Denny O'Neil for Governor.

The meeting indorsed Mr. O'Neil by a narrow margin on the ground of his advocacy of good roads, but the protest says the other candidates also say they favor road improvements. Senator Sprout being a very earnest advocate.

To show their disapproval of the club's action all the protesting members presented their resignations to the secretary.



OFFERED SHIPPING POST
James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation, who has been tendered the position of director of operations of the shipping board

News of the Men Who Build Ships; What They Are Doing to Win the War

SHIPS SURPASS SCHWAB'S HOPES

Twenty-one Vessels, One More Than Expected, Already Launched

DELAWARE YARDS LEAD

Every blow you strike at a rivet is a blow struck at the Kaiser.—Director General Schwab

Shipyards throughout the country are living up to the prediction of Charles M. Schwab, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, that a ship a day would be turned out this month.

To date twenty-two ships have been launched, one more than Mr. Schwab had hoped for. In addition, ten other vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 58,850, were completed and delivered to the Government last week.

Shipyards in Delaware played an important part in turning out some of these ships. The record-breaking collier Tuckahoe, completed in thirty-seven days, was one of the vessels delivered. Others were delivered from the big shipyards at Chester.

Good Results Shown
How Mr. Schwab's "speed-up" policy has taken hold of the shipyards since he assumed charge is seen in the announcement that four ships left the ways last Saturday, the third time this month four vessels were launched in a single day. The ships launched were wood. Those completed included eight steel and two wood.

In line with its enlargement plans, the director general of shipbuilding has entered into an agreement tantamount to a contract for 130 vessels to cost \$100,000,000. These ships will be built by the yards in the Great Lakes section.

Deliveries are to be completed by the end of the fall shipping season next year. Contracts will be signed later.

Mr. Schwab and F. N. Hurley, chairman of the Shipping Board, are expected here tomorrow with the Merchant Marine Committee of the House of Representatives to inspect the Delaware shipyards. The inspection will last three days.

Too Few Turbines
The main object of the visit is to determine how quick and how economical the drydocking facilities in the vicinity of the ship-construction plants can be made, so as to accommodate the extraordinary plans for increasing ship production now in charge of Mr. Schwab and Mr. Hurley.

Hulls are being put into the water now faster than machinery can be obtained to equip them. The turbines now being commissioned by the Navy department are ordered for use in transports. They are expected to be reduced by lack of turbines.

SCHWAB CONTRACTS FOR 130 SHIPS

Cleveland, May 21.—Director General Schwab and Great Lakes shipping companies have reached an agreement tantamount to a contract to build 130 vessels to cost approximately \$100,000,000 and totaling about \$100,000,000.

The order was apportioned among the following firms: American Shipbuilding Company, sixty; Great Lakes Engineering Company, of Detroit, twenty-four; Manitowish Shipbuilding Company, twelve; and the remainder divided between the American Shipbuilding Company, the McDougal Duluth Shipbuilding company and the Globe Shipbuilding Company of Duluth.

The ships will be of 4200 gross tons dead weight capacity with 1500 horsepower. They will be full Welland Canal size, of the greatest depth which is a little more than twenty-eight feet.

Deliveries are to be completed by the end of the fall shipping season in 1919. Contracts will be signed later.

Mr. Schwab made a tour of the American Shipbuilding Company's yards and complimented the men on the work they have turned out.

"You are just as essentially members of the fighting forces of this country as any set of men in the service of the country," Mr. Schwab said.

"The nation must have 1,000,000 tons more ships than it had last year. I know we will get them. You men and the remainder of the shipworkers in the country will produce the ships. Every blow you strike at a rivet is a blow struck at the Kaiser."

MILLS ATTACKS LICENSES

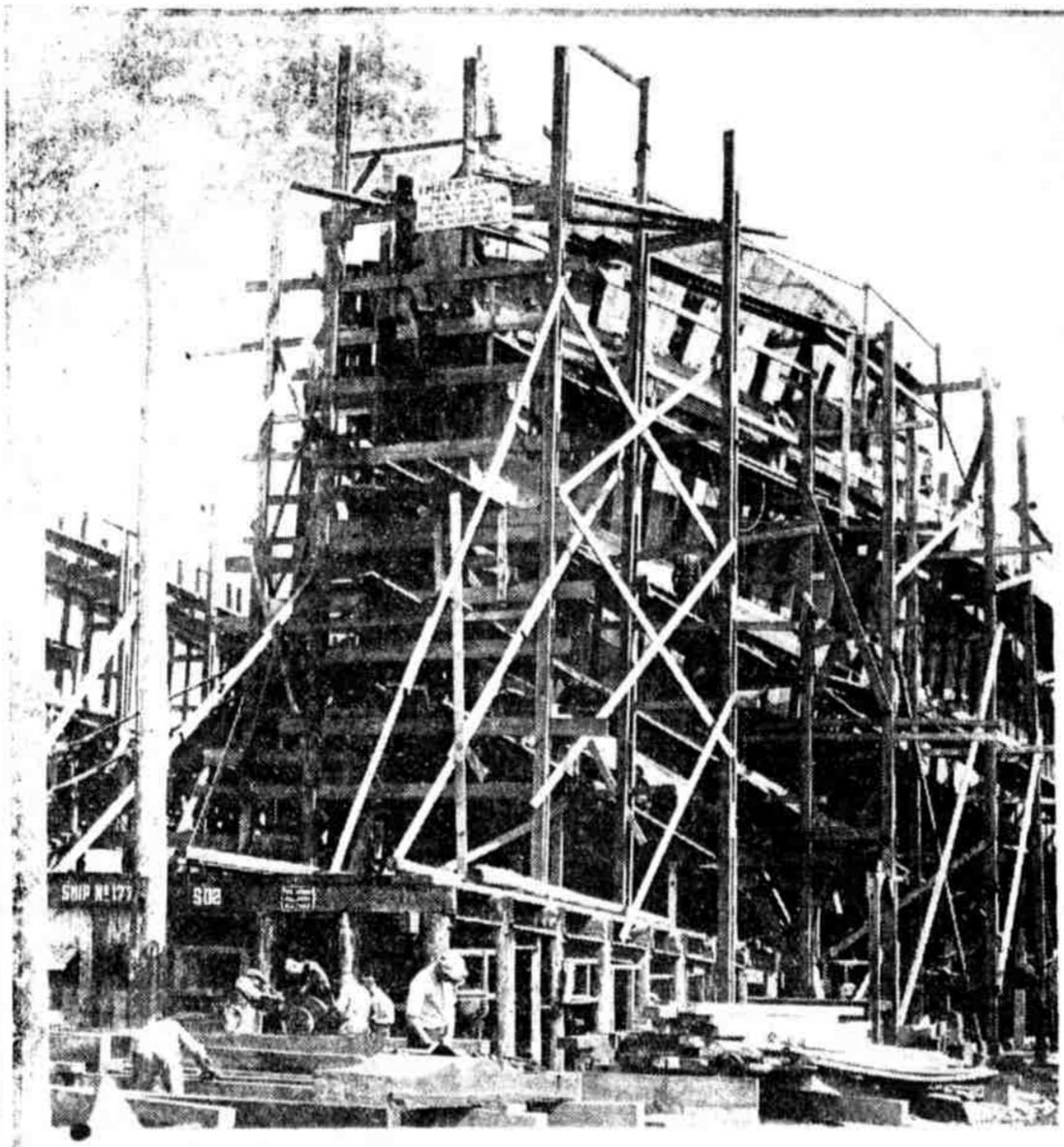
Acting Police Superintendent Says He Will Move, Following Raids

It is the intention of Acting Superintendent Mills, so he said yesterday, to call the attention of the license court to the saloons of L. Freedman, Broad and Race streets and Frank D. Stefano, Passunk avenue and Moore street, which were raided last Saturday night by the police. More than 100 men and women were arrested, the greater number having been found in Freedman's place.

Freedman and Di Stefano are under ban for a further hearing before Magistrate Penneck next Thursday.

Acting Superintendent Mills said that an effort to revoke the licenses of the two places would be the probable outcome of the report to the license court.

SHIPS OF WOOD AGAIN COMING INTO THEIR OWN



This is an age of steel construction, but because of the dire need of ships to win the war every manner of construction is being resorted to. The photograph above shows one of the wooden ships nearing completion at the yard of the Taylor Shipbuilding Corporation at Cornwell, on the Delaware. Note the sign which says: "I must be launched by May 27"

EMPY PROMISES' NOT BAIT FOR SUFFRAGISTS

Woman's Party Chairman Says "We Have Nothing to Do With Political Bargains"

The following statement by Miss Mary H. Ingham, Pennsylvania chairman of the National Woman's Party, was given out this afternoon at the State headquarters here.

"The Pennsylvania branch of the National Woman's Party has been asked to support candidates in Pennsylvania in return for empty promises.

"We have nothing to do with any political bargaining, but we insist that at this time in history no statement can be made that what seems a matter of abstract justice a few years hence is now a question to be settled at once on a basis not only of political expediency, but of national wartime efficiency and of world democracy.

"We, therefore, congratulate both political parties for and most of those for other important offices have declared for suffrage as a war measure and we expect the Legislature of 1918 to ratify the suffrage amendment.

"At present, however, our energies are bent on the immediate passage of the suffrage amendment by the United States Senate."

FEDERAL ROUND-UP OF "FIXERS" IMPENDS

Men Who Obtained Money for Naval Contract Influence Face Prison

Held as Highway Robber
Joseph J. Walsh, East Chestnut street, was held without bail by Magistrate for her at the Second and Chestnut streets station today on the charge of assaulting Joseph Simon and robbing him of \$25 at Second and South streets last night.

It is understood that the naval intelligence service has secured legal evidence against the men to be arrested here and that as soon as a few loose ends are rounded up the men will be taken into custody. Pending actual action officials refused to discuss the nature of the amount involved.

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BOWLES TO FIGHT RENTAL GOUGERS

Admiral Will Ask Congress for Law Against Profiteers

SEES ABUSE SPREADING

"Gouging" of tenants by rent increases, particularly in West Philadelphia, is widespread and increasing, according to Admiral Bowles, assistant general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

For several weeks the Fleet Corporation has been investigating reports of excessive rents and is now prepared to ask Congress to put an end to "profiteering" in Philadelphia, Admiral Bowles said.

"In spite of all the whitewashing by their kindred organizations and the denials of owners and agents themselves, the investigation still in progress by the Emergency Fleet Corporation has proved that such profiteering is widespread and is spreading further."

The law will be designed not to arbitrarily condemn property so unfairly used for war-time gain, but to force the owners or agents into courts to prove that their practices are not unjust. The same court proceedings will not cost the aggrieved tenants anything to get their rights straight.

"Don't move, Sir right."

This was the advice which Robert J. Sterrett, Assistant United States District Attorney, gave to the dependents of the men in the service whose rents have been hoisted and who have been ordered to pay the increase or get out of their homes.

"This thing can be supplied for half the price in trouble," said Mr. Sterrett, "if they will rest their case on the provisions of the sailors and soldiers act recently passed by Congress, and here is what Section 500, Article I, says:—

"That no eviction or distress shall be made during the period of the military service in respect of any premises for which the agreed rent does not exceed \$20 per month, occupied chiefly for dwelling purposes by the wife, children or other dependents of persons in the military service, except upon leave of the court granted upon application therefor or granted in an action or proceeding affecting the right of possession."

HURLEY WANTS IDEAS FROM SHIP WORKERS

Asks Them to Use Brains on Speed-Up Schemes and Submit Suggestions

The brains of a million shipbuilders are wanted by Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, to help the United States produce better ships and produce them faster.

Mr. Hurley is particularly eager to have the benefit of the brains of the New York Shipbuilding Company, who completed the collier Tuckahoe in the record time of twenty-seven days.

The shipping board head asked the Tuckahoe builders to be the first to aid him. Mr. Hurley believes that every shipbuilder has in him more than the ability to do a good day's work in some special department of ship construction. He believes that every man has brains which think and can devise methods of improving construction and speeding it.

Here is a man who has figured out how a vessel may be made stronger in a certain part; there is one who has found a way to take an hour or a half day off the time required to produce a certain part. All the men who figure and plan and seek to find ways to improve and speed construction are not designers and do not ordinarily have opportunity to see their good ideas put into operation.

Such a situation is wrong, Mr. Hurley thinks, so he has invited all the New York shipbuilding company men and later will ask all other builders to think more and more of shipbuilding and at the end of six months to write to him confidentially giving their ideas for improving construction and hastening it.

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