

SHIP BOARD MEN, QUEST OF HARDING

Proving More Difficult Task for President-Elect Than Selection of a Cabinet

\$1,000,000 DAILY DEFICIT

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Washington, Feb. 5.—Where will President Harding find men big enough to run the biggest business in the world, the shipping business, which the war left upon the hands of the American people?

Picking a cabinet is easy compared to selecting crew men who will be big enough to take up a concern with expenses of \$20,000,000 and a deficit of \$1,000,000 a day, which has not been met by the government for months.

The task involved is an immense one. From the standpoint of business, there is involved a vast amount of money, which now, at least partly British in their origin, and the American interests, which seek to preserve permanent control over the shipping lines.

Present Board Tied Up Probably the most serious situation that is of equal importance, the result has been that there is a complete stagnation of business of the present board.

Here are some of the financial difficulties which will confront the new shipping board.

Approximately 100 steel ships and 725 wooden ships are now tied up in the docks for lack of business, costing much to maintain, and increasing weekly in cost.

Concrete has refused to make appropriations for the shipping board, leaving it to go on with what the War Department has left it.

There is not a penny of money in the Treasury to pay for the shipping board.



Lloyd George Tells Germany to Accept

Move Comes as Result of Disagreements Over Conditions Imposed by Mrs. Bellak

Continued from Page One war materials and too many men trained in arms banded together in irregular combinations.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—It was officially stated yesterday that Germany has declined to attend the allied financial conference at Brussels, beginning next Monday.

The Berlin Telegraph yesterday published a memorandum which Charles Bergmann, head of the German delegation in Paris, forwarded to the British.

The memorandum proposes that Germany accept February 1 delivery 1,800,000 tons monthly, and requests a continuation of payment of the five gold marks per ton.

Paris, Feb. 5.—The French Chamber of Deputies yesterday heard Premier Briand explain the negotiations at Paris, and an assertion by the premier that the decision was not at all a success.

Violent new factions among the reparations negotiators are still being published by Berlin newspapers, says the Paris correspondent in that city.

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MINGO MINERS SENT HOME TILL MONDAY

Judge Warns Them Against Discussing Case of Hatfield and Others

TWO SEATS TO BE FILLED

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Williamson, W. Va., Feb. 5.—Judge Bailey, presiding at the trial of Sid Hatfield and his twenty codefendants for the murder of Albert Felt in the Mingo mines last summer, today dismissed the jurors so far tentatively chosen, until next Monday afternoon.

"I have decided to let you go home until Monday afternoon," Judge Bailey said. "Now I wish you not to discuss the case with any one, not even your own family, until you are permitted to do so."

Thought Defendants Were Right One of the group was H. P. Evans, a farmer of Dixon Creek. The state's counsel attempted to prove that he was related to Charles Kiser, one of the defendants.

Charles C. Howe, a private detective who helped battle the Chinese crew of the Chief, a Japanese sugar ship, at Christian street wharf, when they made a dash for liberty.

Crew Tries to Land; One Chinese Killed

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