

DISCUSS FUTURE OF U. S. SHIPS

Shipping Board Confers With Labor, Industrial and Agricultural Men

Washington, May 23.—Operation of the government-built merchant marine in peace was discussed from many angles yesterday by representatives of national labor, agricultural and industrial organizations, called into conference by the Shipping Board.

"We all have different points of view," Chairman Hurley told the gathering. "The shipper wants reasonable freight rates. The carrier wants reasonable earnings. These two objectives are not inconsistent. Efficient operation can achieve them both."

Three great national needs of the merchant fleet were outlined by Mr. Hurley as follows: (1) Maintenance of an American ocean mail service capable of covering the world. He said this would necessitate changing the law to permit compensating ocean carriers on a business basis.

(2) Establishment of a centrally controlled wireless telegraph service for promoting safety of life and property at sea and for giving American shipping and shipping interests the advantage of constant commercial information.

(3) Adequate provision for training officers so that American ships always would go to sea in charge of American citizens. James O'Connell, representing the American Federation of Labor, declared the laboring man wanted to know which way would give him the best working conditions, government or private ownership of the merchant marine. He said the federation had not directly endorsed government ownership of ocean transportation lines, but that "some action may be taken at the convention in June, due to the emergency which will lead to that conclusion."

Cable Companies Ask Supreme Court For Decision in Suits

Washington, May 23.—The Supreme Court was asked in memorandums by the Commercial and the Commercial Pacific Cable Companies to decide upon their merits the suits brought by the companies to enjoin the Postmaster General from seizing their properties under the presidential proclamation of last November. The companies requested that the action be not dismissed because the cable properties have been turned back to private control.

"It is true," the memorandums said, "that the cable systems and other property have been returned to the respective owners. It is equally true that the defendant, Burleson, may seize these cables again tomorrow. There is just as much pretext and extraneous considerations by which it was sought to justify that seizure remain unchanged."

Lodge Will Head Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

Washington, May 23.—The Senate Republican committee on foreign relations, it is understood, has definitely appointed Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, as chairman of the foreign relations committee. While no final action has yet been taken, the committee is understood to be unanimously in favor of Senators Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and Warren, of Wyoming, as chairmen of the appropriations and finance committees, respectively, despite the opposition of the Progressive Republican group.

Urges Revival of Small Gardens

Philadelphia, May 23.—Mrs. Frances King, of Alma, Mich., was re-elected president of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association at its annual convention which opened yesterday at Ambler, near here. Mrs. C. M. Ingersoll, of New York, was elected chairman of the executive committee.

Strike of 4,000 Shipworkers Settled

Philadelphia, May 23.—The strike of 4,000 ship workers of the Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation, at Harriman, Pa., was settled at a meeting in this city. The men walked out on Tuesday in protest against delay in settling labor disputes. They also demanded a guaranteed wage scale.

A statement given out by the shipbuilding concern says that a conference included representatives of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, the Merchant Company and organized labor committees, and a satisfactory settlement of the points in dispute was reached and it is fully expected that the men will return to work on the next shift, the statement added.

24 YEARS IN PRISON, BURGALAR TELLS COURT

New York.—Roy Devlin, 63, who gave his last confession as a Bowery lodging house, pleaded guilty to attempted burglary before County Judge Newell Brooks. Devlin said he had spent thirty-four years in his life in prison. He was arrested first in 1895, yet they found him guilty and sent him away for twenty years, said Devlin. "I escaped, but they caught me and added a year and four months to the twenty years. When I came out I was an enemy of the law. Now I suppose the only prospect for me is to end my days in prison."

Telephone Men Ask Congress to Take Up Problems Due to War

Washington, D. C., May 23.—Congress is urged to take under consideration the interests of the telephone companies of the United States immediately because of the increasing expenses under Government ownership, confronts them, in a letter made public yesterday.

The letter is addressed to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives and bears the signature of Theodore A. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company; and of G. W. Robinson, president of the United States Independent Telephone Association.

"On midnight, July 31, 1918, under the authority of Congress for war purposes, the President took supervision, possession, control and operation of the telephone systems of the country and has since operated them. The war has practically ceased. The public press is strongly demanding that they be returned as speedily as possible, that former conditions may be restored and more satisfactory service be afforded. The President and the Postmaster General have announced that this will be done as soon as adequate arrangements are provided for receiving and

advantageously operating them. It remains only for Congress to enact such legislation as speedily as possible. "The expenses of these systems have largely increased during the past year, for wages alone at the rate of more than \$20,000,000 per annum. This was inevitable and necessary by reason of larger proportional increases by the railroads and industries of the country. The revenues are inadequate to care for such increases, and the deficit of the Gov-

ernment on that account to date is large and steadily increasing. The Postmaster General ordered that steps be taken to secure adequate revenues, but contentions with the regulatory authorities of the States, not yet settled, have prevented such adjustments. "If such conditions continue, necessarily the credit of the operating companies will be impaired, proper expenses cannot be met, the best operating forces cannot be retained, needed extensions and satisfactory

service cannot be provided. A deterioration will ensue which in some localities may threaten a recurrence to public ownership or operation in order to care, even inadequately, for public needs. By prompt action Congress can prevent this contingency. "Just and speedy settlements should be made for all properties taken under the existing law, that such balances now in the possession of the Government may be restored to assist in the upbuilding and extension of the various systems for

better public use. The conditions and regulation of operation should be clearly defined so as to permit the companies to re-establish and maintain a satisfactory service with reasonable rates without discrimination and procure the benefits of legitimate competition. The principal operating companies of the United States are vitally interested in co-operating with Congress and the officials of the Government to accomplish these results.

DIVES, POMEROY & STEWART

Silk Undergarments That Are Practical

Time was when these lovely undergarments seemed too beautiful to withstand hard wear and frequent trips to the laundry. But experience has proved that these silks are in reality long wearing and there is a luxury to them that makes of wearers true devotees to such beautiful pieces as are now here.

- Crepe de Chine gowns, \$5.95 to \$14.00
Satin gowns, \$7.50 to \$15.00
Crepe de Chine pajamas, \$7.50 to \$15.00
Crepe de Chine envelope chemise, \$2.95 to \$8.95
Satin envelope chemise, \$3.95 to \$10.50
White tub silk petticoats, \$3.95, \$5.00 and \$5.95

New Waists For the Week-End

- Voile waists, round neck style with bib collar, embroidered in colors, with lace edge trimming, sleeves trimmed with turn back cuffs, \$1.95
White striped dimity waists, semi-tailored style; convertible collar and French turn back cuff; trim sleeve, \$1.95
Voile waists in round neck style with lace collar, trimmed with three rows of lace, embroidered, \$2.95

Now Is the Year's Logical Time to Buy Linens With Stocks Complete and Prices Favorable

The table linen situation in America is not a happy one so far as a break in prices goes, so it is in the interest of the thrifty housewife that we announce this showing.

- All linen table damask; 70 inches wide, Yd., \$1.95
All linen table damask; 72 inches wide, Yd., \$2.69
All linen Irish table damask; 72 inches wide, Yd., \$3.00, \$3.50 to \$5.00
41-inch Irish table damask, Yd., \$3.50
Plain satin Irish damask; 2 yards wide, Yd., \$2.50 and \$3.50, 41 and 26 inches wide, Yd., \$1.00

All Linen Pattern Cloths

- 2 yards by 2 yards, \$9.00
2 yards by 2 1/2 yards, \$12.00 and \$15.00
2 yards by 3 yards, \$7.50, \$9, \$11 to \$15

Extra Large All Linen Banquet Cloths at Special Prices

- 2 1/2 yards by 3 yards, \$12.00, \$15.00 and \$18.00
2 1/2 yards by 3 1/2 yards, \$20.00 and \$25.00

Irish Linen Pattern Table Cloths with Napkins to Match, in Sets

- 2 yards by 2 yards, \$20.00 and \$21.00
2 yards by 2 1/2 yards, \$19, \$22, \$26.25 and \$30

All Linen Hemstitched Damask Lunch Cloths

- 45-inch size, \$3.50, \$4.50 \$6.00 to \$8.00
45-inch size, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$6.00 to \$8.00

Wm. Rogers & Son Fine Quality Silverware in a Special Showing For Brides and Homes

One of the most important items that goes into a home is the silverware, for if care and wisdom are not practiced in its purchase, a gross waste occurs. The plate offered in this May showing includes the famous Lincoln pattern, one of the most refined and dignified of all table silverware.

- Tea Spoons, 1/2 dozen, \$1.25
Desert Spoons, 1/2 doz., \$2.25
Table Spoons, 1/2 doz., \$2.50
Coffee Spoons, 1/2 doz., \$1.25
Round Bowl Soup Spoons, 1/2 doz., \$2.25
Orange Spoons, 1/2 doz., \$2.25
Bouillon Spoons, 1/2 doz., \$2.75
Ice Tea Spoons, 1/2 doz., \$2.50
Individual Salad Forks, 1/2 doz., \$3.00
Butter Spreaders, 1/2 dozen, \$2.75

The New Writing Papers For Spring Are Shown in Lovely Soft Shades

The new shades of Forget-me-not, Laurel and Mignonette symbolize Spring's awakening, corresponding to the blue of the violets, the green of the new leaves and the pink of the laurel blossom.

The two new shapes of envelopes, Stratford and Carsley, in Crane's Linen Lawn, are showing a marked popularity in the following shades:

- Dresden White, Day-Break Pink, Madeline Violet, Forget-me-not, Bluite, Laurel, Royal Worcester, Mignonette.

Priced at \$1.25 per box. In the Geraldine size, the same colors are to be found. This style suits the more conservative. Priced at 75c

For those who wish to retain the patriotic touch in their stationery, Crane's have designed a line of patriotic paper, in three new victory colors. These contain Crane's Linen Lawn, Dresden White, with a selection of three different colors for borders; red, blue and yellow. Priced at \$1.25. The ribbons used in tying the envelopes are of a color to match the borders.

75c Printed Voile, 40 Inches Wide, at 39c

A purchase that brings good luck to women who wish to secure the materials for Summer dresses at a very low cost. Shown in neat dark styles in dress lengths.

Other Good News of Dress Cottons

- Beach Suiting, in plain shades, for suits and skirts, Yd., 49c
Rough Pongee, 36 inches wide, Yd., 49c
Skirtings, in white ground with colored stripes, Yd., 49c
French Creanades, in plain shades, 45 inches wide, Yd., \$1.25
Voiles, 36 to 42 inches wide, in a large range of Georgette patterns, Yd., 45c to \$1.25
Colored Voiles of fine quality in a large range of styles, Special, Yd., 32c

Big Black Hats



- Lisere Crowns
Transparent Brims
New Summer Models at \$10.00

Our Millinery Section announces for to-morrow, a practically new display of Summer-time Hats, featuring among other things a notable array of fashionable big black hats.

These hats have crowns of lustrous lisere straw with wide brims of maline with edges of hair lace and are smartly trimmed with cire ribbon, ornaments of lisere straw and wreaths and tips of drenched ostrich.

True Summertime hats of pronounced smartness that will enhance the loveliness of Summer frocks. And an exclusive showing, too.

The Foremost Summer Styles at \$5.00 and \$6.50

More than a hundred new hats that are quaint, charming and adorable in their pastel shadings and airy effect. Leghorns, organdies, silk and straw, ribbon models and all white hats.

- MAROGANY CHESTS
40 pieces, \$27.28
30 pieces, \$17.98
26 pieces, \$10.98

May Clearance Sale of Smart Suits

The Season's Best Styles

With every indication pointing to tremendous advances in the cost of manufacturing, this sale provides savings that will be of interest to every woman who finds need during the Summer and early Fall months for a well-made suit of navy blue.

The collection of garments scheduled for clearance represents styles that are tailored in incomparable fashion, with individuality added to their smart lines. \$25, \$27.50, \$30, \$35 to \$39.50

The materials for the most part are fine quality men's wear serge in navy and black. Some of them are strictly tailored by careful workmen, others are trimmed with braid, while buttons and embroidered touches are given to other styles.

There are all sizes to choose from, and the prices have been reduced from \$35.00, \$37.50, \$39.50 and \$45.00.



Women's & Misses' Capes For Summertime

Handsome styles at moderate prices are to be found in the broad selections of late-season fashionings. Some are made with the new collars, some with yokes and some are bound with broad bands of fine quality braid.

The materials are serge, tricotine, Evara, Dew-Kist and Bolivia. Prices are \$20.00 to \$45.00

Wash Skirts in Many Styles at \$1.98, \$3.50, \$4.95, \$5.50, \$6.50

The styles are among the best we have ever seen, and in every case an unusual saving is presented because of the fact that we cannot duplicate present stocks at the same prices. Choose from Gaberdines, piques, cords and linens, in all sizes for medium and large women.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

Let That Wedding Gift Be a Nutting Picture

Nutting pictures because of their rare beauty are welcome in every home. Scores of subjects at \$4.00 — Other Nutting's up to \$15.00 and down to 75c.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Second Floor.

Porch Swings, Hammocks, Settees and Canopies Are Reminders of the Approach of Summer

You'll want to spend your Memorial Day holiday in one of these great outdoor agents the moment you see them. Stocks are complete now so we would suggest early choosing.

- 42-inch size \$3.50 to \$6.75
44-inch size \$3.95 to \$8.75
54-inch size \$4.00 to \$9.75
56-inch size \$5.00 to \$6.00
72-inch size \$6.00
COUCH HAMMOCKS AND CANOPIES
Hammocks with rustless springs and well made mattress; with or without cushion; adjustable backs \$9.98, \$12.50, \$14.00, \$18.00, \$30.00 and \$35.00
Iron stands for porch or lawn \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00
Canopies \$9.00 and \$10.00
Lawn benches, 3 1/2 feet wide, finished in natural, green or red \$1.39
Lawn benches, 3 1/2 ft., 4 1/2 ft., \$3.75
Gliding lawn settees, 4-passenger capacity \$14.00
IRRIGATING FLOWER BOXES
Savo self watering and sub-irrigating flower boxes, for windows and porches; made of heavy metal:
6x23 inches, \$3.00
8x35 inches, \$4.00
8x41 inches, \$4.50
12x12 inches, \$3.00
12x12 inches, \$3.50

First Quality Groceries For Week-End Appetites

- Carnation milk, can 15c
Orange, Pekoe and Formosa Oolong tea, lb. 39c
Banquet Coffee, lb., 45c; 5 lbs. \$2.00
Record coffee, freshly roasted, lb. 39c
Rich creamy cheese, lb. 39c
Lebanon bologna, lb. 35c
Oatmeal, 4 lbs. 19c
Lean well smoked shoulders, lb., 30c
Filled olives, 2 dozen 15c
Pillsbury's health bran, package, 12c
Prepared prunes, can 23c
Jiffy Jell, package 11c
Gold Medal Flour, 12-lb. packages, 90c
White Dove Flour, 12-lb. packages, 80c
Crystalized ginger, 1/4-lb. 23c
Tasty cheese, package 12c

Inexpensive Hosiery For Girls and Boys

- Children's fine ribbed cotton seamless hose, in black and white; sizes 6 to 9 1/2. Pair 29c
Cordovan fine ribbed cotton seamless hose; sizes 6 to 9 1/2. Pair 39c
Fine ribbed cotton seamless hose in black and white; sizes 6 to 9 1/2. Pair 35c
Fine ribbed mercerized seamless hose in black, white and cordovan; sizes 6 to 9 1/2. Pair 50c
Boys' heavy ribbed black cotton hose; sizes 7 to 10 1/2. Pair 39c

Women's Spring Gloves In Styles That Are Favored

The qualities are the best procurable and the styles are so varied that one's needs may be supplied at moderate cost. Silk gloves, in black, white and colors. Pair, 85c to \$2.50. Women's chamoisette gloves, white and colored. Pair, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. White washable kid gloves in overseam and pique styles. Pair \$3.00. Grey and tan French kid gloves. Pair \$3.00. Brown kid gloves with pique sewing. Pair \$3.75.

Women's Thread Silk Stockings Prices Are \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.25

- Thread Silk Stockings with lisle tops, in black and cordovan. Pair, \$1.50
Thread Silk Hose with lisle tops and fashioned feet, in black, white and cordovan \$2.00 and \$2.25
White Thread Silk Hose with lisle tops \$1.50
White Silk Hose with black clocks, lisle tops and fashioned feet, \$2.25

Vacation Days--Wardrobe Trunks

The one suggests the other because nothing quite equals the modern wardrobe trunks if a vacationists clothing is to be found fresh and intact at the end of a journey. Keystone wardrobe trunks, brass trimmed, \$33.00, \$38.00, \$45.00, \$47.50, \$50.00, \$55.00 and \$61.00. Royal wardrobe trunks, \$50.00. Seward wardrobe trunks, \$35.00 and \$45.00. Oskosh wardrobe trunks, \$42.50, \$55.50, \$72.00 and \$85.00. Our special dressed trunk covered with canvas, hardwood slats, brass trimmed, sizes 32, 34 and 36 inches, \$47.50, \$50.00 and \$10.00.

Spring Underwear Of Proper Weight For Men

- Men's Egyptian Cotton Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, short sleeves, ankle length 75c
White Lisle Shirts and Drawers, long or short sleeves, ankle length \$1.00
White Cotton Athletic Shirts and Drawers, sleeveless and knee length 75c
Black Cotton Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, short sleeves, ankle length \$1.00

Basement Specials

- Green cemetery vases, with long spike, \$1.50
"Rug Clensol," a splendid rug cleaner, 25c, 50c and \$1.00
Sanosol, for cleaning drain pipes, 25c
Mirro Aluminum specials for the last day of the demonstration:
Nest of sauce pans, 1 1/2, 2, and 2 1/2 quart pans in set, \$1.75
2-qt. Berlin sauce pans, 85c value, at 50c