

NO ACTION TAKEN BY WHITE HOUSE

90-DAY PERIOD UNDER MARINE ACT EXPIRES.

OFFICERS MAINTAIN SILENCE

Shipping Bill Reveals Certain Clauses Which Mean Nullification of All Covenants.

Washington, D. C.—Expiration of the ninety-day period allowed the president by the new merchant marine act to give notice of the intention of the United States to revoke certain clauses of commercial treaties brought no official announcement from the executive department of the government.

State department officials, whose study of commercial treaties to which the United States is a signatory, has revealed that about twenty-five such pacts contravene the merchant marine act, declined absolutely to say whether any decision has been reached or any action taken.

Clauses of existing treaties which must be revoked are those which in the words of the act "restrict the right of the United States to impose discriminating customs duties on imports entering the United States in foreign vessels and in vessels of the United States, and which also restrict the right of the United States to impose discriminatory tonnage dues on foreign vessels and on vessels of the United States entering the United States."

Speculation has been widespread as to the effect of notices to other nations of this government's intention to revoke such clauses. Officials have expressed almost general belief that the revocation of the clauses will lead to abrogation of the entire treaties. Many of the treaties cannot be abrogated except on a year's notice, and this, in the opinion of some officials, will permit remedial legislation before the pact's expiration, if it really was not the intention of congress to take such a "radical" step, as some officials believe.

Treaties with Argentina, China, Liberia, Panama and Tripoli, however, could be abrogated by those governments immediately. Upon their abrogation department of commerce officials believe sections of the Underwood tariff act of 1913, providing for discrimination of 15 per cent in favor of imports carried in American vessels as compared with imports carried in bottoms of these nations, would automatically come into effect.

Chairman Benson, of the shipping board, has taken an opposite view, and has insisted that no discrimination was imposed against foreign shipping unless provoke.

Secretary of Commerce Alexander explained the view that American foreign trade would have nothing to fear even should the president give the revocation notices. Opposition to this section of the act, as well as the entire merchant marine law, he said, comes from foreign interests who seek to thwart the United States in its policy of developing a permanent merchant marine.

King Threatens MacSweeney's Release.

London.—Reports of serious divergence of opinion in high governmental circles over the advisability of releasing Lord Mayor Terence MacSweeney of Cork, dying on hunger strike in Brixton jail, are gaining wide circulation here. King George, at the intercession of Queen Mary, threatened to issue a royal proclamation freeing MacSweeney. Premier Lloyd George countered with a threat to hold up the proclamation if it is issued.

Polish Offensive Grows.

Warsaw.—The scope of the bolshevik defeat in the Lemberg region continues to grow, according to the official communiqué. Crushing of General Budomy north of Lemberg has opened the way for a general Polish advance and the Poles have gone forward from 15 to 40 miles on a front of more than 100 miles.

Boston Strike Growing Worse.

Boston.—Further walkouts of union freight handlers in sympathy with the longshoremen who are on strike in sympathy with the Sinn Feiners was expected. They refuse to handle British goods. British shipping out of Boston was at a complete standstill.

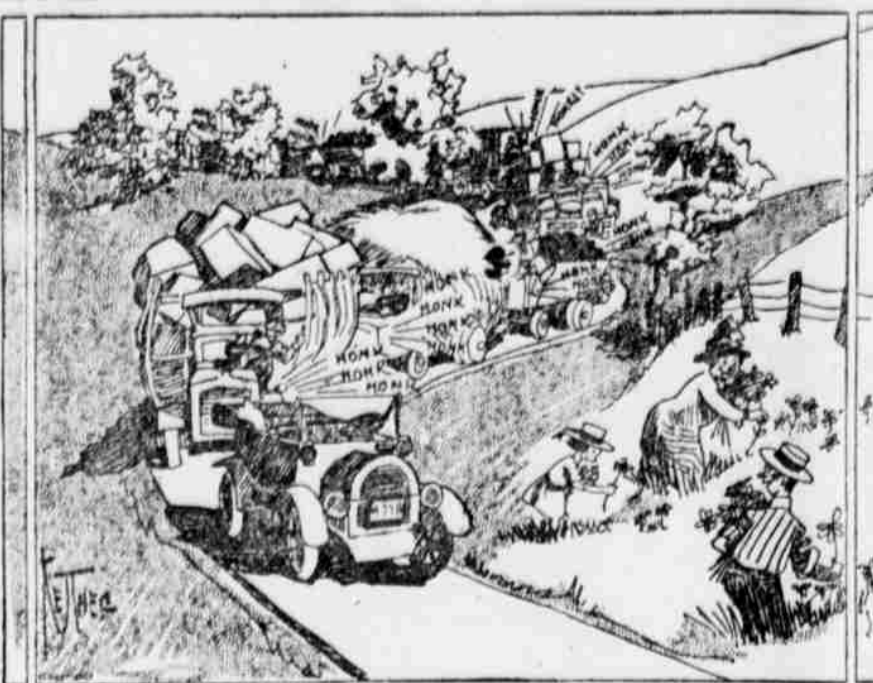
Irish Envoy Ordered Out.

London.—George Gavan Duffy, so-called ambassador of the Irish republic to France, has been given 24 hours by the French government in which to leave France, it was officially stated here.

Ulsterites Plan Defense.

Belfast.—Most urgent and important business says an official report, was transacted at the meeting of the Ulster unionist council in connection with the grave situation facing the loyalists of the province. Certain proposals were adopted unanimously with a view to meeting the demand for full and immediate protection of those whose lives are imperiled by the present disturbances, the report adds. Meanwhile, the council earnestly appeals to all loyal subjects of the king to assist the authorities.

The Obstructionist



THE PACKERS WILL GET RID OF THE STOCKYARDS

Boston Firm is Obligated to Take Over Entire Yard Interest of "Big Five."

Washington, D. C.—Ultimate ownership of the great stock yards by live stock dealers and producers is proposed by the "big five" meat packing companies in a plan for disposition of their yard holdings filed in the District of Columbia supreme court.

Sale of the packer interests in the stock yards was necessitated by a recent court decree compelling the packing companies to divest themselves of all ownership of yards, terminal railways and market newspapers.

An option of sale of the packer stock yard interests to F. H. Prince & Co., Boston capitalists, was made a part of the record filed here. The Boston company is obligated, under its option, to take over the entire interests of the "big five" in fifteen important market places. The company proposes formation of a holding company which will offer its securities to persons who produce and sell live stock and will provide these persons with representation in the management of the properties.

The packer interest comprises approximately 152,000 shares of stock in the fifteen yards. Their value is estimated at from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

Government officials, however, have not finally agreed to the plan and have until September 28 to file objections. Counsel for the packers granted permission by the court to change or amend their proposal at any time prior to September 21. The plan will be argued finally before October 7.

Properties covered in the tentative agreement with Prince & Co., include yards and railroads at Sioux City, St. Paul, St. Joseph, Fort Worth, Kansas City, East St. Louis, Omaha, Oklahoma City, Louisville, Denver, Chicago, Pittsburgh, New Orleans, El Paso and Wichita. Swift & Co., the court was informed, was still endeavoring to dispose of small yards at Jersey City, Newark, Milwaukee, Portland and Cleveland to local interests.

Brooklyn Faces Long Fight.

New York.—Prospects of a long drawn out contest between the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company and its striking employees were apparent. With virtually no increase in service by the subways, elevated roads and trolleys since the unexpected strike seriously crippled the system, both the company and the strikers declared their determination to fight to a finish. Meanwhile, Brooklyn's 2,000,000 residents struggled with improvised means of conveyance.

Tennessee House Rescinds Action.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Tennessee house of representatives, with a quorum present for the first time since August 20, expunged from its journal all record of ratification of the federal suffrage amendment and voted 47 to 24, with twenty not voting, to non-concur in the action of the senate in ratifying the amendment.

Inferior Goods from Germany.

Washington.—Germany is dumping its surplus of inferior goods in the United States and England and is marking its exports to Great Britain "Made in America" and its exports to the United States "Made in England," official advices received here stated.

Oil Man Held in Murder.

Chicago.—Gerald A. Stack, wealthy oil promoter and real estate operator of Lander, Wyo., is in jail here charged with the murder of Paul Brown, as the aftermath of a road house party at Niles, near here.

Held for Wyoming Holdup.

Lander, Wyo.—Two suspects are in jail here following an attempt to kill the general manager of the Poposa mine and two paymasters in mountains and steal the pay roll of \$45,000. One man was seriously injured in the fighting. The money was saved.

Rumanian Cabinet Quits.

Paris.—The resignation of the Rumanian cabinet headed by Premier Averesco, is announced in Berlin dispatches.

A WAGE BOOST GRANTED TO THE HARD COAL MINERS

Raise of 17 and 20 Per Cent—Men Notified to Accept Award and to Carry it into Effect.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson approved the majority report of the anthracite coal commission awarding anthracite miners wage increases aggregating \$85,000,000 and notified the miners that he expected them "to accept the award and carry it into effect in good faith."

Replying to threats from the miners that they would stop work September 1 unless the minority report of the commission recommending a higher award than provided in the majority were accepted, the president stated definitely that the majority award would not be set aside.

The majority report of the commission signed by W. O. Thompson, president of Ohio state university, representative of the public and chairman, and B. W. L. Connell, of Scranton, Pa., representing the operators, granted wage increases of 20 and 17 per cent above the present wage scale. The 20 per cent increase was awarded contract miners and the advance of 17 per cent was recommended for company miners, monthly men, miners laborers and consideration miners.

Neal J. Ferry, of McAdoo, Pa., representing the miners, whose minority report the workers have endorsed, recommended a minimum wage of \$6 a day for adult day laborers and an increase of 31 per cent for contract workers.

In refusing the request of the miners for acceptance of the minority report, the president called attention to a resolution adopted by the miners in convention agreeing to accept the findings of such a commission as he appointed.

The president further told the miners that if their communication was intended as a threat they could rest assured that the challenge would be accepted and that the people of the country would find some substitute fuel to tide them over "until the real sentiment of the anthracite mine workers can find expression and they are ready to abide by the obligations they have entered into."

Immediately upon announcement that the president had approved the majority report Secretary of Labor Wilson, at the direction of the president, issued a call for a meeting at Scranton of the joint anthracite state committees of operators and United Mine Workers of America to write the terms of the award in a contract to be effective until March 31, 1922.

The wage increase recommended by the majority report will amount to an annual increase in pay of \$85,000,000 and in the payment of \$18,000,000 back pay, accumulated since last April 1.

Interest of the general public in the award centered largely in the effect on the price of hard coal. The commission said that while making substantial improvement in the situation of the miners, it had declined to commit itself to a decision that might justify being considered an encouragement to the so-called "vicious upward spiral" of prices.

The result, the commission said, was that the awards, while providing improved conditions for the workers, could offer no justification for any advances in the retail prices of coal.

"The award has not passed a great burden along to the consumers of coal," the report asserted. "Any sharp advance in the retail price of coal could not be charged to the operators, the miners or the award."

To Make Honduras Dry.

New Orleans, La.—Plans for making Honduras dry are being made by Gen. Lopez Gutierrez, president of the republic, according to an announcement received by Dr. Eusebio Toledo, Honduran consul general here.

Race Riots Feared.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Directions that all national guard units in Oklahoma City be held in readiness for duty, in connection with possible race trouble growing out of the lynching of Claude Chandler, a negro, here, were issued by Adjt. Gen. C. F. Barrett. Gen. Barrett's order followed a day of rumors concerning threatened clashes between whites and negroes as a result of the lynching. Chandler was arrested following a raid upon an alleged moonshine still near Arcadia, Okla.

U. S. TROOPS ON DUTY IN WEST VIRGINIA

Disorders in Connection with Strike Prompt Governor to Call for Federal Infantry.

Williamson, W. Va.—A battalion of United States infantry, numbering between 400 and 500, under command of Col. Burkhardt, arrived from Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O.

A detachment of soldiers will be stationed at each mine in the strike zone from Kermit, east of DeLoe, a distance of fifty miles, it was announced.

Col. Burkhardt was met by T. M. Davis, adjutant general of West Virginia, representing Gov. J. J. Cornwell, who asked the government for troops because of disorders in connection with the strike in the Mingo field. They visited the district and mapped out distribution of troops. Of the sixty-five mines in the district, twenty have remained open during the strike.

The situation throughout Mingo county was reported quiet. Martial law will not be proclaimed, Col. Burkhardt said, until necessity for such action arises.

The residents of Matewan and Williamson are said to have been relieved considerably by the arrival of troops, particularly, according to local authorities, in view of the approach of the trials of the men indicted May 21 for the killing of seven detectives, the mayor and two other men in battle.

A number of witnesses in the case have received letters threatening their lives and property, according to a statement issued by the governor.

Kentucky national guardsmen are on duty along the Kentucky-West Virginia border.

Raleigh County Disorders.

Charleston, W. Va.—Disturbances at the Willis Branch Coal company mines, Willis Branch, Raleigh county, were renewed. A constable who attempted to enter the town was driven out, according to information received by the Charleston Gazette from Magee McClung, prosecuting attorney of Fayette county. There was some shooting, according to Mr. McClung, who was at Fayetteville, but no casualties were reported.

Mr. McClung said that when mine guards were surrendering their arms they were fired upon from ambush, but that no one was wounded. Twenty guards, McClung stated, left Willis Branch over the Virginia railroad and were not molested.

Col. A. J. Arnold, head of the state police department, returned to Charleston from Willis Branch. He said the situation was quiet there. The six operations in the field, he said were guarded by state police.

State constabulary men will be removed from Mingo County district to other points in West Virginia, now that federal troops have taken charge.

Japan to Send Envoy to U. S.

Tokyo.—According to the Nich Nichi, Japan plans to send an official commissioner to the United States to facilitate mutual understanding and improve relations between Japan and the United States by delivery of public lectures and other appropriate means. The newspaper thinks Viscount Kentaro Kaneko, member of the hour of peers and privy councillor will be designated.

Find Beheaded Germans.

London.—The bodies of ten Germans with their heads blown off have been found in a wood near Beuthen, upper Silesia, says a dispatch from Oppeln, to the London Times. It is feared, adds the report, that when this news spreads through upper Silesia, where fighting has occurred between German and Polish factions, the former will make reprisals.

Urge Governor to Retire.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Resolutions calling on Gov. Roberts to give up the democratic nomination for re-election because of his activities in the interest of the ratification of the suffrage amendment were adopted at a mass meeting of anti-suffragists.

Mob Lynchs White Man.

Tulsa, Okla.—A mob estimated at 2,000 persons participated in the lynching of Tom M. Owens, white, accused of the shooting several days ago of Homer Nida, a taxicab driver, who died at a hospital.

Sultan's Forces Small.

Constantinople.—The sultan of Turkey has refused to lead his forces against the nationalists, declaring them to be too few in number. The sultan's forces consist of only two battalions.

Typhoon Does Heavy Damage.

Manila.—An unusually severe typhoon recorded here caused hundreds of thousands of dollars damage. Electric power was cut off, leaving the city in darkness.

Performs 1,111th Wedding.

Ottumwa, Ia.—Rev. Jonathan Mee, retired Baptist minister, performed his 1,111th wedding ceremony here.

Quake Causes Panic.

London.—The island of Malta suffered an earthquake shock of considerable force says a Central News dispatch from Rome. Numerous buildings in Florena and the surrounding district were damaged and the population was in a panic, the dispatch says.

Two Yank Aviators Missing.

Honolulu.—Lieut. H. R. Fox, of New York city, and Corporal H. J. Cornst, of Pennsylvania, who left here in an army airplane, are missing.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

Robert Simmens, Scottsbluff, was chosen state commander of the American Legion of Nebraska at the annual session of the organization at Hastings. Other officers chosen are: Vice Commanders: E. S. Goodrich, Fairbury; T. J. Bressler, Wayne; Lyman Wheeler, Omaha; Chaplain, Dean C. R. Tyner, Hastings; Delegates to national convention, Earl Cline, Nebraska City; E. P. McDermott, Kearney; George Fawell, Lincoln; T. J. McGuire, Lincoln; National committeeman, E. P. McDermott, Kearney.

Actual assessed valuation of all Nebraska property as equalized by the state board of assessment, is \$761,240,678, or \$191,425,830 more than the equalized value of all property in 1919. The state levy last year was 13 mills. This year it is 16.39 mills, the increase being due largely to the revaluation of lands and lots which are valued for assessment every fourth year.

A pronounced success was the verdict rendered by the nearly 25,000 persons who attended "Achievement Week" at Holdrege last week. It was a substitution for the old-fashioned county fair, with exhibits of the county's products, baseball games, airplane fights and get-together meetings and a general good time for all the people of the community.

Colonel Paul, adjutant general, in explaining the necessity for a Nebraska National Guard, in an address at Lincoln, asserted that each company is to consist of fifty men and three officers, whereas the pre-war basis was 100 men and three officers.

Attorney General Davis announced at Lincoln that under the state law women of Nebraska do not have to give their exact age when registering as voters. The words "over 21," he says, are sufficient. The same rule applies to men.

A coroner's jury which investigated the suicide of Herbert Harmon, 12-year-old Beatrice boy, who crawled into a haymow, blindfolded himself and blew out his brains with a shotgun, was unable to determine the cause of the lad's act.

The Union Pacific railroad has agreed to comply with the schedule of freight rates fixed by the state railway commission within Nebraska, allowing only 25 per cent increase over those theretofore charged.

The state labor department at Lincoln advises laboring men coming under the compensation law not to sign a contract for a job they are to do, as they are then contractors and not laborers.

The Lincoln highway through Nebraska is being permanently marked with enameled signs of steel, 10x21 inches in size, carrying the standard marker in three colors.

Garden county farmers are preparing their land for a good acreage of winter wheat this season. This year's crop is running about twenty-five bushels to the acre.

The American Legion chose Fremont as the 1921 convention city for the organization at the recent meeting at Fremont. August 24 to 27 were the dates selected.

A Nebraska pig, bred by the University agricultural college, was shipped from Lincoln by airplane the other day to the Wisconsin state fair at Milwaukee.

The census bureau at Washington announced the population of Keith county as 5,294, an increase of 1,061 over the 1910 census, or 43.4 per cent gain in ten years.

The formation of a company of Nebraska National Guards at Auburn is progressing satisfactorily, more than 50 per cent of the required number having signed up.

Mrs. Charles G. Ryan of Grand Island has sent her resignation as federal fair price commissioner for Nebraska to the department of justice at Washington.

Beginning October 1, Schuyler will have city mail delivery, with two letter carriers and one substitute carrier. Cozad now boasts of having more paved streets than any town between Kearney and North Platte.

A new \$10,000 school building is to be erected at once at Perry, Red Willow county.

Work on the installation of an \$81,000 sewer system at Tekamah is to begin about October 1.

Potato growers in the Kearney district report the average yield will be about 300 bushels to the acre.

County Agent Clemmons at McCook has purchased from Kansas growers a carload of Kenrad wheat for distribution among Red Willow county farmers. A few small plots in the county were sown with Kenrad last year and results were so good many growers are anxious to secure the new variety for next season.

It is estimated that 600 Nebraska G. A. R. veterans will attend the national encampment at Indianapolis this month.

Chadron's latest water bond issue of \$89,504 carried at a special election by the decisive majority of 4 to 1. Many women took part in the election.

The Nebraska Potato exchange, with headquarters at Alliance, has contracted to market the potato crop of northwest Nebraska through the North American Fruit exchange of New York. The contract calls for the delivery of not less than 500 cars.

Alison B. Cole, sentenced to death with Allen Vincent Grammer, for the alleged murder of Mrs. Lulu Vogt, has been allowed another stay of execution by the granting of an application by Federal Judge Woodruff, at Omaha, for a writ of habeas corpus returnable October 4. At the same time the judge signed an order which permits Cole to enter the courts and make a plea for his own life, without expense to himself, as he has been declared a pauper.

Literature advertising the southeast Nebraska fair at Maywood, Sept. 27 to Oct. 1 will be distributed over the district comprising the counties of: Phelps, Lincoln, Hitchcock, Harlan, Frontier, Perkins, Gosper, Red Willow, Chase, Furnas, Hayes and Dundas, by airplane. The fair association has contracted with the North Platte Aircraft company to do the work and also to do stunt flying at the fair.

The American Legion of Nebraska went on record at the state convention at Hastings as favoring legalized boxing under a strict boxing law, well regulated, and selected a committee with power to draw up a suitable bill, and to urge its passage at the coming session of the legislature.

Election Commissioner Moorhead of Douglas county has ruled that Nebraska women are not yet eligible to serve on juries, despite the ratification of the 19th amendment, granting them the right to vote. The statutes of the state must be amended before they can vote, he says.

Nemaha county people are highly incensed over the action of Felix Woodie of Peru, formerly of the army of occupation, who is alleged to have packed his belongings and left home after attacking and seriously injuring his German war bride. The latter is in a hospital at Auburn.

The sum of \$11,522, proceeds of the sale of wheat raised on the farm tended by convicts at the penitentiary, at Lincoln, was turned over to the state treasurer. The crop averaged thirty bushels to the acre, totaling 4,700 bushels.

The city council of Fremont denied the gas company that city permission to increase its rates to \$2 a thousand cubic feet. The company was granted an increase the first of the year.

Frank S. Perkins of Fremont has been reappointed finance officer of the state department of the American Legion, an office he has held since the Legion first organized in Nebraska.

Frank Harrison, at Lincoln, states that Senator Hiram Johnson will include Nebraska in his speaking tour on behalf of Warren G. Harding, the republican candidate for president.

During 1919 there were 60,467,056 pounds of butter manufactured in Nebraska, making this state rank fifth in the union in the production of that staple commodity.

Omaha Post of the American Legion was enriched \$500 when the city council appropriated that amount to aid its barbecue and reunion being held there this week.

The railroads of Nebraska are moving about 1,800 cars of grain per week, and grain shippers' complaints are very few at the present time, state house officials at Lincoln say.

Forty blocks of new paving have been laid at Beatrice this summer. A mile of paving is yet to be finished to the institute for feeble minded youth.

The Custer county fair, held at Broken Bow, was the most successful in the history of the organization, from the point of attendance and exhibits.

Citizens of Kearney county, at the special election September 21, will vote on a proposition to establish a county fair under the Chappell act.

Governor Cox, democratic presidential nominee, will speak at Kearney, Grand Island, Columbus, Fremont and Omaha, on Sept. 27.

Difficulty is being experienced in disposing of \$14,000 in bonds voted by people of Hyannis for improving the electric light system.

Pastures in the Sandhill region of the state are well covered with grass and present a panorama of green extremely beautiful.

A principal feature at the Douglas county fair at Waterloo next week will be exhibits of the various Children's clubs of the county.

Plattsmouth officials have served notice on all juveniles that the city's curfew ordinance is to be rigidly enforced hereafter.

Potato yields are going as high as 300 bushels an acre on non-irrigated land in Box Butte and Sheridan counties.

A contract has been let for repairing the Court street bridge across the Blue river at Beatrice, the amount being \$10,000.

The big \$35,000 farmers' union elevator, being built at Hemingford, is rapidly nearing completion.

The athletic carnival at Scottia, held under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion, was a pronounced success.

The Union Pacific railroad company has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to construct a 29-mile branch line to develop the North Platte irrigation project. The line will extend through Scottsbluff county, Nebraska, and Goshen county, Wyoming.

The population of York is 5,388, a decrease of 847, or 13.6 per cent, census figures show.

Fillmore county has a population of 13,671, a decrease of 1,063 persons since 1910, the census bureau at Washington announced.