U. S. SHIP GRAFT Government Defrauded of Billion Dollars by Pacific Coast

UNCOVER HUGE

20 MAGNATES ARE INVOLVED

Shipbuilders,

Grand Juries to Act in Three States-Fraud Said to Have Been Worked by Payment of False Vouchers.

San Francisco, Jan. 17 .- Frauds involving more than \$1,000,000,000 in connection with the building of ships for the government in Oregon, Washington and California have been unearthed by government investigators, It became known here when William H. Tidwell, special agent of the ticas-States Attorney General Eert Schles inger here.

mation from authoritative sources, is alleged to have been defrauded through shipyard conspiracies worked by the that shipbuilders obtained illegally.

A score of very prominent shipbuilding magnates are understood to be involved in the investigation, which is and California where big shipbuilding plants are located.

were allowed 10 per cent over what medium of the alleged frauds.

inger is to leave for Senttle, where, it naval matters, is understood, the first federal grand held.

cities of the coast in rapid succession, it was said.

scope of the alleged discoveries of graft, has ordered the United States gions in that vicinity. shipping board to hold up claims approximating \$37,000,000 to awalt the outcome of the investigation.

GEN. BLISS WARNS OF WAR

General and Baker Urge United States

to Furnish Aid to Poland to Help

Fight Off Bolsheviki.

Washington, Jan. 16 .- Recom-

The government, according to infor- LONDON FEARS NEW CONFLICT AMERICANS AND GENDARMERIE Sir Eric Drummond of Great Britain WITH RUSSIAN REDS. REPEAL ATTACK IN HAYTI. payment of false vouchers for sums Cabinet and Military Chiefs Called to Yanks Pursue Outlaws Outside the Paris for Conference on Situation. London, Jan. 16 .- Before peace with Washington, Jan. 17 .- United States said to have reached the stage calling Germany Is a week old the British pub- marines and Haytian readarmerie refor special federal grand jury sessions lie has been brought up sharply pelled an attack on Port an Prince, in the cities of Oregon, Washington against the possibility of another war. the Haytian capital, by a force of 300 of the Irish republic" against "the un-Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war; Walter Hume Long, first killed, wounded or captured after bes inflornat lengue of peace." Cost-plus contracts awarded by the lord of the admiralty; Baron Beatty, ing pursued outside the city, the navy government for construction of vessels | commander of the grand fleet, and during the war, by which the builders Field Marshal Sir Henry H. Wilson,

struction, were said to have been the Paris for a consultation with Premier Lloyd George and other British offi- from Col. J. H. Russell, commanding reasons which still delay final decision Assistant Attorney General Schles- clais there on important military and the marine forces and gendarmerie in by our friends in Washington but ex-

jury sessions dealing with the report- ed in the public mind with the semied discoveries of government agents official statement published, calling atworking under Schlesinger will be tention to the threatening situation in the middle East as a result of bolshe-Subsequent meetings of federal vik military successes, which have grand juries will be held in other large given the soviets virtual mastery of the whole of European Russia, for although it is not yet confirmed that forces should be "sufficient to prevent It is understood that Attorney Gen- they have entered Odessa, it is beeral Palmer, on the strength of the lleved it cannot be long before they are

> obtained command of enormous supplies of food, raw materials, coal and rolling stock and other means of

By their victories the bolsheviki have China asking the appointment of a

0 PROTEST FROM THE IRISH Leon Bourgeois, Presiding Officer, in Addressing the Council, Expresses Regret at Absence of United States at the Opening.

THE NORTH PLATTE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE.

LEAGUE HOLDS

France, Great Britain, Italy, Greece,

Belgium, Spain, Japan and Brazil,

members of the council of the League

of Nations, met in the "clock" room of

the French foreign office for the first

as general secretary.

The council organized at 10:30

The first official act of the council

was the appointment of a commission

to trace upon the spot the frontiers

The council received its first formal

protest to be presented to it almost

before it came into being with today's

Loon Baurgeols, French representa-

"The task of presiding at this meet-

soon will be overcome and that a rep-

public will occupy the place awaiting

"January 16, 1920, will go down in

history as the date of the birth of a new

world. Decisions to be reached will

be in the name of all nations adher-

ing to the first covenant of the league.

It will be the first decree of all free

nations leaguing themselves together,

for the first time in the world to sub-

stitute right for might. But the or-

ganization of the League of Nations

bly of all the states meets."

the league, said;

work.

of the territory of the Sarre basin.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE.

assistant to Special Assistant United BRITAIN FACES WAR? U. S. MARINES IN FIGHT

HERE COMES THE UNDERTAKER

JOHN

BARLEYTOR

chief of the imperial staff, left London | two privates wounded, according to ing and inaugurating this great interthey claimed to be the cost of con- having been hurriedly summoned to the report of the engagement re- national institution should have fallen

This summons is inevitably connect-

und driven back.

in full possession of the coast re-

transportation of which they formerly were in need.

Haiti.

believed the fate of the attacking

anese foreign office has announced patch to the Nippu Ulil, a Japanese language newspaper here.

FIRST SESSION Lincoln,-Among eleventh hour proposals submitted Friday was one by Spillman, Pierce, which would substi-World Union Formally Started in tute the state railway commission with French Foreign Office a public utilities commission. Abbott of at Paris.

Douglas introduced some ten proposals, nearly all of which deal with public utility questions. Svoboda of Douglas would abolish the university regents, putting control of all public institutions of learning under one board. Donahoe of Douglas would forbid an increase of general taxation by the state or any subdivision of more than 6 per cent over the previous year, except by vote of the people. A proposal by Lehman, while not elaborate, hore all the ear-marks of being the governor's code bill in constitu-Paris, Jan. 19.-Representatives. of tional form. It is No. 304. . . .

CONSTITUTIONAL

CONVENTION NOTES

At a mass meeting hold Thursday, anuary 15, an organization was perocted to abolish capital punishment in Cebraska, Mrs. George H. Holden was unde chatrinan and she will pick a emporary committee, composed of ine members, to assist her. It is the ntention of the organization to use is efforts in the constitutional convenion for the abolishment of the death penalty. The work of the organization will be state-wide, Delegate Flansburg of Laucaster county has submitted a proposal in the convention to abolish capital punishment by constitutional enaciment.

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Although he knew in advance that it yould have no chance of adoption, Delegate Norion, of Polk county, thrust into the happer of the convention a proposal providing that the legistature shall in the future consist of mly one house. He did this to get the subject before the people of the state and start them to thinking about it. If the convention rejects this plan, steps may be taken to submit it under the ultiative and referendum. While the proposition involves a radical departure, that has not yet been taken by press the hope that their difficulties my state in the union.

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Delegate W. H. Pitzer of Otoscounty has presented a proposal designed to withhold the ballot from native born children of parents who hemselves are not eligible to citizenship under the laws of the United States, and to withhold the ballot from persons convicted of felony or treason, or convicted under such laws of the crime or offense of membership in or conspiracy with any society or organization engaged in advocating or attempting to effect the destruction or overthrow by force of the government of the state or United States, . . .

will not be complete until the assem-Several proposals affecting the legislature were introduced in the convention during the past week. They Earl Curzon, British secretary of would reduce the number of house state for foreign affairs, and that namembers from 100 to eighty, the numtion's representative on the council of ber of state senators from thirtythree to twenty-seven, repeal the

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STONE MOUNTAIN SHEEP.

"Well," said Stephen Stone Mountain Sheep, "what have you to say for yourself?"

"I might ask the same question of you," said Sam Stone Mountain Sheen. "Some folks," said Stephen, "call us black mountain sheep but we're really stone sheep even though we look so dark. We come from an old fam-By of stone sheep,"

"Of course it is rather mixing because there are so many different kinds of sheep," said Sam. "There are different relatives of ours, too. Take some of the sheep not far from us, and who sometimes are with us, they have white heads and gray-colored bodies.

"Then we live around the same parts of the country as the mountain goats do and the caribou family and the moose family and the families of some of the bears."

"But," said Stephen, "they couldn't get us mixed up with them."

"That's so," said Sam, "but there are a lot of sheep they could confuse us with. There are the Rocky Mountain Sheep and the Dall Mountain Sheep and the Fannin Mountain Sheep, oh, lots of us."

"But we may be like them, these others," said Stephen, "and still have our own special looks and ways.

"We have golden, amber-colored horns which are so graceful and which curve so exquisitely!"

"You don't flatter yourself," said Sam, laughing.

"I was speaking of you, too," said Stephen.

"That's so, of course," said Sam. 'Well, that does make a difference.' "I thought it would," chuckled Stephen.

"I've heard people say," continued Sam, "that we were so friendly and



TO STOP FEEDING THE WORLD MANY KILLED IN BERLIN RIOT

Food for Victims of War-Wants

Hoover Says Europe Must Supply Members of Radical Mob Shot Down by Machine Guns When They

Capital-150 Rebels Are Killed or Captured.

Initial session. The protest was from "the envoys of the elected government bandits, more than half of whom were real English simulance of an interdepartment was advised. tive, who presided, said :

The casualties of the marines were ceived at the navy department today to President Wilson. We respect the

The bandit force, Col. Russell said, approached Port au Prince in three resentative of the great American recolumns, which immediately were met

him among us. The work of the coun-Certain revolutionary elements of cil will then assume definite characthe city attempted to join the bandits ter and will have that particular force in the assault, he said, adding that he which should be associated with our

an early repetition of the assault." Honolulu, T. H., Jan. 17 .- The Japthat a formal note will be sent to commission to negotiate with Japan regarding the restoration of Shantung, according to a Tokyo cable dis-

- SPECIFIC SAME DE STATISTICS DE STATIST meeting in the history of the league. o'clock by electing Leon Bourgeois chairman and confirming the choice of

mendations that the United States furnish surplus military supplies to Poland to aid it in repelling the westward advance of the bolsheviki have Hoover told the house ways and means been made to the state department by Secretary Baker.

General revival of war in Europe, if -committee.

bolshevism," said General Bliss, who peared in support of the request of Secappeared before the committee to dis- retary of the Treasury Glass for aucuss the proposed loan of \$150,000,000 thorization for the use of \$150,000,000 for food relief in Evorne

ver Pasha, former Turkish minister of tria, Poland and other European counwar, who was recently elected king tries, of Kurdistan, has started a bolshevist Baluchistan, according to a telegram WATER POWER BILL IS PASSED from Baku,

FIUME AWARDED TO ITALY

Lloyd George and Clemenceau Reverse Their Position and Accept New Plan.

agreement on the Adriatic question ate.

telegraph to Belgrade.

HARRY S. NEW FOUND GUILTY

Son of Indiana Senator Convicted of Second Degree Murder-Jury Was Out for Forty-Five Hours.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 16 .- Harry S. New was found guilty of second degree murder. The jury was out forty-five hours. New was charged with shooting senator New of Indiana.

Spaniards Whip Moroccans.

Madrid, Jan. 19 .- Positions held by insurrectionary Moroccan tribesmen at De Anyera have been stormed and captured by Spanish troops and friendly natives, according to a dispatch from Tetuan.

Four Die in Explosion.

East Chicago, Ind., Jan. 19 .- Four men were burned to death by boiling oi) and about twenty others were incompany here.

American Aid Stopped.

Washington, Jan. 14. - Herbert committee that the United States should serve notice on the world that this government after the immediate Poland proves unable to withstand the emergency can no longer extend re-Russian bolshevist armies, is not "im- lief to Austria. While it was the duty probable," General Bliss, who is a of the United States to come to Ausmember of the American peace dele- tria's relief this year he said European gation, told the house ways and means nations responsible for her downfall by the treaty terms should bear the "Poland is the only bulwark against burden thereafter. Mr. Hoover ap-

by the grain corporation for the pur-Geneva, Switzerland, Jan. 16 .- En- chase of food for the people of Aus-

Senate Ends Ten-Year Fight by Adopting Measure, 52 to 18-Goes to Conference.

Washington, Jan. 16 .- Ending a tenyear fight, the senate passed the water power bill, which now goes to conference for the composing of differ-Paris, Jan. 15.-The project for an ences between the house and the sen-

has been accepted by Italy. It has The hill provides for creation of a also been handed to the Jugo-Slav en- federal water-power commission, comyoys, who have forwarded the text by posed of the secretaries of war, in-

Lloyd George and Clemenceau re- authorized, after investigation, to isversed their position taken on Mon- sue licenses for development of waday and accepted the new plan plac- ter-power projects "for a reasonable ing Flume under Italian sovereignty, nonual charge." The licenses would run for 50 years.

SEVEN SUGAR MEN INDICTED

Chicago Federal Grand Jury Votes Thirteen More and Continues Its Investigation.

against seven men, officials of three and 72 hours after the vessel foundered wholesale grocery houses, were re- many feared one of the groatest fiancee. New is said to be a son of fore Federal Judge Carpenter, charging them with profiteering in sugar. Sunday morning.

Seven Die in Fireworks Blast.

Aix Les Bains, France, Jan. 19 .--Seven persons were killed and many injured in an explosion in a fireworks daily papers in this city announced factory here. Three adjoining fac- that they would suspend publication, tories were destroyed and the walls of a number of houses were cracked.

Mines Are Scattered by Storm. Stockholm, Jan. 19 .- Many marine mines, which were carried away by ish of Rochester, Mina, was arrested the heavy storm which has prevailed here by United States secret service jured when a coke still exploded at over the North sea for several days, agents charged with forging federal the plant of the Sinclair Oil Refining are floating through the Scandinavian treasury checks issued to disabled solstraits, according to report.

Try to Storm Reichstag.

Berlin, Jan, 15 .- Minister of Defense loske showed his teeth to the radicals again when machine guns were turned on a mob of communists and independent socialists who attempted to storm its practical efficiency. It is our firm the reichstag.

A furious battle on the very steps of alone we can hope to insure that such the reichstag was the climax to a demonstration of a mob of radicals estimated at 30,000 who had left factories and shops at noon and poured through Unter den Linden and the Tiergarten to the parliament building in order to protest against the so-called "Betriebstate-gesetz," a bill that would place mankind, and provides machinery by and permit the passage of bills by the the workmen's councils in the various industries on a legal basis.

Twenty of the mob are dead and ship and good understanding. The sucmore than one hundred wounded. The occasion of the demonstration ference is a good augury for the fuwas the second reading in the upper | ture of the League of Nutions, For the house of the act creating factory coun- first time an attempt was made to cils in the reichstag. Independent so- bring together under the auspices of cialists deckre that the act does not the league representatives of governmeet the demands of the workmen, ments, employees and labor, and an in the state for six months, shall be and Die Freiheit, a radical socialist advance exceeding the results of the electors." organ, published an appeal in the entire work of the previous quarter of name of 15 unions-some unions say a century has been made in the field without authority-to all workmen to of international action on industrial

stop work at noon and assemble in questions." front of the reichstag at three o'clock.

400 LOST ON FRENCH LINER

terior and agriculture, which would be Only Fifty-Seven Known Survivors From Steamer Afrique, Lost in Bay of Biscay.

> La Rochelle, France, Jan. 16.-More than 400 persons are believed to have lost their lives in the wreck of the steamer Afrique on Roche Bonne Shoal, Bay of Blacay.

will be necessary to consult the United. Only fifty-seven survivors are known States on a great many questions liketo have been landed. Hope for the by to artise." rest of the passengers and crew faded during the past night as hour after Chicago, Jan. 16. - Indictments hour passed without cheering fidings,

to death Miss Freda Lesser, his turned by the federal grand jury be- marine tragedies of modern times was enacted off the coast before dawn earling to newspaper dispatches re-

> Winnipeg, Can., Jan. 19.-Because of the shortage of newsprint the three The three editorial staffs will unite in issuing a cne-page paper,

Alleged Forger Is Held.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 19 .--- I. D. Corndiers in Minnesota.

"On behalf of the British empire, I sixty-day limit on the length of legisdesire to express the loyalty of my lative sessions and permit two-thirds government and the external dominof either house to dispense with the ions of the British crown to the spirit reading of a measure on three sepaunderlying the covenant of the League rate days, of Nations. It is our intention, by

every means in our power, to insure In the hope of doing away with a belief that through its instrumentality handful of legislators passing bills and amending them by adopting confermiserles that the world has experience committee reports by a majority enced during the last five years shall of the members present at the last not be repeated and that a new era of days of the legislative session A. T. international relationship shall dawn, Bratton of Adams proposed an amendment requiring conference committee "The Lengue of Nations is an expression of the universal desire for reports to be adopted by a majority of saner methods of regulating effairs of all members elected to both houses which practical effect may be given same majority.

the principles of international friend-. . . A delegation of women conferred cess of the labors of the peace conwith the suffrage committee last week and urged that it report a suffrage amendment which will not contain the word "male" but will state that "all citizens of the United States, 21 years of age and upward, who have resided

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A flood of proposals were introduced in the constitutional convention Friday, it being the last day on which All the numbers of the council callproposals could be introduced except ed for by the covenant of the league, by consent of fifty-one members or by with the exception of the representa- standing committees. Thirty-eight proposals were introduced, bringing the tives of the United States, were present when M. Bourgeois called the total up to 304.

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George C. Junkin, Gosper county, 18 the father of an amendment submitted to the constitution which would fix the limitation on the state debt at \$1 for every man, woman and child m Nebraska, or approximately \$1,500,000. . . .

A proposal introduced by delegate Epperson of Clay county, will, if adopted, declare all exchanges such as the South Omaha Live Stock exchange, the Omaha Grain exchange and simflar concerns to be "public markets." . .

Following suggestions by W. J. Bryan, Delegate Stolley introduced an amendment to permit state development and operation of any industry after approval by the people.

Flensburg of Lancaster has offered a proposal which would prohibit an appeal from district court to the suprome court in civil cases where judgment does not exceed \$500.

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Up to the end of last week the convention had been in session twentyfour days, most of which has been consumed in submitting proposals and preliminary organization. The fact that the time limit for introducing amendseph Gilbert, league organizer, con- ments expired last Friday should act victed of disloyalty last summer, filed as an incentive to speed up the making of a new constitution.

that we traveled around in places where everyone could get to, so we should be protected."

"What did they mean?" asked Stephen.

"They meant that we were rather fearless and so nice and amiable thatwe mightn't often be on the lookout for cruel enemies, and that, at least, people who always carry guns should be forbidden to attack us."

"Oh, that would be quite wonderful," said Stephen.

"Do you know," said Sam, "that people are more and more coming around to the belief that it is wicked to kill animals for the sake of killing them and boasting how many they have been able to get on a trip."

"Oh, that sounds so nice to my ears," said Stephen.

"People say that we're fine animals and that we should be protected, and the time is on the way when more and more and more people will study animals and will find out all they can about them and maybe take their pictures with cameras, but they won't go looking for us with their guns.

"Most animals deserve good treatment. They have meir own good points and their own brave ones and their own unselfish ones, and soon, not so far away, people won't hunt for animals to destroy mem !"

"Oh," said Stephen, "how you do cheer me up."

"Yes," said Sam, "for no longer do boys think it is manly to hurt something which can't defend itself. No longer do they think it is fine to be brutally strong. Now they think their strength should be used to look after those who are wenker.

"And girls are doing their part in trying to look after the birds.

"So many girls, they've said, nowadays would not, for anything, wear a Paradise bird's plume or an algrette . from a heron.

"And so our family will not be wiped out," said Stephen.

"No, they say we deserve good treatment for we're fair and good and they say that we will get it !"

The Only Test.

It is often harder to face the criticism of friends than the censure of enemies. To feel that we are disappointing those who love us, is more bitter than to stand against the ridicule and corn of those who hate us. But the test to which every action should be put is not whether it satisfies our friends, but whether our conscience can put upon it the stamp of its approval. Loyalty to principle may sometimes mean disappointment to our friends. Yet those who really love us would not have us anything but true to the best that is in us .--- Girls' Companion.

Ship Named by Mrs. Wilson. Philadelphia, Jan. 17 .- The 7.825ton cargo carrier Clearwater, Hog island's eighty-first vessel, which was named by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, was launched there. Miss Eleanor Davles

meeting to order.

After the appointment of the com-

missioners, M. Bourgeois proposed

London as the place for the next meet-

ing of the council, and this was ap-

proved. Lord Curzon suggested lenv-

ing the date and the order of business

open, to be decided by the chairman

and the secretary, since, he said, "it

Bolsheviki Occupy Odessa.

of Washington was the sponsor,

Townley Asks for New Trial.

Jackson, Minn., Jan. 17 .- Attorneys for President A. C. Townley of the National Nonpartisan league and Joa motion for a new trial,

Masel, Jan. 19.-Odessa; the chief port of Russia on the Black sea, has heen occupied by the bolsheviki, are coived here.

Winnipeg Dailies Suspend.