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WASHINGTON-It has been exactly sixteen years since anyone save a Democratic elevator, doorkeeper, or page-boy drew a salary tor chewing gum and pretending to administer to the needs of Congressmen in the Halls of the capitol. For sixteen long years, Republicans have been out in the very cold, patronageless world.

Now however, comes the big job transfer. Beginning with the new Republican congress in January, 600 Democratic guards, ushers, clerks, stenographers, stationery room, workers, et al will get their walking papers, and 600 Republicans will take their places.

Most important of all, however, will be the n w charimen of committees, since the comn trees of Congress shape legislation far ore than most people realize. Republican airmen for the next two years will defin. by affect the course of the nation.

Here is the roll call of the most important mmittees and the Republicans who will run lem:

Foreign affairs - Under congressman Char les Eaton of New Jersey.

The House Foreign affairs committee will continue a nonpartisan Truman-Roosevelt policy. Born in Canada, trained as a Baptist preacher, addicted to red neckties. Congressman Eaton has been a staunch supporter of U. S. world cooperation. When isolationist Ex-Congressman Ham Fish tried to dictate GOP policy on the foreign af f a i r s committee. Eaton was continually at his throat-As a result FDR invited the New Jersey Representative to the White House rather than Fish. Eaton has occupied pulpits in Toronto, Cleveland, New York, was once editor of Leslie's weekly, served as Canadian correspondent for the New York Tribune and the Boston transcript. Ways and means-Harold Knutson of Minnesota, new chairman of this vital committee. is bad news both to his party and the country. He voted against practically every defense measure before Pearl Harbor, claimed "Hitler is displaying a forbearance that might well be emulated by statesmen of other countries."...."Personally," proclaimed the brazen Mr. Knutson. "I cannot see much difference between Germany's actions in Norway and the New Deal program in this country.'

gaged in a fist fight with Congressman Can non of Missouri and who yells so loud that he once restored the hearing of the late Con gressman Leonard Schuetz of Chicago, Schutz always used an ear trumpet on the floor, but during one of Taber's bellowing tirades a nerve in his ear was restored and he discharged the trumpet.

Taber glories in his reputation as a penny pincher. He delighted in chopping New Deal expenditures, but once brought great grief to his isolationist colleagues by making a speech strongly defending seven billions for lend-lease.

Colleagues were once aghast when Taber berated the wild life division of the Interior Department for paying 11,500 to Mrs. E. Eugene Lay, for land near the Finger Lakes for which she wanted \$16,500 .Taber demanded that the Interior Department be penalized for this penny pinching by killing its entire \$9,000,000 for wild life. It turned out that Mrs. Lay was a constituent of Congressman Taber's.

UN-American Affairs-New Chairman will be J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey, bald. a snappy dresser and a wordy wrangler. His last name once was Feeney, but he changed it to more high-sounding "J. Parnell Thomas." Thomas is a wall street Broker on leave from Paine, Webber and Company. If he had his way, the UN-American committee would spend all its time harrying labor leaders He will out-rankin Rankin and Ex-Congressman Ham Fish will be very happy.

Rules Committee-New chairman of this all-important committee, which decides what legislation can or cannot go to the floor of the House, will be Leo Allen of Illinois. Allen is pure Illinois combred, is Republican leader Joe Martin's closest friend, talks litte, is a middle-of-the-road conservative, does exactly what Joe Martin tells him. In the first World War he had a good record as a Field Artillery Sergeant.

Agriculture Committee-New chairman of this important body will be Cliff Hope of Garden City. Kansas., probably the ablest member of Congress in either party when it comes to Agriculture. Hope wrote most of Wendell Willkie's farm speeches and was scheduled to be Willkie's secretary of Agriculture had Willkle been elected. Hope talks little, moves slowly, works hard. He is coauthor of the bill for farm research, believes that the USA must get ready to take care of farm surpluses again, should begin now to study quick freezing, new packaging of farm products.

The Veterans Committee-This important committee will now shift from the chairmanship of Mississippi's rooting-tootin' Jo h n Bankin to that of hard-working, effective lady Edith Nourse Rogers of Lowell, Mass. Mrs. Rogers is one of the oldest members of Congress from thetopifeonisreve etaonshrdlu gress from the point of service, having succeeded her husband in 1925. She has served the government 25 years, is 64 years old, and not afraid to state her age.

Her husband was author of the Rogers act





not very subtle. I wanted you to GAYLE 5 prother Jimmie always come in here because I-well, said, "When Gayle gets her there's a new relationship. Oh back up, look out. She's danger- dear, I don't know how to put it." Mrs. Mays smiled, "I'm not the friends." ous."

Then she looked up, and her quiet smile lighted her face. "It comes down to this, doesn't it, Mrs. Bartlett: somebody's got to take care of Kent, and somebody's got to work to earn enough moneyand you'd like for us to work it out some way together? Isn't that it?"

"Oh yes-exactly! But I won't be able to pay you even-" "Pay me?" Mrs. Mays drew herself up in her chair. "I thought you said we were talking as

When Mr. Godfrey made clear cook now?" Gayle flushed painfully and that her custody of Kent might be "No! Oh no! That's just it. cried, "We are! We are! But I threatened, she became more dan- Don't you see, I'm talking to you don't want to ask sacrifices of gerous than she had ever been in as a friend." you. I haven't any right to ask her life. She was ready to fight "I thought that's what you sacrifices. No matter what hap-Bart or his mother, or both of meant. I'm glad you feel that pens, I gain and you lose. I've them, in private or in public; and she was ready, too, to use any way, Mrs. Bartlett. I know about tried and tried to see my way weapon that would strike the Jane and Tom and Miss Norton, around that, and I can't. You're weapon that would strike the of course. I was going to tell always the loser."

EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON **NEA** Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C .- (NEA)-The great, sea-going-sized irony of the present messed-up maritime situation is that the United States-the number one maritime power of the world-has only 21 passenger liners in operation.

In 1940 American shipping companies had a combined fleet of 15 passenger vessels. All were converted into troop-

carriers. Fifty-four of them were lost in action scrapped or sold.

Of the remaining 100 which were afloat a year ago, 59 were over 20 years old and may not be worth reconverting. Of the 41 less than 20 year. old, only one has been reconverted. It's the America, largest liner ever built in this country. She' ready for her reconverted maiden voyage but wa tied up by the recently ended maritime strike. The only liners not tied up were the Matsonia cleared for emergency food-carrying to Hawaii, and

the Vulcania, which had an Italian crew. Bu when the Vulcania gets back from Italy, she wil

be given back to her former Italian owners and the U.S. passengership fleet will be cut that much further.

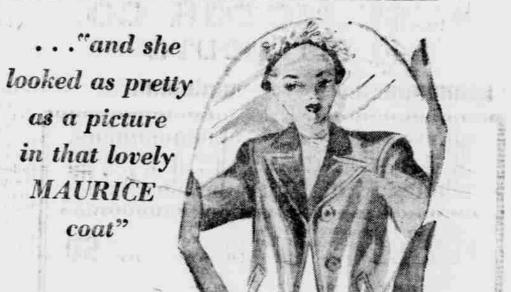
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A T the end of the war the U.S. Maritime Commission fleet num-bered nearly 5000 ships of all types. Nearly 500 were troop transports, with the capacity to move half a million men at one time.

But troop transports stack their passengers in tiers, four or siz bunks to the tier, and the life-saving equipment is mostly rafts Coast Guard rules won't permit ships to carry civilian passenger. unless there is one lifeboat seat per passenger.

Under the Second War Powers act, the President has been able to set these regulations aside. Two pre-war passenger liners, the Manhattan and the Ericsson, plus seven troop transports, were partially reconverted to bring back war brides and American war refugees The Second War Powers act expires March 31, and if it is not renewed by Congress, these ships will no longer be able to carry passengers and will have to be reconverted a second time before they can ge into regular commercial and tourist passenger service.

BY next spring, however, it is hoped that the 18 passenger ship: now in the process of completion or conversion will be ready for business. Fourteen of them will be for the Caribbean and South American trade, four for the Pacific. The Office of War Mobilization having issued stop orders on further construction of new passenger ships, this seems to be the total prospect for the next year or so. When Americans want to go abroad, they'll have to rely on the airplane, go by foreign-flag ship, or rely on American-flag cargo ships which have a maximum passenger-carrying capacity of 12 persons There are about 1600 of these cargo vessels in service now. Halt are operated by the Maritime Commission, half under charter.to private owners.



Knutson is noisy, irrepressible, publicityloving, has a mania for cutting taxes, especially in the higher brackets....He once made a bitter attack on the late Cardinal Mundelein for favoring the reorganization bill When the Time Magazine called him Fuzzy Congresswoman Luce, wife of Time's publisher smoothed it over by recit. Sindings poem, "Fuzzy Wuzzy." Her c league purred Knutson will b e to high-bracket taxpayers, no gift ttle fellows.

oppopriations-This is all important commiltie which decides how much the government can spend. Its new chairman will be John Taber of Auburn. N. Y., a bank director and president of a water Company. He is

which created the American career diplomatic service. Ever since, Mrs. Rogers has kent up her interest in foreign affairs, as well as doing a terrific job for her district. Few Congressmen work harder and get more accomplished. Probably she got more favors from the Democratic administration than the average Democrat. As a long-time member of the Veterans committee. Mrs. Rogers has been battling bitterly with Chairman Rankin. will be a vast improvement over the gentleman from Mississippi.

Rivers and Harbors-New chairman probably will be George A. Dondero of Royal Oak, Mich., home town of Father Coughlin. Dondero served in Congress for thirteen years is one of the three congressmen of Italian descent, the others, D'Alesandro of Baltimore and Marcantonio of New York, being much more in evidence. Dondero is a great expert on Lincoln, boasted of friendshipwith the late Robert Todd Lincoln, son of the Civil War president, is nice, conservative harmless, For a time he let his office be used by Walter Steele, a vigorous, isolation lobbyist. After King George and Queen Mary came to the capital. Dondero held out his hand to friends saying. "Shake the hand that shook the hand of a king-and held four kings a few times." (Copyright, 1946, by the Bell Syndicate.Inc.)

Q-What is the XS-3? A-A new supersonic Navy plane being built to fly 1500 mph.

you I wasn't ready to be fired." "Mrs. Bartlett." Mrs. Mays' She lay long awake that night She hesitated and then added voice was very quiet but her blue thinking and planning, and the firmly, "I'm staying." eyes were serious, almost stern. next morning she began to put "At my age you're never the loser her plans into effect. She diswhen you're needed and wanted." "BLESS your heart!" Relieved, her faith in Mrs. Mays commissed the maid and Miss Norton, * * *

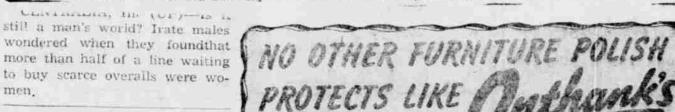
the nurse. THE next morning Gayle wrote It hurt her to tell Tom he wasn't plete, Gayle began to talk, all confusion gone. "I've been thinkto her parents, to Nate Kent, needed any longer, but he made who was in an Army camp in the situation as easy as possible ing over everybody I know. I've for her. "I've been thinkin' I been having a bad time. I didn't California, and to Rose. To Rose, ought to go to Bridgeport," he want to worry my parents, and she confessed, "You told me in said. "I'm a good mechanic- so I haven't said a word to them plain words. I give you leave to pretty good, anyhow, and they yet-and it didn't matter whom I say, 'I told you so.' She sent the letters air mail

need 'em bad in the factories. I thought of, I wasn't satisfied. I think we're goin' to be in the war wanted to talk things over with and then set about putting her affairs in order. On Mr. Goda woman. I want help and advice, pretty quick, Mrs. Bartlett." frey's advice, she transferred her and finally it dawned on me, I'd "So do I, Tom."

Gayle waited until evening to talk to Mrs. Mays. Then she asked than anybody else, even Rose the cook to come into the living Beecher. I'm going to tell you "you're likely to find money" dethe cook to come into the living Beecher. I'm going to tell you posited in your name, and that room and sit down. "It's something everything, friend to friend, and would be an embarrassment. personal," she explained. then I'm going to ask your help." Then she set about selling all her

As Gayle looked at Mrs. Mays, "I won't tell." jewels, her pearl necklace and the "I know you won't. If I didn't wondering how she could best begin, she thought of the many know it, I'd never tell you any pearl set left her by Mr. Bartleit women she had entertained in of it." Then Gayle told the story excepted. It was a shock to find that room who had less the look of quality than Mrs. Mays had. In Mr. Godfrey. "And so, you see," that the jewels would bring only a small part of their value, but three years Mrs. Mays did not she concluded, "I've got to re- even that small part totaled sevseem to have aged at all; she was arrange my entire life. I've got to eral thousand dollars, quite enough still a little plumper than she get a job-not right away but in to ensure Kent's education. When should have been, but her cheeks the next few months. You can the money had been invested in government bonds, she felt braver were still pink, and her eyes were get another job-" "I told you I wouldn't be fired, and stronger. If the need ever the same clear blue. Her spectacles always seemed brighter Mrs. Mays said quietly. "I thought arose, she could produce evidence than other peoples'; the lenses you needed me." shone with cleanliness.

"I know," Mrs. Mays turned no need of assistance from his "This is very difficult, Mrs. Mays," Gayle began hesitantly. her hands palms upward in her father. (To Be Continued)



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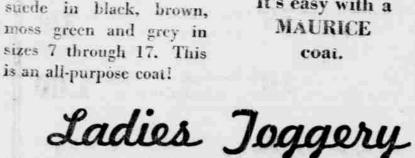
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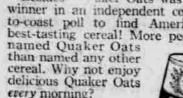


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