

Shipping Board Decides to Sell Wooden Vessels

Entire Fleet of 285 Steamers to Go for Virtually Cost of One—Only One Bid.

Washington, Aug. 22.—For the price virtually of what one of them cost to build, the United States shipping board has decided to sell the fleet of wooden ships, which have been a "white elephant" in the government's hands ever since the close of the war, for about \$700,000. There are 285 vessels in the fleet. Of this number 205 are to be sold to the Ship Construction and Trading company of New York City for \$430,500, or at the rate of \$2,100 each. This is a ridiculously low figure and the members of the shipping board recognize fully that it is a low figure, but the vessels are being sold at the price, members of the board assert, because the new and old boards have advertised three times for bids and have received only one bid for the entire fleet. It cost close to \$700,000 each to build these ships during the war. The government is, under the price at which it has been informally agreed to sell them, barely able to get that amount for the whole raft of them.

Bids Opened July 30.

Bids for the sale of the "wooden fleet" were opened for the third time on July 30. There was only one bidder for the entire fleet—the Ship Construction and Trading company of New York. It offered to take the ships at \$2,100 each, "as is" that is, as the vessels stood, where they ride at anchor, most of them in a secluded part of the James river between Old Point Comfort and Richmond. Chairman Lasker said recently it was costing the government nearly \$50,000 a month to take care of the ships. Two tugs in the James river have to be used to pump water out of them and keep them from sinking. While no other firm bid for the whole fleet, there were bids for the purchase of about 20 of the ships which were in best condition. These scattered bids were a little better than those for the whole fleet. The bidder for the whole fleet accepted the elimination of 20 ships to be sold at higher prices and the board has also conditionally reserved from the sale 70 other vessels, for use as pontoons in building the proposed new bridge across the Hudson river. Aside from the fleet of 205 to go to the main bidder and the 50 to go to the pontoon bridge company, 10 wooden ships abroad are to go to the Clinchfield Navigation company for \$50,000 (or \$5,000 apiece), five that are in best condition go to Patterson Brothers of New York for \$5,000 each, one goes to the Union Siphur company of New York for \$5,000, and two go to another firm for \$7,500 each.

Drawing Up Contract.

While the board has informally decided to accept the bid, the legal department of the shipping board is now drawing up the contract to be considered Tuesday and if found satisfactory the deal with them will be consummated. The bidder has put up 15 per cent of the purchase price. Half of the balance is to be paid in 90 days, and the rest of the money when the ship is moved out of the James river. The contract calls for the payment of all inside of 10 months, and no ship is to be delivered until fully paid for. According to the terms of the bid, half of the 205 vessels are to be junked, while the rest are to be put into service, mainly in the Caribbean. These ships were built to carry 3,500 tons each. Before completion, the original plans were altered, 700 tons of extra bracing was placed in each vessel, cutting the carrying load down to about 2,800 tons each. It takes 40 men to run each ship. The same number of men can run a steel ship of 6,700 tons.

Californian Finds Brother

After Search of 20 Years
St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 22.—Herman J. Schutte of Los Angeles has found his brother, Frank, after 20 years of searching. A story in a local newspaper announced that Herman was here searching for his brother, from whom he received a last letter 20 years ago. Frank, a railroad man, read the story. He found his brother.

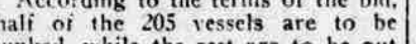
Nebraskan in Quintuple Parachute Jump at St. Paul

St. Paul, Aug. 21.—A quintuple parachute jump—five chutes released one after the other in a 5,000-foot fall—was accomplished for what was said to be the first time on record here by W. B. Bottenfield of Nelson, Neb.

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Long Dresses and Hair Feature Women's Meet

Long hair, and long dresses distinguish delegates to the Women's Catholic order of Foresters' convention which opened yesterday in Omaha, at St. Johns cathedral. Even so, a smattering of sentiment in favor of bobbed locks was admitted by Miss Margaret Lynch, Chicago delegate. Archbishop Harty addressed the 174 delegates yesterday. The meeting will last all week.

Two Hurt When Plane Falls at Sioux City

Sioux City, Ia., Aug. 22.—Jay S. Gehan, well-known Sioux City air pilot, was probably fatally injured, and his brother, John C. Gehan, an occupant of the plane, was seriously injured when the airplane in wreckage while doing circus flying, failed to come out a tail spin and sent them crashing to the ground 500 feet below to the flying field at South Sioux City, Neb., at 6:30 last night. Both flyers were unconscious when pulled from beneath the wreckage by field attendants. They were brought to a Sioux City hospital.

Woodrough Says Two Federal Judges Enough

Two federal judges are enough to handle the work in Nebraska, if they are not tied out to hold court in neighboring districts, said Judge J. W. Woodrough, enant the plan to add 18 more federal judges throughout the country. "We could use one more, however, if we are to continue in other places, in order not to clog the dockets." The death of Judge Hook, incapacity of Judge Walter I. Smith, and Judge Munger's absence in Europe made it necessary for Judge Woodrough to go to Des Moines last week and requires his presence there next week.

Jury Gives Tenant Verdict Over Drake Court Concern

A jury in Judge George Holmes' division of municipal court returned a verdict yesterday in favor of Catherine Riardon, against whom the Drake Holding company brought an action for \$700, claimed to be due from July 1, 1920, to May 1, 1921. The Drake company sued on a basis of \$70 per month, which was an advance over the former schedule of \$50 per month during the summer and \$60 during winter months. Miss Riardon tendered the disputed rent at the old rates and her tender was refused, pending outcome of litigation.

Merchants of 10 State Towns Attend King Ak's Den Show

Two special trains loaded to the gunwales with merchants of 10 towns in Nebraska arrived in Omaha Tuesday night in time to turn their passengers over to Old King Ak. The visitors were initiated into the realm of Ak-Sar-Ben at the Den. Fully 500 persons are expected from the following towns: Columbus, Schuyler, North Bend, Genoa, Humphrey, Madison, Ashland, Mead, Memphis and Ithaca. Army officers and soldiers from Forts Crook and Omaha also attended the show at the den tonight.

Force of 400 U. S. Marines Embark for Duty in Panama

Philadelphia, Aug. 22.—A force of 400 marines embarked from here Sunday on the U. S. S. Pennsylvania for duty in Panama. The decision to augment American forces already in the canal zone was reached so suddenly that officers at the navy yard here were not ordered to prepare ships for the marines until yesterday, when rush orders were received by telephone from the Navy department in Washington.

Three Women Hurt When Ralston Bus Turns Over

Three persons escaped serious injury at noon yesterday when a Ralston bus skidded on the slippery pavement at Forty-ninth and Q streets and turned completely over. Mrs. J. J. Kreeger and daughter, Gertrude, Fifty-fifth and T streets and Mrs. Sophia Girsjky, Fifty-sixth and T, were cut and bruised but were able to be removed to their home.

Omaha Water Board Plans To Store 20,000 Tons of Ice

The city water board plans to build an ice house with a storage capacity of 20,000 tons, at Twenty-first street and Poppleton avenue. The board's plan is to permit the ice plant, with a capacity of 200 tons every 24 hours, to work throughout the winter, storing up a reserve supply of ice for the next summer. The estimated cost is \$175,000.

Humane Society Kills Wildest Dog in Pound

"Spot" said to be the wildest dog ever held in the local pound, was put to death with strychnine yesterday by officers of the Humane society. He belonged to Henry Harnett, 3402 V street, South Side. Police Judge Wappich ordered the dog killed 10 days ago. He escaped, but was recaptured after a struggle.

Park Commissioner Orders Municipal Beaches Closed

City Commissioner J. B. Hummel of the park department ordered public swimming places closed for the season on account of a marked decrease of patronage.

Road Conditions

Lincoln Highway, East—Roads good to Denison, weather cloudy.
Lincoln Highway, West—Detroit Elkhorn, to Valley, roads good to Central City. Graveling road Central City to Chapman. O. L. D. Highway—Roads fair. Ashland rough, detour Greenwood to Waverly, better route to Lincoln, follow the K. T. to Union, from Union the O street road. S. T. A. Road—Roads good.
Highland Cutoff—Roads rough.
George Washington Highway—Take high road to Blair, raining at Oakland. Black Hills Trail—Road work Omaha to Fremont. Fremont to Norfolk roads are fair.
King of Trails, North—Fair, good to Missouri Valley.
King of Trails, South—Roads good.
River to River Road—Fair to Des Moines.
White Pole Road—Roads good to Des Moines.
Blue Grass Road—Good.

Flood Waters in Arizona Capitol Building Recede

Basement Offices in Structure Completely Flooded as Cave Creek Rampages—Valuable Records Ruined.

Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 22.—Flood waters from Cave creek, which last night inundated the Arizona state capitol to a depth of two feet on the first floor and flooded several hundred homes in Phoenix and vicinity, had receded so far this morning that the first floor of the capitol was clear of water. Eighteenth avenue, on the west end of the capitol grounds, still was running with water several inches deep. The basement of the capitol, containing vaults filled with papers belonging to the offices of the governor, state auditor and state corporation commission in addition to all the records and exhibits of the state entomologist and state dairy inspector, was filled with water last night. According to H. M. Alexander, custodian of the building, it will be several days before the basement can be cleared of water. Men were put to work early today clearing the first floor of the several inches of mud deposited by the flood. Arizona National Guardsmen were put on guard around the capitol and in other portions of the flooded area about midnight last night. Fire Chief William D. Simmons estimated that several hundred homes in northwestern Phoenix and in the territory north of the city had been flooded. He based his estimate on reports made by firemen who worked all night in the flooded district rescuing persons in danger. No official report of loss of life had been received either by the fire department, police department or sheriff's office today. Fire Chief Simmons said he had heard that a Mexican woman with her daughter were drowned, but had been unable to verify the report.

Louisville Mayor Urges People to Battle Ku Klux

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 22.—Terming the Ku Klux Klan an organization which "all thoughtful men must be convinced must be a menace to the peace and good understanding between the people of Louisville," Mayor Smith today issued a statement asserting that he would use "every lawful means to prevent and suppress its growth in our community." The mayor's statement came on the heels of announcement in local newspapers advertising for recruits for the order.

Alleged Poisoner of Three Persons Is Freed by Court

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Mrs. Mary Demmer, who has been held for several weeks in connection with the deaths of Fred Kolze of Schiller Park, Mrs. Kolze and Fred Demmer, husband of Mrs. Demmer, was released today. James E. McShane, assistant state's attorney, told Judge Charles McDonald, before whom habeas corpus proceedings had been brought, that his office had no evidence on which to hold her. Mrs. Demmer was Kolze's housekeeper.

Omaha to Extend Welcome To Scott's Auto Caravan

Omaha will extend a welcome to Scott's automobile caravan today when the band of 50 modern pioneers on their way from Brooklyn to Buhl, Idaho arrive here. Chamber of Commerce and Omaha Automobile club officials will meet them in Council Bluffs and escort to a camping place in Omaha, probably at Elmwood park. The party will remain over night in Omaha to wait for belated members of the band. Plans are under way to accord the travelers an enjoyable time in the city parks or clubs.

Tripp & Co., Firm of Brokers, Are Bankrupt

New York, Aug. 22.—The failure of Tripp & Co. was announced today on the New York Stock exchange. The firm took its name from Charles W. Tripp, who died a year ago. It had been active in motor and tire shares. Within the last year four stock exchange firms have failed. One was recently reinstated, having discharged its obligations.

Germany Returns to Beer of High Voltage; Yanks Cheer

Berlin, Aug. 22.—America's human camels, sojourning in European alcoholic cases, assimilating a reserve supply of beer, wine and cocktails for their return to the Great Volstead desert, are rejoicing over Germany's return to 13 per cent beer. Thirteen per cent! Count 'em!

Holdup Suspect Taken From Hospital to Jail

John Osborne, alias John Anderson, Fargo, N. D., who is alleged by police to have been shot by James Spellman, grocer, 1101 North Seventeenth street, during an attempted holdup last week, was removed from a local hospital to a cell in the city jail yesterday. Although not fully recovered from his wound, Spellman will be given a hearing today.

EVERY WOMAN

Will enjoy reading and will gain new ideas from the series of illustrated articles by "Flora," appearing daily in The Bee. "Flora" describes vividly and briefly a number of pleasing and attractive THINGS YOU'LL LOVE TO MAKE. You'll want to make them, too, for "Flora's" enthusiasm is catching, her ideas original and her suggested methods economical. Look for her suggestions for today on the WOMAN'S PAGE

K. of C. to Give Prize For Patriotism Here

New York, Aug. 22.—The Knights of Columbus announced today that the organization would make an annual award for patriotism similar to the Nobel prizes in science and the humanities. It will be bestowed upon a person in the United States, not necessarily a citizen, who in the judgment of a committee "shall have done the deed or spoken or written the word that will stand out as the greatest contribution of the year to the promotion of the American spirit of patriotism." The nature of the award is to be decided later.

Schools to Give Special Attention To the 'Three R's'

But They'll Be Humanized, With Every Vestige of the Hickory Stick Eliminated, Says Miss Belle Ryan. More attention will be paid to the three R's of education—reading, writing and arithmetic—in the revised course of study being prepared for the use of city schools during the coming year, according to Belle M. Ryan, assistant superintendent of schools. But they will be the three R's humanized, Miss Ryan hastens to add, with every vestige of the hickory stick taken out. "Our thought for this school year will be to get things within the comprehension of the child, and to connect them up with everyday life," she said. "We expect to stress the fundamentals." As an example of the effort in this direction, Miss Ryan pointed to the impracticability of trying to cram the principles of bank discount into the heads of sixth and seventh grade pupils. Geography and history, in the third grade, will be devoted largely to a study of the geography and history of Omaha, Miss Ryan said, something the children come into contact with every day. In later grades the geography of the state will be given prominence, with the idea of "humanizing" it. In reading, an effort will be made to induct the children by gentle degrees into an elemental knowledge of geography, history and science. School will open week after next.

Acceptance of Britain to Meet Nov. 11 Received

Lord Curzon Expresses Hope That Mutual Understanding and Friendship May Achieve Results.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Formal acceptance by the British government of the invitation to participate in the Washington conference on limitation of armament and far eastern questions was received today by Secretary Hughes. The note of acceptance was transmitted by Ambassador Harvey and was delivered to him by Lord Curzon, the British foreign minister. Lord Curzon in the note said: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the invitation, proffered to his majesty's government, of the United States to participate in a conference at Washington beginning November 11 next for the discussion of limitation of armaments and in connection therewith of the international problems presented by the Pacific and the far east. It is with sincere gratification that I have the honor on behalf of his majesty's government to request your excellency to convey to the United States government our ready acceptance of their invitation to take part in the auspicious meeting with objects which his majesty's government and the British nation are in whole-hearted sympathy. It is the earnest and confident hope of his majesty's government that this conference, approached as it will be by all concerned in a spirit of courage, friendliness and mutual understanding, may achieve far-reaching results that will be conducive to the prosperity and peace of the world."

Improvement in Condition of Woman Air Crash Victim

A slight improvement was noted by the family yesterday in the condition of Mrs. Martha Gaines Bushman, hurt in an airplane wreck two weeks ago. The young woman has been hovering between life and death for two weeks at St. Joseph hospital.

House Passes Senate Bill To Aid Farmers Who Export

Washington, Aug. 22.—With a number of amendments the senate bill, which would make \$1,000,000,000 available through the War Finance corporation for stimulating exportation of agricultural products, was passed today by the house.

Brief City News

Want Forester—A city forester to protect trees against insect infection will be asked by Park Commissioner Hummel for next year.
Farm Bureau Picnic—The Douglas County Farm Bureau will hold an all-day picnic Friday in the American Legion park at Bennington.
"Hard Boiled"—Ascribing him to be a "hard boiled" fellow, Municipal Judge Baldwin yesterday imposed a \$50 fine on Frank Hazard, special watchman for Cudahy, who blacked an eye for A. Callahan, 829 South Fifteenth street. Callahan is older than Hazard.
New Mating System—"Cupid" Musgrave, in charge of the matrimonial branch of Sheriff Clark's office, has a new mating system by matching envelopes. He matches a pink envelope with one of a non-flashing color. "That's as good as any other system," quoth he.
Aviators Drop Flowers—Airplane pilots dropped flowers upon the grave of Andrew A. Palm, late watchman at the air mail hangar, Monday, during the funeral services.
Mayor Returns—Mayor Dahlman is home from his vacation spent with his daughter in Maine.
Rents Hiked—Tenants of Ekard Court apartments, now paying \$55 month rent, will be raised to \$65 October 1, the agent notified them.
Bandits Get \$5—Four bandits took \$5 from the cash register of Tommy Poulos, restaurateur at 505 North Sixteenth street, early Monday morning.
Pugilist Seeks Man Who Took Purse and Diamonds
Glenn Riggo, pugilist, who battles under the name of Sailor Burns, wants to fight.
He wants for his opponent an unidentified man who seized a purse from his son, Glenn, 3. The purse contained a diamond stud worth \$400 and two diamond rings valued at \$200.
Reggio lives at 2124 Sherman avenue.
Federal Judge "Fell" for "Gold Brick" Schemes
Federal Judge Woodrough "fell" for a number of "gold brick" propositions in his youth, he confessed yesterday. "Therefore I know a lot about how a fellow feels when he's brought stock in a promising company," he said. Many of the cases of alleged fraudulent stock sales will be tried before him.
Foresters Reach Toronto For Annual Convention
Toronto, Ont., Aug. 22.—Fifty delegates from western and Pacific coast cities were here today for the supreme court meetings of the Independent Order of Foresters. The first session will open tomorrow morning.

Father-in-Law of Wife Killer Dies

Man Shot by Son-in-Law After Murder Succumb.

Belleville, Ill., Aug. 22.—Samuel Whitmore, 66, who was shot Saturday night by Frank Grady, his son-in-law, a few minutes after Grady had killed his wife and shortly before he committed suicide, died last night at a local hospital. Grady shot his wife, Mrs. Ella Grady, 25, while she was en route from the railroad station to her home with a neighbor man. Grady stopped the team and after requesting the neighbor to take their baby which Mrs. Grady was holding, shot her dead. Grady then went to the home of Mrs. Grady's father, rang the door bell, and when Whitmore answered the call, fired three bullets into his body. A short time later, while being pursued in the woods near Marissa by a posse, Grady turned the gun on himself, dying instantly from a bullet wound in the temple.

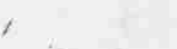
Ulsterites Deny Report of Overtures by Sinn Feiners

Belfast, Aug. 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—Reports that have been in circulation here to the effect that overtures had been made to Ulster, either by the Sinn Fein or on behalf of it, were emphatically contradicted today by Colonel Spender, secretary of the Ulster cabinet. Sir James Craig, the premier, returned to Belfast this morning from a holiday outing in Scotland.

Accession Proclamation Of King Alexander Is Read

Belgrade, Aug. 22.—A proclamation announcing the accession of King Alexander to the throne of the Serbians, Croats and Slovenes was read in the churches and public squares of this city yesterday.

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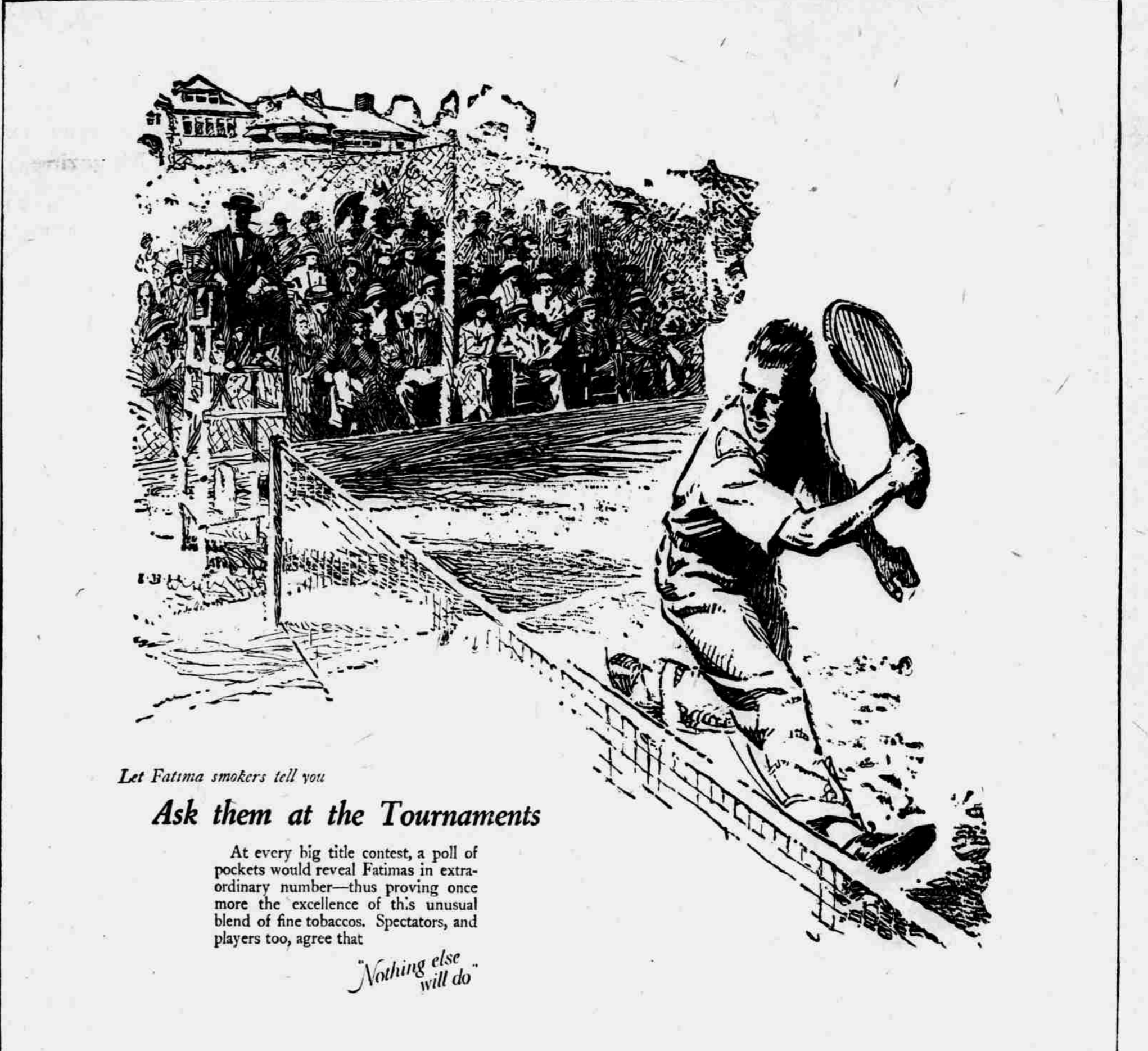


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