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HOOVER CALLS FOR PROBE OF NAVAL LOBBY

Seeks Facts Behind Quarter Million Complaint for Propaganda Work.

BUILDERS MUST EXPLAIN

Senate, Justice Department to Scrutinize Motives of All Concerned.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—The "big navy lobby" opposing President Hoover's naval reduction program today was about to be subjected to close scrutiny by two government agencies—the justice department and the senate naval affairs committee—to determine whether the motives of its members are patriotic or pecuniary.

The two investigations were urged by President Hoover and Senator Borah (Rep., Idaho). Early this week, Borah called upon the naval affairs committee to investigate the facts behind a suit filed in New York by William B. Shearer, naval expert closely associated with the big navy group, against the Newport Ship Building Company, which is building the cruiser Houston, launched today; the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the Brown-Warver Company, shipbuilders for \$250,000 he claims is due him for propaganda services.

Statement Pointed

Friday, in one of the most pointed statements which has emanated from the White House since the Roosevelt administration, Mr. Hoover called upon the three companies named in the suit for an explanation and announced he has asked the attorney-general to investigate. Chairman Hale of the senate committee previously had announced he would accept Borah's suggestion.

Although both Wilson and Coolidge had occasion to fight the lobby representatives in Washington, neither struck so directly nor so hard as Mr. Hoover.

"This propagandist," the President said, referring to Shearer, "has during the past few years organized zealous support for increased armament and has been a severe critic of all efforts of our government to obtain international agreement for the reduction of naval arms, which include activities at the Geneva conference, and opposition to the movement which I have initiated in the past three months. A part of this propaganda has been directed to create international distrust and hate."

"I can not believe that the responsible directors of these shipbuilding corporations have been a party to these transactions as represented in this lawsuit, but their statement of the case is needed. It is due the public, it is due the government and it is due the corporations themselves."

\$50,000 Part Payment

The President pointed out that Shearer claims to have received \$50,000 from these companies in payment for part of his services to the big navy cause.

"In the meantime," he continued, "I have directed the attorney-general to consider what action we can take. Unless the companies can show an entirely different situation from what which is purported in this suit, we are compelled to consider what measures can be proposed to free the country of such influences."

"Every American has a right to express his opinion and to engage in open propaganda if he wishes, but it is obviously against the public interest for those who have financial interest in or may be engaged in contracts for the construction of naval vessels secretly to attempt to influence public opinion or public officials by propaganda in favor of larger armaments and attempt to defeat the efforts of the government in world limitation of such armaments or to employ persons for such purposes."

The President added that he was making this statement to prevent any "misapprehension about my determination that our present international negotiations shall not be interfered with from such sources or through such methods."

Defends His Work

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—William B. Shearer regards his work in behalf of a "big navy" as entirely ethical and is willing to appear before a congressional investigating committee to explain his stand.

Shearer, who recently filed suit against three shipbuilding concerns for sums said to be due to him because of his advocacy for a big navy at the Geneva naval conference, refused to elaborate upon his statement, which said:

"While I don't wish to answer questions at this time, I would be glad to talk freely, answering any questions asked me by members of a congressional investigating committee. There is much that is unknown that I can tell about this case when the proper time arrives."

Hourly Temperatures

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Proposed Nobel Award to German Protested

(Today's installment in The Times of "All Quiet on the Western Front" will be found on Page 16.)

By United Press

BERLIN, Sept. 7.—The German Officers' Association, the largest body of ex-officers who had served in the German imperial army, today sent formal and vehement protest to the Nobel prize committee for proposing Erich Maria Remarque, author of "All Quiet on the Western Front," for the 1929 prize.

In their protest the former officers declared Remarque's work was an insult because of the treatment of the German side of the late World war.

"All Quiet on the Western Front," a fictional work which has become a "best seller" throughout the world, has been regarded by critics as a powerful influence toward peace because of its effective portrayal of the sufferings of a German youth in the trenches. It was published in the United States by Little, Brown & Co.

RESCUERS CHEAT QUICKSAND TRAP AFTER 48 HOURS

Races Death

The Chicago-bound Embry-Riddle air mail plane at 5:15 p.m. Friday took part in a race with death, when it picked up as passengers Mrs. J. C. Archey of Louisville, at Indianapolis.

Mrs. Archey, while in a West Virginia city, received a telegram stating her father was dying at Minneapolis. Driving all night, she reached Louisville Friday afternoon, chartered a special plane for Indianapolis and caught the mail plane for Chicago here. At Chicago she planned to take a night train to Minneapolis to reach her father's bedside.

Dr. Leo Rater gave Priest a drink of water and promptly administered an opiate, ordering him taken to St. Joseph's hospital. The physician postponed any examination of the injured man until they reached the hospital.

Priest barely was conscious as Red Emery, whom only a few weeks ago he had rescued from a similar fate, carried his limp body up through a tunnel which had been sunk beside the well shaft. The man's first request was for a drink of water. He had no food or water for forty-eight hours.

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He said, however, he feared Priest had suffered serious internal injuries during his forty-hour imprisonment. Several times during the night, Priest lapsed into semi-consciousness after crying out he was "going." After-effects from the exposure and the fall of rocks in a second cave-in, which delayed rescue Friday, also was expected, Dr. Rater said.

Air was forced down the shaft through a large pipe and Priest inhaled it through the crevices of rocks above him. Attempts to give the prisoner water and food were abandoned for fear the caving of the old well might give way.

WAR ACE IS KILLED

British Hero Loses Life in Mail Plane Crash.

By United Press

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Captain A. C. Woodbridge, British World War hero and the flier who in June, 1917, shot down the most celebrated German ace, Baron Von Richthofen, was killed at Jask, Persia, when the London-to-India plane, which he was piloting, crashed after catching fire, it was announced today.

Fisher successfully landed at the Springfield airport, and Mrs. Fisher, after extracting herself from the mud, induced a farmer to rush her to the airport to learn her husband's fate.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher left their parachute at Capitol airport to be dried out and repacked and continued to Greeencastle to visit Fisher's sister, Mrs. G. Bromley Oxman, and Dr. Oxman, president of De Pauw university.

JURY IS DEADLOCKED

Fate of Baby-Burning Mother Is at Stake.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 7.—Hours of deliberation today had not aided a jury attempting to reach a decision on the sanity of Mrs. Josephine Valenti, 19, under life sentence for the murder of her 8 months old son.

Police today were seeking two boys who abandoned their automobile when R. J. Hill, manager of the Purple bakery, 957 West New York street, Friday night caught them stealing gasoline from autos parked in the rear of the bakery. Hill turned the car over to police.

BANKER SOUGHT IN FRAUD IS TRAILED TO NEBRASKA

By United Press

TELLURIDE, Colo. Sept. 7.—While a worry-burdened financier was sought throughout the west today for questioning in connection with the attempted swindle of \$500,000 from New York banks, his two financial institutions, to which he had devoted his life's work, were closed and in the hands of bank examiners.

C. D. Waggoner, acting president of the Telluride State Bank and the Norwood State bank, whose books were turned over to examiners, was believed to be somewhere in Nebraska or Kansas today, with detectives close on his trail.

Waggoner has been sought since alleged swindlers obtained \$500,000 credit with New York banks for the Telluride bank, through fraudulent telegrams and alleged misrepresentations. The nervous banker was known to have wanted to obtain financial aid for his banks.

He was said to have been in New York last week when coded telegrams sent from Denver caused New York banks to deposit credit worth \$500,000 in favor of Waggoner.

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CLOUDY SKIES MAR CLOSING OF STATE FAIR

Auto Races on Program Unless Rain Makes Driving Hazardous.

CLUBS END CAMPING

Threatening Weather May Blast Hopes for New Attendance Mark.

Indiana's seventy-seventh annual state fair drew to a close today under frowning skies that threatened to blast hopes for new attendance records.

Big crowds today and tonight would boost the week's figures near the 1928 mark of 254,587, fair officials said.

Five automobile races this afternoon were to climax the fair program unless heavy rains made driving too hazardous. Some of the best dirt track drivers in the country were to compete for \$2,500 prizes and an extra \$1,000 offered to the driver breaking the track record for one mile.

Forty cars were entered in the eliminations this morning. The race is under supervision of the International Motor Contest Association.

Promoter H. G. Clark announced three ten-mile events, one five-mile and a final twenty-five-mile state championship race.

Camps Are Closed

The boys' and girls' camps closed and most of the members returned home.

Martha Stevenson of Monroe county and Dorothy Farbough of Huntington county each received Indiana scholarships of \$60. Marjorie Riley of Howard county was awarded the Schlosser Brothers' \$100 Purdue university scholarship, given by George J. Marrott, went to Christine Burns of Putnam county.

A \$50 scholarship, also given by Marrott was awarded Marion Kersey of Marion county, Georgia Porter of Howard county and Harriett McShirley of Henry county each won \$50 scholarships given by the Terre Haute Normal school.

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