

FORMER SECRETARY OF NAVY BLAMES DANIELS FOR LOSS OF F-4; REJOINDER QUICK AND SHARP

The controversy over the loss of the submarine F-4 appears to be growing more instead of less vigorous as the days lengthen since the F-4 disappeared beneath the waves off Honolulu harbor. Below are given some of the latest developments:

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 27.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels was asked today to comment upon an interview reporting his predecessor, George von L. Meyer, as placing the responsibility for the loss of the submarine F-4 upon the demoralization of the Department under Mr. Daniels.

"O do not intend to reply to every charge of murder that may be brought against me," he replied. "I will wait until the grand jury brings in an indictment."

The secretary incidentally disposed of Mr. Meyer's criticism that in the past 15 years the United States had spent \$500,000,000 more on its navy than has Germany, notwithstanding that the German navy has gradually forged ahead of ours.

"Money Well Spent." "I did not spend that money to which he refers," Mr. Daniels said. "What I have spent has been well spent. In comparing the cost of the American navy with that of any European country it would be well to remember that, man for man, ton for ton, our organization is today, always was and probably always will be more expensive than other navies. Labor and construction cost more in America than in Europe. Officers and men are paid more in America than in Europe."

"There are arguments for and against a naval budget. In my opinion Congress never will consent to making lump appropriations to be spent at the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy. If we have wise secretaries, the budget system might work well. If they are not wise, the system might be dangerous."

"It is a question for Congress to settle, and Congress rarely consents to delegate any of its powers to executive heads of departments." Meyer put last of F-4 Up To Daniels.

NEW YORK, April 28.—In the interview to which Secretary Daniels took exception Mr. Meyer was quoted as saying: "Shortly before the accident to the F-4 occurred Lieut.-Cmdr. Sterling appeared before the Congressional Committee and stated that practically none of the submarines was in seaworthy condition. Now, under the system which I established in the Navy Department and which Secretary Daniels has allowed to go to pieces, not one of these submarines would have stirred until my aide of inspection reported them ready to go to sea. This branch of naval administration has fallen into decay. There was no machinery for prompt and accurate report that would prove or disprove Sterling's statement. If there had been such a system, the weakness in

the F-4, which caused the disaster, would almost certainly have been disclosed."

Mr. Meyer also was reported as saying that in his term of office he had four responsible aides in charge of the four departments into which administration of the navy naturally falls, that is, the building, the operating, the manning and inspection of a battleship. These aides reported to him daily, with the result that there was a toning of morale and a wholesome competition in efficiency. Mr. Daniels, he declared, had allowed three of these four divisions to go to seed.

The three great needs of the navy, Mr. Meyer was also reported as saying, are a budget system; a National Council of Defense which would bring together the experts of the navy, the executive and legislative branches of the government; and an automatic enlistment law.

Daniels Secretive Is Gardner's Reply.

BOSTON, Mass., April 27.—Congressman A. P. Gardner today denounced what he termed "the wretched secretiveness" of Secretary of the Navy Daniels. He said that the secretary refused to answer questions put to him by telegraph yesterday.

Mr. Gardner said he had received a telegram from ex-President Taft in which the latter requested his comment on Secretary Daniels' views as presented in a letter to President Garfield of Williams College.

"My reply to Mr. Taft," he added, "will be ready in a few days."

These are the questions Mr. Gardner telegraphed to Mr. Daniels: "What is speed of dirigibles just contracted for by navy? How many men have enlisted in Navy Reserve and when did enlistments commence? How many torpedoes 21 feet long by 21 inches in diameter, have been completed? Referring to Admiral Strauss' report, page 8, has the torpedo equipment of battleships inferior to the Nevada and Oklahoma been changed?"

"To this letter," said the Congressman, "the Secretary returned the following not very frank reply: 'Am sending monthly register as requested. We are just beginning the Naval Reserve. As to other questions, no navy publishes the information you request. It is regarded as a navy secret by all the nations.' 'You will observe,' continued Mr. Gardner, 'that the Secretary evades my question about the Naval Reserve, and yet he lays a great deal of stress upon that very topic in his letter to President Garfield of Williams College.'

"The contract speed of our new dirigibles is far from being a navy secret. As a matter of fact, it has just been published in the newspapers as only 25 miles per hour. 'All I was seeking was an official confirmation of the press notice, which had evidently emanated from the Navy Department.'"

CITY TRAFFIC TO BE HANDLED THROUGH 'TRUNK ROUTES,' PLAN

Honolulu's traffic, now scattered over all the business section of the city, is to be directed into main thoroughfares soon which will relieve the congestion in some of the minor streets by providing ample improvements on the trunk lines selected by the board of supervisors. Supervisor Hollinger will introduce a resolution at the board meeting tonight calling upon the supervisors to exercise their privilege of naming the main thoroughfares.

The main artery of Honolulu will be along King street from Fort Shafter to the junction with Beretania just Waikiki of the Palama settlement, thence out Beretania to 20th avenue Waiwai. This route would be shorter than the present route which most traffic takes through the heart of the business section on King street.

Starting from Diamond Head the highway will be followed on Kalakaua avenue to Beretania. Kalakaua avenue will have to be extended across King and Young streets to meet Beretania and the main highway from Fort Shafter. The estimated cost of the new road cut through the two blocks would be slight when compared with the traffic improvement. No valuable or unmovable property stands in the way.

The other artery of the trunk system is Nuanuu street from Queen street to the end of the car line. Having once named the main thoroughfares they cannot be changed. Residents of South King street oppose the proposed shifting of the thoroughfare from King to Beretania street but as the transit company has plans afoot to double track the car line on King street it would not be wide enough for the increasing stream of Waikiki traffic.

The supervisors were empowered to name the main thoroughfares by act of legislature. The city and county will have to pay a certain percentage of the improvement cost of the thoroughfares as the property owners could not be expected to pay for entire upkeep of the city traffic channels. "When we get the question of thoroughfares off the board we will go ahead with the Manoa improvement ordinance," said Supervisor Hollinger today. "It is a question just how much the city should pay for maintenance of the thoroughfares. I favor the city but can not speak for the rest of the board."

SPECIAL SHIPPING

VESSELS TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS

(Special Wireless to Merchants' Exchange.)

Monday, May 17.
SAN FRANCISCO—Arrived, May 16, S. S. FRANCIS Handy from Hilo, May 8.
BALBOA—Arrived, May 16, S. S. Arizona from Hilo April 25.
YOKOHAMA—Sailed, May 16, S. S. Mongolla for Honolulu, one day late.
NORFOLK—Arrived, May 16, U. S. S. Nereus, hence April 18.
PORT BLAKELEY—Sailed, May 17, Sch. Blakeley for Honolulu.
MUKILTEO—Arrived, May 18, Sch. M. Turner from Kahului, April 13.
GRAYS HARBOR—Arrived, May 16, Sch. A. B. Johnson from Port Allen, Apr. 17.
HILO—Arrived, May 16, 9:30 a. m., S. S. Enterprise from San Francisco.
PORT ALLEN—Sailed, May 12, Sch. Makawell for Grays Harbor.

Disaster.

S. S. CHIYO MARU, sailing from Honolulu May 7, to arrive in Yokohama May 18; fire discovered in cotton cargo when near Yokohama; no details.

Virginian to Land Heavy Freight.

One of the largest cargoes brought from New York to the islands in months was received in the American-Hawaiian freighter Virginian this morning. Contrary to the usual procedure the steamer omitted a call at Puget Sound and steamed direct from San Francisco to Honolulu. The Virginian will land more than 2000 tons of cargo and steam about Wednesday to island ports. It will take 11,500 tons of sugar to New York by way of Panama.

With a quantity of general merchandise, the Matson Navigation steamer Enterprise arrived at Hilo yesterday afternoon. The vessel will load more than 3000 tons of sugar before departing to the Pacific coast the latter part of the week.

HAWAII'S SUGAR STUDY MAY HELP LOUISIANA CORN

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of 125 experiments were conducted, covering many estates. On some plots the most approved methods of cultivation were employed, while on other plots there was no cultivation whatever, the weeds being eliminated by surface scraping with a hoe. A general average of all these experiments showed that the plots that were simply weeded produced 95.1 per cent as much fodder and 99.108 per cent as much grain as those that were subjected to the most approved methods of cultivation.

To Be Tried in Louisiana. The arsenic spray method will be given a trial on corn land in Louisiana this year by experts of the Office of Farm Management in cooperation with local authorities, with a view to determining whether it is not available for use in that region, where climatic conditions to some extent approach those in Hawaii. At present it is not believed that the arsenic spray can be generally employed throughout the United States on corn and other lands because of the great difference in climatic and soil conditions.

In Hawaii the spray is applied to the weeds with great care, since if it touches the leaves on the cane they are immediately destroyed. When carefully applied, however, either by a hand spray or by a spray consisting of an oil barrel attached to a stone sled especially constructed for the purpose and pulled by one mule, there is no danger to the cane. Frequently it is necessary to follow the sled spray with a hand spray in order to kill the few weeds that are not reached. The results of the spraying method have been so satisfactory that experiments are being conducted with a view to improving the somewhat crude implements now in use.

IMPEACHMENT OF OKUMA'S CABINET NOW POSSIBILITY

(Special to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKIO, May 17.—Impeachment of the Okuma cabinet is embodied in a resolution drawn up by a caucus of the Seiyukai members of the new parliament which meets for extra session today. Opposing the resolution for impeachment is a resolution drawn up by the Doshikai members that the ministry be retained and supported. The split comes from the failure of the ministry to enforce the demands of Japan upon China. It is expected that the Doshikai resolution will pass as the government party controls the house.

Bond in the sum of \$25,000 today was filed in circuit court by A. J. Campbell, administrator of the estate of J. T. Campbell, deceased, with the will annexed. The bond has been approved by Judge Whitney.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Leahy Chapter, O. E. S., will hold a stated meeting tonight 7:30 o'clock.

There will be initiation in Harmony Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., in Odd Fellows' hall at 7:30 tonight.

The land board will hold a meeting at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning in the basement of the capitol.

The trial jurors in Judge Ashford's division of the circuit court have been notified to report in court at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Record on file of error in the \$1000 damage suit of Manuel Mendes against Manuel de Cova has been received in the supreme court and placed on the calendar.

An inventory and appraisal of Alfred W. Eames, deceased, was filed in circuit court today. The estate is valued at about \$111,803.75.

Under bond in the sum of \$400, Alex. Under Lindsay, Jr., today was appointed administrator of the estate of David G. Garden, deceased.

The case of James Kiona, charged with murder in the first degree, has been continued in Circuit Judge Ashford's court until May 22 at 9 o'clock in the morning for plea.

Charged with murder in the first degree, Kon Leong Chun will enter plea in Circuit Judge Ashford's court at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

It is estimated that nearly \$500,000 of the first one-half taxes were unpaid when the tax office closed Saturday afternoon and all of this will be subject to 10 per cent added penalty, increasing the revenue due to the territory by nearly \$50,000.

The F-4 benefit show given at the Opera house by the boys of the cruiser Maryland and the Alert Friday night brought in a net proceed of \$540.75, which will be turned over to the widows and orphans of the submarine's crew. It is probable that the show will be repeated.

Mrs. Annie F. Girard, daughter of John T. McCrosson, the Honolulu capitalist, was quietly divorced from Stanley I. Girard in San Francisco last month, according to word received here. Girard did not answer the summons to appear in court and Mrs. Girard was granted her petition for divorce on the grounds of extreme cruelty. Mrs. Girard has many friends in Honolulu.

The sentence of E. C. Reilly, charged with an offense having to do with opium, has been postponed in federal court until May 22.

Having entered a plea of guilty to a charge of embezzlement of postoffice funds, Henry K. Sniffen Saturday was sentenced by Federal Judge Clemons to serve one year in Oahu prison and pay a fine of \$528.44 and the costs of the case.

An inventory of the estate of Alfred T. Wakefield, deceased, was filed in circuit court today by James Wakefield, administrator. The estate is valued at about \$67,626.75.

A fine of \$50 was given Lau Chou in federal court Saturday, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of concealing and otherwise handling opium. The court ordered that one-half of the fine be paid to Captain of Detectives A. McDuffie as informer.

Federal Judge Clemons has taken under advisement a motion made Saturday for a bill of particulars filed by the defendants in the case of Joe F. Veracruz and Florence Aki, charged with a statutory offense. The court has overruled a demurrer to the indictment.

A demurrer was filed in circuit court today by W. R. Hughes to the bill for injunction brought by the Consolidated Amusement Co. against Hughes, the Variety Film Exchange and Henry Bredhoff. The demurrer alleges that the bill of complaint contains no matter of equity wherein the court can grant any relief against the defendant Hughes.

CHOOSE SHIMADA FOR SPEAKER OF NEW PARLIAMENT

(Special to Hawaii Shimpoo.)

TOKIO, May 17.—S. Shimada of the Doshikai party was elected speaker of the new parliament which opens its session today. Shimada is a strong adherent of Baron Kato, foreign minister, whom the Seiyukai members of the Diet will attempt to oust from office for his failure to enforce the Japanese demands upon China.

The Chamber of Commerce desires to announce that no special invitations were issued to members of the congressional party for the dinner at the Moana hotel tonight, the invitation being extended through the program. The invitation is not only to the congressmen but to all men of the party also.

SHIFTING OF LINES ON THE F-4 CONTINUED

Work of transferring lines from the dredge Gaylor to the lifting pontoons was continued this morning, and it is expected that this afternoon the sunken submarine F-4 will be raised sufficiently to allow another line to be placed near the stern by dragging under the bow and working it aft. The stern, according to the divers, is too low in the mud to permit of lines being dragged under it, the heavy chain and wire cable placed last week from this end of the boat being foul of the propeller, according to report.

There was no diving yesterday, and so far as known there will be none today. If all goes well the Navajo should be able to drag a fourth line from how to stern, so that the F-4 will be securely held in a sling of four chain and wire cables. It will then be possible to resume the lifting and shoreward progress that was brought to an end two weeks ago, when the cables chafed through after a spell of heavy weather. The insertion of 90 feet of heavy chain in the light of each wire, where it passes under the submarine, is guarantee against a repetition of this delay.

CADETS TO HAVE CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT THEY KNOW

Military inspection of the Kamehameha Schools for the year 1915 will be made tomorrow morning beginning at 9 o'clock with a review on the campus. Lieut.-col. B. W. Atkinson of the 2d Infantry has been designated by the secretary of war to make the inspection.

After the review in dress uniform there will be battalion and company drill, followed by inspection of the rooms in the dormitory. In the afternoon the cadets will display what they know of the war game. They will be armed with rifles and blank cartridges and go through maneuvers in the regular service uniform. The Kamehameha cadets number 158, being divided into three companies. The cadets have been under the training of 1st Lieut. Alfred J. Booth of the 2d Infantry.

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KOREAN FACING TRIAL ESCAPES; CELL UNLOCKED

POPULAR FILMS OF WAR SCENES

Yuan Ku Hee, a Korean facing several charges, including robbery and an assault with a weapon to commit murder, sometime last night escaped from the central police station. Today a posse of officers is searching the waterfront and Oriental section of the city for the man wanted for shooting a Japanese storekeeper a week ago.

The Korean is said to have been locked up alone in a cell. The police say he answered to roll call at an early hour in the evening, when the prisoners were fed before going to bed. When the early watch began duty at the station this morning they made a tally of prisoners. Ku Hee was not in the ranks. An investigation showed that his cell door was unlocked.

It is admitted that it is a comparatively easy matter for an active and able-bodied man to scale the wall that surrounds the police station compound. About all that is necessary is for the prisoner to climb to the roof of a cook house and then leap to the top of the wall. A number of buildings are conveniently located on the other side of the barrier in the rear of the interior premises. The Korean was to have received a preliminary examination at district court today.

Crack Fighter in Ventura. Eddie McGorty, crack middleweight prize fighter, was a passenger in the Ventura this morning. McGorty is bound for Australia on a ring campaign.

The Hawaiian band gave a public concert in Kapiolani Park, Waikiki yesterday afternoon.

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