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WAR INEVITABLE SAYS HOBSON

Predicts That the United States Would Be Defeated in Case This Country Met an Enemy at Present.

HE URGES MORE SHIPS

By Building Six New Men of War Each Year, We Need Not be Afraid of Any Other Nation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—War is inevitable, declared Congressman Richmond Hobson of Alabama, the hero of Santiago, in a speech on the philosophy of naval possibility of the United States.

"As things are going now, the United States will be in for defeat in the first stage of the fight. Then it will prolong the war for years at fearful cost of lives and treasure to achieve victory," he said.

His plan to avert this, is to build six battleships a year. That will make war less likely and if it does come will insure speedy victory for Uncle Sam. He said:

"Congress should authorize for not less than four first class battleships. England, Germany, France and Russia are all at present building more tonnage of battleships than the United States, and Japan is close behind. When these ships are completed, the United States will be third in naval power. Four battleships, this year is the minimum that can retain the United States in second place.

"The standing armies of the world, ready for instant war service number over 32,000,000. They are just over the oceans from American shores and these oceans are no longer a barrier, but a means of transportation. If America desires to continue to live unharmed, she must control the waters between our shores and those shores. The possession of valuable territory is the first great cause of war and the United States should prepare to hold the Panama canal zone and its helpless possessions in the Pacific."

He spoke especially of Pearl Harbor near Honolulu, calling it the pivot of the world, the most vital spot in the history of the world. Control of that harbor, means control of the Pacific. The Japanese now control the water around it and they outnumber white people 15 to 1 in the Hawaiin Islands. All the important harbors on the Pacific, he said, with adequate fortifications and garrisons are subject to seizure at any time by any nation which could dispatch an army and land below them and attack at the rear. America has no army to prevent such an attack. To remove this danger would require a permanent naval strength, at least equal to Japan. Trade competition he gave as another cause of war and said a great navy was necessary to assure American producers fair play in the markets of the world. Race hatred was given as another cause of war. He spoke of the Japanese question on the Pacific coast and said that "being defenseless in the Pacific ocean we cannot discuss the question with Japan. Japan has practically compelled us to surrender the right of local self government. No self respecting nation could be expected permanently to live under such a surrender of its institutions."

The minimum basis of the naval strength of this country, he said, must be a navy equalled to the combined navies of Germany and Japan. The true policy should be the United States 20 per cent above these combined navies. The navy should be strong enough to win, he declared. All modern wars have been won by the nations with superior equipments and we should place ourselves on the safe side by adding six new dreadnaughts to its navy each year.

ANOTHER FERRY MAY BE LOST

Asthtabula Has Been Stranded Since Sunday and Is In Need Of Help.

PORT BURWELL, Ont., Dec. 14.—The car ferry Ashtabula is in immediate danger of breaking to pieces on the shoals off Port Burwell, where she has been stranded since Sunday, defying the efforts of tugs to release her. The crew was in the rigging shortly before noon today making signals of distress. A high wind is blowing and waves are washing over the ship. It is impossible to get boats from shore to aid her. The life saving crew from Port Stanley, with life boats is being rushed here on a special train.

WAS KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

Prominent Citizen of St. Louis Was Struck by a Machine and Injured so That Death Was the Result.

THEODORE R. BALLARD

Died Twenty Minutes After the Accident and Boy Who Operated the Car, Has Been Arrested for Death.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—Theodore R. Ballard, former president of the Merchants' Exchange, former member of the police board and one of the most prominent democrats in St. Louis was fatally injured by an automobile at Spring avenue and Washington boulevard about 6 p. m. and died twenty minutes afterward. George Gebhart, 18 years old, employed as a demonstrator by the C. F. and J. R. Brown Automobile Company, 5143 Delmar boulevard, was arrested at the company's garage about an hour after the accident, and is being held at the Manchester Avenue station pending an investigation of the fatality.

Gebhart stood at the foot of the bed on which Mr. Ballard lay dying, after having brought him to his home, 3830 Delmar boulevard, in the same touring car which ran him down, and as the physicians pronounced the victim dead, Gebhart collapsed in a chair, buried his face in his hands, and burst into tears. "What will my mother think," he repeated, several times.

Later Thomas L. Anderson, city attorney, son-in-law of Mr. Ballard, led the youth downstairs, and obtained from him a signed statement in which he fixed thirty miles an hour as the speed at which he was driving the car when the accident happened. He was then allowed to go, only to be arrested later at the garage by Sergt. Haley and Policemen Niner and Yewell of the Manchester avenue station.

WANT TO MARRY CARRIE NATION

She Declined Two Proposals While In Jail for Smashing at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Carrie Nation of Kansas has received two genuine offers of marriage since she charged at the bar at the Union Station last week and bathed the expensive terminal in red rum. The first porposal reached Carrie when she was in the Workhouse, following her Union Station activities, and was from a boatswain in the navy. She declined, one of the reasons being that her suitor, a boatswain in the navy, frankly told her he was tired of work and wanted somebody to support him. Her second offer came from John Slatter, a Virginia farmer.

"I'll marry you if you'll have me," said John. "I like your git up and git. You could help me handle the place all right."

Again Mrs. Nation declined, remarking that she would rather let loose the prisoned devilment of bottled in bond with her faithful hatchet than get up of mornings to tease the lacteal fluid from a reluctant cow.

BLERIOT FELL TWENTY FEET

Attempt to Show the Turks How to Fly, Ended in Rather a Disastrous Manner.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 14.—Bleriot, the French aviator who crossed the English channel in an aeroplane, attempted to make a flight here, but the attempt ended in a disaster. The weather was boisterous.

An immense gathering of people invaded the flying ground and this increased Bleriot's difficulties. Nevertheless, he rose well and had reached a height of 60 feet when a squall caught him as he was turning, and after a desperate struggle on Bleriot's part the monoplane was driven against the roof of a house. The machine and Bleirot fell about 20 feet. He was severely bruised and shaken and one of his wrists was sprained.

It is feared that he was hurt internally. He was escorted to the French hospital by a detachment of cavalry and a sympathetic crowd. The aeroplane was much damaged. Mme. Bleirot is with him.

Zelaya Transfers Property.

PANAMA, Dec. 14.—Steamship passengers who have arrived here from Nicaragua report that Zelaya has transferred all his property to foreigners.

MANY PASSENGERS WERE INJURED

Twenty-four People on Rock Island Train Received a Jolt and Were Hurt When Accident Occurred.

NOT A ONE WAS KILLED

Theatre Company on Board the Train Was Demoralized by the Injuries Received in the Shakeup.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 14.—Twenty-four were injured and several others bruised when the smoking car in a passenger train, No. 43, the Rock Island, west-bound, due in Little Rock at 4: 10 o'clock turned over between the Dixie oil mills and Creosote plant, east of Argenta. The chair car and sleeper behind the smoker left the track, but did not turn over. The passengers in these cars were only shaken and bruised. The injured:

J. Lehman, Paragould, back bruised.

D. C. Lee, Hot Springs; shoulder dislocated.

W. B. Meatt, Paragould; hip bruised.

Chas. Ostman; knee injured.

S. F. Pinkey actor; back broken and leg hurt.

Mrs. C. G. Rogers, Little Rock; injured internally.

Billie Renard, actor; back and stomach injured.

Dr. A. B. Rivers, Helena; head and hand cut.

Pat Simon, Argenta; head cut.

N. P. Serelton, Little Rock; face cut.

J. H. Stewart, actor; leg and arm bruised.

George Vann, actor; legs and stomach injured.

Mrs. George Vann, actress; injured internally.

Wrixon Monataba; hand cut.

L. A. Bolliet, actor; back injured.

Mrs. Carrie Butler; shoulders bruised.

O. K. Bradford, Devall's Bluffs; seriously injured internally.

Grace Begood, actress; back injured.

George Isenburg, train butcher; arms and head hurt.

F. F. Green, Colgate, Ok.; hand cut.

J. C. Jarrett, Paragould; knee injured.

Miss Lillian Warren, Tinson, Ala.; hurt.

Joe Young, actor; stomach injured.

W. F. Landrum; shoulder fractured.

The actors and actresses injured were en route to this city to open an engagement last night.

PHILIPPINE HERO GOES TO PRISON

Confessed to Stealing Money From the Mess Fund of West Point Cadets and is Sentenced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Captain Thomas Franklin, twice commended by Generals Chaffee and Otis for distinguished service in China and at Manila, pleaded guilty to a long series of petty embezzlements from the mess fund of the West Point cadets as commissary and treasurer of the military academy, and was sentenced by Federal Judge Hand to two years and six onths in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

Franklin had charge of the cadet's pay checks, which he deposited with the sub-treasury here and drew against for mess supplies. His defalcations amounted to $5,650, mostly represented by false vouchers.

IT PAID HIM TO BE SAVED

Cherry Miner Has Signed a Vandeville Contract for $500 For Each Week.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. Dec., 14.—William H. McClelland, one of the twenty men taken alive from the Cherry mine and the man whose singing of "Abide With Me" kept his comrades' spirits up during the tortures of their long imprisonment, is going into vaudeville. He affixed his signature to a cotract with a St. Louis theatrical firm calling for his appearance with his wife and two children for an indefinite engagement at a salary said to be $500 a week, in the new dime museum.

Wealthy Widow.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 14.—Mrs Mary Hanna, the third richest woman in Cincinnati, died at her home here As the widow of Henry Hanna, she was left a fortune of $7,000,000. Mrs Hanna was 91 years old. One daughter inherits the estate.

LIMITED TRAIN HAS A WRECK

At Least Four People Were Killed But Company Says That There Were Not Sixty Who Were Injured.

A REAR END COLISSION

Early Morning Wreck on the Lake Shore Railway When Two Twentieth Century Limited Train Met.

ERIE, Dec. 14.—The Twentieth Century Limited train, en route from Chicago to New York, collided with the rear end of passenger train No. 10 on the Lake Shore railroad at Northeast, Pa., sixteen miles east of here shortly after midnight. Six bodies were soon taken from the wreck and it was believed that many more were dead. A relief train went to the scene loaded with nurses and doctors.

The Twentieth Century Limited passed Erie running faster than schedule time. Train No. 10 was scheduled to take the siding at Northeast. The engine of the Twentieth Century reared and turned over upon the coaches. Two cars from St. Louis were ahead and most of the dead are reported to be in them and in the two rear cars of No. 10, which carried passengers from Cleveland and Chicago.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 14.—A statement made from the general offices of the Lake Shore this morning says: "Nobody was hurt on the Twentieth Century. The stories that sixty were hurt are false. We know four were killed, nine injured seriously and a few more or less badly hurt. The injured were taken to hospitals in Buffalo and Erie. All the killed and injured were on No. 10."

SAW ACCIDENT IN HER DREAM

Sister of One of the Men Drowned in Lake, Had a Vision of the Accident.

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 14.—Five of the nine bodies picked up by the Commodore Perry, the first of the thirty-eight men who lost their lives when the car ferry Bessemer and Marquette No. 1 foundered on the angry billows of Lake Erie, to be found, were sent to their homes.

The Commodore Perry, which did such heroic work in bringing the bodies Sunday afternoon, lay in her slip all day with steam up, but the gale that blew over the entire lake region was of such a nature that to venture upon the waters of the lake would have been suicidal. The wind subsided last night.

According to a story related here, Sarah Clancy, a sister of one of the missing men, saw the car ferry sink while dreaming Tuesday night, and since that time she has insisted that her brother is dead and all with him were lost.

HELD MEMORIAL FOR THE GIRL

Special Services For Poor Unfortunate Annie Pelley, the Shop Girl Who Was Murdered.

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 14.—Memorial services were held in Safford Hall Sunday afternoon for Miss Annie Pelley, the shop girl who was recently slain here, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

The special grand jury, which spent the past week investigating the connection of the negro, Alexander, with the murder of Miss Pelley, will reconvene in the morning. It will also go into the probing of police graft and official affairs of Cairo and Alexandria county. It is expected that the inquiry will not be completed during the coming week, and the grand jury will take a recess until after the holidays.

TWO NEWSPAPERS WERE BURNED OUT

Also the Grand Opera House in an Early Morning Blaze Over at Peoria.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 14.—The Grand Opera House building, including the plant of the Journal and the Peoria Democrat, were destroyed by fire early this morning. The losses are more than $200,000. The theatre was uninsured. The Journal's losses are covered. The First National bank owned the building.

Thirty prisoners in the county jail, across the alley, were removed until the blaze was controlled.

BATTLE EXPECTED IN NICARAGUA

Estrada and Zelaya Forces are Close Together Near Rama and are Thought to be About Ready to Clash.

ESTRADA WILL STRIKE

He Has a Small Gun Boat and is Planning to Take the Agressive in the Matter At Once.

BLUEFIELDS, via wireless to Colon, Dec. 14.—A battle between government and revolutionary forces at Recero, twelve miles from Rama and at the head of navigation of the Mico river, is momentarily expected.

Tired of awaiting an attack from Zelaya's troops, Estrada has taken the initiative and with the strongest possible army possible to muster at this time, is preparing to strike what is hoped to prove a decisive blow. Gen. Vasquez is at the head of the government troops at Recero, while Gen. Chamoro with the troops which have been beseiging Gen. Toledo at Greytown, is the chief support of Estrada.

Estrada has a light gun boat, the Blanket, equipped with a Hotchkiss and several rapid fire guns. Gen. Lema is encamped at Guadeloupe, on the Rama river and circles the rear of Vasquez's army. Estrada plans for Gens. Formos Diaz, Chermoro, Matudy and Pacheo to attack Vasquez at the front and flank while Lema strikes from the rear.

This determination to strike, results from urgent appeals from sympathizers and advisors to engage Zelaya in battle. One of these appeals came from Dr. Salvador Castrillo, the provisional government agent at Washington. There is good authority for the statement that the recent peace conference was proposed by Zelaya for the purpose of assassinating Estrada. The watchfulness of Estrada's emissaries, who were advised of the plot, prevented it. The commissary department at Rama is preparing to move to support the revolutionary army in the expected battle.

Morales Is Busy.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—Private dispatches from Panama apparently authentic, declare that Gen. Morales has declared in favor of provisional president Estrada of Nicaragua, asserting that the yoke of Zelaya is that of a tyrant and no longer to be borne.

With all his forces he has marched against Rivas. He has already captured Sunpoa and another small place near the Costa Rican border.

Hurrah for the U. S.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—A cable from Greytown, apparently authenic, says Managua, the capital, is in the hands of a mob today. The streets are thronged by people giving unchecked vent to their enthusiasm for the cause of Estrada. Men, women and children are parading the streets cheering for "Liberty, Estrada and the United States."

Wildest excitement prevails and it is rumored that Zelaya is on the point of abdication and fight.

Private dispatches say mobs are marching and shouting "Hurrah for Estrada and Taft." It is believed the palace will be stormed if Zelaya does not resign.

Zelaya's Offer Refused.

BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 14.—Zelaya's offer to resign and withdraw from the country, is that the government should accept Jose Madriz as president, and has been flatly refused by Estrada who says he would be no improvement over Zelaya. Mexico's support of Madriz is explained on the theory that the complete overthrow of Zelaya would probably mean the rise of a revolutionary movement in Guatemala, similar to the Nicaraguan movement, which might seriously involve Mexico.

Madriz would be satisfactory to the United States. He is a henchman of Zelaya, who, while a Nicaraguan judge in the Central American court of justice, refused to sign one of the court's decrees which was adverse to Nicaragua.

Our Ships Arrived.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The navy department was today advised of the arrival at Corinto of the Yorktown and Albany.

Forces are Strong.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A special

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SEVEN KILLED DURING BLAZE

Tenament House Was a Fire Trap and Several Lives Were Lost When the Building Became Mass of Flames.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN

Emergency Door Was Nailed Tight and Woman and Her Family Perished While Trying to Get Away.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—Seven persons were killed and three are dying, while twelve others were injured in a fire which destroyed a four story tenement house early today.

The dead:

MRS. JOHN HENDERSON, aged forty.

NORA, sixteen; RUTH, nine; JAMES five, her children.

THOMAS WILSON, aged three.

WM. BUCKNER, aged thirty.

WM. GROUTT.

The fatally injured are Mrs. Edna Tiel, Mrs. Laura Wilson, unknown girl.

The building was a death trap. The only fire escape was rendered useless by the flames. The emergency doors were nailed shut. When firemen chopped them down, they found the passage way blocked with charred bodies. In Mrs. Henderson's arms were her baby boy and her other children close behind her, all burned to a crisp.

Wilson was killed after he was rescued, when his mother jumped upon him from the third floor and crushed out his life.

The fire was caused by a lamp being overturned during a brawl between a couple on the second floor. Groutt is reported to have been the man who started the quarred.

LOVERS QUARREL AND SUICIDE

Girl Shot Herself in the Breast as Her Lover Was Driving Away.

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 14.—Standing on the porch of her home and looking after her sweetheart, who was driving away, Eletha Edwards, 19 years old, shot herself in the breast, she is dying.

The girl had gone riding with Fred Bath, to whom, it is said, she was engaged to be married. They quarreled, and he drove back to her home. Miss Edwards asked Bath to wait a few minuthe, but when she returned to the door he was driving off. She had brought a revolver drown from her room, and with it she shot herself.

DEEP WATERWAY PROJECT BALKED

Water Power Grab Has its Effect Upon the Legislators of Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 14.—That deep waterway legislation will have an uphill course was indicated as the legislators gathered for the special session. Deneen's policy of going ahead in advance of the federal cooperation will be pursued vigorously.

The so-called water power grab on the Des Plaines river is the stumbling block. Thus far the giving away of the site by the state for a pittance, though its value, with water power, is computed in millions, has been sustained in the courts. An appeal to the United States supreme court is pending.

KING LEOPOLD HAD OPERATION

It is Now Said that He Has a Bare Chance of Recovering From the Same.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 14.—An official bulletin issued at 11 o'clock this morning says that King Leopold was successfully operated on by Drs. Thiriard, Steinon and Delage.

The operation was performed at ' o'clock this morning. The physicians say the king has a bare chance of recovery. They base their hope on the fact that no tumor was found in the intestines, the operation being for a simple intestinal obstruction.

Valdivia Fire Swept.

SANTIAGO, Chili, Dec. 14.—A disastrous fire occurred in the city of Valdivia. Eighteen blocks of buildings were destroyed and thousands rendered homeless. The loss is estimated at about $2,500,000.

TAFT SHOPPING IN METROPOLIS

The President and His Wife Visited a Jewelry Store in the Rain Last Evening and Bought Some Gifts.

SPOKE IN THE BOWERY

Made an Address at the Bowery Mission and Witnessed the Bread Line During his Stay in New Work.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The president and Mrs. Taft went shopping in the rain in Fifth avenue yesterday afternoon. At night the president spoke in Carnegie hall at the diamond jubilee of the Methodist Missions in Africa. Following this address the president drove in a blinding rainstorm at a late hour to the Bowery. After he had spoken at the Bowery Mission to a typical Bowery crowd he inspected the "bread line" and saw how hundreds of the unemployed are nightly given food.

President Taft and wife arrived from Washington shortly before 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and, entering automobiles at the Jersey City station, came to New York by way of the Twenty-third street ferry. Mrs. Taft was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Thomas K. Laughlin of Pittsburg.

John Hays Hammond came with the president as far as Jersey City, but took his leave when the shopping expedition got under way.

This incursion into the Fifth avenue shop was decided upon the train. It was thought for a time that the rain might interfere with the plan, but neither the president nor Mrs. Taft would listen to a postponement. So, direct from the ferry house, they drove through the pelting rain to a jewelry establishment on the upper avenue. A police automobile preceded the president's car and a secret service machine followed.

HEAVY STORM IN NEW YORK

Nearly All Wires Were Down and Street Traffic Was Badly Demoralized.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A heavy easterly gale, driving snow, sleet, rain and fog before it, seriously impeded harbor tarffic here, stalled many draft teams, seriously delayed surface transit lines and almost paralyzed communication by wire with other cities.

At 6 o'clock last night but one wire was open into Washington. Chicago and Pitsburg could be reached only intermittently and Buffalo, Rochester and other cities of Northern and Western New York received their dispatches only by frequent relays.

Word come here from Cape May, N. J., that Capt. Martin Cooper had been drowned there in the foundering of a stone barge. One man, his only companion, was rescued. Live-saving guards are patrolling all the coast, on the watch for possible wrecks.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and Vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Slightly colder tonight.

For Illinois: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Slightly colder tonight extreme north portion.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Slightly colder tonight south and east portions.

Weather Conditions.

With the storm center moving from the Ohio Valley to New England there has been heavy rain, or snow in the Lower Lake Region and Northeastern states, with rising temperature, and lighter precipitation over the western lakes, Ohio and Upper Mississippi Valleys, and light snow thence westward to the Rockies.

A field of high pressure in Montana is causing somewhat cooler weather from the Rockies to the Mississippi Valley, and its advance will cause generally fair, colder weather in this section tonight and Wednesday, with the minimum temperature about twenty degrees above zero tonight.

Local Observations.

Date	Bar.	Ther.	Wind	Wt'hr.
13 7 p. m. ...	29.75	28	SW	Cl'dy
14 7 a. m. ...	29.90	25	SW	Snow

River above low water of 1864 4 feet, 5 tenths.

Change in 24 hours, fall, 7 tenths.

Mean temperature, 13th, 28; maximum temperature, 30; minimum temperature, 26.

FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer