

NAVY'S SUPPLY OF TORPEDOES DEFENDED BY MR. SECRETARY

HE ISSUES STATEMENT INTENDED TO CLEAR UP MISUNDERSTANDING CREATED BY RECENT SPEECH OF REP. GARDNER ON NAVY

Washington, Dec. 3.—What officials regard as a popular exaggeration of admitted defects in the American navy's torpedo equipment was the subject of a statement issued tonight by Secretary Daniels, embodying a special report from Rear Admiral Strauss, chief of the bureau of ordnance.

Specifically, the statement was prepared to prove misleading a declaration that "of long range torpedoes there are only 58 in the navy," quoted from a speech by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, who is urging the administration to support his resolution for an investigation of the nation's naval preparedness.

Not Needed

While the recent discussion of the subject has dealt only with the equipment of battleships and cruisers, Admiral Strauss took occasion to point out that long-range torpedoes are neither required or desired for submarines. He recalled that the British armored cruisers Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue were torpedoed and destroyed by a German submarine at a range of 500 yards.

"This statement standing by itself is calculated to leave a false impression," said Mr. Daniels. "In view of repeated statements that the navy has only 58 long range torpedoes, the chief of the bureau of ordnance has been asked to furnish a statement concerning the torpedo situation and has complied as follows:

Not Yet in Use

"The 58 long range torpedoes so often referred to as the only ones the navy possesses are of the 21-inch, 21-foot type and there is no ship in the United States navy yet in commission that is being prepared to take them. They were manufactured for new construction beginning with the Nevada and the Oklahoma and these two ships will go into commission about the end of next year. Their long range is obtained by an increase in length over existing types and no ship prior to the Nevada and Oklahoma is constructed for torpedoes of this length. So far as the bureau of ordnance can ascertain, these torpedoes have as high a range, or higher, than any torpedoes manufactured abroad."

Type in Use

"Beginning with the Virginia class, which went into commission principally in 1906 and up to and including the Texas, which went into commission this year, all the battleships are provided with 21-inch, 17-foot tubes. Within the last two years it was found possible to so improve the 21-inch, 17-inch torpedo as to practically double its range and steps were taken at once to construct new torpedoes having the increased range. We already have a sufficient number of these longer range torpedoes to outfit the eight most recent dreadnaughts in

commission and that is the equipment they will have on board.

Others Being Made

"In addition to the above there are being manufactured at the government works at Newport and the Bilas works at Brooklyn a sufficient number to provide all of the battleships of the United States navy beginning with the Virginia class, with the long range torpedo. The Ohio class, which was first commissioned about 1904, is fitted with 18-inch tubes and torpedoes of the highest range cannot be substituted for the equipment now furnished without serious alterations.

"All of the armored cruisers except four and all of the older destroyers are provided with 18-inch tubes.

All Up to Date

"All of the cruisers and all of the destroyers subsequent to destroyer No. 28 are provided with torpedoes that are up to date in range and speed one year ago. Since that time a scheme has been developed for increasing the range of the 18-inch torpedo and there are now in process of construction 18-inch torpedoes of the newer type which will outfit all destroyers from No. 28 with the long-range weapon.

"Long range torpedoes are neither required nor desired for submarines. Submarine warfare is of such character as to make it advisable to use short range, high speed, torpedoes and that is the class that submarines are being furnished with. The Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue were torpedoed recently, it will be recalled, at a range of 500 yards."

SAY COBB COPPED TREMENDOUS SUM

Boston, Dec. 3.—William Cobb, who resigned today from the presidency of the Collateral Loan company, known as the largest pawnshop in the country, was arrested tonight, accused of stealing from the funds. Thefts of \$86,000 are charged against Mr. Cobb. The actual losses of the company, however, are greater. Accountants have discovered larcenies of \$28,000 additional, which are regarded as distinct from those charged against Mr. Cobb.

ARIZONA LAW PROTESTED

Washington, Dec. 3.—A protest from the British consul at Bisbee, Arizona, to the embassy here against the Arizona "80 per cent alien labor law," was transmitted to the state department today by the British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice.

GREAT SUM ASKED IN DAMAGE ACTION

Butte, Dec. 3.—Fifty thousand dollars damages are asked for alleged misrepresentation in a suit filed today in the United States court by Walter P. Weeks, E. J. Weeks, Ed. C. W. Weeks, John Hatelinson and H. Schloss against William J. Tiedt, R. G. Ostergren, F. J. White and M. L. Dean, state horticulturist.

DAVID LAMAR SENT TO PENITENTIARY FOR TWO YEARS

New York, Dec. 3.—David Lamar was today found guilty of impersonating Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania for the purpose of defrauding J. P. Morgan & Co. and the United States Steel corporation. He was immediately sentenced to serve two years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

POSTMISTRESS SAYS SHE FILCHED COIN

Portland, Ore., Dec. 3.—Mrs. Molly Irwin, formerly postmistress at Austin, Ore., pleaded guilty in the United States district court heretoday to a charge of having embezzled \$1,650 of

Bitler Root valley, Dean, they assert, claimed that of the whole tract only about 80 acres was unfit for fruit growing, whereas the plaintiffs aver more than 100 acres is unfit for the purpose of fruit growing. The tract of land, known as the "Tiedt-Ostergren" ranch, was purchased September 20, 1911, for \$105,000, the greater part of which has been paid. E. J. Weeks secured an option on the ranch and he interested the other plaintiffs in the deal, forming a co-partnership, relying, it is alleged, on the expert statement made by State Horticulturist Dean as to the value of the land. Attorneys Rickford and Murphy of Missoula and Murray of Butte represent the plaintiffs.

BELGIAN REFUGEES TO GO TO ENGLAND

The Hague, via London, Dec. 3.—A dispatch from Oldenzaal, Holland, says Belgian refugees who are not liable to service in the Belgian army will be sent to England free of charge, the British government having undertaken to care for them to alleviate the burden imposed on several Dutch provinces, where an excessive number of refugees have collected.

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government funds. Mrs. Irwin was arrested May 12 last. For two months she mows in jail here, but finally obtained her liberty under bond. She persisted in her claim of innocence until today.

LATE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS—NUFF SAID!



HABEAS CORPUS' SUSPENSION BEHIND COLORADO'S TROUBLES

FORMER SENATOR PATTERSON TELLS INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION WHY STRIKE IN COAL FIELDS ENDED IN CIVIL WAR

Denver, Dec. 3.—Former United States Senator Thomas M. Patterson, testifying before the federal commission on industrial relations today, said that after Governor Ammons had called out the militia in the Colorado coal strike, the governor changed his call from one to protect all property and afford protection to men at work and protect strikers who wished to return to work, to one directing that they be used to protect strikebreakers and directed that they operate under the Moyer decision, famous as the authorization under which Adjutant General Bell controlled the state in 1904, in the strike of the Western Federation of Miners. In effect, the authorization suspended the right of habeas corpus and made Adjutant General Chase the judicial and military arbiter of the strike districts.

Power Usually Abused

"That decision has done more to demonstrate society where these industrial disputes arise than any other agency," declared Mr. Patterson. "I think where you put the lives of a community at the will of a mere soldier and suspend the operations of the courts, that the soldier is more than human if he does not abuse it. I think it is a grave mistake for any governor to abdicate his power as a commander-in-chief to a military officer."

He detailed that after the order to the militia had been chucked and the troops were engaged in taking strikebreakers into the mines, arrests were

made without court proceedings and persons were arrested, among them "Mother" Jones, and held incommunicado, on suspicion.

The good feeling with which the strikers had received the militia at the time of their arrival vanished under the change in the order.

"Gunmen" in Militia

"Some authority" he said, "ordered the enlistment of 'gunmen,' mine guards and men under obligations to the operators in the militia, men who had absolutely no right in the militia of any state."

"About this time, Governor Ammons went east and violence began at Ludlow. "Of that violence, I know nothing. I do not believe that the entire tent city was destroyed accidentally by fire. Twelve children and some women were burned—I mean suffocated. They were in a pit—for protection. But I cannot believe any militiaman was aware of the presence of those children in that pit. I want to exonerate absolutely the militia and the employees of the company who filled up the two batteries engaged in the incident from any knowledge of that fact."

State Horrified

"Denver and all Colorado was horrified by the tragedy. That afternoon I was called to the headquarters of the state federation of labor. I found at the headquarters representatives of the unions of Denver, making speeches that showed a frenzied state of mind. "At the chamber of commerce, I found those sodas members equally excited—but upon the other side. It was a clear exhibition of class differences."

Favors Compensation Act

Workmen's compensation, Mr. Patterson believed to be an economy besides an act of justice. He declared that in conferences the operators had spoken in contempt of their employes as lawless, easily led, ignorant, unable to speak English. Yet, he maintained the operators had preferred to get non-English speaking people into their mines, to maintain the possible co-operation of the men.

A Ray of Hope

A ray of hope for possible peace in the Colorado coal industry appeared today in the announcement of Prof. John R. Commons of the federal industrial relations commission, that he had explained informally to Colorado operators and union officials separately the working of the Wisconsin industrial relations act. This action followed the declaration of Governor-elect George A. Carlson, before the commission yesterday, that he would urge enactment by the state legislature of a law providing for a commission and an advisory board to handle all differences between capital and labor and to attend to the safety and sanitary conditions of employment, workmen's compensation and compulsory arbitration. Governor-elect Carlson investigated the working of the Wisconsin plan, when attending the recent conference of governors at Madison.

BANK OF STOCKETT LOOTED BY ROBBERS

Great Falls, Dec. 3.—The State Bank of Stockett was robbed early today of about \$5,000 by burglars, who compelled the caretaker to stand by and watch them dynamite the safe. The robbers escaped to Great Falls on a handcar, taking the watchman with them.

WHAT REPUBLICANS SPENT IN CAMPAIGN

Washington, Dec. 3.—The republican national congressional committee has only \$17 in cash on hand, after receiving \$36,218 in contributions and expending \$36,201 on the recent congressional campaign. The committee, in filing its report at the capital to-

day, announced that the contributions in amounts of less than \$100 each aggregated only \$5,538 and that the expense were of a routine character, for traveling expenses, headquarters bills, etc.

CHICAGO CHURCHMAN IS HELD AS FORGER

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Charged with forging the bond on which Carleton Hudson Betts has been held in New York, 20 years ago, and accused of forgery, Carleton Hudson, a wealthy attorney, and for many years an active member of the Moody church, was arrested here today at the request of the New York police. The arrest was made on complaint of Dr. Charles Sanders, whose uncle, Joshua Sanders, was on Betts' bond in 1894. Hudson made no statement.

CLUB WOMEN HALT DANCING IN CAFES

WHAT IS HAS COST UNCLE JOE CANNON

Washington, Dec. 3.—Representative-elect Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, former speaker of the house, spent \$3,274 in his primary and election campaigns this year, according to his report of campaign expenditures filed today.

A VITAL BATTLE HAS DEVELOPED ON EAST FRONT

WAR'S INTEREST DEVOTED NOW TO RUSSO-GERMAN LINES. LULL IN THE WEST

London, Dec. 3.—With the lull in the battle in the west, which has assumed the proportions of a heavy cannonade at widely separated points, with only occasional infantry attacks interest is almost entirely centered in the struggle between the Russian and German hosts in the east.

At last the Russians have approached within firing distance of Cracow, their steady advance from Przemyel having proceeded without any real check. They were reported to be mounting heavy batteries around the town of Wieliczka, which they occupied yesterday, and from which the outer forts of Cracow can be reached. Important as this is—for the fall of Cracow would lay open the roads to Vienna, Breslau and Berlin—the main interest in the east continues to rest with the operations on the irregular front from Czenstochowa, through Lodz and Lowicz to the east Prussian border. Official pronouncements as to the progress here are guarded and indefinite and it is thus difficult to arrive at a conclusion with regard to the course of events.

New Battle Opened.

It is apparent, however, that a new battle has developed to the southwest of Lodz, where the Germans have formed a new line with fresh forces brought from Malines, and are again trying to penetrate the Russian center. The Russians, too, have had time to straighten out their line and in the eyes of the allies, another battle following so closely that just concluded in this region, must help them in the long run, for it is argued, win or lose, the Germans must be further weakened and in addition will soon have to turn their attention to the Russian of-

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CLAIRVOYANT RING CHIEF EXPOSES GRAFT IN CHICAGO POLICE CIRCLES

HE PAID PROTECTORS OF PUBLIC LARGE SUMS MONTHLY AND IN EXCHANGE, THEY ALWAYS SAW THAT HE ESCAPED PROSECUTION

Chicago, Dec. 3.—In spite of the \$400 monthly payment for police protection, Frank Ryan, alleged head of a "clairvoyant ring" that operated in Chicago until recently, received from

\$3,000 to \$6,000 a month as his share of the awinding operations, he told Maclay Hoyle, state's attorney, in a written confession made public tonight.

In addition to the regular monthly police payments, Ryan said he paid an average of \$25 to \$100 weekly to help buy flowers for some patrolman who had lost a member of his family. He also said it took a neat sum to entertain properly the out-of-town policemen, who frequently came with warrants for members of the clairvoyants.

Ryan was captured in Detroit a few weeks ago. He is very ill of tuberculosis and his confession was made, Hoyle said, on the promise that it would keep him from dying in the penitentiary. It was partly on the strength of Ryan's confession, according to the state's attorney, that Hoyle offered Captain Halpin, former chief of detectives, and a score of his men a chance to resign.

Ryan paid his protection money, he said, through Barney Bertsche, a ward politician, recently shot in a downtown revolver fight with two detectives.

"I can't kick on the police not giving me the protection I paid for though," says Ryan. "During the year and a half, I was in business I never had to go to a police station. Whenever there was a complaint against me, the police always telephoned they were coming over with the complaint and I would take the afternoon off. A partner would be shown and of course, the complainant could not identify him."

CONGRESSMEN PAY THEIR INCOME TAX

Washington, Dec. 3.—The income tax law caused the deduction of a total of \$16,000 from the salaries of representatives in congress for the current year. The deductions were made today in the checks issued by Sergeant-at-arms Gordon to the personnel of the house and the money will be turned back to the treasury.

VILLA'S IN CAPITAL WITH PRESIDENT GUTIERREZ

Washington, Dec. 3.—Provisional President Gutierrez and General Villa are in Mexico City and several of their military chiefs have gone to Cuernavaca to discuss with General Zapata and his officers the distribution of forces in the capital and its vicinity.

TWO CHIEFS NOW IN CONTROL OF MEXICO CITY—RAILWAY TO THE EAST IS INTACT

While the Mexican railway east from Mexico City has suffered some damage at the hands of the Carranzistas, official dispatches say the British-owned railway was left intact and has been restored to the company's management.

PATRICK J. GILROY IS MISSING, SAID IS SUICIDE

Polson, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Telltale tracks leading through the snow from a rocky point down to the edge of the Flathead river, at the head of the rapids, a short distance below here, tracks which did not return, seem to explain the mysterious disappearance of Patrick J. Gilroy, formerly clerk and recorder of Silver Bow county, but who has been living on his homestead in the Flathead valley since 1910. On the rocks mentioned were found Gilroy's hat, a notebook with his name

FORMER SILVER BOW OFFICIAL IS THOUGHT TO LIE AT BOTTOM OF RIVER

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WOMEN WILL DISCARD TIGHT SKIRTS SOON

Toledo, O., Dec. 3.—Women are not going to wear tight skirts any more. Such is fashion's decree for next spring and summer. The makers of American styles for women have decided upon that one point and are going to confirm their decision at the twenty-fifth semi-annual convention of the National Cloak, Suit and Ekirt Manufacturers' association, which will open here tomorrow. Statements made tonight are that milady will wear a tailor-made skirt with plenty of plaits on the skirt.

BRITISH STILL HOLD AMERICAN CITIZEN

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Although a week has passed since Secretary of State W. J. Bryan cabled Ambassador Page, directing that the British government be asked to release Baron Louis von Horst, an American citizen, who has been a military prisoner near London for the last three months, no linking of England's attitude in the

matter has reached E. Clemons Horst, his brother, who is a California hop grower. According to a letter received by Mr. Horst from his brother today, imprisonment in the British detention camp has impaired the baron's physical condition so seriously as to cause fears of a mental breakdown.