



LIGHT ON WHITLA CASE BOY IDENTIFIES ALLEGED KIDNAPPERS.

Are J. H. Boyle, a Sharon Plumber, and Woman He Says Is Wife—Former a Wanderer.

Cleveland, March 24.—Willie Whitla identified the man and woman held on suspicion by the Cleveland police to-day as the persons who kidnaped him from the school at Sharon, Penn., last Thursday, and held him for the \$10,000 ransom which was paid by his father, J. P. Whitla, on Monday.

Willie said the man, who gave the name of James H. Boyle, was the one who took him from school, carried him through a tortuous route to Cleveland, then to Ashtabula and back to this city, and placed him in the house in the East End where he was held until the money was paid. Willie also declared that the woman was the one who cared for him at the house where he was detained, and who acted the part of a nurse.

Boyle says the woman is his wife, Mrs. James H. Boyle. The police have no other identification of the couple than the names given. So far as the man is concerned, the police believe the name is correct. Boyle is said to live in Sharon and to be a plumber by trade. He is said to have a widowed mother, four brothers and a sister.

The woman, who is accredited with being the wife of Boyle, declared soon after her arrest that her identification would cause a sensation in Sharon. When the identification was completed Mr. Whitla would say nothing regarding the woman. He said he knew Boyle slightly.

Immediately after leaving the grand jury room Mrs. Whitla, Willie and the janitor of the Sharon school which Willie attended left Cleveland for Sharon. As the train started a policeman whispered to Mr. Whitla and he hurriedly returned to the police station.

As the prisoners have not waived extradition they will be held here for two or three days until the necessary papers for their removal to Sharon can be arranged between the Governors of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

ASSOCIATE A SUICIDE

A woman known as Mary Diener, who, the police say, may have been an associate of the kidnapers, or was implicated in the plot, committed suicide to-day by drinking morphine. The woman drank the poison while standing in front of a drug store in the East End, not far from the house in which Willie Whitla was detained here. She died in an ambulance while being taken to a hospital. She had been in company with the Boyles in a saloon before their arrest last night, and probably was not implicated in the kidnaping.

Mr. Whitla, accompanied by Mrs. Whitla, their son and daughter, Willie and Sallie; a boy schoolmate of Willie, Harry Forker, a brother of Mrs. Whitla; Sloss, the janitor; Chief of Police Crane, Detective Kempler, District Attorney Linsinger, ex-District Attorney Cochrane and Detective Ward, all of Sharon, arrived here at 1 o'clock to-day and went to the Hollenden Hotel.

Two private detectives who represented Mr. Whitla first went to the police station in an effort to see Chief of Police Kohler to arrange for the identification. At once there was a clash. The chief would not admit the detectives, and stated that he would have nothing to do with them and would deal only with Whitla and his son.

This was reported to Whitla, and another dispute occurred, which promised for a time to stop the identification proceedings. Whitla telephoned to the chief from the hotel that he had arrived and that he was ready to see him. Chief Kohler replied hotly that he was at the police station, where the prisoners were being held, and that Whitla could see him there if he cared to assist in the prosecution of the man and woman in custody.

Mr. Whitla then went to the police station, but was not allowed to see the prisoners himself. He was informed by the chief that the only identification desired was that which only the boy, Willie, could make.

The chief also told Mr. Whitla that if he did not care to make the identification in the usual manner he could return to Sharon, and that the prisoners would be prosecuted here on the charge of blackmail.

Whitla then agreed to have Willie see the man and woman. An hour later Mr. and Mrs. Whitla, their children and the janitor appeared before the chief of police. The man was the first one taken before them. Boyle was a little pale and nervous. There was a faint smile upon his lips. He was seated before the party, which formed a semi-circle in front of him. Chief Kohler asked Willie if he had ever seen the man before.

WILLIE IDENTIFIES PRISONERS.

"Sure," said Willie, brightly, "why, that is the man I left Sharon with. He took me to Cleveland, then to Ashtabula and back to Cleveland." "He had a mustache when I first saw him at the schoolhouse," Willie supplemented, "but he must have cut it off later. This is the way he looked when I last saw him in Cleveland."

Boyle smiled sarcastically throughout the recital, but said not a word. He eyed his accusers defiantly. When Willie concluded Boyle was taken back to his cell and the woman was brought in. She was defiant and haughty in her demeanor. She stared blankly at Whitla and the other members of the party. Her only relapse from her indignant manner was when she first saw Willie. Then she smiled.

Immediately Willie walked up to her and, extending his hand, said: "How do you do?" "Hello, Willie," the woman replied, as she placed her hand upon his head and caressed him for an instant.

The boy then stepped back to his father and was asked several questions by the chief of police. "Yes, I know her," he said; "she was the nurse who took care of me in Cleveland. She told me I was sick and in a hospital. I saw her a whole lot, as she was with me most all of the time."

Notwithstanding the woman's former assertion that there would be a sensation when she was identified, or when Whitla saw her, she and Willie looked at each other without any outward evidence of recognition. They did not speak with each other. Neither did she speak with any of the other members of the party.

After the brief examination by the chief the woman was taken back to the jail. After leaving the police station Willie would make no comments regarding the woman.

R. A. TAFT HONORED AT YALE.

Winsted, Conn., March 24.—The Rev. W. F. Sheldon, pastor of the Methodist Church in Simsbury, according to a member of the official board of that church, will be called before that body to explain why he wrote to Mayor Landers of New Britain placing himself on record as in favor of amateur sports in Connecticut on Sunday.

A bill now pending in the State Legislature favors more liberal Sunday laws. Mayor Landers was one of a number who appeared at a legislative committee hearing favoring the proposed law. It is understood that the case will be taken up at the annual New York East Conference, to be held in Stamford next week.

THIEF VANISHES BY ROOF.

Neighborhood Arms and Climbs After Him, but in Vain.

A burglar made things lively last night in the home of Dr. G. Dewayne Hallett, at No. 128 West 85th street, and caused Dr. Hallett's neighbors to yank their firearms off the peg and join in a burglar chase—all of which came to naught, so far as apprehending the thief was concerned. The thief got \$100 in jewelry and money.

While Dr. Hallett, his sister, Miss Lillian M. Hallett, and his married sister, Mrs. Emma Hallett, were dining, shortly after 7 o'clock, the burglar was busy. After dinner the physician went out to see a patient in the neighborhood, and his sisters, with two negro women servants and Hanna Baker, a maid, were left in the house. It was the maid's "night out," and she started for her room, on the top floor.

Just as she reached the third floor the burglar brushed past her. The startled maid screamed, lost her balance and fell half way down the flight of stairs she had just mounted. The burglar ran through the hall and turned up the stairs to the top floor.

Dr. Hallett came into the house at that minute, and he called up Police Headquarters. The maid's screams attracted the neighbors. It was only a few minutes before half a dozen men had climbed through the scuttles of adjoining houses and were on the roofs, armed with all varieties of weapons, one man carrying a sabre.

Detectives Crowley and Leonard were hustled to the house from the West 100th street station. They found the thief had got out by the roof, climbing up a rope by which he had lowered himself through the scuttle. But what happened to him after he reached the roof was still a mystery at a late hour.

ARREST YALE STUDENTS.

New Yorker and Friend Charged with Stealing Diamond Pin.

New Haven, March 24.—On the charge that he had stolen a diamond pin from a woman in a boarding house where one of them roomed, Cassius Lopez de Victoria, a senior in the Yale Sheffield Scientific School, whose home is in New York, and Andrew V. Riccardi, a former student in the Yale Law School, were arrested to-night and placed under bonds for their appearance in court to-morrow morning.

The pin, which belonged to a Mrs. Sanford, of New Milford, was found in a pawnbroker's shop, where it had been pawned for \$15. An investigation led to the arrest of the two men.

TORNADO KILLS TWELVE.

Texas Counties Scept—Denver Isolated for Hours.

Dallas, Texas, March 24.—Twelve persons were killed and a score injured by a tornado that swept over the northeastern part of Wise County last night. Starting at Crafton, the storm passed to the north of Decatur, the county seat, and struck several small settlements, of which Sildell is the centre. The tornado then turned southeast without doing further serious damage. The destruction of Ira Rice's farmhouse caused the death of eight persons near Sildell. A light in the house ignited the ruins, and the flames snuffed out the lives of the eight buried victims.

Denver, March 24.—Eight inches of wet, clinging snow, following several hours of steady rain, did damage in Denver last night estimated at from \$200,000 to \$300,000 and cut off wire communication with the outside world for many hours. Every wire of the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph companies and every toll line of the telephone company was carried down by the heavy snow, along with hundreds of poles. The city's fire alarm system was almost destroyed, six thousand telephone wires in Denver were rendered useless, and hundreds of trees in the parks and along the boulevards were damaged. For several hours to-day streetcar service was at a standstill.

"THE LONDON TIMES" ANGERS JAPAN.

Tokyo, March 24.—A dispatch to "The London Times" which has been sent back to Tokyo says that it has been proved that Japanese residents of America are acting as spies. But, it adds, "every country, even the United States, employs men like these."

Japanese government officers have requested the Associated Press to make a categorical denial of the charges. An official of the Foreign Office said: "The statement is absolutely without foundation. As far as Japan is concerned, it is regarded as a silly canard, while its mischievous source alone entitles it to be dignified by the term dements."

TRACE SMALLPOX TO BROOKLYN.

Jersey Authorities Say Theatrical Company Spread the Disease.

Long Branch, N. J., March 24.—The State Board of Health, which has been investigating the outbreak of smallpox in various parts of this state, finds that the cases have followed the visits of a travelling theatrical company, the members of which are now in Brooklyn. There have been fifteen cases in Perth Amboy, two at New Brunswick, one at Paterson, one at Lodi, one at Camden, one at Hightstown and one at Woodbridge.

PASTOR FAVORED SUNDAY SPORTS.

Now New York East Conference May Ask Him to Explain His Views.

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WRIGHT'S PUPILS WIN PRIZES.

Paul, France, March 24.—Count de Lambert and M. Tissandier, who were pupils of Wilbur Wright, won to-day the Aero Club's prize awarded to every aviator making a flight of more than two hundred and fifty metres. Both men made flights of twenty-five kilometres (fifteen and a half miles), remaining in the air about twenty-seven minutes.

BIG BRIBE FOR BINGHAM

OFFER OF \$600,000 A YEAR TO POLICE HEAD.

Jerome May Investigate Statement—"No One Dared Try It on Me," Says McAdoo.

Police Commissioner Bingham told a group of reporters in his office yesterday that soon after his appointment as head of the police force he received an offer of \$500,000 a month bribe. The statement was made in the course of an interview during which the Commissioner said he believed the Board of Aldermen had refused to vote \$100,000 for a secret service bureau because many aldermen "hate me."

"Have you heard that it is proposed to do away with the aldermen's pay and make the office honorary?" a reporter asked. "I've heard of it," the Commissioner replied. "There are plenty of jobs the city could fill free, gratis. This job right here, if put up at public auction, would bring a big price."

Some one said he thought General Bingham's job might be made worth \$1,000,000 a day. "Well, I don't know about that," came the reply, "but I know that I had not been in here many months before a man known to me in a casual way before I came here, and whom I had no reason to believe was not honest, called upon me in this very room. I received him cordially, believing that he came to talk over some social matter. He opened my eyes to a certain phase of New York life."

"He was a suave gentleman and knew how to handle words to perfection. He began talking without reference to what he had in mind. I was interested in what he said. Then I began to think that he was getting into a curious line of talk, and I listened to him more attentively. Before that man left he had offered me \$500,000 a month to comply with certain conditions, and my compliance with those conditions would have been entirely negative."

GAVE HIM A "TALKING TO."

Commissioner Bingham said that he gave the man "such a talking to that he will never forget his visit here as long as he lives." The Commissioner said he had not heard from the man since, and "I think that he knows better than to attempt to put his head inside my doors, either public or private," he added.

The Commissioner said he would not tell the bribe offerer's name, and declined to say if the proposition was based on permitting a syndicate of rich gamblers to operate unmolested.

It was the impression about the Criminal Courts Building that District Attorney Jerome might investigate the Police Commissioner's statement that he had been approached by a man who suggested \$500,000 a month as the price for compliance with certain conditions of a negative nature.

William McAdoo, former Police Commissioner, said yesterday that no man had ever been courageous enough to offer him \$1 or \$50,000 during his term of office, saying: "No one ever had the courage to offer me \$1 or \$50,000 for failing to enforce the law or any other infidelity in office as Police Commissioner, and the records will show that a lot of people got badly hurt at that. Certainly no nice, smooth talking 'Hungry Joe' ever made such an offer during a pleasant 'social visit' and escaped. I never got in sight of these big money men, and never asked any one, in or out of office, to raise my salary. When a man has his back against the wall fighting great odds for his life he has no time to bother about what he'll order for dinner."

FIGURE SMALL SAYS MADDO.

"You say the Commissioner says he could have got \$200,000 the first year. The figures look small to me. Of course, any clever, able and dishonest Commissioner can make a great deal of money out of the office. That ought to go without saying. There are so-called respectable men in New York who will tell a poor man in the office of Police Commissioner that he is a fool not to take all he can get, and that the people will not thank him or appreciate his doing otherwise, and they illustrate this advice by many instances of public indifference and ingratitude."

"Gamblers need not necessarily be the only bribe givers. They could come from many, and, indeed, unlooked for sources. Coney Island could in any time have yielded big fat revenues. Suppose the Commissioner, with the right sort of captain (this own selection) were to give out the hint that only certain beers, cigars, liquors, foods, etc., would be acceptable, and then judiciously and with an eye to finance bestow a few night licenses on the deserving. One all night license ought to be worth a nice bank account."

In his remarks regarding the refusal of the aldermen to vote \$100,000 for a secret service bureau, General Bingham said: "My personal opinion is that the Board of Aldermen have refused my request because individually they hate me. There seems to be some queer politics in this town. Personally, I don't know anything about politics, or care about them. If the Board of Aldermen are interested in politics it is their business, not mine. Mine is to run the Police Department."

"I believe that every man who knows anything of the Police Department knows that money is needed. If the aldermen think they are injuring me to hold up the money they are mistaken. It injures the city of New York, not me."

WOULD HANG POLICY MEN.

Magistrate Crane Says They Are the Meanest Men on Earth.

In a short ebullition of indignation Magistrate Crane, in the Tombs Court, yesterday denounced the men who make their livelihood by policy games. The remarks were called forth by the arraignment of four men arrested after a raid on an alleged policy headquarters on the Bowery on February 11. The prisoners are George Henry, Frank Amato, Albert Sutton and John B. Weidler. The last of whom was characterized as the "Policy King" in the court proceedings. The men waived further examination and were held for trial, Henry and Amato in \$500, Crane in \$1,000.

"I would hang a man that sells policy. They are the meanest men on God's earth. They are not fit to sit in the sunlight and breathe. They are the scum of the poor—the meanest people we have in the city. When hell opens they will be craped beyond recognition. If I had the power I'd strangle the life out of every one of them. I say this because there are a lot of men in my hearing who deal in this despicable game, and I'm glad to have this opportunity of telling them what I think of them."

A TERRIBLE THREAT FROM TOLEDO.

"Polish Voter" Would Kill President Taft, Speaker Cannon and "Pat" McCarran.

Toledo, March 24.—Threats to kill President Taft, Speaker Cannon of the House of Representatives, "Pat" McCarran, New York State Senator, and Mayor Brand Whitlock of Toledo, were contained in a letter sent to Mr. Cannon, in Washington, from Toledo, March 19, and signed "Polish Voter." The letter was returned to Mayor Whitlock to-day by L. White Busbey secretary to Mr. Cannon, a personal friend of the Mayor.

"The writer may be a harmless crank," says Mr. Busbey, "or he may be something worse. The Speaker does not care to turn the letter over to the Secret Service or to the postoffice authorities. You will know better how to handle it than any one here."

Mayor Whitlock turned the letter over to the newspaper men, smiling. "Some poor, harmless fellow, I suppose," was his comment.

DEPENDS ON CABINET

MEMBERS MUST ACCOUNT FOR DEPARTMENTS.

President Leaves Methods and Details to His Advisers, but Insists Upon Results.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, March 24.—The President has already taken occasion to make clear to the members of his Cabinet the general policy of his administration with reference to the several departments and their respective heads. He has told them that he expects each member of the Cabinet to assume all responsibility for and exercise supreme control over his department, and that he will hold each head of a department responsible for its conduct. He has emphasized the fact that he wants results, and has neither inclination nor time to deal with minor details; that he has chosen the ablest men he could find for the several portfolios, and that he has full confidence in them; that, such being the case, he is more than pleased to leave to them the methods by which they shall achieve the important results which he expects of them.

To be wholly consistent in this policy, President Taft has assured the members of his official family that he will leave them free to select their assistants without personal or political influence from the White House. He has explained that he realizes it would be unjust for him to hold his Cabinet officers responsible for results, while, for political reasons, he dictated the men on whose assistance they must rely for the success of their respective departments, and while assistant secretaries and similar officers are "Presidential officers," the President will exercise his prerogative only in appointing men who are entirely acceptable to the department heads.

The first instance in which Mr. Taft put this policy into effect was in the case of the Department of Justice, when he informed Attorney General Wickersham that he wished him to make the necessary selections for his department, and that he had full authority to drop any men with whose services he deemed it wise to dispense. That being a purely legal department, however, Mr. Wickersham conferred extensively with the President about certain of the more important offices, with the result that Wade Ellis was retained as assistant to the Attorney General and that Lloyd Bowers, of Chicago, was chosen for solicitor general.

In the Department of the Interior Secretary Ballinger received a free hand in the choice of his subordinates. Almost his first official act was to dispense with the services of the attorney general of the department, who is, of course, an employe of the Department of Justice, but regarding whom the wishes of the Secretary are always consulted, if he has a preference. Secretary Ballinger now proposes to retain the two assistant secretaries whom he found in office and the commissioner of the general land office. He has not yet reached any decision regarding the commissioners of pensions and patents.

The effect of the President's policy is already to be observed in the several departments. Each head is working night and day to master the details of his department, inspecting himself as rapidly as possible with all of the machinery for the smooth working of which he is to be held responsible.

One effect of the President's policy, once it is generally understood and in good working order, will be to save him from the mass of detail which almost swamps a Chief Executive if he will permit it to do so. Members of Congress will soon find that they must deal directly with the department heads if they wish things accomplished, instead of carrying every request and every complaint to the White House, and so, too, with that portion of the public which has to deal with federal departments. As a result the President hopes to obtain sufficient time to give to the more important affairs of the government that attention which they demand.

FORCED ACID DOWN BRIDE'S THROAT.

Police Think Crime Was the Work of a Jealous Woman.

Vincennes, Ind., March 24.—Mrs. Jessie Overton Culbertson, a recent bride, is dying to-night. It is said as the result of having carboic acid forced down her throat, and her jaws afterward secured bound. She was found to-day in a shed back of her home. Revived for a few seconds, she said: "A man and a woman dragged me into the woodshed and poured something down my throat."

The police attribute the crime to jealousy. They have held a inquest, reporting to be from a jealous woman, since Monday. The letter was found under Mrs. Culbertson's doorstep. It warned the young bride to give up her husband, under penalty of death.

Mrs. Culbertson, who is twenty-five years old, came here a few years ago as a trained nurse. While caring for Joshua Brazleton, Republican county chairman, she fell in love with her patient's nephew, Russell Culbertson. The two eloped to Lawrenceburg, Ill.

In the shed in which Mrs. Culbertson was found the police to-night discovered paper on which were a skull and crossbones and the words "good by." The writing was the same as that of the letters.

CHORUS GIRL DIVES FROM STAGE.

Takes an Involuntary Header Into Orchestra Hit During Performance.

Dorothy Holmes, a chorus girl, with James T. Powers in "Havana," made a clean dive last night from the front of the stage into the orchestra, hitting the first violin of her band. She escaped with a slight wrenching of her shoulder.

During the finale of "Havana" Miss Holmes lost her grip on the hand of the chorus man next to her, who was swinging her around. She reeled, missed the footlights in her fall and tumbled off the stage. The company kept right on, but the audience roared to its feet and the house was immediately in commotion.

Max Shapiro, the stage manager hurrying downstairs to go into the orchestra pit, met Miss Holmes who, though dazed, had already crawled from the pit and was headed for her dressing room.

SIR EDWARD GREY DEFENDS KING.

Foreign Secretary Tells of Benefits from Sovereign's Visits Abroad.

London, March 24.—Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, replying to some criticisms made in the House of Commons on King Edward's foreign visits, said to-night that the visits of the King had been exceedingly valuable to the country's foreign policy. "The King, in his own person," said Sir Edward, "has the exceptional gift of conveying to the people abroad the impression of good will and the good disposition of the British nation toward them. That is a great national asset."

MR. HARRIMAN AT PASO ROBLES.

Goes to Take the Baths Because of an Attack of Rheumatism.

Santa Barbara, Cal., March 24.—E. H. Harriman left Santa Barbara on a special train to-day for Paso Robles, where he will take the baths for a few days on account of a slight attack of rheumatism. He had intended going to San Francisco to-morrow night.

COUNT BONI LOSES ANOTHER SUIT.

Court Refuses to Admit Petition for Inventory of de Sagan Property.

Paris, March 24.—Count Boni de Castellane's petition for an inventory of the papers and furniture in the de Sagan homes, in the Avenue Malakoff and Chateau Marais, has been denied by the court, which sustained the contention of the de Sagan family that they were married under the régime of separation of property and that the papers and furniture in question belong to the Princess de Sagan until competent proof to the contrary is forthcoming. The court allowed in his petition that the de Sagan had refused to hand over property belonging to him.

TARIFF VOTE APRIL 15.

House Leaders Hope to Limit Debate to Ten Days.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, March 24.—Tentative plans have been formulated by the House leaders for the passage of the Payne tariff bill. If these plans do not miscarry the measure will be voted on about April 15. This decision was reached at a conference this afternoon, and Representative Dwight, the Republican whip, was instructed to ascertain the sentiment of the members.

The leaders are much encouraged by the small number of Representatives who have indicated their desire to consume the time of the House in general debate. Mr. Payne hopes that the following procedure will be observed:

The general debate to be allowed to continue until next Wednesday, when a rule will be presented providing for ten days' debate under the five-minute rule. Then three days to be allowed for the consideration of and votes upon amendments.

It is realized by the Republican leaders that the rule must contain some restrictions upon amendments if the efforts to dispose of the bill before late summer are to be availing. It is their desire that all amendments be submitted to the Ways and Means Committee, which shall determine those which deserve a separate vote because of a recognized difference of opinion in the House. There will be no united opposition to the bill as a whole, and it is believed that at least a dozen Democrats will join with the Republicans in voting for its passage.

SHACKLETON'S FEAT.

Comments of Borchgrevink and Amundsen on Polar Trip.

Christiania, March 24.—Captain C. E. Borchgrevink, who wintered in the Antarctic in 1900, considers the achievements of Lieutenant Ernest H. Shackleton, who reached within a few miles of the South Pole, of the highest importance. The discovery of coal in the regions traversed by Lieutenant Shackleton he deems of great interest, as coal also has been found on the Kerguelen Islands, while the Norwegian explorer Lausen discovered petrified wood on the American side of the Antarctic Continent.

Captain Roald Amundsen, the discoverer of the Northwest Passage, was more reserved in his comments regarding Lieutenant Shackleton's expedition. He said that if the statements about the ascent of the ice barrier were true it was a wonderful achievement. He thought it a pity that, having apparently another month of favorable season, Lieutenant Shackleton was unable to continue his journey to the pole.

DEWEY'S PURE WINE TONICS.

Take a Spring Bracer. Do It Now. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 138 Fulton St., New York.—Advt.

SAYS BRITISH ERROR

BLOCKS PEACE PLANS

DREADNOUGHT "FATUOUS BLUNDER"—CARNEGIE.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Andrew Carnegie, presiding at the international peace festival of the Peace Society of the City of New York, in Carnegie Hall last night, said that he wished he could turn "Dixie" into a peace tune, he liked it so well. Peace had been praised by Mr. Carnegie and Wu Tingfang, the Chinese Minister, and by singing societies in song, but it was "Dixie"—the tune by which men used to march to death—that aroused the enthusiasm. Peace flags—national colors on a white background—were hung all about the hall, and the stage was draped in green, spangled with silver stars. Many nations were represented officially, and the Japanese, Russians, Scandinavians and Germans had singing societies in their national costumes on the stage. Nearly everything but "America" was sung. The only speakers were Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Wu.

FAVORS ALLIANCE.

The Japanese singers came just before Mr. Carnegie spoke, singing "Kimigayo," the national hymn, and then accompanying Professor and Mrs. Takatori, who played a selection called "Kanjin Cho" on the koto and samisen. No group of singers received more applause than the Japanese girls in their native costume. Mr. Carnegie's speech was one of congratulation that nowhere to-day were any nations slaughtering the subjects of another. He pointed out what he called the fatuous blunder of Great Britain in building the first Dreadnought.

MR. CARNEGIE'S SPEECH.

Mr. Carnegie, after referring to the large representation of foreign nations, said: "The first thought that arises is an unpleasant one—that never in the history of the world have the leading powers been engaged to such extent in hastening the construction of engines of destruction such as the world has never seen, a deplorable fact which cannot but be a pain to every lover of his race. This devotion to the pitiable work of evolving instruments of destruction came about by the fatuous blunder of the government of Great Britain. Short time ago she had a navy that could have encountered all the navies of the powers of Europe and destroyed them. Her navy was more modern than any other. It was estimated as being five times more powerful than that of Germany, and all that Britain had to do to remain unchallenged mistress of the seas was to avoid increasing size and armament of her fleet. The peace of the world, which she found which approved what has amounted almost to a revolution in naval armaments."

Britain built a ship which created a class by itself. By strange coincidence she called the ship the Dreadnought, but experience is teaching her that from it she has everything to dread. Germany began to build new ships, and naturally, she built a better class than that of Germany, and she is about to follow. Among them we regret to find our own land. But it is inevitable that if any ships are to be built they must be Dreadnoughts. President Roosevelt has said that the size of battleships to 15,000 tons—Dreadnoughts reach 26,000 tons—but in vain."

The result is that British part of more than four hundred efficient warships is now held to be of little worth, and all the naval powers of the world have the task before them of building new monster warships probably still more gigantic, unless nations realize at last that rivalry means ruin.

An interesting suggestion has been made by a writer in "The United Service Gazette," of London, reviewed by no less a person than Rear Admiral Goodrich in the magazine, "Army and Navy Life," published in New York. The writer proposes the building of the fleets of the English speaking peoples, Britain to guarantee the safety of our possessions on the Pacific and we to guarantee the safety of hers in the North Atlantic.

This idea seems to have merits. It does not compel our country to go to war when Britain does. It would create no entangling alliance. We would simply announce to the world that we had not our own power to attack these possessions. On the other hand, Britain would not be committed to engage in any war in which we unfortunately engaged. Any power attacking the possessions of the English speaking peoples, Britain to guarantee the safety of our possessions on the Pacific and we to guarantee the safety of hers in the North Atlantic.

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