

SEE HARM TO U. S. IN HITCHCOCK PLAN

British Say Prohibition on Export to Warring Nations May Be Boomerang.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 12.—Great interest and considerable discussion has been aroused in well-informed circles here over the introduction of a resolution in the United States Senate by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska forbidding the exportation from the United States of grain, foodstuffs, clothing, arms, ammunition or anything that would aid the nations now at war.

The correspondent of THE SUN had several frank talks with persons who are thoroughly conversant with affairs. These persons, without reserve, expressed the hope that the resolution will not pass, not only on account of their own patriotic views but that it would not be helpful to England, but from the broader standpoint of its ultimate consequences to the United States.

It was explained that there is a great divergence of opinion as to whether this should be viewed from a neutral or a belligerent standpoint. The United States is at present viewing things from a neutral standpoint, while England naturally looks at them from the viewpoint of a belligerent. But supposing, it is argued, the United States is engaged in war with some other Power, how would this resolution, if passed into law, affect her? The United States, it is asserted, is the England in that she usually prepares for war after war has become a fait accompli. Her regular standing army is even smaller than England's in time of peace.

Suppose the United States plunged into war. She would then be obliged to make preparations of arms and ammunition. Suppose various chemicals and minerals entering into the composition of shells and explosives which cannot be obtained in the United States were declared contraband of war by the opponents of the United States and the neutral countries in which they are produced should say. Following the example of the United States who prohibit the export of these materials. The United States would then be forced to view her own action from a belligerent and not from a neutral standpoint.

It was pointed out that at the time of the Spanish-American war the United States was woefully lacking in arms and ammunition and if England had then refused to permit the exportation of these articles to the United States it would have caused inconvenience.

As to whether such a resolution, by limiting the supplies of munitions, would tend to lessen the number of lives lost and therefore be justifiable from a humanitarian standpoint a decided negative was given. It was recalled, for instance, that the civil war was not any less deadly because the character of the weapons were not as deadly as at present. On the contrary, it is held that the effect of such a resolution would be to force neutral democracies like the United States to increase their armaments so as not to be caught napping and unable to obtain adequate supplies after war had been declared.

Suppose, for example, it was said, this resolution becomes a law and the United States suddenly begins to import vast quantities of vanadium and other chemical materials necessary to the manufacture of shells and high explosives. Suppose the California question again becomes acute. Japan might say, as has been said in other cases, that such precautions are provocative.

While it is realized that Senator Hitchcock is a political opponent of Mr. Bryan and may be trying to "put one over" on the Chautauquan Secretary of State, there is a sincere feeling that the resolution is a step that if definitely taken might have most unfortunate effects in the future for the United States.

GARDNER INQUIRY VOTED DOWN. House Committee on Rules is Against It. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—By a strict party vote the House Committee on Rules

went on record to-day in opposition to hearings on the Gardner resolution proposing the creation of a commission to inquire into the military preparedness of the United States. The action was foreshadowed in a statement on the subject by Representative Henry, chairman of the committee, following the publication of the President's message, in which by inference he expressed disapproval of the Gardner proposal.

\$4,636,000 FOR DESTROYERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Contracts for building six destroyers, authorized in the last naval appropriation bill, costing \$4,636,000 in all, were let to-day by Secretary Daniels. The Fox River Ship Building Company received contracts to build two at \$795,000 each; the Bath Iron Works, two, at \$500,000 each; the Cranford Ship Building Company, one, at \$520,000, and the Government navy yard at Mare Island, the contract for one at \$826,000. The cost limit fixed for each destroyer by Congress was \$825,000.

BIGGEST U. S. FLEET TO GATHER.

Daniels Orders Manoeuvres Off Guantanamo Next Month. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The most formidable war fleet ever assembled under the American flag will be seen at the naval station at Guantanamo in January. Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced to-night he had issued orders for concentrating the Atlantic fleet there on January 15 for manoeuvres.

The fleet will be composed of twenty-one battleships, nine of the most powerful type of superdreadnought. The two latest monsters of the navy, the Texas and the New York will be among them. Many other smaller fighting craft will take part in the manoeuvres. Admiral Fletcher, recently appointed commander of the Atlantic fleet in recognition of his services at Vera Cruz, will start from New York between January 10 and 15 for Guantanamo to direct the manoeuvres.

Secretary Daniels said the vessels would be stationed at Guantanamo until they were ready to start on the voyage through the Panama Canal to the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

SECRECY ON RATE OUTLOOK.

Commerce Board Won't Tell When Decision Will Be Rendered. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Notwithstanding many inquiries the Interstate Commerce Commission declines to make any statement that would indicate when the decision in the advanced rate case would be handed down. It was reported to-day that the commission would hand down the decision next Saturday afternoon. The commission has just issued an order permitting carriers in the Central Freight Association to make a 5 per cent. advance in joint rate from that territory to Southeast and Southwest points.

MR. PAYNE'S BODY IN THE HOUSE.

All Arrangements Completed for the State Funeral. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—All arrangements for the state funeral that is to be held in the House to-morrow over the body of Representative Payne of New York, who died in this city Thursday night, were completed to-day. The Marine Band and a choir will furnish the music. Upon the completion of the ceremonies the body of Mr. Payne will be placed on a train and taken to his late home at Auburn, N. Y. It will be escorted by the members of the New York delegation and other Representatives designated by Speaker Clark. The body of Mr. Payne was taken to-night to the House chamber, where it lies in state.

MANY INVENTIONS SHOWN IN GRAND CENTRAL PALACE

Two interesting exhibitions opened in the Grand Central Palace yesterday—the Second International Safety and Sanitation Exhibit under the American Museum of Safety with a private view in the afternoon and the Exposition of "Made in U. S. A." Inventions in the evening. The general theme of safety first, last and always in daily routine, travel and walking runs through both shows and much that is new in protection and prevention of accidents and disease will be demonstrated throughout the week of the exhibitions' run.

One of the novel signs which strikes the eye at a booth in the Safety and Sanitation Exposition, which is being held in the main hall of the palace, reads "Safety First—Safety Follows." All sorts of instructive charts and statistical arrays comprise this exhibit, showing the relation of intemperance to danger in various occupations.

Almost every variety of safety appliance, from a hatpin guard, which seemed especially to interest the men, to large contrivances used by railroads in their efforts to safeguard the public and promote sanitation, is on show. The New York Central operates a model of the Empire State Express as part of its exhibit, and the Union Pacific, Queen and Crescent and Southern Pacific roads ward the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company with the Brooklyn Institute for Safety also demonstrate devices for safe operation.

Commodore Charles E. Raynor, superintendent in charge of the United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps, New York city department, with a dozen men under Commodore Fred C. Mills, shows the first aid and rescue work of the corps on land and sea. It is interesting to note that 8,000 first aid cases in this city were handled by the corps last year.

Among the other exhibits are safety appliances of the Edison company, a new fire detector, the non-poisonous match manufactured by the Diamond Match Company from sequimulphide, instead of white phosphorus, as formerly. To show that it is not poisonous some of it is fed to guinea pigs. There will be many demonstrations throughout the week.

Aviator Honney Is Improving.

HEMIPLEGIC PLAINS, L. I., Dec. 12.—W. Leonard Honney, the aviator, who received severe injuries on the aviation field yesterday afternoon when a monoplane in which he was making a flight turned over and dashed to the ground, is reported to be resting comfortably at the Nassau Hospital, in Mineola. His injuries, which include four fractured ribs, are expected to keep him in the hospital for some weeks.



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- Handsome Character Baby Dolls,—Bisque head; jointed limbs; Angora sewed wig; moving eyes. regularly 4.00. 2.50
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WOMEN'S GLOVES

- 1-Clasp Prix Seam Tan Capeskin. pair 75c value 1.00
1-Clasp Pique Sewn Gray Mocha. pair 75c value 1.00
Tan Washable Capeskin. pair 1.00 value 1.25
16-button length White Mousquetaire Glove,—filet embroidery; 3 Cleopatra pearl buttons. value 3.00 pair 2.25

FEATHER NECKWEAR

- Fox Shape Scarfs in Marabout,—Natural or Black. value 5.25. 3.25
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Dainty Slip-ons of Crinkled Crepe de Chine. 7.50 and 12.50 values 9.75 and 19.50
Slip-ons of French Flannel,—hand-embroidered scalloped edge. value 19.50. 14.50
Negligee of Albatross,—hand-embroidered; lace trimmed. value 9.75. 6.50
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