

GARDNER INSISTS DEFENSE PLAN IS YET INADEQUATE

Congressman Calls Program "Advance," but Insufficient

WANTS BIGGER NAVY

Says Daniels' Project Does Not Meet Needs—Criticizes Garrison's Scheme

HAMILTON, Mass., Oct. 25.—Congressman Augustus P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, a leader in the campaign for national preparedness, today consented for the first time to discuss the Administration's plans for a greater navy.

He also expressed doubt that the hope for a volunteer army of 400,000 men could be realized.

Congressman Gardner has been very active, particularly since the outbreak of the war in Europe, and at the last session of Congress, in agitating for a substantial increase in the military and naval preparedness of the United States.

The interview with Congressman Gardner follows as it was written for his approval before publication:

Q. Do you think that President Wilson's plan is his best? A. I think that President Wilson's plan is a great advance on anything that has yet been done.

CALEB PROGRAM INSUFFICIENT.

Q. Do you think the navy-building program insufficient? A. I am afraid so. I am afraid that Secretary Daniels' plan is intended to provide a navy strong enough to resist any nation except Great Britain.

Inasmuch as Secretary Daniels' plan reduces the number of dreadnaughts in the building program from 45 to 40, I am very much afraid that the old, unsound doctrine still prevails.

Q.—Is that your principal criticism of Secretary Daniels' plan? A.—No. My principal criticism lies in the fact that the Secretary's building program will take nine years to execute.

Q.—Which plan is the best, Daniels' or Garrison's? A.—Heaven knows that all my prejudices are in favor of Secretary Garrison, but I think Secretary Daniels' plan would be absolutely sound if it were not so long drawn out.

Q.—What criticism have you to offer on Secretary Garrison's plan? A.—It doesn't give us anywhere near enough regular soldiers.

Q.—What is your principal criticism of Secretary Garrison's plan? A.—It will be fine if you can get the volunteers to do it. I sincerely hope that my apprehensions may prove wrong.

Q.—Do you think a reluctance to issue bonds accounts for what you describe as a restricted program? A.—Very likely.

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FRENCH ROUT BULGARS; SERBS LOSE IN NORTH

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The positions reported taken are near the center of the Teutonic line in northern Serbia, about 20 miles south of the Danube, and their capture signifies a continued advance, but not any particular acceleration of the Austro-German movement southward.

The official announcement of the Bulgarian defeat issued by the Paris War Office follows:

"On the day of October 22 the Bulgarians attacked along the entire front of the French forces forming the army of the Orient and occupying the region of Strumitsa. They were completely defeated.

"Reports that the French troops have been both thrown back on the right bank of the Vardar River are false.

All Bulgarian troops in southern Serbia have been driven back to the east bank of the Vardar River, according to reports received from the French expeditionary forces.

Serbian troops are advancing upon Vele. The retreating Bulgarians attempted to destroy that part of the railway lying west of the Vardar, but were unsuccessful before they had done serious damage.

An Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch from Athens today states that the Bulgarian troops have occupied Priazhd, which is only five miles from the Albanian frontier in western Serbia.

If this report is true, it means that the Bulgarian army has crossed Serbia by way of Priazhd cutting off the northern half of the kingdom from the southern half.

It was also announced that German troops had captured Petrovatz, 40 miles southeast of Semendria.

British forces totaling a brigade (4000 men) are on the way from Salonica to join the French and Serbs.

The Serbian War Office admits the fall of Takub, but the Bulgarian army which has penetrated the interior of Serbia is in danger of being cut off by the French forces, which are fighting their way northward along the Bulgarian-Serb frontier.

Military experts who are following Balkan affairs closely have begun to turn their eyes toward Italy.

The Italian Government is calling more men to the colors, but whether they are to be used to increase the pressure against the Austrians or whether they will be sent into the Balkans is an unanswered question.

Russia is said to have massed 60,000 men between Odessa and Kishineff for use against the Bulgarians, but the problem of getting these troops into the Balkans has the Russian General Staff balked.

They cannot be sent through Austria because that way has been barred by Austro-German troops; they cannot be sent through Rumania without violating the neutrality of that country, thus running the risk of lining the kingdom upon the coast of Germany.

A diplomatic break between Greece and the Allies was hinted by the Central News today as a possibility. If allied operations in the Balkans are interfered with by the Greeks' interpretation of their neutrality and by the attitude that their treaty with Serbia does not require them to come to the Serbs' aid against Bulgaria.

A note handed by the Allies' representatives to the Greek Government contained an ultimatum. It demanded a dispatch to the Central News said.

DAUMBA PRAISES COURTESY OF BRITISH OFFICERS

Treated With Every Consideration, Says Ex-Envoy

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—Dr. Constantin T. Dumba, ex-Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Washington, who has arrived here from the United States, said to interview-

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LA STRADA DI NAGO ATTACCATA E PRESA DA FORZE ITALIANE

Da Tre Giorni Infuria la Battaglia col Cannone e con la Baionetta su 300 Miglia del Fronte Italiano

ATTACCHI RESPINTI

Incuranti della Morte, al Grido di Savoia, gli Eroi Fantaccini Attaccano e Conquistano

ROMA, 26 Ottobre. Tre aeroplani austriaci hanno bombardato di nuovo Venezia questa mattina. Mancano ancora i particolari.

ROMA, 26 Ottobre. Terza sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente comunicato ufficiale in base al rapporto del generale Cadorna:

"Nella zona tra il Lago di Garda e la valle dell'Adige le nostre truppe discesero il 24 Ottobre la montagna di Nago sotto il fuoco delle batterie nemiche del forte di Riva ed investirono le posizioni sul Dos Zogalina e Dos Ormit, completando così con le alture di Brentonico e di Croceno investite il 18 ed il 19 Ottobre, la conquista del tratto di strada carsica lungo la Riva-Nago, tra Torbole e Nago. Nella trincea del nemico le nostre truppe trovarono armi e munizioni.

"Nella scorsa notte il nemico attaccò per ben tre volte le nostre nuove posizioni nell'alta valle del Rienz, ma fu respinto.

"Nella valle del Fella le nostre truppe hanno operato nuove fortunate incuranti, e Luserne è stata incendiata.

"Nella zona del Monte Nero ieri le nostre posizioni sul monte di strada carsica lungo la Riva-Nago, tra Torbole e Nago. Nella trincea del nemico le nostre truppe trovarono armi e munizioni.

"Nella zona di Playa ieri le nostre truppe sconfiggono il nemico dalle posizioni trincerate così che di Prasadina Riva ed al nord formidabili posizioni degli austriaci.

"Sull'altopiano del Carso si ebbe una intensa azione di artiglieria durante tutta la giornata di ieri, ed il nemico si accanì specialmente contro le nostre batterie e sulle trincee. Il nostro fuoco provocò incendi gravi nelle vicinanze di Duino."

ASPETTANDO LA DECISIONE. Cominciano a giungere i particolari della battaglia che da pochi giorni si è impegnata sul fronte di 300 miglia tra italiani ed austriaci.

Dove la battaglia infuria di più è sulla linea dell'Isone, sia per le masse che vi sono impegnate a sia per l'artiglieria che vi è in azione. Le due battaglie del Carso e dell'Isone furono precedute entrambe da una intensissima preparazione di artiglieria che durò tre giorni.

Di fronte alle luccicanti balonette italiane ed al grido formidabile gli austriaci, dopo essersi difesi con tutti i mezzi, alzarono le mani e si arresero.

Essi dovettero rinunciare a difendere molte trincee che il fuoco dell'artiglieria italiana aveva reso inservibili. Nel fuoco della batteria austriaca valse ad arrestare la travolgente marea delle masse italiane che si spingevano innanzi incuranti della morte. Formidabili posizioni austriache furono conquistate e riprese ancora fino a che rimasero nelle mani degli italiani. La battaglia non è però finita e continua sempre con crescente vigore, con una furia veramente epica.

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TWO PARCELS OF VOLLMER ESTATE SOLD FOR \$761,000

Auction of Properties in South 15th Street Attracts Many Realty Men

Part of the Vollmer estate, on 15th street south of Market, was sold today at public auction in the Bourse in two lots for \$761,000 and \$448,000.

The property is owned by the Vollmer estate and the Real Estate Title Insurance and Trust Company. It was sold under a pre-emptory agreement in partition, not subject to approval by court.

"SHE'S DE FUST WHAT DONE IT" "General" Sam Cole Thinks "Queen of Orkney Street" for Cracking His Skull

"Ah compliments her on fracturing mah skull. Sev'l pussons befo' had tried it, but she's 'de fust what done it."

"The 'battle' in which the 'General' received his wound, at his home, 2422 North Bodine street, on October 3.

NEGROES AID MERCY HOSPITAL Churches Give to Building Fund. Campaign Extended to Nov. 10

The campaign of the Mercy Hospital to raise \$120,000 for the construction of a new hospital building at 19th and Federal streets has been extended to November 10.

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THIEF CAUGHT WHEN STOLEN TIMEPIECE GOES OFF

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The cartoonist's dream about the man who stole an alarm clock and was caught when it went off came true fivefold here early today.

WILLIAM DAVIS' POCKETED PIPER FOUND IN A DECEASED, SILENT BROADWAY. A policeman's search revealed five big intermittent alarm clocks.

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P. R. T. FOR 5-CENT FARES; SMITH ISN'T

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5-cent fare basis by saying it could not be answered offhand.

Mr. Smith said he did not know that any company could operate on a 5-cent basis here. Many of the candidates on his ticket said the same thing, and also that the company might become bankrupt if it attempted to "do too much."

Yet the Rapid Transit Company itself has declared the belief that it will be able to operate on a five-cent basis and has made a tentative agreement with the city for the construction of the high-speed system and for the abolition of the eight-cent exchange tickets and the granting of free transfers, to be universal after 1920.

The eight-cent rate which Mr. Smith, in refusing to pledge himself to abolish it, considers as if it were a brand new idea, was disposed of in the agreement made between the city and the transit company and made public a year and a half ago, May 23, 1914.

Free transfers will be given wherever surface lines intersect high-speed lines (city's and company's) at station points, enabling a passenger to transfer in a forward direction.

The intent being to make all high-speed lines (city's and company's) available as a link in a complete journey in a forward direction between any two points within the city for 5 cents.

The question of free transfers, which Mr. Smith properly put in the same category with the abolition of 8-cent exchange tickets, but which he also speaks of as if it were a new and uncertain issue, was disposed of in a clause of that agreement, that "all exchange tickets, excepting those in the delivery district, and even there after January 1, 1920," be eliminated.

Funds are being raised by members of St. George's Society today which will be used in the movement instituted in London to provide a monument to Edith Cavell, the British nurse who was shot recently by German soldiers.

St. George's Society Aids Project to Erect Shaft to Miss Cavell

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NEGRO STOWAWAY LANDS Made His Way From England to Dying Mother

A negro stowaway on the American liner Dominion was released today by immigration inspectors here when he docked at Washington avenue wharf, in order that he could hasten to the bedside of his dying mother in West Chester, Pa.

Mr. Boyer was a member of a negro stowaway troop that failed in London. While he was looking for work he received a letter saying that his mother was ill, and he worked his way to Liverpool and stowed away in a lifeboat on the Dominion.

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California Votes on Nonpartisan Plan SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—Constitutional amendments making California elections wholly nonpartisan were being voted on today in a special State-wide election. Lack of organized opposition to the amendments made this adoption likely.

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