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WEEKS DECRIES WAR PLANS TALK

Senator Opposes Inquiry Into Preparedness of U. S. Forces.

URGES ARMY RESERVE Points to European Struggle to Illustrate Value of Secrecy in Military Action.

Senator Weeks in a formal speech in the Senate yesterday deplored the publicity being given the national defense and the country's preparedness to resist an invasion. He opposed the passage of any resolution looking to a special investigation in these matters. Speaking as a graduate of the Naval Academy, Senator Weeks expressed his pride in the strength of our navy, paid a high compliment to its personnel and advocated the creation of an army reserve.

"Our military and naval establishments are open books to all our citizens," said Senator Weeks, "and there need be no doubt about our relative position or our capabilities; if any one is disposed to make a study of the reports of the heads of the two departments instead of looking to sensational reports published from time to time about alleged weaknesses in our national defenses."

"We have had a demonstration during the present war in Europe of the value of secrecy in conducting military operations, which ought to deter us from spreading broadcast what we are doing in the way of military preparations and maintenance."

Powers Know U. S. Forces "I have no doubt that every European country has detailed information of our condition, both on land and sea, and we are to change our methods if we would be just as well avoid publicity."

Senator Weeks expressed the hope that the present war in Europe would be the last, and that the nations would be able to change their methods of maintaining great military establishments would be demonstrated and that there would be an international agreement which would limit armament.

The Senator avowed himself in favor of no special enlargement of the navy's equipment, except by combing appropriation, which can be expended under the direction of the General Board of the Navy with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy.

Senator Weeks expressed the opinion that our navy is the equal to that of Germany and France, and second only to that of Great Britain.

PROTESTS 'MUSHROOM' BULLETS Germany Wants Their Manufacture in U. S. Stopped. Secretary Bryan will investigate charges made by the German Ambassador against two American arms companies, to the effect that they are selling "mushroom" and other cartridges, the use of which in war is condemned, if he finds such action warranted. According to the best information obtainable here it is not.

The Ambassador charged, in a formal protest presented to the State Department that the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, of Bridgeport, Conn., was sending "mushroom" bullets to Canada, and that the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, of New Haven, Conn., had been sending riot guns and buckshot cartridges to the British. Both companies denied the charges.

PENSION WORK DELAYED. Auditor Thinks Clerks Should Not Have Been Reduced.

An "estimated" reduction in the number of clerks in the office of the Auditor for the Interior Department, following the installation of a new pension paying system last January, has resulted in confusion and dangerous delay of work. Auditor R. W. Woolley said in his annual report made public yesterday. Radical changes were made in the pension system, Mr. Woolley said, and in the expectation that the volume of work would be reduced, fifteen clerks were discharged. The work did not decrease and the work in settling pension accounts is a year in arrears, it was said. Cooperation with the Commissioner of Pensions, Mr. Woolley said, has resulted in a saving of \$100,000 in the appropriation for clerical labor.

Held as Red Cross Swindler. Chicago, Dec. 11.—Duran J. Prosvitch, of the Serbian Red Cross committee, was held under bonds today on a charge of embezzling \$4,000 from the Red Cross fund. Prosvitch is alleged to have spent the money pushing publication of a book called "Brotherly Love."

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ONLY SLENDER HOPE FOR LEO M. FRANK



LEO FRANK

The United States Supreme Court having denied the writ of error asked by counsel for Leo M. Frank, who was convicted in Atlanta of the brutal murder of Mary Phagan, a young factory girl, in 1915, it now appears as if Frank's slim chance had gone. In the opinion of lawyers the action of the Supreme Court ends all hope of a new trial for Frank. He has been sentenced to be put to death on January 22. There remains, however, the chance of pardon or commutation of sentence by the governor of Georgia. Unless there is some reprieve from that quarter it is regarded as certain that the sentence will be carried out.

TEST OF KENYON LAW IS POSTPONED AGAIN

Action to Try Out Constitutionality of Statute to Be Resumed Monday.

Arguments on the constitutionality of the Kenyon "red-light" law were postponed again yesterday until Monday. The hearing is the outcome of a suit brought by the district attorney to close the Ardmore Hotel. In rebuttal for affidavits filed by Franklin C. Jackson, proprietor of the hotel as to the good reputation of his place, the district attorney yesterday filed eleven affidavits bearing on the character of the hotel. The constitutionality of the law is being tested by Mr. Jackson, and the trustees of the Willard estate which owns the hotel property.

Regardless of the court's decision, the case will be argued before the Supreme Court for final settlement. Should the court decide the law is constitutional, the district attorney will ask for a permanent injunction against the hotel, and it is expected he will bring other similar suits.

PARK LAND WORTH \$194,438.

Jury on Awards for Zoo Extension Files Result of Deliberations. Awards on land condemned for the extension of the western boundary of the Zoo Park to Connecticut avenue as filed by the jury yesterday amount to \$194,438. Of this amount \$66,013.50 is fixed as the assessment for benefits on adjacent property owners. The Congressional appropriation for the acquisition of the land was \$107,200. It is expected an additional appropriation will be required from Congress if the court confirms the award.

Letter Protests Sale of Cloth.

Secretary Charles J. Columbus, of the Retail Merchants' Association, yesterday sent a letter to Maj. Richard Sylvester, superintendent of the Customs, asking to be taken to prevent the sale of cloth in office buildings and other places by itinerant merchants. He declares that scores of people are victimized by such dealers, who claim to be selling the best imported cloth.

NURSES IN THE WAR.

What the Women Are Doing.

The women of the Warring Nations are nursing, cheering and comforting the wounded or dying. The women of Europe not only wrap bandages and scrape lint, but they tend the farms, dig coal, carry burdens and do the work of the man now under arms. Every male fighter, however, brawny and heroic, was born of woman; the high courage and hardihood that are a nation's strength are inherited from the mother. Young mothers who preserve the charms of face and figure in spite of an increasing family and the care of growing children are always to be envied. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription gives the strength and health upon which happy motherhood depends. It practically does away with the pains of maternity. It enables the mother to nourish the infant life depending on her, and enjoy the hourly happiness of watching the development of a perfectly healthy child. Thousands of women who are now blessed with robust health cannot understand why thousands of other women continue to worry and suffer from ailments peculiar to women when they can obtain for a trifling sum Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which will surely and quickly banish all pain, distress and misery and restore the womanly functions to perfect health.

IMPORTANT SPECIAL OFFER TO READERS OF THIS PAPER

Any person desiring a copy of The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser before the edition is exhausted should send this notice together with 30 cents in stamps to Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., and a copy will be sent by return mail, all charges prepaid.—Adv.

WOMEN SAY U. S. SHOULD VOTE ON SIZE OF NAVY

Peace Organization Will Back MacDonald Bill for Defense Referendum.

The size of the United States army and navy should be determined by a nationwide referendum vote of the men and women of the country in the opinion of leaders in the Women's Movement for Constructive Peace, which held a meeting yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Christian Hennick. A committee was named to aid in raising interest in the bill introduced in Congress Wednesday by Representative MacDonald, of Michigan, providing for holding such a referendum vote. The committee will call upon Representative MacDonald to assure him of the active support of women's organization. The measure offers three questions for a vote—the establishment of a large army and navy, the maintenance of a "middle class" system, and the maintenance of practically the present force. The women's committee is composed of Mrs. Winston Churchill, wife of the famous novelist, Mrs. Huntington Jackson and Mrs. George O'Dell. A mass meeting in the interests of the organization will be held in Washington in January. At this meeting resolutions will be adopted favoring the admission of women to seats on the House tribunal.

Officers elected yesterday: Mrs. Christian Hennick, president; Mrs. John J. White, chairman; Mrs. Huntington Jackson, treasurer; Mrs. Nina Allender, secretary, and Miss Janet Richards, chairman of finance. A mass meeting in the interests of the organization will be held in Washington in January. At this meeting resolutions will be adopted favoring the admission of women to seats on the House tribunal.

HELD UP SHIP TWELVE DAYS.

British Delayed Dutch Steamer with Cargo for United States. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 11.—After having been delayed twelve days by a British battleship in the English Channel, the Dutch steamship Randwijk, Capt. G. P. Groen, arrived here today. The Randwijk brought a general cargo from Rotterdam. Capt. Groen, he had been out of Rotterdam but two days when he was signaled to stop by a gunboat. Several officers, he said, boarded the vessel and examined the papers. They then made a thorough search of the ship, but found nothing.

The captain said he was ordered to Weymouth, England, by the commander of the man-of-war, where he was detained until November 30. "I do not know why I was held," said the captain today, "but when an officer boarded my boat on that day and told me I could sail, you can bet I lost no time in getting away."

Germans Seize Ships as Prizes.

Copenhagen, Dec. 11.—A Berlin dispatch says that two Danish and six Norwegian steamers, laden with lumber for England, which were captured by German warships, have been declared prizes of war by the German prize courts.

BAUMGARDT DESCRIBES OLD ITALIAN CITIES

Lecturer and Traveler Talks Before National Geographic Society on "Sunny Italy."

B. R. Baumgardt, scientist and traveler, lectured upon "Sunny Italy" before the National Geographic Society at Masonic Temple last night. The splendors of Pompeii, Rome, Florence, and Venice were illustrated by colored slides. Neutral Italy, he said, is the garden land of the world and the home of the world's most priceless art. Its churches, museums, and private palaces house art treasures whose values would total in sums fabulous beyond imagination, while its marvelous memorials of long-passed ages, such as the Colosseum, are literally above all money value. Mr. Baumgardt quoted the prophecy that Rome will stand as long as stands the Colosseum, and that Rome will fall when this majestic ruin falls, and with Rome will fall the world.

MAY FOUND AUTO BUS LINE.

Garfield Citizens Want Transportation to Anacostia. On the evening of December 22 a mass meeting is to be held at one of the churches in Garfield for the purpose of launching a project to secure transportation facilities between that section and Anacostia. An automobile bus service may be established. The Public Improvement Association of Congress Heights is to hold a meeting Monday night in the town hall in Alabama avenue for the purpose of reviving interest in the work of securing additional members.

PLEADS FOR BANK WRECKER.

Tennessee Delegation Asks Glyn's Clemency for W. J. Cummings. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Representative Joseph W. Byrne, of Tennessee; John F. Allison, also of Tennessee, and forty other residents of that State appeared before Gov. Glyn today and asked for executive clemency in behalf of William J. Cummings, who is serving a prison term for his connection with the wrecking of the Acme Trust Company. The delegation paid a high tribute to Mr. Cummings' integrity and character during his residence in the South. The hearing was not advertised, and but few knew it was to take place.

Confer on Immigration Bill.

Secretary of State Bryan and Ambassador Chinda yesterday discussed a slight change in the wording of the immigration bill desired in order to make the language of the measure unmistakably clear. This proposed correction was agreed upon last spring, and it was declared, involves no change in any detail of the bill, but merely removes all possibility of doubt as to the meaning of a particular phrase. Japan has no objections whatsoever against the measure. Secretary Bryan said.

Who are FATIMA smokers?

Most of them are men who were fairly well satisfied with other brands, until some lucky chance caused them to try FATIMA.



PARDONS GAVE IMMUNITY.

Wilson Made Gotham Newspaper Men Free of Serving Sentences. In a brief, filed for the government in the case of George Burdick and W. L. Curtin, two New York newspaper men who declined to give the sources of their information on which they based certain published statements concerning the administration of the customs service even after the President had given each of the men a pardon that would insure them immunity, Solicitor General Davis today pointed out that the pardons proffered by the President amounted to immunity, whether accepted by the two men or not. They insist that because they have not accepted the pardon they will not testify and cannot be compelled to do so on the ground that their testimony would incriminate them.

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