

REPRESENTATIVE GARDNER SO ASSERTS IN ASSAILING U. S. GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR DREADNAUGHTS HIS PLEA

URGES HOUSE NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE NOT TO BE PENNY WISE AND POUND FOOLISH.

"The demerited policy of building warships for cold storage," is the description applied by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, before the naval affairs committee of the House today in speaking of the American program. The Massachusetts republican who is responsible for much of the present agitation on the subject of preparedness for war in this country gave the naval committee a good scolding, his statement being principally in speaking of the immediate construction of some of the points brought out in testimony of naval officers and Navy Department officials.

SORRY OVER DANIELS' ACT.

"I am sorry to say that Secretary Daniels in his recommendations to Congress has cut the naval board's building program for this year almost exactly in two. Moreover, some of you gentlemen will take a further hack at it if you no verb holds out strong, as I have no doubt that it will, and if you are not outwitted."

CITES EVIDENCE FOR PROOF.

"I charge that our navy is 15,000 enlisted men short, and a further shortage of 40,000 men is in sight. In support of my charge I call to witness the evidence of Assistant Secretary Franklin D. Roosevelt of the Navy, and I also cite the evidence of Rear Admiral Charles J. King. Both of these men, I believe, are navy men, and I believe that they are not counting the sailors needed for ships now building. Rear Admiral King estimates our navy is 15,000 men short, not counting the sailors needed for ships now building. Rear Admiral King estimates our navy is 15,000 men short, not counting the sailors needed for ships now building."

MORE SUBMARINES NEEDED.

Representative Gardner took up the submarine subject and criticized the Secretary of the Navy for recommending only eight when, according to Representative Gardner, the country needs at least a hundred such vessels. He also criticized the lack of air craft, and then said:

WAR VESSELS OBSOLETE.

"Two months since, I could get information pretty freely down in the Navy Department. I learned that a very widespread belief exists among well informed officers that after fifteen years' service, rather than after twenty years' service, most types of war vessels are as obsolete as the dodo."

GARDNER PRAISES OFFICERS.

Representative Gardner praised the courage of Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, Capt. Yates Stirling, Rear Admiral Flske and Secretary Garrison and said he hoped that the country would do as they had "they have not interfered with their own prospects."

ALLEGES SHORTAGE OF TORPEDOES.

Representative Gardner charged that the navy had a serious shortage of torpedoes. Chairman Padgett interrupted to say that the pending bill carries \$2,000,000 for torpedoes to replace half of the older torpedoes that were up to date when manufactured.

QUOTES FROM MEMORANDUM.

Quoting from a memorandum from Admiral Flske, Mr. Gardner said that the submarines had altogether just seventy-eight tubes, the destroyers 218, the armed cruisers twenty-eight, the first-line battleships fifty-two and the second-line battleships thirty-five, making 511 tubes altogether.

ADMIRAL FISKE CREATES SENSATION.

Rear Admiral Bradley A. Flske, chief of the bureau of operations of the Navy Department, created the greatest excitement yet observed in the present hearings when he testified yesterday afternoon, the United States Navy could not be prepared for war with a first-class European power in less than five years.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE ADMIRALTY.

GEN. BLISS STATES HE SENT NO SUCH COMMUNICATION TO MEXICAN FORCES.

EFFORT, HOWEVER, TO STOP FIRING ACROSS U. S. LINE

VICTORY FOR CARRANZA IN TAMPIOCO DISTRICT REPORTED—FAIR TRIAL FOR ITURBIDE ASSURED.

Brig. Gen. Bliss at Naco, Ariz., late last night telegraphed Secretary Garrison that published reports that he had delivered an ultimatum to Gen. Maytorena were "false in every particular."

HOUSING COMMISSION FOR DISTRICT PLANNED

AMENDMENT TO PENDING APPROPRIATION BILL INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WORKS OF CALIFORNIA.

RIGHT TO MAKE DECISION.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION UPHOLD BY MARYLAND COURT.

PROSECUTION COMPLETES ITS CASE AGAINST CLEARY

GARDEN AND CANNING CLUB AGENTS CONFER

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FIFTEEN WOMEN, EACH REPRESENTING A SOUTHERN STATE, MEET HERE.

CLYMER FOR YANKS.

IF FARRELL RETAINS CLUB BUFFALO LEADER WILL MANAGE TEAM.

MASKED MEN ROB JEWELER.

TWO WITH GUNS STEAL \$4,000 WORTH OF DIAMONDS.

OLD LANDMARK TO PASS ON SCENE OF NEW PARK

ADVANCE IN WAR SURGERY.

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