

AERIAL ATTACK ON WARSHIP PLANNED

Battle May Be Staged to Determine Most Effective Weapon for U. S.

CONGRESS ACTION NEEDED

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Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau.

The staging of a real battle between modern airplanes and a battle ship to determine which would be the more effective weapon in the future...

The plan under consideration is to authorize the Navy Department to turn over an obsolete battleship...

The results of the battle, which probably would be fought in the Atlantic coast, would be highly valuable to Congress in determining whether large appropriations should be made for battleship construction...

Congressional action is necessary, in the opinion of Brig.-Gen. William Mitchell, assistant chief of the Army Air Service...

The Prince, who traces his line right back through the grandees of Spain to Catherine of Aragon, married Miss Ruth Waters, daughter of G. Jason Waters...

There was a lot of interest shown several weeks ago when the Prince and his wife came out to see Mr. Waters at the Ambassador Hotel...

Now it appears that Mr. Waters invited his titled son-in-law to town for the purpose of pointing out to him the slightly defective condition of the new Ambassador Hotel...

When the Prince hurried back to New York and up to the hotel to see what kind of a position Mr. Waters had picked for him, he found he really wasn't going to have a position...

Night after night, according to reports, the d'Aragon spino, not to mention the ribs and the bloops, ached frightfully. His Highness pegged away the canteen and was rewarded with the assurance that some day, after he had made progress, he might have a big hotel all his own and full charge over the hours d'oeuvre...

AMERICAN FLEETS HAVE 'NAVAL BATTLE'

18 Destroyers 'Attack' 14 Battleships and Their Screen.

ON BOARD THE U. S. FLAGSHIP PENNSYLVANIA, Jan. 28 (delayed), by wireless via Callao, Peru, to the Associated Press.—The American battle fleets engaged in this evening about midway between Callao and Valparaiso, Chile...

War time conditions obtained yesterday evening, when fourteen battleships and fifteen destroyers were engaged in a battle formation without lights, while a second squadron of eighteen destroyers staged an attack.

The General Staff has announced itself as pleased with the progress shown since the combined fleets began maneuvers after leaving Panama on January 22.

Plans are being perfected for Admiral Wilson's reception for President Leguia of Peru on board the Pennsylvania upon her arrival at Callao.

ALAMEDA SELECTED FOR PACIFIC NAVY BASE

Eventual Abandonment of Mare Island Involved.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—An agreement definitely recommending Alameda as a site for the new Pacific navy base and for location of other subsidiary west coast naval bases was reached today by a sub-committee of the joint Congressional committee considering Pacific bases.

An attempt to upset the committee's previous decision to recommend Alameda for the fleet base was defeated after the sub-committee had heard several Admirals of the General Board and Navy Department who stood by their recommendations for Alameda.

The full committee, which previously had voted to locate the navy base at Alameda, is expected to adopt the sub-committee's report next Monday.

One of the points in controversy before the sub-committee was said to be the fact that the Mare Island Navy Yard, The Navy General Board, it was said, in favoring Alameda for the fleet base, said that location would involve eventual abandonment of the Mare Island Navy Yard.

WILL OPPOSE BRITISH NAVAL POLICY CHANGE

Imperial Defence Subcommittee Favors Delay.

Senate Confirms 5,000 Army Nominations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The Senate today confirmed the nominations of 5,000 junior officers of the army. The confirmations were the first of the present session and were made in open session by unanimous consent.

The nominations were presented by Senator Wadsworth of New York, chairman of the Military Affairs committee. A majority of the officers affected won their commissions on the battlefields of France.

PRINCE SPURNS JOB OF LAYING CARPETS

Son-in-Law of Jason Waters of New Ambassador Hotel Goes to Merriek for Rest.

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ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 29.—His Royal Highness Prince Ludovico Pignatelli d'Aragon, who has been laying carpets and pushing stanzas around the Ambassador Hotel in New York city for the last few weeks, has quit his job today. The demands of the various operations involved in covering floors with the royal muscels, so it became known to the press, have become too much for the prince, and his Highness has rolled down his cuffs, packed his trunk and gone to Merriek, N. J., for a rest.

The attack served as a warning of what may be expected next week when the House begins consideration of the army and the navy appropriation bills. It gave leaders cause for serious thought as to whether the supply measures could be put through before the close of the session on March 3.

Heretofore the diplomatic bill has been prepared by the Foreign Affairs Committee, in intimate touch with needs and requirements of the service. The same rule applied to other congressional bills of this nature.

This method virtually eliminated the chairman of the committee, so far as he was authorized to take any personal part in a supply bill's preparation. The Republican member transferred became head of the particular subcommittee on appropriations, which tended to make him a more powerful figure on the floor than his former chairman.

Jealous of their old powers, some chairmen and committee men, it was said, made no attempt to conceal animosity or desire to take a whack at the bill.

The weak spot in the new system, according to those opposing it, was in the fact that many appropriations were authorized which had not been authorized before, and which were open to points of order on the ground of new legislation. There are ways by which the items eliminated may be put back either by the Senate in conference or by special rule giving them legislative standing.

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CATCHES HIS OWN WIFE IN MATRIMONIAL BUREAU

ITHACA, Jan. 29.—Ara J. Perry, a tinner, in court today discovered that he had been corresponding with his own wife through a matrimonial bureau.

"Disagreement with my father-in-law" he repeated over the interview. "No-o-o-o!" Certainly not. We are the best friends. Work? Sure! Every one should work. Every American ought to work, or have a profession."

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The London Times says the subcommittee of the Imperial Defence Committee will be recommending that Great Britain cease building capital ships and will oppose any vital change in naval policy until the dominions and India are consulted.

DIPLOMATIC BILL RIDDLED IN HOUSE

Funds to Build Up American Business Abroad Are Eliminated.

ITS FRAMING OPPOSED

Attack on Methods Applies to All Big Appropriation Measures.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—A growing wave of discontent over the new system of framing big appropriation measures broke in the House today with unexpected fury.

The upshot of it all was the virtual riddling of the \$5,000,000 diplomatic and consular bill, which at the end of the day was a mere shell of its former self. Unable to stand during a flareup from all sides, the bill was cut to pieces on points of order, which eliminated funds intended for conduct of American business abroad.

There was no general attempt to wreck the bill; members simply sought to register violent opposition to the manner of its framing. Not all of the members were willing to go that far, for many of those who objected strenuously to some of its provisions were unwilling to seize upon technical grounds for its destruction. One member, however, attacked it after item, and they went out as without authority of law.

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KIDNAPPER SUSPECT KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Disappearance of Los Angeles Woman Expected to Be Cleared Up Soon.

TWO DIE IN CAR WRECK

Police Wait for Gangsters to Make Next Move in Solution of Case.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Developments coming thick and fast in the kidnapping of Mrs. Gladys Witherell today bid fair to clear away the clouds of mystery surrounding the case, according to the announcement of police and private detectives.

Prominent among these is the understanding that the wife will be returned to her family early next week, the belief that the gangsters will communicate with the family by nightfall, and the fact that a man under surveillance in the case was killed while being trailed by detectives when his automobile crashed into a Los Angeles street car at Grand avenue and West Thirty-ninth street.

The most sensational development was the crash when the automobile driven by Charles Beverly of Jovita Hotel ran into a Grand avenue street car. Beverly, who formerly was a business associate of Witherell, was killed, as was Mrs. Nitra Westrom Tenney, Witherell's stenographer. Harry Glazier and Miss Mary Worthenberg, other occupants of the car, were seriously injured. They were taken to the county hospital.

A few minutes before the crash the machine was being followed by an automobile loaded with private detectives led by Juan Fuentes, K. L. Mortenson and A. E. Bacon. Beverly had been under surveillance of the officers since the kidnapping of the woman and twice was questioned by the police and private detectives. Believing he had knowledge of the case the officers kept him constantly under watch.

Previous to the automobile and street car accident the party of four had spent the evening at the Vernon Country Club. The detectives had followed them until the car, driven by Beverly, outdistanced them at Grand and Jefferson avenues.

MONTREAL WARRANT FOR A N. Y. PROMOTER

Carnival to Aid Ex-Soldiers Has an Aftermath.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

MONTREAL, Jan. 29.—A warrant was issued here today for the arrest of A. T. Treadwell, who is described as a New York theatrical man and is charged with the embezzlement of \$2,500. Mr. Treadwell promoted a three days carnival here for the benefit of returned soldiers who were out of employment. It is charged that he failed to turn over all the funds to the Ex-Servicemen's Association.

An office opened by Mr. Treadwell under the name of Treadwell & Co., theatrical producers, was found closed today. Mr. Treadwell left here for New York several days ago.

Daily Calendar THE WEATHER.

For Eastern New York—Rain to-day to-morrow fair and much colder; fresh south winds.

For New Jersey—Rain to-day to-morrow fair and much colder; fresh south and south west winds.

For Northern New England—Snow or rain to-day to-morrow fair and colder; fresh south and south west winds.

For Southern New England—Rain to-day to-morrow fair and colder; fresh south and south west winds.

For Western New York—Rain to-day to-morrow snow flurries and much colder.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The disturbance reported last night over the plain States developed into a storm of considerable intensity and moved eastward, and to-night its center was over eastern Missouri. It already has caused rain in the great central valleys and the lake region and snow over the northern plain States. It has been followed by rapidly rising pressure and decided colder weather over the northern plain States. Another storm has its center off the Washington coast and it is attended by rain and snow in the north Pacific States.

In the Atlantic States the weather will be unsettled, with rain to-morrow and fair and much colder weather Monday. In the east Gulf States the weather will be fair and colder to-morrow and Monday. In Tennessee, the Ohio Valley and the lower lake region there will be rain to-morrow and partly cloudy and much colder weather Monday, with snow in the lower lake region. In the upper lake regions there will be snow and much colder weather to-morrow and fair and continued cold weather Monday. Cold wave warnings have been issued from Michigan and Indiana.

Observations at United States Weather Bureau stations, taken at 8 P. M. yesterday, seventy-fifth meridian time:

Table with columns: Station, Temperature, Rainfall, Wind, etc.

LOCAL WEATHER RECORDS.

Table with columns: Barometer, Humidity, Wind, etc.

The temperature in this city yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

Table with columns: 8 A. M., 1 P. M., 4 P. M., etc.

Highest temperature, 41 at 1:50 P. M. Lowest temperature, 21 at 7 A. M. Average temperature, 36.

STATE DIVISION PROPOSED.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 29.—A joint resolution proposing that thirteen counties in upper Michigan be asked to become part of the State of Wisconsin will be taken up by the Assembly Committee on State Affairs, according to plans made today.

EVENTS TO-DAY.

The Rev. William Quinn, director-general of the Marguerite League in this city, will speak on "Ireland" in the Lexington Opera House, Lexington avenue and Fifty-first street, under the auspices of the Friends of Irish Freedom. The lecture will be illustrated by pictures taken during a recent visit to Ireland. 8 P. M.

Unity Society meeting, Hotel Astor, 2 P. M. Catholic Writers' Guild meeting, Hotel Astor, 3 P. M. John Armstrong Chaloner will talk on the need of "Immunity Law Reform." Cort Theatre, 8 P. M.

Metropolitan Museum of Art, story hours for children, "St. George and the Dragon," by Anna C. Chandler, 2 and 3 P. M. "Japanese Sword Guards," by Howard Mansfield, 4 P. M.

Debate on the subject of "Immigration," with Representative Meyer London for the affirmative and Representative William N. Vale for the negative, Cooper Union, 2 P. M. Debate, "Aristocracy versus Democracy," John Cowley, 8 P. M.

Will Durant for Democracy, chairman, Andrew Tridand at the Parkview Palace, 11th street and Fifth avenue, at 2:30 P. M. auspices of the Fine Arts Guild.

Discussion of "Progress in Prison Management," under the auspices of the Association of Grand Jurors of New York County, speaker, Adolph Levinson, Dr. Walter B. James, Lewis L. Plicher and Dr. Bernard Glueck, Town Hall, 8:30 P. M.

The Right Rev. Paul Jones, Bishop of Utah, will speak on "What Disarmament Means" at the Brooklyn Civic Forum, Glenmore and Stone avenues, Brooklyn, 8 P. M. The tenth series of oratorios at St. James' Episcopal Church, Lafayette avenue and St. James place, Brooklyn, will begin this afternoon, at 8 o'clock, with Mendelssohn's "St. Paul" will be sung.

First annual Harvitts memorial lecture by Prof. S. Solis Cohen of Philadelphia on "The

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