

NAVAL POLICY OF U. S. WAS TO OUTDO GERMANY

Under the General Board's Plan of 1903 the Outdistancing of German's Hopes was Ultimate Object.

ADMIRAL BADGER TELLS SENATE COMMITTEE

New Plans Contemplate the Erection of a Fleet of War Vessels that Would Approximate Largest Armada.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The object of the building policy, formulated in 1903 by the navy general board, was to keep the United States ahead of Germany in the race for naval supremacy. It was disclosed before the House Naval Committee by Rear Admiral Badger, member of the general board, who explained the policy had contemplated a fleet of forty-eight first line battleships by 1919 to accomplish that purpose. The statement did not get into the records. Badger did not amplify it to show why the board thought the course necessary.

Badger was replying to a suggestion that the object of the old policy, abandoned this year by the board for the first time, was to keep the American navy in second place. While that effect it had, Badger said, the real object was to keep ahead of Germany. This year the board fixed its policy as the creation by 1925 of a fleet equal to the most powerful afloat at that time.

The committee didn't go into the board's reasons for changing its policy beyond eliciting the explanation that the board believed a fleet ten per cent superior to any fighting force that might be brought against it to be necessary to insure against the invasion of American soil by an enemy.

Under questioning by Representative Kelley, Badger said, the construction of three additional dreadnaughts and eight battle cruisers would place the navy on a par with the capital ships of the German fleet today.

THIRTY MISSING.

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—Salzberg reports say thirty are missing as a result of the avalanche in the Hochkoenig region. No additional deaths are reported. The slide occurred in a season when such movements are unusual. Workmen, clearing roads for the winter sports, had been joined by tourists when the avalanche descended. One hundred Russia prisoners of war are assisting in rescue work.

BUTCHERS MAY STRIKE.

SIoux CITY, Feb. 22.—Three hundred employees of the Cudahy and Armour plants held a mass meeting to discuss plans to extend the strike to the butchers in Armour's and all departments of both concerns. The butchers struck this morning, demanding a graduate scale running up to thirty cents per hour. They agreed to picket the plants to induce all the employees to cease work.

SHE FINDS HUSBAND.

TROYES, France, Feb. 22.—Madame Georges Abraham, having no news of her soldier husband since his disappearance during the attack upon Nametz on October 2, wrote two hundred letters of inquiry to commanders of German camps. She received fifty negative replies. Yesterday she received a letter through the Geneva Red Cross from Sonnelembuhl, Prussia, saying, "your husband is here in good health and working in camp."

REYES DRIVEN NORTH

TORREON, Feb. 22.—Reports from the Tlahualilo district indicated the forces of General Canuto Reyes were being driven north after encounters at Sierra del Gallo and later at Mesa San Juan in northwestern Durango, on the edge of the desert. A messenger of General Ramos reported the rebel general Ortega, said to have been wounded at Tlahualilo, had died later. Ramos requested ammunition. A communication from Jimenez reports a skirmish with a band of rebels west of Ceбалlos.

FOR PREPAREDNESS AFTER ALL, HE SAYS



R. L. Henry.

Congressman Henry of Texas gave President Wilson a pleasant surprise by announcing a few days ago that he was strongly in favor of the administration preparedness plan. Everybody had supposed that Henry was in opposition. A Texas paper recently made a poll of the state and found preparedness popular there. Henry has announced his intention of running for the senate.

22,744 PEOPLE IN WARREN DISTRICT

Fred A. M. Kinney's Directory About Completed. All Canvassing is Finishing. 16 Per Cent Gain.

The canvass for the second edition of the Bisbee-Warren District directory has been completed and the copy is now in the hands of the printers. The directory is compiled and published by Fred A. McKinney, who compiled the directory two years ago. Every house in the district has been visited by the directory canvassers (some of them more than once) and when the names were taken for the directory a careful and accurate census was taken of everyone, men women and children. McKinney has finished the compilation of the census figures and finds the total population of the district to be 22,744. The city of Bisbee has 13,579 and the suburbs 9165. Almost exactly sixty per cent of the population of the district lives inside the city limits of Bisbee and forty per cent in Lowell, Upper Lowell, Winwood Addition, Johnson Addition, Jiggerville, Bakerville, Cochise, South Bisbee, Tintown, Don Luis and Warren. The figures for the different districts are given below.

Lowell, including Johnson Addition, Upper Lowell, Jiggerville, Winwood Addition, Germantown and Naco Road east of the city limits	5185
Warren	1434
South Bisbee	626
Don Luis	401
Tintown	815
Bakerville and Cochise	704
Bisbee	13,579
Total	22,744

Since the directory canvass was begun last fall four hundred and seventy-three families have moved from one house to another in the district, about seven hundred people have left the district and between fifteen and sixteen hundred people have located here, showing a net gain in population since October of almost nine hundred.

The population two years ago this winter when the last directory was compiled was approximately 19,600, showing a gain of sixteen per cent.

Under McKinney's supervision the city directory of Douglas was compiled last summer. The population of Douglas was found to be 14,600, not including the soldiers in Camp Douglas.

CONFERENCE IS CONCLUDED

ATHENS, Feb. 22.—General Sarraill, the French commander in the Balkans, who had an audience with King Constantine after which the King said much was done to clarify the differences between Greece and the Allies, likewise pleased at the result of his visit. Sarraill said the "conversation will be most useful in the relations between the Allies and Greece. The King is a soldier and quick to understand our problems. He has a cordial attitude toward them."

WILL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF FLETCHER

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations will, Today, Consider the Confirmation of Ambassador to Mexico.

REPUBLICANS LIKELY TO WITHDRAW FIGHT

Consul General Rogers, at Havana, Has Been Named to Represent the United States with Carranza in Interim.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will tomorrow consider the nomination of Henry Prather Fletcher as Mexican ambassador. The Administration senators think the report recommending his confirmation will be voted. Although the Republicans on the committee are not satisfied with the President's report on the circumstances leading to the recognition of Carranza, several believe it unwise to longer delay sending a diplomatic representative to Mexico to care for American interests.

ROGERS NAMED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—James Linn Rogers, consul general at Havana, was selected to act as special agent of the State Department representing the United States for the Carranza de facto government, pending the confirmation in the Senate of the nomination of Henry Prather Fletcher as ambassador.

It is understood consul Silliman, serving as special agent and travelling with Carranza most of the time since the overthrow of Huerta, will be transferred to the consulate at Guadalajara. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee meets tomorrow to consider Fletcher's nomination. Every indication is that the Republican members, while still dissatisfied with the President's explanation of the recognition of Carranza will not continue opposing the confirmation.

Rogers is regarded by the State Department as peculiarly well fitted to handle the troublesome questions constantly arising in the government's relations with Mexico.

EIGHT DIE WHEN SIGNALS ARE IGNORED

Wreck on New Haven Near Milford, Conn., Cost Eight Their Lives and Injured, 50 More.

MILFORD, Conn., Feb. 22.—Disregard of cautionary signals was probably responsible for the rear end collision on the New Haven Railroad near here, in which eight persons lost their lives and fully fifty were injured. A state investigation is under way but as four railroad employees, the most important witnesses, are dead, it will be difficult to fix the responsibility.

Both trains were filled with passengers. Many Yale graduates were returning to New York after Alumni Day at New Haven. A freight train passing another track sidwiped the wreck and all were piled in a heap. The boiler of one of the locomotives exploded.

Word from Bridgeport is that General E. S. Greeley, of New Haven, brigade commander in the Civil War, is dying of injuries.

STRIKE IN WEST INDIES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The strike and lockout of agricultural laborers, most of whom are natives, paralyzed the sugar industry on the island of St. Croix, Danish West Indies, according to passengers arriving on the steamship Parima. The strike assumed such proportions that Danish officials and white residents fear violence, the passengers declared. Armed guards patrol the streets of the cities and towns. Marines with machine guns landed from a Danish cruiser. Cannon were placed to sweep all approaches to the government buildings and banks.

NORWAY'S GREATEST FIRE BRINGS RUIN TO CITY OF BERGEN



Ruins of Bergen.

Bergen, Norway's greatest fishing center and seaport, was recently almost entirely destroyed by fire. Thousands of people were made homeless and but for the speedy relief expeditions sent there by the Norwegian government, many would have perished from hunger and lack of shelter. The damage has been estimated at over \$20,000,000.

GRAFT CHARGES STIRING UP CHICAGO

Aldermanic Investigation Is Ordered While Mayor Has Also Indicated He Will Look Into Affair.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—The charges that Mrs. Page Waller Eaton paid part of her salary to her superior, Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, head of the city welfare bureau, stirred the political circles. The allegation that the money was to go to Mrs. Mival, the widowed sister of the wife of Mayor Thompson, centered the attention of the Mayor's official private family.

Mrs. Eaton asserted she was subjected to dictation by Fred Lundin, former congressman, campaign assistant and political adviser of Thompson. An investigation of the charges will be begun Friday, it was announced by Alderman Lynch. The mayor promised an independent investigation.

Both Mrs. Eaton and Rowe had only kind words for each other, Mrs. Eaton declaring Mrs. Rowe was a woman of high character and ideals in the grip of shrewed politicians. Mrs. Rowe asserted she could not understand how Mrs. Eaton could bring such charges.

LAFOLLETTE IS IN RACE FOR PRESIDENCY

Announces Candidacy at Conference of Progressive Republicans; Favors Arms Embargo.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 22.—Before a conference of Progressive Republicans gathered from all sections of the state, Senator LaFollette announced his candidacy for the Presidency at the Republican National Convention at Chicago in June.

"I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for President," said LaFollette. "I believe the patriotic Progressive Republicans are at this time under the highest moral obligations to contest every foot of ground in every state of the Union for representation in the Chicago Convention."

LaFollette declared in favor of an embargo on arms and national manufacture of munitions of war and asserted that any standing army the United States maintains, instead of living wasteful and useless lives, should, in times of peace, be employed in social service for the government. He also declared for a conference of neutral nations with the purpose of promoting co-operation, through friendly offices for early cessation of hostilities and early establishment of peace among the nations. The conference pledged the Senator twenty-six delegates from Wisconsin and ten from North Dakota.

OLNEY FOR GOVERNOR.

PHOENIX, Feb. 22.—George Olney, of Phoenix, announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor. It is expected Hunt will shortly announce his candidacy.

FRANCIS TAKES PORTFOLIO TO PETROGRAD

Former Secretary of the Interior Accepts President's Invitation to Represent United States in Russia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—David R. Francis, Secretary of the Interior in Cleveland's cabinet, and former governor of Missouri, told the President he would accept the post of ambassador to Russia to succeed George Marve, resigned. The nomination will be sent to the Senate as soon as inquiry is made to Russia whether Francis is acceptable.

Francis called upon the President with Senator Reed of Missouri. Later he will confer with Secretary Lansing about his duties. The President and Lansing attach unusual importance to the embassy at Petrograd at present because of questions growing out of the war problems, respecting the large detention camps in Russia in which thousands of Teuton prisoners are held. Francis was offered the post to Argentina early in the present administration. He declined it because of the press of personal business.

RAIDERS REPORTED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Officers of the French steamer, Lafayette, which arrived here from Bordeaux, reported they were warned by wireless when two days out of the presence of German commerce raiders in the southern sea lanes, the first warning being received from an unnamed steamer which was being chased. News by cable, received here Sunday, said the French liner Chicago reported being chased by a raider on its arrival at Bordeaux.

PROPOSALS NOT REJECTED.

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—The German government has not rejected the British proposals to provide Belgian industries with raw materials, declares the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, in commenting on Sir Edward Grey's letter to the Belgian minister in London on the subject.

The paper states Germany still has the proposal under consideration. It says some of the conditions clearly show the British intention, artfully concealed under a harmless mask. For instance it is stipulated the payments for Belgian exports are to be deposited in England. It declares it untrue that Belgium is being robbed of coal. The proposal of the British was to rehabilitate Belgian industries under the American commission to make Belgium feed herself.

JONES BACKS UP ON HIS RECENT INTERVIEW

Wiley Jones Says Recent Decision Was Not a Decision. Conference with Wells-Fargo Official is Held.

PHOENIX, Feb. 22.—Following a conference on the personal use question between Attorney General Wiley Jones, R. A. Cox of El Paso superintendent of the Wells Fargo Express company in Arizona and New Mexico, and J. M. Williams, local Wells Fargo agent, a telegram was sent last night by the express company officials to A. Sutro, Wells Fargo attorney at San Francisco.

The message was in response to one from Sutro in which he asked for Attorney General Jones' opinion on the recent personal use liquor decision rendered by the supreme court a week ago last Saturday, in which it held that liquor can be brought into the state for personal use.

At the conference the three Wells Fargo officials learned Jones' feeling about the matter and Sutro was advised accordingly last night. Sutro, it is expected, will make an announcement this week relative to whether the Wells Fargo will accept liquor shipments for Arizona.

Attorney General Jones issued the following statement today on the personal use question:

"I have given out no official opinion, nor have I given no official advice whatever to any county attorney upon the subject of the supreme court decision in regard to personal use. The brief interview published recently was quite brief indeed, and was only upon the point that the case decided did not involve a sale of liquor, neither did it involve a carrier bringing liquor into the state.

"The opinion of the supreme court decided that there may be a legal introduction into the state for a lawful purpose, and that the defendant had made such an introduction of the wine in question into the state. Now, the question which is before the legal advisers of the express and railroad companies is the matter of the liability or risk assumed by the carrier if the consignee ships the liquor in for an unlawful use. That is a matter for the lawyers of the common carriers to pass upon, and not for the office.

"I state this so that it may be understood what was in my mind when I gave the brief interview that I did, having been informed that from one to four hundred orders for liquor had gone out of this city alone. The court's decision is written in plain language, and ought to be easily understood, but perhaps many of the public, without reading it, have immediately jumped to the conclusion that the 'introduction clause' of the prohibition amendment is absolutely annulled, entirely overlooking this language of the decision:

"The prohibition amendment in so far as it attempts to interdict its shipment, transportation or introduction into the state for a lawful purpose, is ineffectual as an attempt to regulate interstate commerce. "It must not be understood that the (Continued on Page 3)

ITALIANS ON TRIUMPHANT AUSTRIAN DRIVE

Weeks of Bitter Fighting Dastourous to Austrians; Germans Capture Many French Trenches Near Souchez.

RUSSIANS STILL PRESSING TURKS

London Announces Appointment of Lord Robert Cecil to Direct German Blockade Opposition.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Italians after weeks of hammering the Austrians positions with big guns captured the mountainous region of Collo and the Susano Valley and occupied Roncigno and Ronchi. They now are almost in striking distance of the one chief objective city of Trentles, protected on the north, east and south by a line of forts and fifteen miles to the west have captured a position by vicious fighting in the Atrois region of France and along both banks of the Meuse above Dun. East of Souchez the Germans have captured 800 meters of French trenches. A French counter attack succeeded in driving the Germans from all but a few positions with no change along the front in Russian Galicia.

The Russians are still pressing the Turks hard in Armenia. The Turks deny the capture of 1,000 canon and 80,000 men. The Bulgarians and French are fighting on the Grasco-Serb frontier. The Bulgarians were forced to retire. The entire crew of twenty-two men of a Zeppelin brought down by the French near Brabant-le-Roi, perished in the flames as the craft fell 600 feet.

AGAINST GERMAN BLOCKADE

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The government, through the Marquis of Lansdowne, announced in the House of Lords that it had decided to turn all matters connected with the blockade of Germany to one man with rank of full cabinet minister. It is understood the post will go to Lord Robert Cecil, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, who will hold both posts.

The new minister is charged with the administration of an order in council regulating the blockade and responsibility for the general policy and practice of the government in respect to trade passing to and from neutral countries. Lord Cecil is a lawyer of wide experience and young as members go. His elevation will give the Unionists another representative in the cabinet.

BRITISH SAILORS GENEROUS.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—That men on British warships are turning out a large amount of war material in their spare time is revealed in a letter from David Lloyd-George to Admiral Beatty, saying the "total output is striking but more important is the magnificent spirit that prompted the men of the fleet to devote their leisure to giving the men in the trenches loyal and effective support. The fact that the work is done without pay, at the men's own wish, enhances its value."

RUSSIANS STILL ADVANCE

LONDON, Feb. 22.—According to special dispatches from Petrograd the Turks are said to be evacuating Tadjikond, the Russian advance along the Black Sea having reached to within a single day's march to the port of Rizeh. A considerable force of Turks from Ezerum is hastening toward Rizeh in the hope of finding the coast road open to Trebizond. The only route left open to the Turks retreating westward is to Kharput, from where they might strike southeast to join the Bagdad forces by way of Diarbekir. A German train carrying guns and munitions is reported wrecked and blown up in the Novo Alexandrovsk district. Hundreds of soldiers are declared to have been killed.

CALIFORNIA M. D. IN TOILS.

SEATTLE, Feb. 22.—Dr. F. B. Jones, proprietor of a sanitarium in California, was arrested at the gang-plank of a steamer just arrived from Vancouver. He carried 114 phials of drug, the importation of which is forbidden. He said he purchased the drug in British Columbia for use in his sanitarium.