

EXPERTS URGE TERRIER FLEET FOR U. S. NAVY

Small Warboats Believed to Hold Secret of Defense Against Submarines.

IDEA ADOPTED BY ENGLAND

Officials Press Daniels to Obtain Authority to Construct New Craft.

Navy Department officials have urged Secretary of the Navy Daniels to obtain authority from Congress to construct a fleet of naval "terriers."

In recommending this, officers of the department have borrowed an idea from the British admiralty. At present, there are building in various plants along the Atlantic coast of the United States scores of light armored, speedy launches for ultimate delivery to the British navy.

These "terriers," as they are called, are believed by naval officers to hold the secret of naval defense against submarines. Small, compact and quick as lightning, these diminutive vessels, armed with small bore guns and machine rifles, will operate for all the world like fox terriers, sniffing out approaching submarines and snapping at their heels with deadly effect.

Used With Effect.

Officers of the United States navy have watched the building of the English "terriers" with considerable interest, and so impressed are they with the possibilities that it was learned today by The Times from the highest possible naval source that generous provision for the construction of similar boats for the American navy will be included in the naval building program if Secretary Daniels approves.

Ever since the European war broke out, navy officials have been at work seeking to devise means of defending the big gun battleships of the fleet from submarine attack. The failure of the German submarines to gain any appreciable results against British battleships, was regarded as somewhat surprising, until the discovery of contrabats for "terriers" at American shipyards disclosed the fact that for some time the British fleet had been using these little war dogs effectively.

"Unfair" Criticism Resented.

The report that the German navy has already lost about forty submarines, or more than it had at the outset of the war, while only three British cruisers have been sunk by the under water craft, has convinced French and British officials that the "terriers" have been doing some deadly work.

In this connection, officers of the Bureau of Construction and Repair at the Navy Department, resent what they regard as unfair criticisms recently heaped upon the American submarine by reason of the accident to the F-4. These officers deny that the American navy, which first projected a practical submarine, has been left behind by foreign nations in the development of advanced types.

On the contrary, attention was called today to the fact that whereas the accident to the F-4 represented the first loss of life on an American submarine, scores upon scores of French and British officers and sailors lost their lives long before the present war began in an effort to keep pace with the American invention.

Attention was also called to the fact that the British submarines, recently built in this country and assembled in Canada, are exactly similar to the H-

type of American submarine, which, in turn, is far behind in efficiency than the American submarines of the H-type, the latest designed. A high official of the department claims today that the latest finished British submarine, built here, is not better than the sea-going type, are quite the equals of, if not better than the German U-boats. The department has been informed by the American naval attaché of the embassy at London that the British admiralty is delighted with the boats.

It was explained that only in disparity of numbers can the American submarines suffer in comparison with those of other navies, although it is claimed that at the outset of the war the American navy had more than Germany had. The submarines of all these navies, it was claimed, are hampered by the same dangers of operation which handicapped the American craft.

This is due to the fact that none of the countries has yet been able to develop an engine which can propel a submarine under water as well as on the surface. For surface travel, gas engines must be used, and for under water travel storage batteries have to be used.

Scrapped Whole Squadron.

All these batteries, it was stated, are of the sulphuric acid type which, under certain conditions, develop the dangerous chlorine gas. Naval officers stated today that the American public, while expressing amazement over the F-4 accident, and chagrin over the fact that all the American boats of this type must have apparently overlooked the fact that only a few years ago France for similar reasons had to scrap a whole squadron of submarines of a certain type.

PENSION FUND AID URGED AT BANQUET

Engine Seven Members Are Dined After Receiving Macfarland Trophy.

Legislation to place the police and firemen's pension fund upon a stable basis was urged by speakers at the banquet and reception given to Engine Company No. 7, winner of the Macfarland trophy, at the engine house in R street, last night. The trophy, an American flag, is awarded to the engine company considered the best in efficiency, drill, appearance, and equipment.

W. F. Gude, as toastmaster, spoke of the efforts made to obtain pension fund legislation and urged a renewal of activities at the next session of Congress.

P. T. Moran, president of the Chamber of Commerce, declared that Washington is far behind other cities in its manner of caring for dependent policemen and firemen.

Henry B. F. Macfarland spoke in support of the measure. The presentation address was made by Commissioner Brownlow. For the company, Capt. Ernest Howard accepted the banner.

Addresses were made also by Commissioner Newman, Mayor Raymond W. Fullman, Corcoran Thome, Chief rank J. Wagner, and Edwin P. Goodwin, chairman of the committee on arrangements. The banquet was tendered by the citizens in the vicinity of the engine house.

Big Dakota Tract Will Go for Homestead Entry

Over one hundred thousand acres of land in the Fort Berthold Indian reservation in North Dakota, have been opened to homestead entry by Secretary of the Interior Lane.

These lands had been reserved from disposition because of their containing coal. The lands will be classified, with regard to their coal value, as agricultural land of first and second class, grazing land and timber land, and appraised accordingly. The appraised price must be paid in addition to meeting the requirements of the homestead law. The coal in these lands will be reserved to the Government.

These lands become subject to homestead entry in 1918.

FEDERAL BUILDING PLANS ARE BLOCKED FOR NEXT 2 YEARS

Decreased Revenue and Cost of Nation's Defense Given as Reasons for Defeat.

AFFECTS 4 DEPARTMENTS

Congressional Leaders, With the Campaign Approaching, Agree to Pare.

The word has gone out quietly to heads of Government departments that Congress will not be asked to authorize the construction of any public buildings in Washington within the next two years.

This announcement has put a damper on the plans of the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and Labor, and of the Interstate Commerce Commission for the construction of new buildings to replace the rented quarters they are now occupying.

Need of economy in public building construction, owing to a decreased volume of revenue into a treasury nearing depletion, and the demands that will be made on Congress in the next two years to increase appropriations for the national defense, are the principal reasons advanced for placing a ban on public building operations in Washington.

Another potent reason, however, is that a Presidential campaign is coming on, and Administration and Congressional leaders are agreed that public building bills should be pared to the bone. Moreover, it has been brought to attention of officials, political wisdom would dictate the construction of such public buildings as are authorized in communities where they would prove vote getters, and not in a voiceless community such as Washington.

Property Is Bought.

A few years ago Congress bought the property bounded by Pennsylvania avenue, B street, Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets northwest, as a site for buildings for the State, Justice, Commerce, and Labor Departments. After buying the land, steps to obtain appropriations for the buildings fell through. Since then the Government has rented present buildings on the ground to Poll's Theater, the old Grand, now the new Oxford Hotel, and other tenants on monthly leases, but new tenants are said to have been given verbal assurances that they will not be disturbed for at least two or three years.

The Department of Justice, which has for years been desirous of getting out of its present quarters in three inadequate over residence buildings at Fifteenth and K streets northwest, attempted to get an appropriation for a new building from Congress at the last session, but the bill, after passing the House, failed in the Senate. Meanwhile there are invaluable records stored in non-fireproof buildings, and even pantries, kitchens, and servants' quarters are utilized as office rooms for officials.

Unwilling to wait for Congress to act, public contractors to put up a building for its exclusive use. There is a five-year lease on this building, which expires in March, 1918. The department pays \$65,500 yearly rental for this building.

On One-year Lease.

The Department of Labor has a one-year lease on its present building at Seventeenth and Pennsylvania avenue, for which it pays \$20,000 a year rent. There has been a question as to whether the site at Fifteenth and Pennsylvania avenue will be available for the construction of a Labor Department building, as the appropriation bill under which the property was acquired provided that a building for the Department of Commerce and Labor should be

constructed there. Since then the departments have been divorced. In succeeding annual reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission recommendation has been made for the construction of a home for the commission, but Congress has never heeded the plea. The commission pays \$60,000 annual rental for the upper stories of two buildings it occupies on F street between Fourteenth and Fifteenth under a lease which may be terminated by the owners at will.

Heads of departments are now busy preparing their estimates to be submitted to Congress when it meets in December. It is understood that recommendations for new buildings will be renewed in the reports accompanying these estimates, but this will be largely a matter of keeping the record straight, as the officials know that since the bill has gone out they need expect no encouragement for the present in their building plans.

FREIGHT AEROPLANE LINE IS CLUB'S PLAN

Santos-Dumont Asked to Come to U. S. to Help Operate Pan-American Scheme.

The establishment of air lines for the transportation of freight and passengers in South and Central America, a project formulated by the Aero Club of America, will be promoted by a Pan-American aeronautics committee headed by Alberto Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian expert according to announcement made today.

Santos-Dumont, who was the first man to make public flights in a dirigible balloon, and one of the pioneers in aviation, has agreed to come to the United States and take an active part in the work the Aero Club proposes in connection with the South and Central American transportation scheme. Henry Woodhouse, of the Aero Club, states in a report to the club made public today.

He states that the Aero Club wrote to Santos-Dumont pointing out that aviation was originated in the New World by him, and that as he was a native of South America, it was the opinion of the club that he was the proper person to head the new committee and prosecute the work that is to be undertaken.

"Aerial transportation will, in a very short time, revolutionize the sociology of communities where they would prove a boon to the central places, and the process of transportation outside of central places is slow and costly on account of long detours made necessary by mountains, waterways, and undeveloped country. The aircraft going, as it does, over all obstacles, at high speed, would solve many problems of transportation."

The South and Central American countries may be said actually to need aeroplanes and dirigibles to solve their problems of transportation. In most of those countries railroad transportation is limited to the central places, and the process of transportation outside of central places is slow and costly on account of long detours made necessary by mountains, waterways, and undeveloped country. The aircraft going, as it does, over all obstacles, at high speed, would solve many problems of transportation."

Boat Slips From Port.

HAVANA, Sept. 22.—The Cuban consul at Pensacola has cabled that the American schooner Lucy sailed from that port without clearing, and it is believed that she is carrying arms.

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COMMITTEE READY FOR BAND DONATIONS

Arrangements to Be Fixed Friday for Horse Show and Tournament.

Plans for the testimonial to be given by citizens of Washington to the Government bands in appreciation of the park concerts will be decided upon at a meeting of the subcommittee on program in the board room of the District Building at noon Friday.

The committee consists of Col. W. E. Weller, commander of Fort Myer, Col. T. C. Menoner, of Fort Myer, John O. Green, Thomas Bones, and Charles J. Columbus.

John O. Evans, of the Washington Riding and Hunt Club, has been named chairman of the committee on grounds and C. J. Gockeler, secretary of the Board of Trade, chairman of the finance committee.

Funds for staging the event will be raised by public subscriptions. As treasurer of the general committee, Mr. Gockeler is in readiness to receive contributions, which may be addressed to him at the office of the Board of Trade, Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Thousands of Washingtonians by the band concerts during the summer. It is believed by the committee that there will be a generous response. It is planned to present to each band Marine, Engineer, and Fifth Cavalry, a loving cup, and to each member a purse.

Receives Million-Dollar War Order for Tractors

HOBOKEN, N. J., Sept. 22.—An order valued at about \$1,000,000 has been placed with the Christie Tractor Company of this city, which is to furnish the allies tractors for hauling their big guns and munitions wagon. In order to fill the order as promptly as possible, the plant will be enlarged and three shifts of men, working eight hours each, will be employed.

Christie, inventor of the tractor, closed the deal with a representative of the allies. This is one of the largest orders for automobile tractors that has been placed in the East.

CARNIVALE DENIES ROFRANO IS GUILTY

Refuses to Aid in Clearing Up New York Political Murder Plot.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Rocco Carnivale, who was brought down from Clinton prison last Saturday in the hope that he would be of material aid to District Attorney Perkins in clearing up the killing of Michael Gaimari, an election district captain for Thomas F. Foley, Tammany leader in the Second assembly district, has been a disappointment up to date. He is under a sentence of from twenty years to life imprisonment as being the agent who hired Gaidano Montimagno to kill Gaimari for \$300.

Carnivale was a close companion of Michael Rofrano, for a year a deputy in the department of street cleaning, who is now a fugitive from justice on a charge of murder. He is believed to have been the man behind the killing of Gaimari. Hundreds of rumors concerning the whereabouts of Rofrano have been run down without getting the slightest trace of him.

When seen in the toms last night he declared he was not a "queer" and would take his medicine and wait a chance to be vindicated. Carnivale, who is an excitable, undersized Italian, waved his arms over his head and shouted:

"As God is my judge, Mike Rofrano is an innocent man. I will die in prison before I will say anything against him. I had nothing to do with this murder. I am an innocent man, too, but I came into court and took my medicine to save others."

Police Commissioner Woods will not prefer charges against Detective Wood and his partner, through whose hands Rofrano slipped last week. Mr. Perkins wrote a letter to the commissioner explaining that the detectives had obeyed orders and that no blame should attach to them. Mr. Woods says he is satisfied that no one in the police department permitted Rofrano to escape.

The grand jury will meet today, when it is expected an indictment for perjury will be filed against Michael Fiolto, who swore at the Montimagno trial that he saw the man who killed Gaimari and that it was not the defendant.

Toy Soldiers Will Come From Europe

Toy soldiers of all the belligerent nations, which will enable American children to construct their own little armies, will be the European war's contribution to the Christmas toy trade this year.

The Swiss legation has obtained the co-operation of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce in placing orders for toys of Swiss make. Skillfully executed lithographs of the belligerent armies are shown among the samples of the new toys received in Washington.



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\$7.50 Gabardine and Silk Skirts \$4.90

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Big size, close woven huck towels, ends and red corded borders.		Extra fine, heavy quality white and blue spreads. Biggest double-bed size. Beautiful patterns.		Satin luster finish, rich elegant damask; close woven fabric quality; beautiful patterns.	
60c Double Bed Sheets.....	33c	\$1.00 Silkoline Comforts.....	98c	\$1.00 Red Table Cloths.....	69c
Full double bed size bleached sheets, good quality cotton; 3-inch hems.		White cotton-filled double-bed size comforts, hard-tufted and good weight.		Full extension size table covers. Red and white and red and green. Pretty patterns; fringe finished.	
75c Seamless Sheets.....	51c	\$1.00 Blankets.....	67c	6c Toweling Crash.....	34c
Free from starch, close woven bleached cotton sheets, absolutely seamless, finished with 3-inch hems.		White and gray flannel blankets. Pink and blue borders.		Good quality half finished toweling crash; twilled surface; colored border. Per yard, 34c.	
10c Pillow Cases.....	77c	\$1.50 Blankets.....	98c	12 1/2 and 15c Linen Toweling.....	9 1/2c
Full size, good quality cotton cases; 3-inch hems. Free from starch.		Extra big size double-bed blankets. Pretty blue and pink borders.		Pure linen bleached and unbleached crash. Plain or pink and blue checked patterns.	
18c Hemstitched Pillow Cases.....	11 1/2c	8c Doyleys.....	47c	19c Extra Large Huck Towels.....	12 1/2c
45 and 30-inch spike attached, good quality cotton cases; 3-inch hems; free from dressing.		Mercerized finish, good size doilies, finished with hemstitched hems.		Big size close woven, absorbent huck towels, splendid drying qualities. Corded, hemmed borders.	
8c Towels.....	47c	\$1.00 Bed Spreads.....	67c		
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