

PEACE PARTY GIVEN HEARING BY COMMITTEE

Opponents of Preparedness Program Appear Before House Military Committee.

DISCUSS WAR AND ITS CAUSES FROM ALL ANGLES

California Woman Tells Committee "Yellow Peril" Is Merely a Myth.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Opponents of administration plans for national defenses concluded their hearings today in the house committee, and while not unanimous in their opinions as to what should be done or left undone with regard to the army and navy, they all opposed any present change in military policy.

They were seldom interrupted by committee members, except where the open-mindedness of congress on the question of preparedness was assailed. The views ranged from the suggestion that congress should wait until the close of the European war to denunciation of a policy of military preparedness at any time or for any purpose.

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Yellow Peril a Myth. "If it means to believe," he said, "that there is no cause leading up to war which cannot be composed and adjudicated by international tribunals, precisely as the quarrels of individuals are vindicated, then I would be willing to have the stigma of a peace at any price banner attached to me and shall wear it as a distinction."

ENGINE TURNS OVER; TWO FATALLY HURT

Chicago Heights, Ill., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Mose M. Dalton, wife of a business man here, was fatally burned and George Manke, a fireman, suffered a broken back today, when a fire engine, answering an alarm, upset in turning a corner. The gasoline tank exploded, scattering the burning fluid over Mrs. Dalton.

JACOB BULL RANCH SOLD FOR \$15,000

Dickinson, Feb. 9.—George E. Ryder and Albert Skinner have purchased the Jacob Bull Ranch and 200 head of cattle, including 40 head of registered Polled-Angus stock, and will take possession May 1. The ranch deal aggregates \$15,000 and Dr. S. W. Bailey, the owner since last fall, has accepted an offer to practice osteopathy at Roundup, Mont., which is the reason for disposing of the property. The new owners will call their ranche the Skinner-Ryder Cattle Co.

UNDERWOOD SALESMEN SECURE PROMOTIONS

Announcement has been made of several changes to be made in the state by the Underwood Typewriter company, which concern has a number of salesmen in this state. The change will bring well earned promotions to a number of the men employed by the company in this territory.

R. B. Barrett, who has been state manager, with offices in Fargo, has been transferred to a better position in New York City. James Gaffney, working out of the Fargo office at the present time, but who formerly headquartered in the capital city, and has a great many friends here, will succeed Mr. Barrett as state manager, while A. F. Collar of this city, who has had charge of the Bismarck branch office for several years, will take the place made vacant by the promotion of Mr. Gaffney. All changes are in the nature of promotions for the Underwood men, and are well deserved by reason of the volume of business done by the Underwood company in North Dakota. The changes will be effective March 1.

THIS INSTITUTIONAL TOWN IS NOT NEUTRAL SOME REASONS WHY

The following fifteen reasons why the state capital should not be moved appear in this week's Ellendale Leader and is reliably reported to represent the sentiment of that district. Ellendale has a state educational institution. It recognizes that it cannot afford to be neutral in a movement that threatens to put wheels under every state institution.

This is what Ellendale thinks: FIFTEEN REASONS WHY

"The state capital should be moved to New Rockford:

"Because the State Normal School at Minot should be removed to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State School of Forestry should be removed from Bottineau to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State Tubercular Hospital should be removed from Dunseith to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State School for the Deaf should be removed from Devils Lake to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State University should be removed from Grand Forks to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State Normal School should be removed from Mayville to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State Agricultural College should be removed from Fargo to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State School of Science should be removed from Wahpeton to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State Normal and Industrial School should be removed from Ellendale to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State Normal School should be removed from Valley City to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State Hospital for the Insane should be removed from Jamestown to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State School for the Blind should be removed from Bathgate to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State School for the Feeble Minded should be removed from Grafton to 'a more central location.'

"Because the State Reform School should be removed from Mandan to 'a more central location.'

"Because the Soldiers' Home should be removed from Lisbon to 'a more central location.'

\$30,000 FOR INDIAN SCHOOL

Provision Made in Indian Appropriations Bill for New Dormitory.

The Commercial club was advised by wire from Washington yesterday that the Indian appropriations bill, carrying \$30,000 to provide for a dormitory at the Bismarck Indian school, passed the house with little opposition.

No difficulty with this appropriation is anticipated in the senate, where both Gronna and McCumber may be depended upon to support the claims of the Bismarck school, and it is believed that the funds will be available in sufficient time to permit of the completion of the additional buildings before the beginning of the fall term.

The Commercial club has had this matter up with members of the North Dakota delegation since the beginning of the present session. It has called attention to the cramped conditions existing at the school, and to the fact that between 500 and 700 Indian children in North Dakota are deprived of adequate educational advantages because of the lack of proper facilities.

The dormitory will make provision at the Bismarck school for approximately 200 students, about double the present number, and will relieve the situation to a large extent. It is hoped that the senate can be induced to amend the bill to carry \$35,000 for "additional buildings," not restricting the entire expenditure to a dormitory, as other structures are badly needed, and with due economy this amount can be made to cover all.

SPRING THAW BEGINS IN WESTERN STATES

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9.—The spring thaw began in the mountains today. Temperatures rose to 40 in the passes through which the railroads cross the Cascades, and rain was intermittent. Railroad men were more hopeful today than in many weeks.

The slide of a 150-foot bluff in West Seattle slid toward the sea beach today, and its descent partially demolished six houses. Some of the inhabitants were slightly injured.

Great Northern passenger train No. 1, which was being detoured over the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway, was derailed two miles east of Grand Dallas, Wash., today. No one was hurt.

THE WEATHER. North Dakota: Snow Thursday and possibly Friday; colder.

SMITH UNDER SURVEILLANCE

Minnesota State Treasurer Implicated in \$28,000 Forgery Case.

St. Paul, Feb. 9.—Walter J. Smith, Minnesota's state treasurer, was placed under the surveillance of a St. Paul city detective at a Minneapolis sanitarium today, according to R. D. O'Brien, Ramsey county attorney, pending a grand jury investigation of alleged irregularities in the handling of certain state funds.

Mr. O'Brien said tonight that he would present to the Ramsey county grand jury here tomorrow information he obtained from R. C. Pickett, clerk of the state investment board, who was taken into custody yesterday on a charge of forgery in connection with the same irregularities, and is said by Mr. O'Brien to have confessed implicating Treasurer Smith.

The amount said to have been obtained by the forgers is about \$28,000, and it is said to have been repaid with interest, according to state officials. Mr. Smith is said to be threatened with pneumonia, and it is not likely he will be able to leave the sanitarium before the grand jury has acted in the matter. Should he attempt to leave before grand jury action is taken, however, Mr. O'Brien said he would be arrested and lodged in jail.

CASE RECALLS FAMOUS NORTH DAKOTA SHORTAGE

Shortages revealed in the office of the Minnesota State treasury recall the historic case of the North Dakota state treasurer. Their similarity was remarked upon yesterday by many at the state capital who are familiar with the details.

In connection with the \$28,962 irregularities in handling the state funds in Minnesota, said to have been recovered, there appears an item of \$18,000 trust funds handed out as follows:

An application for a loan from the state was made by School District No. 46 in Aitkin county. Lyndon A. Smith, attorney general, approved the application. This was followed by litigation over the legality of the district, into which had been consolidated several schools.

In May, 1915, Judge William E. McClenahan of Aitkin county issued a restraining order against the consolidation and the case was taken to the supreme court. When informed of this action At-

APPAM'S CAPTOR REPORTED TAKEN BY THE ENEMY

Roon Said to Be Seized Together With German Merchantmen.

CONFIRMATION OF CAPTURE LACKING

British Cruiser Drake Supposed to Have Performed the Feat.

New York, Feb. 9.—British officials here and others interested, vainly sought confirmation tonight to the report received today to the effect that the German warship, Roon, alleged to be the captor of the Appam, the British liner recently brought into Norfolk, Va., by a German prize crew, had been captured by the British armored cruiser, Drake, after a three hours' fight about 200 miles east-northeast of Bermuda. The report of the capture was received by the New York Evening Globe.

The capture of the Roon is said by The Globe to have been followed by the seizure of two merchantmen flying the German flag, one of which was armed.

An Associated Press dispatch tonight from Hamilton, Bermuda, said nothing was known there of any battle between the Drake and the Roon, and that efforts to confirm the report had been unavailing.

The report to The Globe, which the newspaper says it received in code from a reliable source in Bermuda, said that when the Drake first sighted the Roon, "Seygrave said: 'Please, God, today I will avenge Craddock.'" The Seygrave mentioned in the message is supposed to be Captain John R. Seygrave, who was in command of a vessel in the fleet commanded by the Admiral Craddock, when the latter went down with his flagship, The Good Hope, in an engagement with a German squadron off Chile.

For several days reports have been current in maritime circles here that the German commerce raider had been either sunk or captured by the British. The British consulate, however, has received no official confirmation of this report.

Donate to Red Cross. Lieutenant Berge, commander of the German prize ship, Appam, announced he would give to the American Red Cross, "mite" boxes found aboard the ship, containing \$75 contributed for relief of widows and orphans in England.

Half-Million Cargo. The value of the Appam's cargo, disposition of which must await a decision of the Washington government, was estimated by port officials today at about \$650,000.

GERMANS TO HOLD CONVENTION MARCH 5

Gladstone, Feb. 9.—The German citizens of this city and the surrounding country had a citizen meeting Feb. 6 in the "Deutsche Eintracht" hall, to discuss the endorsing of candidates for the county and state offices for the coming election. The meeting was well attended and many interesting speakers spoke during the afternoon program.

Mr. Jacob Rothschiller, president of the German-American Alliance of North Dakota, acted as chairman. In his speech, he said: "The Germans should turn out and do their duty on election day. No German should accept anything from a candidate. Therefore, the Personal Liberty League of North Dakota has put out buttons for sale, price \$1.00, and every citizen should buy one of them. The amount collected from the sale of these buttons helps the league to endorse and elect their ticket without any other support from candidates. With this plan carried out the German element will show a clean campaign."

Some of the other speakers on the program were: Hon. Frank X. Wanger, Hon. H. J. Blanchard, J. P. Cain, lawyer of Dickinson, Wm. Blume, and several others. Mr. Blume also announced that he would be a candidate for state's attorney.

It was agreed that on March 5 a delegate meeting would be held at St. Anthony's hall at Dickinson. At this meeting the candidates for county offices will be endorsed. St. Patrick's lodge and the people are well informed on county and state politics.

RAND MATRON PASSES.

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Ratta A. Mills, aged 57, grand matron of the General Grand Chapter, Eastern Star, died suddenly at her home here tonight. She recently returned from a trip to the Hawaiian Islands, where, it is believed, she contracted a fever, which with complications resulted in her death.

HOUSE PASSES NAVY BILL; NOW UP TO WILSON

President Urges Members of Military Committee to Hasten Military Bill.

SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS WILL DIFFER

Expected Military Bill Will Be Ready for House Within Two Weeks.

Washington, Feb. 9.—With President Wilson, personally urging both Democratic and Republican members of the house military committee, to hasten preparation of bills to carry out the army's part in the national preparedness scheme, indications tonight were that the measure might be ready for the house within two weeks or less.

Hearings will come to a close tomorrow, or next day, and it is understood the main features of the bills already have been whipped into shape in which it is expected they will receive virtually the unanimous approval of the committee.

Draft Proposals. The senate committee already has concluded its hearings on army bills and will take up the work of drafting its proposals for the senate early next week. There also, the general outline of the plan to be recommended, has crystallized in the minds of the members.

The bills of the two houses, it is expected, will differ radically, and the final legislation will be worked out as a compromise in conference.

Navy Plans Pass House. Progress also was made today on navy legislation, the measures paving the way for construction of battleships 43 and 44, at navy yards, and providing for 300 additional midshipmen in the July class at Annapolis, being passed by the senate. They passed the house today and lack only the president's signature to become law.

Committee Favor Suffrage. A house judiciary sub-committee, by a vote of 4 to 3, today recommended to the full committee the reporting to the house "without recommendation" of the Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment for nation-wide woman suffrage. It is in accordance with the action of the committees of the past.

Refuse to Meddle. On objection by Republican Leader Mann, the house today declined to consider a resolution by Representative Clark of Florida providing for calling of a peace congress of neutral nations by President Wilson.

Special Pension Bill. Special pensions of \$10 a month each and places on a roll of honor for former soldiers, holders of medals of honor, and over 65 years old, are authorized in a bill introduced by Representative Sherwood of Ohio and passed today by the house. It is estimated that not more than 1,000 veterans come into the provisions of the measure.

Another pension bill designed to benefit widows of Spanish war volunteers, who served more than 90 days, aroused much discussion and finally went over until next Wednesday without action.

To Flood Districts. Arrangements were completed today by the new flood control committee of the house for an inspection tour through the Mississippi flood district. The committee will leave Saturday afternoon and return to Washington about February 21.

Armenian Relief Day. The senate today adopted a resolution proposed by Senator Lodge, requesting the president to set apart a day on which the public might contribute to the relief of distressed Armenians.

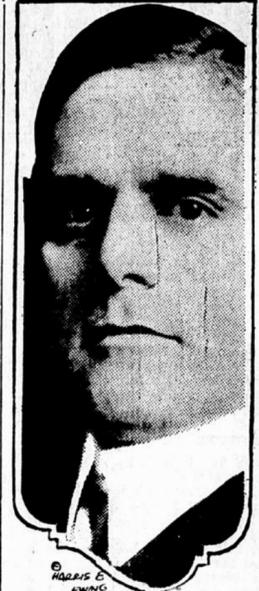
Thysell Is New Head

Dickinson, Feb. 9.—John C. Thysell has been appointed superintendent of the Dickinson experiment station to succeed Lawrence R. Waldron, who goes to the North Dakota agricultural college March 1 to take charge of plant breeding. Mr. Thysell is now with the department of agriculture in Washington and will come to Dickinson with his wife and son within a few days. He has spent his summers at the local station for some years, going to Washington for winter work.

ROCKEFELLER FUNDS TO BUILD HOSPITAL

New York, Feb. 9.—The Protestant Episcopal church will consider the acceptance of a Rockefeller Foundation donation for its hospital at Shanghai, provided that such acceptance "does not interfere in any way with our own control of our church institutions," according to a resolution adopted here today by the board of foreign missions of the church.

PREPAREDNESS PLEA COMES FROM SOUTH



Congressman W. W. Venable.

Congressman W. W. Venable, who has just filled the chair in the house of representatives made vacant by the death of Congressman "Sam" Witherspoon of Mississippi, recently started the house by a speech in which he came out strongly for preparedness. Venable's predecessor was the leader of the anti-preparedness forces in the lower house until his death.

THORNE OPPOSES CONFIRMATION OF BRANDEIS AS JUDGE

Declares That He Stands for Preconceived Ideas on Railroad Issues.

BOSTON LAWYER INSISTS ON TOO HIGH RETURNS

Washington, Feb. 9.—Charging that Louis D. Brandeis, as counsel for the interstate commerce commission in the five per cent advance rate case, conceded to the cause of the railroads to the fatal injury of the public interest, Clifford Thorne, railroad commissioner of Iowa, and an associate counsel to the judiciary committee of the senate not to recommend confirmation of Mr. Brandeis's nomination to the supreme court of the United States.

Costly to People. Mr. Thorne argued that it would be very costly to the American people to put men on the supreme court bench with preconceived notions as to high returns on railroad investments, in view of the fact that institutions involved in the nation's appraisal now going on, ultimately would have to be determined by that tribunal.

Summoning up his case, he declared: "I have showed conclusively from the records that Mr. Brandeis has committed himself to the proposition that a return on the capital stock of railroads of 7 1/2 per cent is, to use his own words, 'rather meagre.' That is, the return which the interstate commerce commission unanimously determined was adequate. Furthermore, the investors of this country have decided that a stock yielding 7 1/2 per cent in the market places of the country is worth 100 cents on the dollar."

Was Double-crossed? "I have shown that Mr. Brandeis co-operated in a friendly manner during the conduct of the case, with associate counsel, yet at the crucial time, Mr. Brandeis, without warning to other counsel, after all arguments had been closed on behalf of the public, conceded entirely to the railroads. Had I known that such was going to be his position, had he advised us of his decision, steps certainly would have been taken for our protection, and we would have demanded an opportunity to be heard after Mr. Brandeis had closed the arguments for the public. I consider that his concession was practically fatal to the cause of the public. Our work was useless."

CURTISS CO. ABSORBS MARBLEHEAD CONCERN

New York, Feb. 9.—Announcement was made today by the Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor company of Buffalo that it had acquired the aeroplane factory of the Burgess company at Marblehead, Mass. It was said that a North Atlantic station for coast defense, with a large number of aircraft, available for call, will be established at Marblehead. Similar stations are to be established at Newport News and at San Diego, Cal.

GERMANS RAID KENTISH COAST WITH SEAPLANES

Two Planes Make a Successful Raid in Broad Daylight; Two Women Killed.

FURIOUS COMBAT ON WESTERN BATTLE FRONT

Teutons Take French Positions Over Length of 800 Yards; Grenade Fighting.

London, Feb. 9.—Two women and one child were injured this afternoon when two German seaplanes raided the Kentish coast, dropping bombs. Three missiles fell on the outskirts of Ramsgate, four near a school at Broadstairs, the material damage is said by the war department to have been confined to the shattering of glass.

The attack was made in broad daylight. At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, two seaplanes were reported approaching the Kentish coast, and a few minutes later they flew over Ramsgate and Broadstairs.

A number of naval and military aeroplanes and seaplanes ascended to attack the German, but they immediately retreated. As no engagement between the airmen has been reported, it is presumed that the Germans made good their escape.

Germany Take Trenches. The French and Germans have been engaged in furious combats on the sector of the western battle front between Lens and Arras, where recently there has been great activity.

Berlin reports that to the west of the town of Vimy, the Germans captured French positions over a length of 800 yards.

Paris admits that the Germans after the explosion of two heavily charged mines, got a foothold in portions of a French crater, but say they were driven out by hand grenade attacks.

Paris also reports that the French, in a grenade attack, drove the Germans from a small post, between Solons and Rheims, and that the French batteries have badly damaged German organizations in the forest of Apremont, southeast of St. Malho.

Russian Front. On the Russian front, Berlin records the repulse of Russian infantry attacks at several points in the Riga region. A Petrograd dispatch says severe fighting is developing in this district, the preliminary artillery duels having changed into bombardments of great intensity.

Answer Delayed. Great Britain's reply to the American government's protest against the British blockade has been delayed and probably will not be sent to Washington during the present month.

Change of Commanders. General Sir Horace Lockwood Smith-Dorrien has relinquished the command of the British forces operating in East Africa, owing to ill health, it was officially announced tonight.

General John A. Christian Smuts, the minister of the interior, mines and defenses, of the Union of South Africa, has accepted the vacancy, with the announcement added.

Work for Crimpy. At the convention of the German Orthopedic society, which is now in session in Berlin, many inventions of methods for repairing the wastes of war have been exhibited or discussed.

Dr. Ferdinand Sauerbruch, professor of surgery at Zurich university, showed the delegates an artificial hand which was able to grasp objects of all forms and to lift weights up to 20 pounds. An entirely novel feature of the hand is that it and the fingers are controlled by muscular action in the upper arm, which is prepared for such work by two operations. The muscular power, afterwards, is transmitted to the hand through a system of wires and pulleys to which all the fingers respond.

Woman to Prison. Ely Raus, a woman missionary at Cologne, the head of a small section of Seventh Day Adventists, who preached the practical application of the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," was sentenced today by court-martial to nine months' imprisonment in a fortress, on the charge of attempted treason, by inciting soldiers to insubordination. She is 74 years old. The woman had advocated in speech and print that soldiers must not slay on the Sabbath.

Wounds Not Serious. The German newspapers state that Prince Oscar's wounds recently received in the eastern war theatre are not serious, but that as he suffers from a weak heart, he will not be able to take further part in the war. The German emperor and his wife have received thousands of telegrams congratulating them on Prince Oscar's escape.

German Peace Plan. The Koethische Voelgung, discussing peace possibilities, asserts that Germany will never consent to enter a general peace conference, but will only consent to negotiate with each individual enemy. Germany takes the