

HOUSE VOTES TO INCREASE NAVY 86,000

Clears Its Calendar of Naval Appropriation Bill With Record Vote—Measure Ready for Senate, Says Chairman Kelly

Washington, April 20.—The House had cleared its calendar today of the naval appropriation bill with a victory for the big navy faction which supported the amendment increasing the enlisted personnel from 67,000 as originally provided to 86,000.

The total of \$251,269,000 carried in the bill as passed was an increase of about \$18,000,000, over the amount fixed by the appropriations committee which framed it.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS GATHER BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md., April 20.—Responding to the call of the National League of Women Voters from all parts of the Americas assembled here today in conference on subjects of special concern to women—education, child welfare, women in industry, prevention of traffic in women, civil and political status of women and international friendliness.

Recurring here after the exercises Marshal Joffre and Mme. Joffre will dine with the President at the White House.

LAST NIGHT BAND IN DUBLIN GOVERNMENT BUILDING IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN RAIDED

Dublin, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Last night was the very worst Dublin has experienced since Easter, so far as noise is concerned.

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BOXER BEATEN BY GANG THEN THROWN IN BOX CAR

Peoria, Ill., April 20.—Stanley Everett, Pekin, Illinois bantamweight boxer who mysteriously disappeared before a match last night in which he was to have met Herbie Schaeffer, of Chicago, arrived at his home in Pekin early this morning badly beaten and told a story of having been kidnapped in Peoria and thrown into a box car at Wesley City unconscious.

START ANTI-CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT IN CHINA BACK BY COMMUNISTS

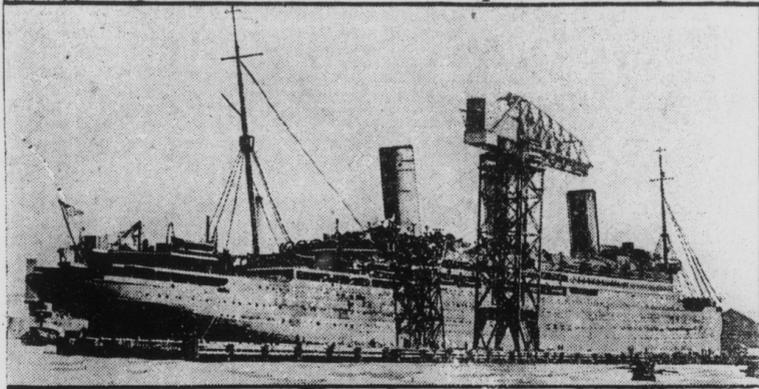
Amoy, China, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—An anti-Christian movement said to have started with the formation of twenty such organizations in Peking University is now spreading rapidly over China, according to reports here.

The agitation has reached Amoy University, the government schools and other institutions. Christian leaders and consular authorities express alarm at the extent of the movement, which is reported to be backed by communist agitators.

GEORGE BAKER FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 20.—George Baker was found guilty of first degree murder in connection with the death two weeks ago of J. W. Morton, a special deputy sheriff of Durham, Georgia.

Leviathan Arrives at Newport News



This photograph was taken just after the Leviathan had been warped into dock at Newport News to be conditioned for passenger service.

JOFFRE WILL ASSIST D. A. R. AT MT. VERNON

Washington, April 20.—The annual pilgrimage to Mount Vernon today of the delegates to the Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be marked by the presence there of Marshal Joffre, of France.

The French military hero who is concluding his American tour with a five day visit here will be accompanied by Ambassador Jusserand, who planted on the soil of Washington's home a tree from La Grange castle, France the home of Lafayette, as a gift to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Wreaths will be placed on Washington's tomb by Marshal Joffre and Mrs. George Maynard Minor, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and one by the latter also on the tomb of Martha Washington.

NO SHORTAGE OF NITRATE DECLARES SECY WALLACE

Washington, April 20.—Citing statistics showing that "there has been no shortage of nitrates," Secretary of Agriculture Wallace declares in a letter to Andrew L. Felker, commissioner of agriculture of New Hampshire, he is not able to understand the basis for the belief that there is a serious shortage of nitrate and that fertilizer companies are not able to supply fertilizer needs of farmers because of this shortage.

Mr. Wallace's letter is in reply to a telegram from Mr. Felker saying that fertilizer companies were unable to get nitrate to fill farmers' fertilizer orders and asking the secretary to urge the war department to release its supply.

Normal importation of nitrate of soda before the war, Mr. Wallace says, was about 600,000 short tons, of which 250,000 were used for fertilizers, and this was increased in 1920 to 1,480,519 short tons.

RURAL CARRIERS WILL HELP GATHER CROP DATA SAYS POSTMASTER WORK

Washington, April 20.—Utilization of the services of rural letter carriers for gathering crop data and other agricultural statistics was authorized today by Postmaster General Work.

MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL BANKS NOT CERTAIN AT GENOA SAYS TREASURY

Washington, April 20.—Presence of a representative of the Federal Reserve system at an international conference of bank issue was proposed at Genoa probably would depend on the circumstances upon which such a meeting was called, it was said today at the treasury.

While no invitation has been received from Genoa it was stated and no consideration has as yet been given to such a proposition high officials indicated that a meeting of international banks might involve the matters of such particular concern to American financial interests as to make the question of representation of the Federal Reserve system one of the first importance.

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MISSISSIPPI REACHES HIGH WATER LEVEL

New Orleans, April 20.—The Mississippi river passed the highest stage stage ever recorded here early today when the local gauge registered 26.1 feet, one tenth of a foot higher than the previous high record established in 1912.

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ANTI-SALOON WORKER PANS COL. KNUTT

Jacksonville, April 20.—The Rev. Mr. C. W. Croke, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league in Florida, declares he discovered some flaws in the methods of Colonel L. G. Knutt, chief of the narcotic revenue division of the international revenue board, and his assistants in their conduct of the recent war against liquor law violators at Miami and that he is going to have some of the "inefficient and unfaithful" Federal agents removed.

NO BIG SALARIES

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Enactment Should Not Make Prices Go Up Is McCumber's Warning

Washington, April 20.—Consideration of the Administration tariff bill was begun in the Senate today with an address by Chairman McCumber of the finance committee, who declared a protective tariff and reduction in production costs were necessary "to reconstruct the commercial bridge across the Chasm separating the cost of production in the United States and abroad."

LADY ASTOR WILL ATTEND UNION DINNER TONIGHT

New York, April 20.—Lady Astor, who will attend the dinner of the English speaking union tonight, will not go to Baltimore immediately afterward as planned. She will spend the time until Sunday with her sister Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson.

NEW BUILDING FOR EXCHANGE AT AUBURNDALE

The Auburndale Citrus Growers' Association held an important meeting Wednesday evening, at which it was decided to erect a new packing plant. The structure will stand on the site of the present frame building, and steel, concrete and hollow tile will be used in construction, the exterior being stucco over the tile.

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EXPLOSION IS SAID TO HAVE KILLED MANY

Reports From Salonika Say 1,800 Soldiers Have Been Buried Alive By Explosion of War Materials

Athens, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Advices from Salonika today report great loss of life as a result of an explosion of war material stored 200 meters from the Salonika railway station. Hundreds of children were buried in the ruins of a church on which shells fell and it was believed 1,800 soldiers were buried in the ruins of their barracks which were demolished, the advices states.

The similarity of the foregoing dispatch to one from Belgrade yesterday, which reported an explosion at Monastir in the southern part of old Serbia when an ammunition dump blew up makes it seem possible that both relate to the same disaster.

Monastir is about eighty miles to the northeast of Salonika. The disaster occurred at noon yesterday. Details of the damage and the number of victims are lacking but the dispatches here said it was a large one.

The soldiers were having dinner when their barracks were destroyed and a large number of them are now known to have been killed. The railway station was demolished. Fires immediately broke out in several of the houses and the inhabitants fled in panic as the entire town was endangered.

BISHOP BURT TO TAKE PART IN BIG ROME CELEBRATION

Buffalo, N. Y., April 20.—Bishop William Burt, resident bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church at Buffalo, N. Y., will sail from New York on May 6th for Italy to participate in the celebration of the founding of Methodism in Italy.

Bishop Burt will make a thorough investigation of the work on the Methodist Episcopal church in Europe which will take several months. He goes to Italy at the request of the Methodist conference in Italy and will visit the European work of the Methodist church with Bishop Edgar Blake of Paris, Bishop John L. Nuelson of Zurich, Switzerland, and Bishop Anton Bast of Copenhagen, Denmark. Elaborate arrangements have been made for the celebration in Rome and Florence in Italy.

In 1883 Bishop Burt was transferred to the Italy conference from the New York East conference. In 1886 to 1888 he was presiding elder in Milan district, and in 1888-90 he was in Florence, Italy, where he established the "Theological Seminary." He organized the French missionary conferences and the Austria-Hungary conference, the Russian missions, Denmark and Finland conferences and the European central conferences and translated the Methodist Episcopal Discipline into the Italian language and compiled several books in Italy, into French and German. In 1903 he was knighted by the King of Italy, Victor Emanuel III.

The program and arrangements for the celebration are being prepared by Dr. Bertram Martin Tipple in Rome.

The Italian conference will hold its annual session in Rome on May 17th with Bishops Burt and Blake presiding.

PAGE AT MADRID MEETS KING UNKNOWINGLY OVER PHONE

Madrid, April 20.—"Would you have the kindness to ask the secretary to speak on the telephone." This message received by page at the Military Club of Madrid so astounded him by its politeness that he thought one of the other boys was having a joke with him. He therefore replied, "Hold the phone, old bean (or the Spanish equivalent), and I'll give him to you."

To his horror, the secretary addressed the person who had rung up as "Your Majesty."

Shortly afterwards a message came that the page was to go to the palace. There the king received him and gave him a 100 peseta note, saying laughingly: "There, you old bean," and invited him to spend the rest of the afternoon at the palace with the royal children.

WOMEN PARTICIPATE IN DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION FOR FIRST TIME

Raleigh, N. C., April 20.—With woman participating officially for the first time, the twenty-fourth Viennial Democratic state convention opened here at noon today. The adoption of a platform was the principal business to come before the meeting. Representative Edward W. Jou, will deliver the key note speech.

Leaders say that an attempt will be made to include a plank in the platform favoring an amendment to the state constitution which would bring the salaries of judicial and other constitutional officers within the provisions of the state income law. The supreme court recently held that the state could not tax the salaries of these officers.

Tchitcherin on Way to Genoa



First photograph to reach this country of Russian delegates on the way to the Genoa conference. This was taken at the Berlin station. The man with the high hat is Malzahn. On his right, Tchitcherin, the firebrand who made Lloyd George sit up and take notice.