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NAVAL EXPENSES TO BE CUT DOWN

16 SHIPS IN ATLANTIC

PUT MORE MEN ON SHIPS

SECRETARY MEYER THINKS

SAVING CAN BE EFFECTED

Taft is Cause of Plan to Lessen Expense of Keeping Navy in Trim—All But Sixteen Battleships to be Held in Reserve, With a Small Complement of Men and Officers—Usual Number of Ships Will be Built.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9.—Owing to Taft's policy of retrenchment, Secretary Meyer announced today, that he will leave but sixteen battleships on the Atlantic fleet in active service, and recommend that all other fighting machines of that class be held in reserve, when he revises the expenses of his department for the fiscal year. Meyer believes that a large saving will be effected by placing all battleships outside the Atlantic fleet in reserve with a small complement of officers and men, a mere skeleton of the regular force.

The plan of retrenchment will not affect the proposed increase of three thousand men in the enlisted personnel of the navy, nor the policy of making yearly appropriations for two battleships. Estimates for the pay of additional men and the cost of new ships will be included in the budget. Employment for the additional men, and those taken from ships in reserve will be provided for by increasing the enlisted strength of every ship in commission.

TOURISTS MAY STOP WITH US

EFFORT MADE TO GET CHICAGO MEN TO SEE GRANDE RONDE

Itinerary Left This City Off The Map—Publicity Manager Currey Secures Promise From Director General Hutchins, to Use His Influence to Get a Stop Here—Will be Taken For Auto Ride Over Valley.

Fifty of the leading business men of Chicago will pass through La Grande next Friday afternoon. The itinerary of the delegation calls for a stop at

Pendleton and Baker City, leaving La Grande out entirely. Through the efforts of Traffic Manager O'Neill and the Commercial club here they will probably be prevailed upon to stop here. Director General Hutchins passed through the city this morning on his way to Portland where he will join the delegation and return to Chicago with them. Publicity Manager Currey secured an interview with Mr. Hutchins, who stated that he would use his influence to get them to stop off here for an hour and seemed to think that it could be arranged.

If they are successful in securing the stop the visitors will be given an automobile ride through the valley. When they return they will be shown over the city. The itinerary will give them a very good impression of our resources and one that will go far to advertise La Grande and the surrounding country.

GREAT BRITAIN EXPECTS A WAR

MUST PREPARE AT ONCE,

ACCORDING TO LORD ROBERTS

Says Question is Not Whether England Can Fight in 20 Years, But "Can She Fight Now?" Roberts Puts Limit to Period of Peace at 20 Months, and Counsels Closest Attention to Situation.

LONDON, June 9.—Predicting that Great Britain will be involved in war within 20 months, Lord Roberts today took issue with War Secretary Haldane, who told the Imperial Press Congress that the empire must have its defense developed within 20 years. Haldane intimated that the nation relied materially on the colonies. Roberts leaped to his feet, saying: "It is impossible to look to a period of 20 years of peace in which to prepare ourselves. If you will pay attention to an old soldier, I counsel that the present situation demands the closest attention. The greatest question is: 'Are we prepared to fight now?'"

Feudist Murderer's Captured.

JACKSON, Ky., June 9.—Govan Smith, his brother, Elisha, and Levi Johnson, were arrested today after a hot pursuit through the mountains by a sheriff's posse, are charged with complicity in the shooting of Edward Callahan, the famous feudist, and a friend of the late Judge Hargis, who was assassinated by his son recently. Smith is head of the Smith clan. Bloodhounds led the posse to his home.

Local Strawberries Soon.

While the strawberries that are shipped in are selling at 20 cents per box, it is hoped by the merchants of the city that they will be able to sell the local berries at a less price. A few berries are ripening in the Fruitdale, May Park and Cove districts, but they will not appear in the market to any extent before next week.

ASKS CALHOUN WHERE MONEY WENT

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—The disposal of \$299,000 drawn from the United States mint by representatives of the United Railroads was the subject of inquiries of the prosecution in the Calhoun trial today. During first week's trial Heney intimated that he

would try to prove this money was used in the payment of bribes to members of the former Board of Supervisors. He caused a sensation in court today when he threatened to counsel the defendant to produce vouchers showing the disposition of the money.

PORTLAND WILL VIEW PARADE TONIGHT

PORTLAND, June 9.—The floral pageant of decorated automobiles, was the principal feature in today's program of the Rose Festival. Thousands lined the streets through which the pageant passed at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The five miles of automobiles in the parade, were decorated with millions of roses. There were 300 machines. The event was given under the auspices of the automobile club, which

DECISION GIVEN IN TWO CASES

Two more Union county cases have been decided by the Supreme Court. In the case of Rafferty vs. Davis, wherein Mr. Rafferty as guardian sought to recover land sold for taxes to Len Davis, of North Powder, the lower court sustained, and Rafferty

REFUSE CHINA MINISTERSHIP

Taft Worried Over Refusals to Accept Post

Already Declined by Three, Fulton, Hemenway and a New York Man—Feared in Official circles That China is Resentful of Seeming Slight—Taft Will Probably Keep Nomination Secret Until Appointee Has Accepted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9.—Repeated declinations by men to whom Taft has offered the ministership to China are believed in official circles to have stirred up a slight feeling of resentment in China. The President is said to be perplexed as to the proper disposal of the post. The ministership has already been offered to former Senator Fulton, of Oregon; former Senator Hemenway, of Indiana; and to William Nelson Cromwell, of New York. The president will probably not announce another nomination until it is accepted.

May Banish 300 Saloons.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., June 9.—Nearly 300 saloons may be put out of business as a result of the election held today in this city and Mahoning counties under the Rose local option law. "Wets" and "Drys" have engaged in a vigorous campaign and the result of the balloting is yet in doubt.

No. 5 Late.

Because No. 24, an east bound freight, went into the ditch near Durkee on "Horse Shoe" curve yesterday afternoon, Passenger No. 5 was annulled last night and ran as the first section of No. 11 this morning, arriving in La Grande at 7:40. No. 11 proper arrived at 7:50.

Transcontinental Race.

TOPEKA, Kas., June 9.—Leading in the New York Exposition transcontinental race, the Shawmut car, with T. A. Pottingill, R. H. Messer and E. H. Chapin, as drivers, arrived here at 8:15 this morning.

One Ford is Thirty Minutes Behind the Leader, Making Good Time, the Other Ford is Reported Ditched near Lawrence, Kansas. The whereabouts of the Acme is unknown.

Finds Much Money.

ELLENSBURG, Wn., June 9.—While excavating under the family home in Roslyn today, Charles Avenetti, unearthed a large copper can containing \$3,000 in green backs. It is supposed that the money was buried by Avenetti's father, who died years ago.

Christiansen in Court.

Spectators thought for a while this afternoon that the case of the State against Christiansen, charged with passing a raised check, would be thrown out of court, but Judge Knowles overruled a motion to dismiss the case and the trial was proceeded with.

Great Game Yesterday.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—Spectacular features were plentiful in the San Francisco-Oakland great 24 inning game yesterday. "Cuck" Henley, pitcher for San Francisco, walked only one man in the whole game; Tennant, first base for San Francisco, had 36 chances, made one error; but one man stole on Catcher Berry, for San Francisco, and he completed five snappy double plays; Mohler, second base for San Francisco, fielded 13 chances without a bobble. The actual playing time was three hours and 45 minutes.

Two Boys Will Stand Trial

ROY and Ray Lawrence, the two boys who committed the robbery at North Powder Monday night, were brought to La Grande this morning and lodged in the jail here to await the action of the grand jury. The supposition is that the grand jury will return an indictment against the boys this afternoon.

Supposition is That an Indictment Will be Returned This Afternoon—Are Typical Street Gamins and Seem to be Well Versed in Hobe Life—Are Determined to Stand Trial—Have Been Orphans for Several Years.

CASTRO SCHEMES MORE MISCHIEF

HAS BEEN WATCHED BY AGENTS OF SECRET SERVICE

NEW YORK, June 9.—That states is not lulled to sleep by the apparent inactivity of former President Cipriano Castro, of Venezuela, was shown today when it developed that secret service agents are investigating an attempted shipment of 31,000 modern rifles to the southern republic. The shipment was made from Belgium, and it is reported it was the plan to reship them from New York to southern ports in states; then send them in smaller consignments to Venezuela. The investigation disclosed that from foreign sources a million dollars has been placed at the disposal of the men suspected of heading the plot.

Fair Grows Better.

SEATTLE, June 9.—Today was the biggest day in the exposition's second week of history. It was jointly celebrated by the Grocers' Association, Washington Pioneers' Association; the Catholic Order of Foresters, and the State Library Association. Every grocery store in Seattle was closed all day.

RATES REMAIN UNTIL HEARING

EFFECTIVE IN THIRTY DAYS

RESULT OF HEARING TODAY

HEARING ATTENDED BY DISTINGUISHED COMPANY

All Cases of Rates Which Were Ordered Reduced to Take Effect July 1—Another Victory For Spokane—In Effect Pending The Hearing of Supplemental Complaint—Traffic Experts Present.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9.—All commodity rates shall remain as at present in effect, pending the hearing of Spokane's supplemental complaint in the coming fall. All class rates to Spokane which were ordered reduced 16-23 per cent will become effective July 1.

Committee Meeting.

Chairman Mac Wood has called a meeting of all the committees concerned in the preparation of the celebration program, and desires that every member be present at the Commercial club rooms, Monday evening, at 8 o'clock.

List of Jurors.

Very few jurors were excused at this term of the circuit court. The following are in attendance: S. Woodell, Summerville; King Spain, Tolocaset; W. E. Pach, La Grande; Charles Oswald, Summerville; L. L. McKennon, Altel; M. Ellidge, La Grande; G. D. Simmons, La Grande; Claud Huffman, Elgin; D. W. Sanford, Hilgard; Frank Ross, Union; J. A. Hug, Elgin; Robert Blumenstein, Elgin; J. M. Dorr, Elgin; W. S. Ebell, Elgin; John T. Rich, Union.

New Passenger Conductor.

Conductor Frank Mytinger of the La Grande division of the O. R. & N., who has been promoted to one of the new passenger runs out of this city, has arrived with his family from La Grande to reside here permanently.—Pendleton E. O.

SPENDING FORTUNE AT FAST RATE

AMERICAN AND FRENCH CARDINALS TO BE CREATED

ROME, June 9.—Cardinal Merry Del Val, papal Secretary of State, will urge at next autumn's consistory the creation of an American and a French Cardinal, according to the belief in Vatican circles. There are now several vacancies in the papal college. The failure of the consistory to create new cardinals before the recent adjournment is being discussed by Del Val and the Pope.

NEW YORK, June 9.—Spending her fortune at the rate of two dollars in the same length of time it took her husband to accumulate thirty cents, Mrs. Russell Sage has disbursed twenty five million dollars in less than three years. If she continues at the present rate the entire fortune of \$65,000,000 which took a life time to accumulate will be gone within five years. The widow is spending the fortune at the rate of \$25,000 daily for the benefits of mankind.