

ASKS GERMANY TO HALT NAVAL PLANS

Churchill Proposes Cessation of Building Battleships.

WOULD RELIEVE TAXPAYERS

Suggests That Germany and England Build No Vessels For One Year—Believes That Smaller Nations Would Follow Example of Greater Powers. Situation in Europe is Now Clearing.

London.—Winston Churchill, the first lord of the admiralty, in behalf of the English government has made a specific offer to Germany of a year's "naval holiday," wherein both nations would agree to halt the construction of battleships.

Widespread interest was aroused by the proposal, and much significance is attached to the offer, which was made while he was discussing the naval expenditures of \$375,000,000 a year and warning the nation of the inevitable heavy increase in armaments if the rivalry continued.

The pith of his speech was contained in this paragraph:

"Now, we say in all friendship and sincerity to our great neighbor, Germany: If you will put off beginning to build your two ships for twelve months we will put off in absolute good faith the building of our four ships for exactly the same period."

If Great Britain and Germany took the lead, Mr. Churchill added, there was a good prospect of success in getting other powers to agree to a naval holiday, thus relieving the taxpayers of a burden of millions of dollars.

Mr. Churchill first advocated a naval holiday on March 26 when he was speaking in the house of commons on the naval estimates, but Germany did not accept his offer.

"The proposal I put forward in the name of the British government for a naval holiday is quite simple," he said.



WINSTON CHURCHILL.

"Next year, apart from the Canadian ships or their equivalent and apart from anything that may be required by any development in the Mediterranean, we shall lay down four great ships to Germany's two. Now, we say to Germany, 'If you will put off beginning to build your two ships for twelve months we will put off in absolute good faith the building of our four ships for exactly the same period.'"

Mr. Churchill then expressed the opinion that if Great Britain and Germany took the lead all the other great countries would follow suit, and they would all be just as great and as sound as if they had built the ships at present projected. If Austria and Italy did not build, the obligation, he said, would be removed from France and Great Britain, and the fact that the triple alliance (Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy) was building no ships would make the proposal possible without the slightest danger or risk. The first lord then added:

"Isn't it likely that so great and memorable an event would produce an effect on the naval construction of the United States and Japan? Scores of millions would be rescued for the progress of mankind."

Mr. Churchill added, "That is the proposal I make for the year 1914 or, if that year is thought to be too near, for 1915."

The first lord warned that apart from such an agreement "the naval expenditure of next year will be substantially greater than that of this year. Whatever may be necessary for the safety of our country and the maintenance of our influence all over the world will have to be done."

Mr. Churchill thought the fact that the situation in Europe was much clearer now than it had been for some time, the strong evidences of a desire for peace and the greatly improved relations between Great Britain and Germany rendered the moment favorable for the resumption of the consideration of the suggestion of a naval holiday to which friendly reference was made in a speech by the German imperial chancellor."

WEDDING BIDS OF NO USE.

Girl Refuses to Mail Them—Why? Married in June.

West Orange, N. J.—When Mr. and Mrs. Silas A. Mills received from the engravers a box of invitations to be sent out for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Helen Mills, to William Forsyth of Orange, the daughter began to blush. When her mother told her to address the envelopes the daughter blushed some more and said:

"I don't think we will mail the invitations, mother."

"I hope you don't think we will deliver them personally," retorted the mother.

"But there is no use in fooling the folks," the young woman said. "We can save the money for the stamps, because Bill and I were married on June 18."

The mother bore up bravely under the shock, but more than 200 friends and relatives will have to forego the pleasure of seeing Helen Mills and "Billy" Forsyth married on Thanksgiving eve.

DENIES SNOBBERY IN NAVY.

Officer Who Rose From Ranks Praises His Treatment.

Washington.—Lieutenant D. Lyons of the navy, who reached his present commissioned grade from the ranks, has written a letter to the secretary of the navy denying charges which have been made of snobbery in the navy and that graduates of the Naval academy were disposed to look down on nongraduates and discriminate against them.

Lieutenant Lyons has had twenty-seven years' experience as an enlisted man, warrant and commissioned officer, and he says that such charges are unjust and untrue. He declares that other men who have come from the ranks, with whom he has discussed the subject, feel the same way.

MUSIC HALTS MARRIAGE.

Bridegroom Overcome on Hearing "Marching Through Georgia."

Kalamazoo, Mich.—During the marriage ceremony which united John Denn, seventy years old and a veteran of the civil war, and Mrs. Nancy E. Marks, a native of Alabama, a band passed by the courthouse, where the ceremony was being performed, playing "Marching Through Georgia."

As soon as the old man recognized the air a thousand memories seemingly flashed through his memory, and he was so overcome with emotion that it was necessary to stop the ceremony.

After the band had passed beyond hearing the reading of the marriage vows was concluded by Judge Felling.

NO TRACE OF FAMILY MISSING FOR 20 YEARS

Seek Information of Wealthy Judge, Wife and Heirs.

Kingston, Mo.—After twenty years of gossip, theorizing and discussion regarding the disappearance of the family of James McMillan, one time probate judge of Caldwell county, the officials of the county are to take steps to trace their present whereabouts in the hope of disposing of farm and town property owned by them and upon which taxes have been left unpaid since they disappeared. The property is now deserted and has been long regarded as haunted.

The dropping out of sight of Judge McMillan and the subsequent disappearance of his family at various times provided a mystery that has never been solved. Leaving the county courthouse one evening, the judge, at that time serving his third term in the probate court and reputed one of the wealthiest men in the county, stopped to talk with his most intimate friend, Thomas Laidlaw.

"I think that I will go back to Scotland some day, Tom," he said. "I am fifty-five years old and have been away a long time, but I have honestly grown homesick." He and Laidlaw parted a few moments later, and Judge McMillan was never seen again by his family or any one in the county. He did not leave by the nearest railroad spur, it was found, nor had he hired any vehicle to take him from Kingston.

For a time Mrs. McMillan lived quietly. She received no word from her husband, and inquiries in Scotland proved that he had not been seen there and that no word from him had ever been received by his relatives there.

About three years after Judge McMillan's disappearance James and George, his two sons, spent a day about their usual haunts and at night disappeared. They had no baggage of any kind and were dressed in their working clothes. No word has ever been received from them since.

Two years passed after the boys had disappeared when handbills were circulated stating that Mrs. McMillan would sell all of her belongings for cash. The sales were held at the different homes owned by her, and then she and her three daughters disappeared as had the father and sons.

The real estate belonging to the family had not been disposed of, and no provision was ever made for its sale.

Crape on Girl's Door.
Garfield, N. J.—Jilted, a man here named crape on the girl's front door and was arrested.

PEGOUD MAY TRY AN OCEAN FLIGHT

Topsy Turvy Aviator Believes Feat Can Be Accomplished.

WANTS GOOD NAVAL PATROL

Frenchman Who Has Amazed World by His Daring is Modest Young Fellow—"Some Day You Will Die," His Retort to Suggestion of Peril—Wants to Be First to Fly Across Ocean.

Paris.—Adolphe Pegoud, the topsy-turvy aviator, intends, if he manages to keep alive, to give exhibitions of upside down flying in New York at the conclusion of his present tour.

Before going to Vienna M. Pegoud gave an interview in which he not only stated his purpose of going to America, but also expressed his willingness to attempt a flight across the Atlantic, provided a proper naval patrol was guaranteed.

M. Pegoud is small and dapper, with brilliant eyes, scintillating good humor. He cultivates a dark mustache, a la kaiser. He is a great joker, even on the subject of his own thrilling performances. While he cannot be called a man without nerves, he undoubtedly does not know the meaning of danger.

His attitude concerning his upside-down feats is not stager, nor that of an acrobat seeking adulation. He said at the beginning of the interview:

"I am very proud to be the first man to accomplish this feat, but other men can do it as easily as I. After I got the idea I worked out the possibilities on paper and studied the entire problem thoroughly. I kept at Berliet to allow me to attempt it merely to prove the possibility of the safety of his make of aeroplane.

"You ask whether I would attempt a transatlantic flight. I have not studied the question sufficiently to make a complete answer concerning the possibility of success, but I think that such a



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flight will be accomplished in the near future. Certainly it will be the greatest feat in aviation. I hope to be among the first to attempt it, even though I do not succeed.

"Persons talk about the foolhardiness of my upside down flights. If I thought them foolhardy I would not do them. That is why I say I would attempt a transatlantic flight now only with a guarantee of proper naval patrol, because I am sane enough to desire to try it again if I fail the first time.

"From a superficial study of the situation I believe that the flight might now be attempted across the shortest route, from the west coast of Ireland to Newfoundland.

"A waterplane of sufficient size, an extraordinarily powerful motor and wireless equipment could today negotiate a large part of the trip without descending for gasoline. Given fair weather the craft could rest on the waves until help arrived. With the wireless it could keep its whereabouts known. It would be necessary to fly much faster than the fastest petrol boats.

"As transatlantic liners would probably be expensive and impracticable, I believe that torpedo boats and destroyers would be the best craft obtainable. If any government wished to test the possibility sufficiently to have a convoy of such craft, starting a couple of days before the flight and spreading themselves across the ocean, I think it would not be long before the greatest prize of the air would be won."

DOG STUNG, AUTOIST SHOT.

Hunter Thought New Yorker's Car Hit Animal When It Yelped.

South Norwalk, Conn.—Leon Hitchcock of New York city was shot in the hand by Lew Barrett, a hunter of Canons, near here, who believed Hitchcock's auto had killed his hunting dog.

When Hitchcock's machine whirled by and the dog yelped from the sting of a bee the hunter fired point blank and the charge struck Hitchcock in the hand, badly lacerating it. Barrett was arrested.



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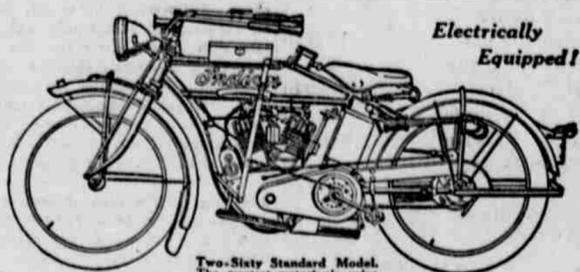
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