

FOR GREAT NAVY

House Considers the Appropriation Bill.

FOSS STRONGLY URGES IT

Fitzgerald Thinks Object Is to Have Second German Fleet.

TERMS ROOSEVELT UNSAFE

New Yorker, However, Fears He Will Be in Power Again and Would Give Him Few Ships, as War Might Be Provoked.

NAVY OF GERMANY.	
Battleships, first-class	19
Battleships, second-class	11
Battleships, third-class	1
Armored cruisers	8
Cruciers, first-class	6
Cruciers, second-class	23
Cruciers, third-class	4
Gunboats, sea-going	19
Gunboats, river	14
Transports and dispatch vessels	19
Tugs, hospital and special service	10
School and training ships	15
Subsidiary and auxiliary ships	12
Hulls and obsolescent	36
Torpedo-boats, first-class	46
Torpedo-boats, second-class	113
Torpedo-boats, third-class	36
Submarine boats	1,450
Enlisted men	37,500
Heavy guns	404
Secondary and machine guns	2,948

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The House today began consideration of the naval appropriation bill, ten hours being allowed for general debate. During the general discussion, Fitzgerald (Dem., N. Y.) declared our naval program was to procure a naval force greater than that of Germany. He further said:

"In all sections of the country the conviction, rightly or wrongly, is firm that the present occupant of the White House is apt to involve us in war with some other nation."

The House upon convening passed a bill amending the land laws so that in a county which lies in two land districts proof may be made at the county seat for either district.

Another bill authorizing the construction of pipe lines for gas through the Indian Territory was passed, after having been amended so as to limit the time of grants under the bill to 20 years, on the suggestion of Williams (Dem., Miss.), who said the territory was, or at least he hoped it was, on the eve of acquiring statehood.

A bill was passed granting to Port Angeles, Wash., for park purposes, certain portions of the Government reserve in that city.

The House then went into committee of the whole, with Hepburn in the chair, and entered upon consideration of the naval appropriation bill. The minority announced that they wanted five hours for general debate and ten hours were agreed upon to be divided equally.

Foss Explains Increase in the Bill.
Foss (Ill.), speaking for the bill, said the aggregate appropriation would afford comfort to the economist and an inspiration to those who believe in the policy of building up the American Navy. He then explained the reasons for the increase of \$14,000,000 in this bill over the last, saying among other things that the increase of 200 men provided by the bill made an increased appropriation necessary. More men should have been provided, he said, but there was a lack of facilities for training them. Taking up the new warship program, Foss said the navy is increasing its program in a moderate and reasonable manner, when other countries are doing so taken into consideration. Figures were quoted comparing the navies of the powers, showing the United States to rank fifth.

In emphasizing the necessity of building up the Navy in times of peace and the impossibility of building ships in times of war, Foss exclaimed:

"What would Russia give today if she could call back some of her sunken ships?"

If eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, Foss declared that "eternal preparation for war is the price of peace." He called attention to the great difference between the Army and Navy. The Army is largely made up of personnel, the Navy-General can be made by the stroke of a pen, but it requires 40 years to make an Admiral and years of work to build a navy.

Referring to the recent troubles in Santo Domingo, Foss said the time may come when the United States will say to Santo Domingo and Hayti that if they cannot preserve order the American Navy will be so for them. The Monroe Doctrine also must be looked out for. The Navy must be relied upon to back up American diplomacy, which, he said, never stood so high as it does today under Secretary Hay.

In conclusion, he said that when it became necessary to strike a blow the United States should possess the blow to strike—a blow such as Dewey struck at Manila.

Meyer (Dem., La.), the ranking minority member of the committee, combated the statement that the Navy was top-heavy. He regards the building of a strong navy as a measure of peace.

Fitzgerald (Dem., N. Y.) said that to whoever can read the signs of the times the program of this Government is plain.

To Exceed Navy of Germany.
"I am aware that official denial will be quickly forthcoming," he declared; "nevertheless I assert that the action of this Government in its naval program is unmistakably to procure a naval force that will exceed that of Germany."

He then gave figures showing the strength of the German navy, and what will be in the immediate future. Admiral Dewey, he said, in a hearing before the naval committee, made this statement: "I think we ought to be a little ahead of any country that is likely to attack us. I think if we were to have 48 battleships in 20 years they would let us alone."

Continuing, Fitzgerald said: "There is a growing feeling of unrest in this country. There is an almost universal belief, even among its friends, that the present Administration is dominated by an unsafe man. In all sections of the country the conviction, rightly or wrongly, is firm that the present occupant of the White House is apt to involve us in war with some other nation. The same belief has been held with respect to the head of another great nation, which may account for the fact that at a dinner on Lincoln's birthday, at Grand Rapids, Mich., the highest compliment that Baron Sternberg, the German Ambassador, thought he could pay to

President Roosevelt was to declare that he very greatly resembled the Emperor of Germany. If the prevailing belief is justified and if the President is to be given four years of power in his own right, now that the great representative of the conservative force in the Republican party, the late Senator from Ohio (Mr. Hanna) is gone to his reward, it may be wise for us to outdo even Great Britain in our naval program. Is it the part of wisdom to encourage an unsafe and impetuous and adventure-loving executive by loose talk and with big appropriations? Should he not be made to feel that the sentiment of this country is for peace, not strife? It always has been so, and it always should be.

"Since the Spanish-American War, it is true the people seem to have been carried away with the glamour of military achievements. So stupendous have the expenditures for the naval and military become that important internal improvements have been indefinitely deferred."

Public Officers Talk Too Much.
It was time to call a halt on much talk of an inflammatory character that was heard throughout this land, declared Fitzgerald, adding:

"Public officers are the chief offenders, by loose, indefinite and bombastic statements. The naval committee in its report is not entirely free from the disease."

Referring to the speech of Secretary Moody and that of Bede of Minneapolis, concerning the Monroe Doctrine, Fitzgerald said President Cleveland never would have issued his "universally praised Venezuelan message" if he had stopped to measure the relative strength of the navies of the two countries. In conclusion he asked:

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Signs Urgent Deficiency Bill.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—President Roosevelt today signed the urgent deficiency bill.

FORCED TO FIRE ON REBELS.
American Cruisers Take Up Attack on a Mail Steamer.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A French mail steamship which has arrived here reports that the United States cruisers Newark and Columbia have, says a Herald dispatch from St. Thomas, D. W. I., been forced to fire on the Dominican rebels outside of the City of Santo Domingo because the insurgents fired upon an American mail steamship. The American commander has forbidden either party fighting within the city limits.

Great distress and starvation prevails in Santo Domingo City. The town of Jarabacoa in Southern Hayti, has been declared in a state of siege.

Colombia's Side of Panama Matter.
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Copies of a paper-covered book, entitled "The Panama Canal Question: A Plea for Colombia," consisting chiefly of letters accusing the United States of bad faith and of violation of the New Granada treaty, are being distributed by a representative here of the Colombian government. The pamphlet also is being sent in quantities of 10 to 500 to Colombian consuls in Europe. Although the name of the author and editor is not given, the book is said to have been prepared by a member of the recent Colombian Commission to Washington.

Jiminez Completely Routed.
SAN JUAN, Feb. 19.—The Cuban steamer Julia, which has arrived from Santo Domingo, and the Frigate Albatros, St. Juan, from Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, both report that General Jiminez, the Dominican revolutionary leader, has been routed, that his whereabouts is unknown, and his cause is hopeless.

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WELL FOR CHEMAWA

Committee on Indian Affairs Increases Appropriation.

IS GREATEST EVER FAVORED

Oregon School Reported Deserving of \$132,000 for Improvement—Spencer Will Not Head the Canal Committee.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 19.—The House committee on Indian affairs, on representations of Congressman Hermann, has agreed to appropriate \$132,000 for the Salem Indian School, or \$10,000 in excess of the amount asked for by the department. Mr. Hermann has secured \$15,000 for a brick hospital and has had the capacity of the school increased from 500 to 600, securing an increase in the appropriation for the maintenance in the view of the two countries. In conclusion he asked:

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SENIORITY WILL COUNT.
If Platt Don't Head Canal Committee, Mitchell Will.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 19.—There has been considerable discussion over the chairmanship of the Senate committee on interoceanic canals, and some suggest that because Spooner drafted the canal act, it would be proper for him to become chairman in place of Hanna, in which event Senator Mitchell would become chairman of the committee on rules. This is not likely to be brought about, as some of the Senators have said to Mitchell that seniority, which has always been recognized, must prevail. So it remains this way: If Platt, of New York, does not take it, Mitchell will be the next chairman. The Oregon Senator has no desire to supersede Senator Platt, recognizing that the inevitable rule must prevail, and the man who has the seniority claim will get the chairmanship. It is probable that Spooner will be made a member of the committee, but he is not likely to be its head.

Williamson's Choice to Prevail.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 19.—The contest over the Huntington postmastership in Oregon has been settled in favor of A. C. Degal, who will be appointed on recommendation of Representative Williamson.

New Washington Postmasters.
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FIRE LOSSES ARE \$1,000,000.

Baltimore Risks Were Nearly All Carried by Foreign Companies.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 19.—The Baltimore Underwriter in its issue tomorrow will print a list of all the fire insurance companies involved in the Baltimore fire. The total loss is \$2,500,000, of which \$1,000,000 falls on the local companies. The estimated total of salvage is \$1,700,000, which leaves a net loss to the insurance companies of \$1,000,000.

It has been learned that many of the large wholesale dry goods houses formed an insurance pool among themselves, which amounted to about \$5,000,000, from which practically nothing will be realized. Another development is that very few of the tenants of the so-called fire-proof building carried any insurance.

\$600,000 Fire in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Fire tonight destroyed the paint works of F. W. Devoe and C. T. Reynolds Company, in Brooklyn. Loss \$600,000. One hundred families were driven from neighboring tenement houses.

Old New York Concern Falls.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Hamilton Fire Insurance Company of New York City, organized 51 years ago, has gone out of business as the result of a Baltimore fire, in which it sustained a loss of \$97,000.

\$100,000 Fire at State University.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 19.—The chemical laboratory at the Ohio State University was totally destroyed by fire tonight. Loss, \$100,000.

INCOME TAX URGED IN RUSSIA

Leading Journal Thinks This Is Best Way to Raise War Funds.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 19.—Tomorrow the closing day of the carnival week will be observed practically only by a cessation of work. This was the rule today. There will be little rejoicing. Such a carnival time is not remembered. There have been no festivities and no gay parties to the island. Instead people gathered about the bands playing in the streets or followed the troops departing for the front.

None of the reports from abroad of renewed Japanese attacks on Port Arthur has yet been officially confirmed, although private advices continue to be received of an attempted landing, which was repulsed.

An official confirmation announcing Russian withdrawal from participation in the St. Louis Exposition is published in the following terms:

The Ministry of Finance hereby brings to the notice of the Russian public that in St. Louis that in view of the refusal of merchants and manufacturers, owing to existing circumstances, to send exhibits to America, the Russian government has recognized the necessity of declining to participate in the aforesaid Exposition."

The Novoe Vremya, in a leading editorial on Secretary Hay's proposal in regard to the neutrality of China, says the document appears to protect Russia from a flank attack, "and recognizes her exceptional position north of the great wall, but the note stands or falls with the reality of Chinese neutrality. So long as China honestly and successfully maintains neutrality Russia will be unwilling to violate it."

W. N. Kokovtsov, who yesterday was appointed Finance Minister in succession to M. Witte, is said to be a most determined opponent of the financial policy of M. Witte, who resigned his position as Minister of Finance in August last. He has for many years been ambitious to become Finance Minister, and was appointed M. Witte's assistant while the latter held the portfolio, but owing to a disagreement he resigned. M. Kokovtsov is regarded here as being a safe, conservative financier, and it is believed under his administration Russian credit abroad will be sustained. In spite of the appointment, it is persistently rumored that M. Witte will be given supreme control of the finances.

As a means of meeting the extraordinary war expenses, the Bourse Gazette says it believes the present is a favorable time for an income tax, which will not meet with opposition, owing to the general readiness of the nation to share the burden imposed by the war.

Kaiser Invited to Shooting Festival.
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—On behalf of the National Schutzenbund, J. G. Thoeke and C. D. Rohm, of this city, have presented to the German Ambassador, Baron Speck von Sternberg, an invitation which

is to be forwarded, to Emperor William, to attend the shooting festival here in June.

The Ambassador promised to have the invitation submitted to the Emperor, who is in the shape of an album, bearing on the cover the Imperial German eagle, while the first page shows the coat of arms of the National Schutzenbund in water colors. The following pages contain the invitation, artistically penned, and signed by all the members of the board of directors of the Schutzenbund.

RELIEVED FROM ANY BLAME.
Coroner Investigates Charge That Hospital Was Cruel to Rich Man.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The inquest into the case of Adolphus Drucker, the English member of Parliament and owner of mines in British Columbia, who died on December 19 last in the alcoholic ward at Bellevue Hospital, was held today. Drucker's life was insured for \$100,000 in the interest of the Hooliers of London, and at the time of his death complaint was made by James Murphy and William O'Neil, patients in the same ward, that the man had been cruelly treated by the nurses at Bellevue Hospital. After hearing testimony, Coroner Jackson directed the jury to find that Drucker's death was due to causes unknown, and asked that the hospital officials be relieved from any blame in the case. This was done.

Solution of the Labor Problem.
BUFFALO, Feb. 19.—Carroll D. Wright, United States Labor Commissioner, in a speech here on the question, "Is There Any Solution of the Labor Problem?" said: "Law has always failed to adjust wages and its efforts in that direction have done more harm than good. Socialism is an ambitious remedy, but it is not a vital principle. It is not a constructive force. The application of the religious idea is the true solution of the labor problem."

Mr. Wright said that the late Abram S. Hewitt and the late Senator Hanna were two of the greatest friends that labor had ever known.

Baltimore Fire Its Undoing.
MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 19.—Judge Pond today, on motion of the Attorney-General of the state, issued a temporary injunction forbidding the Millers & Manufacturers' Fire Insurance Company from transacting any further business. The company is one of the oldest in Minnesota, and its difficulties are due to a heavy loss in the Baltimore fire. Its assets are \$105,000; liabilities, \$100,000.

Financial Losses Prompt Suicide.
BERLIN, Feb. 19.—Max H. Meyer, a well-known broker on the Bourse, shot and killed himself with a revolver at his villa last night. His mind had become disordered, owing to the loss of \$100,000 by the fall in Russian securities. Herr Meyer had, however, a fortune several times larger than his liabilities.

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