BRITAIN DEBATES WAR POSSIBILITY

Speedy Mobilization of Empire Regarded as "Virtually Impossible."

NAVY OF FIRST REGARD

Earl Percy Discusses Problems Involved in Possible Conflict With European Power With the Strength of Germany.

LONDON, Aug. 3.-Earl Percy has raised the question, "What could the British Army do in a European War?" This is a very pertinent matter to the British, and us the German war scare is no means at an end, much comment been aroused thereby.

The first thing, mays one authority, in The first thing, may one authority, in any discussion that is not trifling is to see a possible British war as a whole, so that each part may drop into its proper perspective. Sean as a whole, a British war means a conflict between one or more of the great powers and Great Britain, with such support and help as Great Britain can derive from the dominions oversee. Modern war between great powers is always a struggle for the creat powers is always a struggle for the great powers is always a struggle for the mastery in which one side is sure to pur forward its whole available strength, and in which, therefore, the side which cannot mobilize its whole people and all its wealth and resources will be at a disadvantage, at any rate at the start. But in modern war the tendency is to throw all the possible energy into the throw all the pessible energy into the rt may easily be fatal.

Reserve Slow of Command.

Great Britain cannot for a European war mobilize her empire. That is a reserve of power upon which she can only draw after a lapse of time and in

ecial circumstances. The oversea dominions have or may The oversea dominions have or may have a series of secure naval bases valuable in a naval war for the protection of commerce. Troops from the oversea dominions may reinforce the garrison of India and even of Egypt. They cannot, at the outset, be available in Europe. In the first act Great Erttain has to fight for the empire with no more direct help from it than can be given by such naval forces maintained by the dominions as may at the time form part of the British may in European waters. That first act must needs be a fight for the "command of the sea," a fight of which the kernel will be a declayer sea fight, a naval conflict fought out to the bitter end. So far as can be judged on the present balsance of naval power, the issue in the conflict at sea would depend mainly on the tactical training of the fleets and on the strategical skill of the opposing admiralties.

The first question a possible ally will The first question a possible ally will ask, assuming the caues to be one in which she feels that for her own sake she must needs fight if she has a chance, is: Will Great Britain be victorious at sea? No ally will be forthcoming unless the answer to that question is in the affirmative. For any ally worth having must be assumed to have reasonable prudence, and to join with a Great Britain feredoomed to defeat at sea would evidently be rash.

Hypothetical Case Discussed.

The second question to be considered by the possible ally would be: What can Great Britain do to help in battles on land, in particular in the decisive battles, and, in particular in the decays which in modern war come early in the campaign. This is the question discussed by Earl Percy, who takes as his hypothetical case that in which the adversary would be Germany and the possible ally France. He takes first the that Belgium would be exsupposition that Belgium would be exposed to attack by the assumed adversary, and considers whether a British Army might be landed in Belgium to help the Belgian resistance. He takes second, the assumption that a British army would be sent to France to act on the left wing of the Frence to act on the clines to think that the British force could scarcely be more than 190,060 men, and that it would hardly be on the spot in time, for he expects the decisive battle within a fortnight.

Upon these calculations one or two reflections present themselves. In the first place the British regular army and the special reserve have been of late years reorganized for the purpose of producing an expeditionary force of 150,000 men with reserves such as will suf-

with reserves such as will suf fice to keep it at that strength during a campaign. If the war office of 1859, which had been told to aim at an ex-peditionary force of 70,000 men as its perfittenary force of 10,000 men as its maximum effort, was able to have that force ready before the transports and to increase it as time went on to many times that number, there ought to be no reason for doubting that the new war office will have its 180,000 men ready when wanted. The attention of inquir-ers about be turned to the means of moving them. The railway systems of England and France are quite equal to the task. The problem would be to get them from one country to the other.

Navy Most Important.

The expeditionary force, in the opinion of the authority quoted, is probably as good as any force in the world of the same size. At any rate, it has been diligently trained ever since the South African War, in which impartial ob-servers as well as British generals re-ported that the men were splendld. The aim of the minister of war ought to be

aim of the minister of war ought to be to make the territorial army as far as possible fit at the earliest moment to reinforce the expeditionary force.

The main use of the inquiry to which Earl Percy has devoted so much serious thought is to help the people of this country to realize that the true purpose of British military preparations is to strike a blow abroad and that the right way of dealing with projects of invasion is to provent them by victory at sea. There is no other way of preventing invasion.

Senator Piles expressed regret that o other way of preventing invasion, prevention is better than cure.

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An army that is good enough to beat an enemy abroad will also be good enough to beat him in Great Britain in case, in spits of the navy, he should arrive here, but an army not fit to beat him shroad will hardly deter him from trying to cross the sea.

Club Will Take Trip.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—At meeting of its executive loard last vening, the Albany Commercial Club completed the invitation of R. R. McKinthe Albany Commercial Club
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the trip through the eastern
inn County will be arranged.
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in a day or two.

Juliana, heiress to the throne of
a new well started on her second
with good health and a strong
to ber father.

Jones Wants Regulars.

"Send regular Republicans to Congress and elect a Senator who believes
as you and L and we shall do much
to prevent the election of a Democratic
President at any time within the near
future," he said.

Senator Jones expressed the opinion
that the primary law should require
the helding of platform conventions in
state and counties.

"I am not a insugent Republican,"
the declared, and the delegates rose to
their feet, waving hate and cheering.

"I am not a regular Republican," he to visit his big ranch near Holley, ney to visit his big ranch near Holley, and in connection with this visit an automobile trip through the eastern part of Linn County will be arranged. President McCune was authorized to name a committee of five on arrange-ments for the trip and will name the committee in a day or two.

PRESIDENT OF UNITED WIRELESS, WHO WITH FELLOW OFFICERS HAS BEEN INDICTED.



United Wireless Telegraph Officers Indicted.

ALL OUT ON \$65,000 BAIL

Christopher Columbus Wilson and Others Charged With Conspiracy to Defraud by Using Mails to Sell Worthless Stocks.

NEW YORK, Aug. I.—Seven officers of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, most of whom had been previously arrested, were indicted by a Federal grand jury today on two counts, one charging conspiracy to defraud by the use of the United States mails, the other charging conspiracy in devising a scheme to induce investors to buy worthless stocks. worthless stocks,

Those indicted are: President Chris-Those indicted are: President Christopher Columbus Wilson, Vice-President Samuel Bogar, Secretary W. W. Tompkins, Fiscal Agent George H. Parker, General Manager C. C. Galbraith, Treasurer W. A. Dibolt and Francis X. Butler, counsel and director of the company.

All except Parker were arraigned before Notes House in the United States

ore Judge Hough in the United States
District Court and pleaded not gullty.
Parker is understood to be on the way
here from Scattle to aurrender himself.
President Wilson was held in \$25,000
ball, Tempkins and Bogar in \$10,000

find ball. The company has outstanding \$20,-000,000 worth of common and preferred stock. The indictments give a long list of statements about this stock sent

out by the management which the in-dicment charged were wholly false.

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King County in caucus had previously indorsed such a movement. The amendment was defeated, 623% to 253%, without discussion.

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A substitute for the entire report of the platform committee was proposed b Dr. D. W. King, of Wenatchee, which Dr. D. W. Ring, of Weinsteiner, and contained a scattering indorsement of things Republican without much specification, and which favored primary nomination of Supreme judges, indorsed women's suffrage, commended "the conduct Theodore Roosevelt in the courts of foreign governments" and hailed him as "the great American commoner."

Platform Easily Adopted.

The substitute was squelched without a colicall. The main platform was finally

relicall. The main platform was finally adopted without a dissenting vote.

Resolutions deploring the death of Governor S. G. Cosgrove, ex-Governor John H. McGraw and Representative F. W. Cushman were adopted.

During the morning and afternoon session, the proceedings were enlivened by speeches from members of the Congressional delegation excepting, of course, Poindexter. It is understood Poindexter to Tacoma but his picture hung

given later in the convention platform.

Senator Piles expressed regret that the primary law did not provide for the holding of conventions to promulgate party principles. He declared himself to be an old-fashioned Republican who believed in going into caucuses on legislative matters, and of subordinating his individual wishes to the majority will of the party. Reference the majority will of the party. Refer-ring to the Taft Administration he de-clared it to be the duty of the party to elect loyal men to the Senate and

Jones Wants Regulars.

continued when the cheering had sub-sided.

"I am a Republican, and whenever I cease to be a Republican I shall becease to be a Republican I shall be-come a Democrat. I shall not label myself a Republican and then come be-fore the state denouncing Republican policies and the Republican leaders under whose guidance the Nation has become so prosperous. When I cannot attend a Republican caucus or Repub-lican convention I shall cease to be a Republican and once more the audi-Republican," and once more the audience was lifted from its feet by en-

Such remarks as these were invariably construed by the convention to be almed at Poindexter, and invariably the convention cheered them to the

McCredie's Words Cheered.

Representative McCredie also set the convention wild, when, after he had been greeted with cries of "Play ball!"

"I believe in organization: I believe in winning the pennant, and I believe that when there is a man on the team who will not do team work we should A feature of Representative Hum-

A feature of Representative Humphrey's address was a strong commendation of Secretary Ballinger.

"Secretary Ballinger is doing his duty and protecting the best interests of the West," he declared. "The lips of slander cannot pull him down, or assailants of reputation destroy him."

Representative Humphrey also indorsed Speaker Cannon, and gained thereby an applauding concurrence from the convention. The convention completed its work at 5:45 o'clock this afternoon and adjourned.

ELKS WILL GO TO SEASIDE

Five Thousand Members Expected a Clambake on Sunday.

Headed by the police band of 35 pieces in full uniform, the members of Elks' Lodge, No. 142, will march to the Union Depot from Elks' Temple at 8:30 o'cock Saturday Temple Elliott's store, on the Powell Valley each and the others in \$5000 each. On the first charge all were paroled for one week and on the second charge one week and on the second charge they were given two days in which to side. The Eks will indulge in a clam bake at 1:30 P. M. Sunday. It is expected 5000 members of the order from Portland, Salem, Oregon City, Vancouver and The Dalles will take part.

The Salem, Oregon City and Vancouver Elks will come to Portland and go to Seaside on the Elks' special, which NO VOICE FOR POINDEXTER leaves at 9:30 A. M. Saturday, and makes no stops except at Astoria. The Elks of The Dalles will leave for Astoria on the steamer Dalles City Friday night.

At Astoria the Elks will join at 1:30 At Astoria the Eiks will join at 1.30
P. M. Saturday in the laying of the
cornerstone of the new Eiks Temple
being built at a cost of between \$75,000
and \$80,000. The special will leave
Astoria for Seaside at 3 o'clock, and at
7 o'clock Saturday evening a social
session and reception will be held at
Holladay Park.

Holladay Park.
United States Senator Chamberlain, past exated ruler of Portland Lodge, No. 142, will be one of the speakers. No. 142, will be one of the speakers, and Frank Hennessy one of the soloists, a comic solo having been composed which he will render. The police band and members of the various lodges will also entertain.

The local committee on arrangements in Portand is composed of George Lutuchin, chairman; T. B. McDevitt, Charles Lohmire, S. Worthelmer and C. C. Bradley. This committee is working in conjunction with the Astoria committee composed of John Fox,

committee composed of John Fox, chairman; Edward E. Gray, Edward C. Judd, J. S. Dellinger and Norris Staples.

MAN DROWNS FROM JETTY While Unloading Rock, Falls Into

Water and Is Lost.

FORT STEVENS, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—While unloading rock from a barge at the government jetty work, a man named Winter fell overboard and was drowned about one o'clock

and was drowned about one o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Though he was in the water nearly two hours Doctor Macey, post surgeon, spent as long again in an effort to restore consciousness, but without avail. He was assisted in his efforts by Captain Wickland, his life-saving crew and the local hospital corps.

Accidents at this point invariably prove fatal, due to a treacherous unprove fatal, due to a treacherous undertow.

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CRANE IS SILENT ON WESTERN TRIP

Conjecture Connects Conference With Ballinger's Refusal to Resign.

PURPOSE NOT DISCLOSED

senator Smilingly Evasive When Questioned-Has Finished Trip. He Says-Sees Chicagoans on Local Situation.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3 .- (Special.) -- Senator W. Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, brought his Western trip to a sudden close in Chicago today and hastened back to Beverly to make his hastened back to Beverly to make his report to the President. His abrupt departure, coming as it did, on the heels of a meeting with Secretary Ballinger in Minneapolis Monday, and in the wake of Ballinger's flery interview in Chicago Tuesday, was sonstrued as corroboration of the reports that the Senator's real mission was to get the Secretary of the Interior to resign.

It was not discovered until today that Mr. Crane had come to Chicago from Minneapolis Tuesday, arriving two hours lates than Secretary Ballinger. They took rooms at the Congress Hotel with four floors between them, Mr. Crane not

Conference Is Conjectured.

Reports were numerous tonight that a conference between the Senator and the Secretary was held in the hotel Tuesday afternoon. The vehemence of the interview given by Mr. Ballinger Tuesday

terview given by Mr. Ballinger Tuesday night, in which he said:
"I will stick on this job until fired, and I will not quit until President Taft fires me or asks for my resignation," was taken as the foundation for conjectures that in the course of the Congress Hotel conference Secretary Ballinger was asked to resign and flatly refused.
"I have nothing to say," said Mr. Crane today as he was leaving the hotel for the

"I have nothing to say," said Mr. Crane today as he was leaving the hotel for the Twentleth Century Limited. "I am going home. What I was sent West for, if I was sent at all, is not of public business or interest just now. I finished and I am going back.
"Yes. I saw Mr. Ballinger in Minneapolis, but not by appointment. We talked of general matters and that's all there was to our meeting."

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"Is it true that you were sent West to secure Mr. Ballinger's resignation?"

Senator Evades Direct Reply. "What I was sent West for," replied the Senator, "is not public business. I have finished my trip. I do not care to discuss Mr. Ballinger, politics or my mis-

sion here."
"Did you not originally plan to go to Seattle and the Coast?"
"I saw something of that in the papers,"

's saw something of that in the papers, the Senator answered, "but I will not discuss the subject further. Many things are in the papers, you know, and some of them not true. Anyway, I'm going back home."

"Did you confer with Secretary Ballin-

"Look here," said the Senator with a smile, "I've told you all I am going to. I shall say nothing about Mr. Ballinger." While in Chicago Tuesday and today, Mr. Crane conferred with Charles G. Dawes, Frederick W. Upham and others on the situation.

REGISTER TO GO ON TOUR

County Clerk Fields Will Visit Voters in Outlying Districts.

Elliott's store, on the Powell Valley road between 5 and 5 P. M., August 12, to register all voters who may apply. He will also spend an evening at Bridal Veil to register the voters there. His reason for doing this is that there is no notary in these districts to register

The total registration this year now stands at 18,807, 403 names being added to the list yesterday. Of these 293 were Republicans, 76 Democrats and 34 mis-

The Important Problem

confronting anyone in need of a laxative is not a question of a single action only, but of permanently bene ficial effects, which will follow proper efforts to live in a healthful way, with the assistance of Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, whenever it is required, as it cleanses the system gently yet promptly, without irritation and will therefore always have the preference of all who wish the best of family laxatives.

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LORD NORTHCLIFFE ON SEASICKNESS

Gentiemen:—Your letter of the 14th of September reached me on my return to England from a journey to Newfoundland and back, during which I have seen and heard abundant evidence of the fact that Mothersill's Sasick Remedy appears to be, in nineteen cases out of twenty, an absolute cure for mai-de-mer, and also for what Americans call "Car-sickness." I have taken it on many occasions, with excellent effect and no after-effect. You are quite at liberty to make use of this letter, as I think it a duty to express my opinion on the subject.

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cellaneous. At this time in 1908 there were 16,017 names on the list, 12,419 Republicans, 2766 Democrats and 822

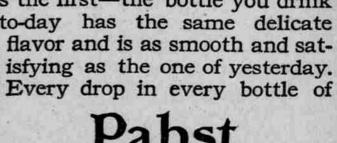
Vacations for Guardsmen Urged. Employers who have members of the Nacoast defense of the Pacific and want to impress the National Government with the idea that local people are doing everything in their power to promote death several months ago. Since then efforts have been made to have his life. Lugo's followers are now serving various terms in San Juan de Serlo.

Chamber. They realize that the state militia is an important factor in the development of a greater efficiency in the corsal. Lugo was sentenced to death several months ago. Since then

tional Guard working for them will be urged to give those men their vacations at such times that they will be enabled to attend the annual encampment of the guardsmen, according to recent action of the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce. This is in line with the policy of improved coast defense urged by the

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