

DRYING 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 as the German war scare is by no means at an end, much comment has been aroused thereby.

The first thing, says 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. Seen 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 overseas. Modern war between great powers is always a struggle for the mastery in which one side is sure to 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 first blow, so that a disadvantage at the start 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 special circumstances.

The overseas dominions have or may have a series of secure naval bases valuable in a naval war which she can only draw after a lapse of time and in special circumstances.

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 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.

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 160,000 men with reserves such as will suffice to keep it at strength during a campaign. If the war office of 1893, which had been told to aim at an expeditionary force of 70,000 men as the maximum effort he might have 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 160,000 men ready when wanted.

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 recently trained ever since the South African War, in which impartial observers as well as British generals reported that the men were superbly drilled, and 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.

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



CHRISTOPHER C. WILSON.

HIGHER-UPS IN TOW

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. 3.—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.

These 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. Diboit and Francis X. Butler, counsel and director of the company.

NO VOICE FOR POINDEXTER

Continued from First Page. Court in King County in caucus had previously endorsed such a movement. The amendment was defeated, 63% to 28% without discussion.

A substitute for the entire report of the platform committee was proposed by Dr. W. E. King, of Wenatchee, which contained a scattering endorsement of things Republican without much specification, and which favored primary nomination of Supreme judges, endorsed women's suffrage, commended "the conduct of 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 rollcall. The main platform was finally adopted by a vote of 100 to 10. Resolutions deploring the death of Governor S. G. Cosgrove, ex-Governor John H. McGraw and Representative F. W. Dunman were adopted. The morning and afternoon sessions, the proceedings were enlivened by speeches from members of the Congressional delegation, excepting, of course, Poindexter. It is understood Poindexter is not in Tacoma, but his picture hung in an obscure corner of the hall, those of the other Representatives, the Senators and several Washington men of prominence occupying positions on the walls and balcony edge.

CRANE IS SENT 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 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 fiery interview in Chicago Tuesday, was construed 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 later than Secretary Ballinger. They took rooms at the Congress Hotel with four floors between them. Mr. Crane not registering. 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 night, in which he said that he would not 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.

Senator Ervades 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 mission." "Did you not originally plan to go to Seattle and the Coast?" "I 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."

continued when the cheering had subsided. "I am a Republican, and whenever I cease to be a Republican I shall become a Democrat. I shall not label myself a Republican and then come before 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 Republican convention I shall cease to be a Republican," and once more the audience was lifted from its feet by enthusiasm.

Such remarks as these were invariably construed by the convention to be aimed at Poindexter, and invariably the convention cheered them to the echo. McCredie's Words Cheered. Representative McCredie also set the convention wild when, after he had been greeted with cries of "Play ball!" he said: "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 release him."

ELKS WILL GO TO SEASIDE

Five Thousand Members Expected at 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'clock Saturday morning, preparatory to taking the train for Seaside. The Elks will indulge in a clambake 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 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.

MAN DROWNS FROM JETTY

While Unloading Rock, Falls Into Water and Is Lost.

PORT STEVENS, Or., Aug. 3.—(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 yesterday afternoon. Though he was in the water nearly two hours Doctor Macoy, post surgeon, spent as long 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 undertow.

REGISTER TO GO ON TOUR

County Clerk Fields Will Visit Voters in Outlying Districts.

To facilitate the registration of voters, County Clerk Fields will be at Elliott's store, on the Powell Valley road between 5 and 9 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 voters.

The Important Problem

confronting anyone in need of a laxative is not a question of a single action only, but of permanently beneficial 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.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE ON SEASICKNESS

Gentlemen—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 Mother's Seal-Biscuits appears to be, in nineteen cases out of twenty, an effective remedy for mal-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.

High Living at Low Cost

Ice cream is usually thought of as dessert—and, of course, it forms an unrivaled "gustatory climax" to any meal: But—



Ice cream is a food—a nourishing food, rich in the most important elements of nutrition, richer, weight for weight, than any other kind of food.

When made of pure cream and sugar it need not be an addition to a meal—it is a dainty, rich, satisfying meal in itself.

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cellaneous. At this time in 1908 there were 16,017 names on the list, 12,419 Republicans, 3166 Democrats and 322 miscellaneous.

Vacations for Guardsmen Urged. Employers who have members of the National 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 trustees of the Chamber of Commerce. This is in line with the policy of improved coast defense urged by the Chamber.

Mexican Rebel Leader Shot. SALTILLO, Mex., Aug. 3.—Jose Lugo, instigator of the insurrection in Velasco, Coahuila, over a year ago, was shot to death this morning in the corridor of the Saltillo penitentiary. A large crowd gathered to witness the execution, but none was admitted within the corral. Lugo was sentenced to 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 Serio.

Teething children have more or less diarrhoea, which can be controlled by giving Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. All that is necessary is to give the prescribed dose after each operation of the bowels more than natural, and then castor oil to cleanse the system. It is safe and sure. Sold by all dealers.

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Advertisement for Pabst Blue Ribbon beer. Features a large illustration of a man in a suit holding a glass of beer. Text includes: 'Once Tried, Always the Favorite', 'Uniform quality is the reason why Pabst Blue Ribbon holds old friends and makes new ones.', 'The Beer of Quality', and 'Don't deny yourself the best—get Pabst Blue Ribbon and have the best.' Includes contact information for S. A. Arata & Co. and Arata Brothers.