

WAR TOPIC CAUSE OF LIVERY ROW

Tawney Is Target for Attack
on Policy of Keeping Pre-
paredness "Dark."

GRUELLING VERY BITTER

McLachlan and Hobson Shower Criticism
on Chairman of Committee
on Appropriations, and Latter
Charges Ill Faith.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—If this country is unprepared for war, as officials of the military arm of the government declare it to be, there was evidence at the Capitol today that the same condition does not extend to those members of Congress who have become involved in a discussion of the subject.

Criticism and invective were the minor trend in broadsheets from the opposing factions, the exchanges taking the form of typewritten statements in which each side assailed the motives of the other.

Mr. Tawney, chairman of the committee on appropriations, was the target of those who have sought to have made public a special report sent to Congress dealing with the state of the National defenses and refused by the House because of its confidential nature.

Two Are Antagonists.

Representative McLachlan, of California, and Representative Hobson, of Alabama, were Mr. Tawney's antagonists.

The statements given out today were based upon a newspaper interview with Mr. Tawney and previous statements declaring that the Dickinson report had been used to influence Congress to vote large sums for an increased Army and Navy programs.

Mr. McLachlan characterized Mr. Tawney as belonging to that class of "alleged patriots who have kept the Nation in utter ignorance until war has come and has then placed untrained, untutored men armed with obsolete weapons in the field to attack the National honor."

Tawney attacks McLachlan Plan.

Mr. Tawney said the McLachlan resolution was not introduced in good faith.

Mr. Hobson charged that Mr. Tawney was now "deliberately misleading the public."

In a lengthy statement, he accused Mr. Tawney of recklessness and criticized him for his position against fortification of the Canal.

After citing Mr. Tawney's record on the subject of National defenses, Mr. Hobson said:

"Mr. Tawney is the person most responsible for the present utter lack of preparedness."

Mr. McLachlan is author of the resolution calling for a report from the War Department on the state of National defense.

Undue Expenditure Charged.

Pittsburgh's charge was that the Navy Department, without authority of law, in the construction of the two newest battleships, had proceeded on its own initiative to plan vessels 20 per cent greater than called for by the law authorizing their construction.

The law, he declared, provided that the vessels were to be "similar in all essential characteristics" to the battleships Delaware and North Dakota, which were of 22,000 tons displacement, whereas the Secretary of the Navy proposed to construct for a 27,000-ton battleship, and the 16,000,000 appropriated for the vessel was found to be insufficient.

Mr. Meyer repeated to the committee the recommendations contained in his annual report for the abandonment of the naval stations at New Orleans, Pensacola, San Juan, Port Royal, New London, Sackett Harbor, Culebra and Cavite.

Secretary Meyer, continuing his discussion of the naval appropriation bill, before the House committee on naval affairs, said today he did not expect another war in his lifetime. Several members of the Military Commission quoted General Wood as saying that the Government should be ready for war at any time.

WOULD-BE THIEF FLEES
Name of Portland Man Found in
Coat Left Behind.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—While D. C. Church, a contractor, was dining at his home last night, Mrs. Church thought she heard the click of the brake on her automobile, which had been left in the curb.

Church rushed out and saw that two men were just driving away in his car. He gave chase up Sutter and was being badly outdistanced when, at the corner of Leavenworth and Post, he came up with a man and woman in a fast touring car.

When Church had pantingly explained the reason of his pursuit, the couple jumped out of their car and tendered it. After defying the speed ordinances for some blocks, he overhauled and "bumped" the other car. The occupant of the rear seat escaped, and while Church was grappling with the man who had been driving the fast machine, the other, a slender one of his coat, leaving it in the pursuing contractor's hands.

The garment, which is the only clue to the robbers, has the label of a Portland tailor and contains letters addressed to M. E. Larsen, Portland, Or. At latest advices the coatless man was still running.

NEW THEATER MAY GO UP

Keating & Flood Seek Old Arlington
Club Site on Alder.

Keating & Flood, lessees of the Lyric Theater, are negotiating for a lease on the old Arlington Club site at West Park and Alder streets, and if the deal is consummated, will erect a theater on the quarter block at a cost of \$100,000. Terms are still under discussion, and if this site is not secured, one of two others under consideration probably will be taken.

Keating & Flood are forming a new vaudeville circuit for the Pacific Northwest, which circuit will extend to Calgary. They will have locations in Puget Sound cities and British Columbia.

MEN OF RAYMOND FEAST

Two Hundred Enthusiastic Boosters
Enjoy Banquet.

RAYMOND, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The Raymond Commercial Club held a "get together" banquet Wednesday evening, December 14.

Officers had been elected for 1911, and \$200 additional cash raised by selling new stock and the collection of fifty

delinquent dues, and it was felt a rousing banquet would promote good fellowship. Out-of-town guests were invited. More than two hundred attended. Dr. G. W. Overmeyer presided as toastmaster.

Mayor A. C. Little made the address of welcome. Among other things, he said the owners' value of all property in Raymond six years ago was \$2,000, but now is at least \$200,000. He paid a glowing tribute to C. C. Chapman, of the Portland Commercial Club, and the excellent work done by that body in advertising Southwestern Washington.

M. E. M. Connor, of the South Bend Pilot, replied, forecasting that some day Raymond and South Bend, connected by a street railway, would eventually be one large city.

M. E. P. Merrill, of Chehalis, explained how by the char-pit method, stumps could be burned at from 25 to 50 cents each, and land cleared at a total cost of from \$5 to \$10 per acre, figuring labor at \$2.50 per day.

State Senator H. O. Fishback, of Adna, said State Aid Road No. 2 is the most important of all roads, as it may give facilities to pioneers, while other proposed roads would be largely in the interest of those who own automobiles.

State Senator-elect H. A. Espy spoke on "The Past and the Present."

C. C. Chapman, of Portland, said the object of a Commercial Club should be to develop the county, rather than the city, and that this would develop both.

Mr. Chapman drew applause by singing an original song, on the development of Southwestern Washington and particularly Raymond.

Other speakers were: M. S. B. Bailey,

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SELFISH MOTIVES SEEN IN WAR SCARE

English Editor Says Arms Con-
tractors Seek Chance to
Sell Their Wares.

ARBITRATION HIS KEYNOTE

Speakers at Washington Conference
Discuss Both Sides of Proposal
for Settlement of Interna-
tional Disputes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—That war scares are largely inspired by "Armament contractors who ultimately would drag various countries into the bankruptcy

of the world," was charged by Francis W. Hirst, editor of the London Economist, in an address before the International Conference of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes to-night.

He characterized as absurd the purchase of dreadnoughts by Brazil to protect itself against Argentina, and said the rivalry between Japan and the United States was crushing the people of Japan under a load of taxes, while armament expenditures were wrecking Great Britain and Germany.

The Supreme Court of the United States, as analogous to the proposed arbitral court, was often cited in the discussions of the conference. It is the apex of the American Government in this good cause, and will treasure them among the loftiest endeavors of great nations.

Lawyers Are Scored.

"As between individuals," said Mr. Hirst, "no between nations, there is a place for the strictest interpretation of a statute or mere lawyers who care nothing for the consequences, and will not look beyond the legal meaning of the words. There is a place also for a broader and more equitable construction."

"And, finally, there is a place, especially as between countries whose laws and customs have grown up entirely apart for thousands of years—say between the United States and Japan, or Italy and China, for a mixture of law and compromise."

The analogy between international and national law is not complete, because the functions of international law must be to adjust and reconcile, not to override, conflicting systems. When once a convention has been passed, the difficulty is to interpret it, and even then a true international court of justice will have an international mode of interpretation, a blend perhaps of the common law and the common law, or of Oriental and Western rules.

Power of Contractors Great.

"The growing wealth and power of contractors who supply governments with stores and armaments of all kinds is portentous. They can well afford to keep a press which shall arouse or agitate jealousy, playing off one prospective battleship against another."

"The favorite cry of armament mongers is that armaments are the only security. If you are unarmed, they say, you are unsafe; that laws and conventions may be broken and that there is no international force behind an international tribunal; no means of arresting an international tribunal."

"They quote the ancient dogma, 'If you want peace, prepare for war.'"

Yes, but as Mr. Asquith pointed out the other day, the growth of armaments is becoming such a financial burden upon even the richest states that the taxation it involves arouses dangerous international discontents which may at any time provoke outbreaks destructive of world's peace.

Economic Waste Fearful.

"The diversion of capital from fruitful enterprises into arms and battleships of men from productive employment to armies and fleets, is perhaps the most obvious of the great economic mischiefs of our time. Are all nations to join in the race for expenditures of armies and navies until they fall down, one by one, exhausted, in the bankruptcy of the world?"

"It is the good fortune of the United States to be rich, populous and powerful, and so far removed from panicky contact with armed neighbors that she

is free to play the part of mediator in the international feud."

David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford, Jr. University, delivered an address on "The Waste of Nations." He deplored the enormous expenditures of war and preparation for it, arguing for the economy of peace.

INSTITUTIONS INSPECTED
West's "Right-Hand Man" Visits All
State Establishments.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Considerable significance is attached to quiet visits which have been made during the past few days by B. W. Olcott, Oregon's "Right-Hand Man," to various institutions located here. Olcott was West's right-hand man during the campaign and has been in charge of his Salem offices ever since West made it publicly known that he had the gubernatorial bee buzzing in his head.

Olcott has been very quiet about these inspection trips and refused to make any statement when questioned as to their evident intent and purpose. It is known through State Treasurer-elect Kay that the incoming State Board intends to make a careful investigation of all the conditions of various institutions before making any changes in department heads, and it is apparent that Olcott is securing data for West which will be put to use when the time comes.

Olcott was the busiest West man in Oregon aside from West during the last campaign, but he still stoutly contends that he has asked for nothing at the hands of the Governor-elect and says that he will ask for nothing. At the same time he is no doubt closer to West than any other man in the state with the possible exception of Senator Chamberlain, and will probably play a considerable part in the councils of the administration.

CIVIC LEAGUE IS INVITED

Bowerman's Representative Delivers
Message at Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 16.—R. W. Raymond, of the Portland Commercial Club, who represented Acting Governor Bowerman, of Oregon, at the meeting of the Civic League, now in session here, today formally presented an invitation to the league to hold its next annual meeting at Portland.

The invitation was referred to the executive committee, which will select the next convention site, even time next month. Today Mr. Raymond had a conference with Census Director Durand regarding the census of manufactures in Oregon. He also called on General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, and urged that a military tournament be held next summer at the Stadium in Tacoma. General Wood told him that in view of the unanimity of sentiment of the Northwest, the tournament would be held at Tacoma, if Congress makes the necessary appropriation for the training expenses of the troops.

COMPENSATION IS ISSUE

Legislature May Be Asked for Fund
for Loss of Diseased Cows.

The committee to have charge of preparing a state-wide tuberculosis test bill for regulation of the dairy interests was named last night by Gov. Calvin S. Hays, secretary of the State Board of Health, in accord with the instructions of the Consumer's League meeting held recently.

Dr. White is chairman, having been selected by the league. The other members selected by him are W. W. Cotton, attorney and owner of a large dairy near Graham; Mrs. A. E. Rookley, formerly president of the Consumer's League; John R. Forbis, of Portland, owner of a large fruit ranch at Dilley, and Austin Buxton, past master of the State Grange.

The first meeting of the committee will be held before the holidays, and the question of compensation for the loss of diseased cows will be thoroughly discussed.

FAMOUS HUMORIST PASSES

Major Melville Delancey Landon.
"Elk Perkins," Dies; Age 71.

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Melville Delancey Landon, better known as "Elk Perkins," author and lecturer, died at his home here today at the age of 71. He had been ill several years.

Mr. Landon was also well known in political life. He once served in the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., and was on the staff of General A. L. Cushman in the Civil War, reaching the rank of Major. He resigned from the Army at the close of the war and became a cotton planter in Arkansas and Louisiana. Afterwards Major Landon traveled in Europe and became secretary of the American Legation at St. Petersburg, returning home in 1870.

Major Landon was President of the New York News Association and the author of many books of wit and humor.

MRS. TURNBULL IS GRILLED

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tion-seekers to lean forward eagerly, were turned aside. Only twice during the ordeal did the woman's determination waver and her voice break.

In the cross-examination of Mrs. Turnbull the attorneys representing the recognized daughters, Mrs. Clara Stocker, Anita McCloughy and Rose Seaton, reached the point of introducing the letters, alleged to have been written by Mrs. Turnbull and which figured prominently in her unsuccessful suit for \$25,000 from Baldwin 14 years ago.

According to the attorneys for the Baldwin estate, these letters, written 14 or 15 years ago, contain sensational statements and are a vital bearing in the present case. All of them are said to contain declarations that Baldwin had betrayed Mrs. Turnbull while beguiling her with the promise of adopting his daughter. In the present case Mrs. Turnbull alleged that Baldwin had married her by contract, an allegation that would have nullified her former action for \$25,000.

A picture of her was introduced with "22" written upon the back of it. Presumed for an explanation of the meaning of the figure, Mrs. Turnbull said that the number denoted the times that Baldwin had seduced her during the years of her marriage. She had counted them and told Baldwin, she said, and with the romance that characterized him, he had asked her to write the number upon the back of her photograph.

Grays Harbor Militia Organizes.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Grays Harbor division of the naval militia was organized here today with 37 recruits already signed. The officers elected are R. H. Burrows, Senior Lieutenant; A. Chester Keel, Junior Lieutenant; H. J. Jones, Ensign. The company is made up of men of both Hoquiam and Aberdeen. An attempt is to be made to procure a war vessel.

Thought Dead on Lost Boat.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Dec. 16.—The foundering of the barge May Wood, the rescue of her crew of four men and the probable loss of the barge Scranton and Birmingham with their crews of three and four men, respectively, were reported here tonight by Captain Taux, of the tug Margaret, which had, the barge, all coal-laden, in tow from New York to Boston.

JAPAN HAS BURDEN

Notwithstanding Debt, Nation
Will Strengthen Navy.

OTHER POWERS IMITATED

Premier Desires to Avoid Criticism
of Neglect, in Face of Advances
Made by Other Countries.
Innovations Required.

TOKIO, Dec. 16.—The budget for 1911-12, as finally completed, was announced today as follows:

Receipts, ordinary, 432,138,000 yen; extraordinary, 48,796,973; expenditures, ordinary, 467,113,574; extraordinary, 133,821,699. A yen is equivalent to about 50 cents in American money.

Marquis Katsura, Premier and Minister of Finance, takes a hopeful view of the fiscal situation. During the year past the government has had a particularly heavy burden to carry. The navy has called for an increased expenditure in order to avoid the criticism of neglect in the face of the advances made by other powers. The annexation of Korea and disastrous floods have added materially to the extraordinary expenditures.

Marquis Katsura lays down these two rules as effective in directing the policy of the government:

First—To maintain the balance of revenue and expenditure in the general estimates and not to look to loans as financial resources.

Second—To maintain the programme of annual redemption of the public debt by an amount of \$5,000,000 yen or more. He says the government has committed itself to these principles. In the next six years \$2,000,000 yen will be spent in supplementing and improving the navy. Fifteen millions is appropriated for the next fiscal year.

The Minister says that the "conspicuous innovations" adopted by other powers in the types of their warships has made it necessary for Japan to somewhat increase its naval expenditure, not only to keep up with the advances made by other countries, but because the navy of Japan, while not endeavoring to compete with or surpass those of other nations, must be kept up to a modern standard. Incidentally, the Minister states that Japan's relations with other governments are most amicable.

Next year's estimate for railways is nearly \$2,000,000 yen. This amount is required, the Premier says, because of the determination of the government to improve the railroad system.

Commencing next year the reconstruction of the main line into a broad-gauge road will be undertaken. A loan for this purpose probably will be raised, but it will be in the nature of a special account for which the railroads will be responsible. The time and place of raising this loan will depend wholly upon economic conditions at home and abroad.

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