



CAUCUS REFUSES ONE BATTLESHIP

House Democrats Will Not Compromise.

NO END OF DEADLOCK SEEN

Senate Determined Not to Make Further Recession.

ACRIMONY MARKS DEBATE

Sulzer Has Some Support in His Fight for Two Vessels, and Ineffective Effort Is Made to Repeal Pledge.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Democrats of the House in caucus voted tonight, 7 to 42, not to recede from their "no battleship" programme in the naval appropriation bill. A determined effort was made to have the caucus approve a compromise with the Senate, whereby the House would agree to the construction of one sea-fighter. Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the appropriations committee, led the opposition to the proposal on the ground of economy. The action of the caucus further complicates the adjournment plans of the leaders of both the Senate and House. The naval appropriation bill is in conference, and today's caucus was ordered in an effort to break a deadlock that has prevailed for some time with no apparent chance that it could be broken.

Senate Willing to Compromise.

The Senate, committed to a two-battleship building programme, was willing to compromise on one vessel this year. It has expressed its determination not to recede further. "What will be the effect of today's action?" Chairman Padgett, of the House naval affairs committee, and leader of the House conferees, was asked when the caucus adjourned. "Heaven alone knows," he answered. "I'm just going to sit on the log, and I don't know what the outcome will be. However, we'll probably be here until frost arrives."

Representative Sulzer, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, offered a resolution that two battleships be provided, and that objections to the Senate amendment be withdrawn. Although Mr. Sulzer had several supporters, Chairman Padgett moved to amend this proposition by substituting one such vessel, which was the "last word" in naval construction.

Caucus Decision Unchanged.

Majority Leader Underwood, Representatives Murray of Massachusetts and Poy of North Carolina, with several others, supported Mr. Padgett's suggestion. Mr. Murray, who represents the district in which the Charles town Navy-yard is situated, confessed he was in favor of the big fighting craft, but that, in the present temper of the two Houses of Congress, he believed a compromise was necessary to expedite public business. The debate was growing acrimonious when Representative Burnett, of Alabama, moved that the entire subject be tabled. There immediately ensued a scene of confusion, but the demand for a rollcall on the proposal was carried, where the result of the caucus voted to stand by its previous decision.

Several ineffectual attempts were made to have the caucus vote to release its members from the pledge exacted by the previous caucus not to vote for battleships this year.

MUSIC REPLACES DEATH

Idle Seattle Undertakers Console Each Other in Glee Club.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—Let us introduce that stellar aggregation of harmonists, that brilliant coterie of sweet singers, the Seattle Undertakers' Glee Club.

Of all the clubs of earth, Seattle has long been the most difficult to die in. The Health Board proclaims and statistics prove that one may die here only after great effort. Death in Seattle has become a fine art. It is and has been no kind of place for a nervous mortician. An undertaker in Seattle is an undertaker by habit, not for cause. Wherefore, lacking death, those of that habit will henceforth fill the leisure hours with sweet harmonies.

Those of the profession who have harmony in their souls and still have not joined the club, may do so by application to C. C. Collins, who is its president, or to Frank Hamilton, who is its secretary.

MAIL FLIRTATIONS HALTED

Postoffice to Demand Reasons for Use of General Delivery.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Approving individual action taken by Postmasters of many large cities, Postmaster-General Hitchcock has issued a general order which has the avowed purpose of checking the use of general delivery windows for carrying on flirtations and clandestine correspondence.

Any person who wishes mail at general delivery windows, instead of home addresses, may hereafter be required to give a reason in writing.

MOTHER TURNS GRAY IN ONE NIGHT

ANXIOUS PARENT AT SEAVIEW THINKS SON DROWNED.

6-Year-Old Child of Mrs. John Adamson Casts Off in Open Rowboat, but Is Tossed to Safety.

SEAVIEW, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—To have her hair turn gray in a single night, in the belief that her son was at the bottom of Shoalwater Bay, was the harrowing experience of Mrs. John Adamson, whose 6-year-old son, Colonel DeLong, cast off the painter in an open rowboat and drifted all night on the storm-swept waters of the bay. The lad started at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon and drifted out in the bay. He became frightened and shouted to attract the attention of some men who were shocking hay near the old Gile place, but they did not hear him.

As darkness settled down, the craft and its frail freight were enveloped in the blackness of the night. In the dusk a seal bobbed up alongside the boat and the startled lad crept under a seat and went to sleep. Long after midnight he was awakened by the stinging spray, but his assurance did not desert him and after ascertaining the boat was half full of water, he seized an oar and joyfully discovered his craft was in shallow water. He pushed the boat to land on the lower end of Long Island and walked to the Nelson ranch and warmed his numbed body. He was found there at 5 o'clock Friday morning by a party that had spent the night in search of him. Several launches from Nahotta scoured the bay Thursday night, but the little wanderer, frightened at a seal, was unseen. The young mother, gray-haired from her vigil, has recovered, but will carry the mark from that memorable night to her grave.

ITALIAN GIVES OWN BLOOD

Carl Lovesa Undergoes Operation in Hope of Saving Cousin.

Carl Lovesa, the only relative of Frank Leonatti, an Italian who was injured by a broken wheel belt Monday and lay near death at Good Samaritan hospital, gave two pints of his blood to save the injured man, but did not save his life. Leonatti died just as Lovesa, who was forced to go to bed to recuperate from the effects of the loss of his blood, was arising to leave the hospital.

Leonatti was struck in the abdomen by a flying loose belt in a mill of the Portland Lumber company. Internal hemorrhages drained away his blood, and transfusion seemed to be the last measure possible. Because he was the only relative of the injured man outside of the home in Italy, Lovesa volunteered.

Dr. Arthur Hamilton performed the operation. It was considered the last resort to save Leonatti's life. At the hospital the pale Lovesa spent several hours with the body of his cousin.

GYPSUM IS AID TO CROPS

Farmers Along White Salmon Use Water for Fertilizer.

HUSUM, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—During extreme warm weather the water of the White Salmon River turns to a milky color. This transformation is not caused by volcanic ash soil being mixed with the stream, as is generally supposed, but is the result of melted snow on Mount Adams rushing through banks of gypsum, located on the west side of the mountain, near its base.

The secret of the bountiful grain and grass crops raised in the Trout and Gyp regions is credited to irrigation, the water of which comes from the White Salmon River, and especially are beneficial results obtained when the stream is of a whitish color, the gypsum penetrating the soil and acting as a fertilizer. Some of the ranchers irrigate their water on their lands when irrigation is not needed, but realize the importance of fertilization, from which the best crop results are obtained.

AUTO BACKS DOWN BANK

Colfax Farmer and Family Plunge 30 Feet Into a Mill Race.

COLFAX, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—Fred Schrieber, his wife and baby were thrown from an automobile tonight at Colfax. Mrs. Schrieber received two broken ribs and severe shock, Mr. Schrieber was slightly hurt. The baby escaped injury. Mr. Schrieber, who is a wealthy farmer, was driving his car on Park street, 30 feet above the Colfax millrace, and while attempting to turn around, lost control of the car and backed down the bank. The car turned completely over, landing right side up in the millrace below. Mrs. Schrieber was caught under the car as it went over. Mr. Schrieber was thrown into the water.

DRUG ENDS DOCTOR'S LIFE

Seattle Physician, Unable to Sleep, Takes Chloroform.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 24.—Dr. Frank A. Conn, 70 years old, a well-known physician of Seattle, was found dead in his bed today, having died an overdose of chloroform, administered by himself to ward off insomnia. A note found in the room said: "I am in misery, cannot sleep. I am going to take a little chloroform. I have suffered much. I scarcely know how to do it."

Many entries of a similar nature were found in his diary showing that it was nothing unusual for him to take chloroform to gain relief from loss of sleep.

WORLD'S HOP CROP BIG; NO SHORTAGE

Yield Will Be 1,597,000 Hundredweight.

PRICE OF 20 CENTS MAY DROP

Oregon May Produce 110,000 Bales This Year.

BEER SALES DECREASE

1911, "Short" Year Left Surplus on Coast—Local Crop of Superior Quality—Heat Kills Vermin. Buyers Are Waiting.

ESTIMATED HOP PRODUCTION THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR'S CROP.

	1912	1911
United States	442,000	385,500
England	280,000	328,000
Continental	775,000	828,000
Australia	20,000	20,000
World's crop	1,597,000	1,541,500

There will be no hop famine in the world this year. In every hopgrowing country the prospects are good for large crops on the acreage. The United States will produce about 260,000 bales or 45,000 hundredweight more than last year, and Europe will have about 1,125,000 hundredweight or 268,000 hundredweight more than in 1911. The total world's crop is estimated this year at about 1,597,000 hundredweight, which is 355,500 hundredweight more than was grown in 1911.

A year ago figures that were compiled showed a probable shortage of 300,000 hundredweight in the world's supply. The estimates were substantially correct for the market advanced more or less steadily until the price of hops reached 45 cents on the Pacific Coast. The statistical shortage, however, was apparent rather than real, because the high price caused the brewers to economize, and their requirements were not as heavy as in previous years. That there was more than enough hops to go around has been demonstrated by the fact that there are still several thousand bales of the 1911 crop unsold on the Pacific Coast, and the price of these is steadily declining. There have been sales of several lots recently at 23 cents by growers who might have obtained 45 cents last winter.

1912 Crop to Leave Surplus.

If the short crop of 1911 was more than sufficient the much larger crop of (Concluded on Page 2.)

POLICEMAN SAVES CHILD FROM FIRE

SAN FRANCISCO HERO DARES WHEN OTHERS FAIL.

Mother Driven Out With Clothing in Flames—Boy Himself Escapes Injury.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—(Special.)—Policeman Benjamin Gaston, of the Potrero station, today is recovering from severe burns sustained last night when he bravely entered a burning building and rescued the 4-months-old child of Mrs. Thomas McCaffrey, after neighbors had been repeatedly driven back by the flames of Mrs. McCaffrey also sustained painful burns.

In the absence of the mother on an errand an older son threw gasoline into the stove and when Mrs. McCaffrey returned the house was in flames. Neighbors tried to enter the building, but were driven back. The mother then made an attempt, but was forced out, her clothing in flames.

Policeman Gaston wrapped his head and shoulders in a coat and, despite warnings of bystanders, entered the building. When the watchers had almost given him up, he staggered into their midst bearing the baby in his arms. He then collapsed from intense pain. The boy escaped injury.

OFFICIALS FIGHT RECALL

Rock Island Mayor and Commissioner Say Dive Keepers Behind Move.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., July 24.—Council has been retained by Mayor Scriber and Commissioner Hart to fight in the courts the legality of the recall petitions just filed against them. The attempt to recall Scriber and Hart is an echo of last Spring's riots, in which two were killed.

Mayor Scriber says that keepers of dives and disreputable saloons put out of business by him and Commissioner Hart are behind the recall petitions.

SQUAW HAS WARRIOR GOING

200-Pound Indian Says 123-Pound Wife Is Cruel—Wants Divorce.

WENATCHEE, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—Bravest of the brave as a warrior in the last rebellion of Concomully Indians, Jesse Chief cannot hold his own against his squaw, Olive, from whom he is asking a divorce in the Okanogan Superior Court. Jesse weighs over 200 pounds, his mate 123.

ASTOR HEIR IS EXPECTED

Widow of Titanic Victim May Be Mother Within Fortnight.

NEW YORK, July 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, widow of Colonel John Jacob Astor, victim of the Titanic disaster, has returned to her home on Fifth avenue from Bermuda, N. Y., where she was with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. H. Force, for a visit.

Mrs. Force accompanied her daughter here and will remain with her until the Astor heir is born, which event is expected within the next fortnight.

COME ON, BOYS, FOLLOW ME.



DENEEN FORCES CRY INGRATITUDE

ROOSEVELT ACCUSED OF NOT GIVING "SQUARE DEAL."

Fight Made on Colonel by Men Who Say Governor Gave Him One Victory in Illinois.

CHICAGO, July 24.—(Special.)—"Without the needed word from Governor Deneen, Colonel Roosevelt would not have had the Illinois delegation to the Republican National convention and he would have been robbery of his own party," said a speaker at the Illinois party convention in other states.

That is the answer which many Republicans are making to the decision by some of the Roosevelt admirers to have a third State ticket in Illinois, because the Governor and his associate Republican nominees have refused to abandon their party and go over to the new organization which is being formed by Colonel Roosevelt.

Should the convention obey the dictates of those leaders who are demanding a third ticket, many Republicans who supported Roosevelt, but who refused to desert the Republican party, say they will join in the fight against the progressives on the ground of ingratitude and failure to live up to the principle of a square deal for all.

HUMPHREY NOT RUNNING

Representative Will Not Be Candidate for Hanford's Place.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 24.—Representative Humphrey, of Washington, today declared that he is not and will not be a candidate for appointment to succeed Judge Hanford. Humphrey is deeply wronged by the President because he would not appoint him as Donworth's successor, and his friends believe that causes that prevented his appointment at that time would operate against him now.

Senators Poindexter and Jones will clash in the Senate when action is taken upon the nomination of Beverly Colner. Poindexter today announced his intention of opposing Colner's confirmation because he alleges that Colner, as state chairman, "stole" Roosevelt's delegates in the late fight in Washington. He holds Colner largely responsible for the selection of 14 Taft delegates from Washington. Senator Jones will defend Colner, and believes he will be confirmed unless Poindexter prevents a vote. If Colner is not confirmed, a recess appointment will be given him after Congress adjourns, and that will keep him in office until March 4 next.

STRIKERS PARADE STREETS

London Dockmen Pray That Lord Devonport Be Struck Dead.

LONDON, July 24.—Fifty thousand striking dockmen paraded through London today, and at a meeting held subsequently on Tower Hill, a dramatic incident occurred. Ben Tillett, a striking leader, after an address in denunciation of Lord Devonport, chairman of the Port of London, asked the men to join him in prayer. Then he and the immense concourse with bared heads prayed:

"Oh, God, strike Lord Devonport dead."

There was a sharp conflict between the police and strikers who were attempting to molest non-union workers. Many heads were cracked.

RABBITS DAMAGING GRAIN

Baker County Farmers Propose Extermination Drive.

BAKER, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—Rabbits and squirrels are doing great damage among the grain fields. They have cut the grain in many places as if a mower had been at work, causing hundreds of dollars' damage.

The farmers near Buxton are so harassed that they are asking the Baker citizens to help them in a rabbit drive to exterminate the pests. A drive was held a few years ago and several hundred animals killed, the meat being peddled free by wagon to Baker households. The farmers are also talking of starting a movement asking that a bounty be placed on rabbits and squirrels.

POLICE ORDER ANNULLED

Spokane Council Gives Candidates Right to Post Placards.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—The Police Department's general order against the posting of placards of candidates for office on telegraph poles, fences and on other objects in streets and alleys, was annulled by the City Council this morning, by a viva voce vote of two to one. Mayor Hindley presiding and not voting, and Commissioner Fassett being absent.

The Council let down bars for indiscriminate posting of candidates' cards and literature, except within the following district: Front avenue to Second avenue, Division street to Madison street, where it will not be allowed.

SEATTLE GIVEN SOAKING

One-Tenth Inch of Rain Falls During Five Minute Storm.

SEATTLE, July 24.—During a brief thunder storm today one-tenth of an inch of rain fell in five minutes, the downpour being the severest in nearly three years.

A large circus tent, which the Adventist Church had erected for holding revival services, was smashed to the ground by the deluge and chairs and gas fixtures were destroyed.

ARMY OF INVADERS HIKES FAR IN RAIN

Force Now Near Porter Prepares Advance.

REAL CONFLICT LOOMS NEAR

Blue Troops Drenched in Hard Day's Campaign.

OREGON MEN DISAPPOINTED

State's Soldiers Active in Move to Prevent Invasion of Puget Region. One Man Overcome—Spy Caught in Barn.

WITH THE RED ARMY, in the Field near Porter, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—Making a forced march of nine miles in a drenching rain the Red Army that is invading the Puget Sound district gained an advantageous position today. The whole force is now in rendezvous two miles north and west of Porter, with patrols working three and four miles further inland, with a view to paving the way for another swift advance into the territory which the Blue force seeks to defend.

Guardmen and Regulars alike got a touch of real campaigning when the column moved out from the old bivouac at Elma and passed three hours on the march in a heavy rain. Every man in the Third Oregon Infantry was drenched to the skin and when the command arrived at the point of going into bivouac equipment and supplies were wet.

Woodburn Private Falls Out.

The men faced the unpleasant advance in a true military spirit, companies singing and jesting, but cramped through puddles of water that formed in the sod between Elma and Porter. But one man fell out from the ranks of the Oregon regiment, and this man, Private Dixon, of Woodburn, reported for duty later in the day, after having been carried in an ambulance until revived.

Actual contact between infantry forces is now close at hand. Late this afternoon the Third was hurriedly assembled on the report of a concentration of Blue infantry southeast of Porter, but the opposing force failed to materialize. Brushes between cavalry patrols have been heard at frequent intervals during the day, but as it is the duty of these squads to gain information rather than engage the enemy the firing has occurred only when opposing patrols came unexpectedly into close range with each other.

Late this afternoon a cavalryman from the Blue camp was found hiding in a stable near Porter observing the movement of invading troops. His arrest was promptly effected, and the maneuver situation as now developed will result in decisive engagements forthwith.

Invaders Hear Army Moving.

The Red invaders have been advised of the landing of a great theoretical army which is moving from Gray's Harbor on their support. As the advance brigade, the force near Porter must act quickly in order to do away with the defenders that are covering the theoretical mobilization point of a great United States volunteer army at Centralia. Thus a way would be cleared for invasion on a large scale of the Puget Sound region.

At this stage the Red force is kept literally sleeping on its arms. Call to arms or a quiet order to pack up and advance may be required at any moment by the emergencies of the campaign. Attempt by the Blue army to effect a flanking movement or strike from the rear through a series of forced marches are regarded as most improbable moves. The uncertainty of the maneuver campaign is quite as great as if the game were all in deadly earnest with real bullets being fired instead of paraffine projectiles.

Orders to move are received and later countermanded because of changing reports from patrols and outposts. When the troops turned out for reveille at 5 o'clock this morning to find that rain had apparently set in for the day they were not surprised at an order informing them that the advance scheduled for 6:30 would not be made. It was assumed that the weather was to blame for this delay, but it was merely the outcome of reconnaissance reports.

Oregon Regiment Disappointed. The cavalry screen had reported numerous encounters, and hence the main column remained stationary at Elma until the screen had forced back all Blue patrols. The Oregon regiment, disappointed at the delay, was preparing to pass a day under canvas out of the wet, when a new order came from Colonel Kennon, brigade commander, to get under way immediately. The order was given at the same hour to the crack Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, bivouacked just in the rear of the Oregon troops. Officers and men set about the work of breaking camp, loading stores and preparing to take up the advance determined not to be behind the regulars in dexterity.

A friendly rivalry sprang up in this work and the Oregon troops won the satisfaction of being ready as soon as the companies of the Twenty-fifth. It was a water-soaked and dismal affair. (Concluded on Page 12.)