

AUTHORITY ON NAVAL STRATEGY IS DEAD

Admiral Mahan Overtakes His Strength in Study of Problems of European War.

FAME KNOWN TO KAISER

Attainments Recognized by Daniels in Letter to Widow—Writing Recently Discontinued in Reference to Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Rear-Admiral Alfred T. Mahan, U. S. N., retired, died at the Naval Hospital here today, aged 74 years. Death was due to heart trouble. The Admiral had been in feeble health for several weeks, but he was not taken to the hospital until last Saturday and it was not generally known that his condition was critical. Admiral Mahan had greatly overtaken his strength in study of the present great European conflict and it is thought that the many long hours he devoted to following the naval operations of the belligerents probably hastened the breakdown which hastened his end.

Wilson's Proclamation Obeyed. In the early stages of the present European war Admiral Mahan, whose works are naval textbooks known almost the world over, discussed for the newspapers the significance of the various naval maneuvers. He gave up these activities when President Wilson issued his proclamation exhorting Navy and Army officers to desist from anything resembling a partisan discussion of the conflict in order that the position of the United States might be one of strict neutrality.

He, however, did not relax his close observation of all that went on in Europe.

Admiral Mahan came to Washington from his home in Quogue, Long Island, in early autumn and had planned to spend the winter here in Washington. Surviving are his widow, two daughters, Misses Helen and Ellen Mahan, and one son, L. B. Mahan, Commander of the U. S. S. "Albatross," now at the Naval Station, Tutuila, Samoa, is a brother.

Military Ceremonies Avoided.

Funeral services will be held from St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in this city, tomorrow night at 9 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. C. Ernest Smith officiating. In accordance with Admiral Mahan's expressed wish, no military or naval honors will be accorded. There will be no military ceremonies and no honorary pallbearers. Confidant and it is taken by members of the family to Quogue, L. I., where interment will be made Thursday morning.

On hearing of the death of Admiral Mahan, Secretary Daniels addressed a letter of condolence to Mrs. Mahan in which he said:

"Admiral Mahan was not only a fine type of naval officer but possessed a lovable character that endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. His attainments, which gave him a world-wide renown, were of immeasurable value to the country he loved and served, and though he is gone, his works happily remain as a guide and inspiration not only for this generation but for all to come."

What he so ably and convincingly wrote was accepted at home and abroad as authority, and there are no unlighted people who are not familiar with his name.

"In your distress you must feel a solemn pride that throughout the world today his passing is the cause of sorrow with deep regret not only because of the high esteem in which his name is held, but because he leaves in the world of achievement a place that cannot be filled."

Describing what he sought to do in his books, Admiral Mahan has said he was inspired by the failure of historians to allow for the influence of sea power on the march of events which have many times made over the maps of the Eastern and Western hemispheres.

Effect of Sea Power Explained. He sought to make the historical aspect of sea power paramount to that of military, political or economic movements without, however, as he himself said, divorcing them from their surroundings of cause and effect in general history, but seeking to show how they modified the latter and were modified by them.

Among Admiral Mahan's best-known works are "Life of Nelson," "The Naval Power of Great Britain," "Sea Power in Its Relations to the War of 1812," "The Interest of the United States in Sea Power," "Some Neglected Aspects of War," "From Sail to Steam," and "The Problem of Asia."

In Germany his works have been translated into the national tongue by order of the Kaiser, at whose behest they have become textbooks for the German naval officers.

Emperor William has been for 25 years a close student of all that Mahan had written, and it is asserted by imperial command, even magazine articles have been reproduced in the German tongue, that nothing from the great American author should be lost to the Kaiser's officers.

The Admiral's literary achievements had been widely recognized. In 1884 Oxford University (England) conferred the degree of D. C. L. on him, and later he received the degree of LL. D. from Cambridge (England), Harvard, Yale, McGill and Columbia. He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and of the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

WETS' HEARING POSTPONED

Seattle Case Against Statewide Prohibition Up Today.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 1.—The hearing in the case brought by M. and K. Gottstein, wholesale liquor dealers of Seattle, to test the validity of the state-wide prohibition law adopted at the election on November 2 was postponed today until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The temporary writ issued last night restrains Secretary of State M. J. Howell from announcing and Governor Lester from proclaiming the result of the official canvass of the election returns.

SEASIDE STREET IN COURT

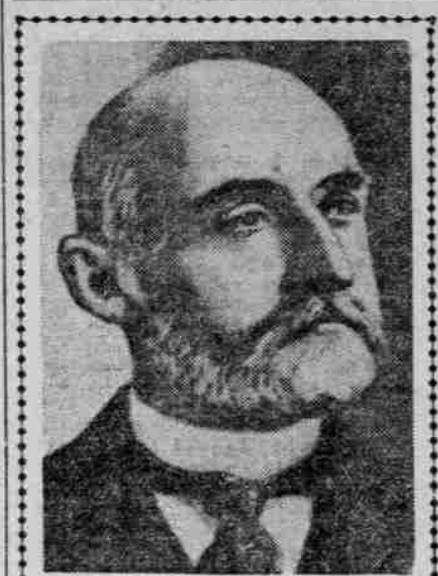
Seventh Not City's but Columbia Highway Unit, Is Plaintiff.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—A suit that involves the moot question of whether Seventh or Old Main street

at Seaside is a city street or a county road was filed in the Circuit Court this afternoon by R. H. Cole against the City of Seaside.

The action was brought to restrain the defendant from selling two lots in Malheur's First addition of Ocean Grove to collect a \$568.33 assessment levied against the property for the improvement of that thoroughfare. Judge Eakin has granted a temporary restraining order pending hearing of the case.

The complaint recites that, although Seaside passed an ordinance some time ago assuming charge of all streets within its confines and later awarded a contract for paving Seventh street, the thoroughfare is and always has been a county road, over which the municipality of Seaside had no control. The complaint says this street is a part of the Columbia Highway, for the improvement of which a portion of the funds raised by selling \$400,000 in road



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bonds has been set aside. It also avers that the road district has levied taxes for the purpose of improving this highway.

PEACE TALK PREMATURE

MINISTER VAN DYKE SAYS PRESIDENT IS NOT TIME TO ACT.

Strong Desire of People of Holland for Termination of War Communicated to Mr. Bryan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American Minister to The Netherlands, back from his post on a month's leave, described to Secretary Bryan today the earnest desire of Queen Wilhelmina and the people of Holland for the early ending of the European war.

Dr. Van Dyke denied an oft-published report that he was the bearer of a personal letter from the Queen relating to peace, but said he had reported to Mr. Bryan merely on "the state of mind" of the people of Holland and conditions generally in Europe, as he had studied them. After talking with Secretary Bryan for an hour Dr. Van Dyke indicated clearly that the present did not seem a propitious moment to put forward definite proposals for terms of peace.

"The desire of the United States for peace," he said afterward, "is a well-known fact. The decision as to the proper moment for us to act is in the hands of my chiefs. The President and the Secretary of State can be trusted to determine when that moment arrives."

The Minister expressed the hope that when the time for the settlement of the war arrived, the United States "would play a noble part in bringing peace." He also was sure that the heart of Holland would be with the United States in such efforts, though he would not venture a prediction as to just what form the co-operation of Holland or other neutral countries might take.

Dr. Van Dyke will talk over conditions in Europe with President Wilson tomorrow, having been invited to take luncheon at the White House. He came to the United States primarily, he said, to have his eyes treated, and expected to leave Washington tomorrow and sail for Holland on December 12.

CHIEFS AWAIT GUTIERREZ

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The Brazilian Minister, Mr. Silliman was able to secure the release of those detained and the opening of the office, the officer in charge being prompt with accommodations when Mr. Silliman's card was shown him. The consular ship that will be established will not apply to foreign representatives.

General Angeles arrived Saturday and remains outside of the city. Mr. Silliman called on him and he kindly offered the use of the military wire for foreign representatives, the cable having been interrupted.

General Angeles was attentive, obliging and friendly. He spoke appreciatively of the United States. The Zapatistas are compelling the return of personal effects removed from private dwellings by Constitutionalists. Banks and stores are resuming business. Thirty thousand pesos were collected for hospitals on Thanksgiving day.

OREGON POSTMASTERS NAMED.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 1.—As a result of civil service examinations, Anna M. Ellis has been appointed postmaster at Garibaldi, Or., succeeding C. P. Alexander, and Pearl M. Erickson was appointed postmaster at Warren, vice J. S. Bacon.

COLUMBIA THEATRE

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LACK OF REVENUE STAMPS NO CRIME

Treasury Department Sends Telegram Reassuring Those Liable to New Tax.

GOOD FAITH IS REQUIRED

All Returns to Be Dated November 30 Until Rush Is Over and Account to Be Kept—Collectors' Offices Besieged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Thousands of persons in many cities who spent hours today rushing to the office of internal revenue collectors alarmed over their inability to obtain revenue stamps to comply with the new revenue tax law were needlessly frightened over what might happen if they were not on the minute with their stamping. The Internal Revenue Bureau in the Treasury Department itself was much worried over the task of getting the law into smooth working order, but found time late in the day to send telegrams to collectors making it plain that the Government has no intention of prosecuting anybody subject to the tax who shows that he is willing and ready to buy stamps and pay.

Collectors Are Reassured. Frantic appeals from collectors in nearby cities telling of crowds besieging them demanding stamps resulted in a telegram tonight, signed by Commissioner Osborn and sent to all collectors to clear up the difficulty.

It said: "Date all special tax returns November 30 until you are able to handle applications promptly, unless you have information that no effort was made to file same prior to that date. If unable to supply demands for documentary stamps for bills of lading permit shipments to go forward, have record kept and affix or cancel stamps when received. Notify railroads."

By this notice the commissioner's office expected to relieve a situation which promised to become embarrassing to thousands of individuals and might have resulted in much confusion to the railroads and shippers of the country.

Tons of Stamps Furnished. Officials here explained today that everything possible was being done here to get ready to enforce the law. The bureau of engraving and printing has worked night and day since the new stamps were issued, and they have been shipped away from Washington many tons at a time. The problem of furnishing stamps to all applicants has been complicated, however, by the failure in some instances of collectors to regard suggestions from Washington that all applicants receive a sufficient supply to last a few days and not be permitted to load up with large quantities.

Information here is to the effect that in some cases applicants have secured supplies to last months, while in the same communities others have been unable to get stamps at all. As an illustration of the vast number of stamps required and the enormous amount of work necessary here, it was pointed out that many articles in drug stores are subject to the stamp tax. Which drugstores carry possibly 10,000 such taxable articles, and there are thousands of drugstores throughout the country.

Officials say Congress did not facilitate the work of the Revenue Bureau, but rather hampered it, by failing to give any additional appropriation to permit it to prepare for carrying out the new law.

The bureau tonight made public announcement that certificates issued by officers of a state in the interest of the state are not subject to the tax. Certain issuers by officers of the Government at the request of private persons solely for private use are to be stamped.

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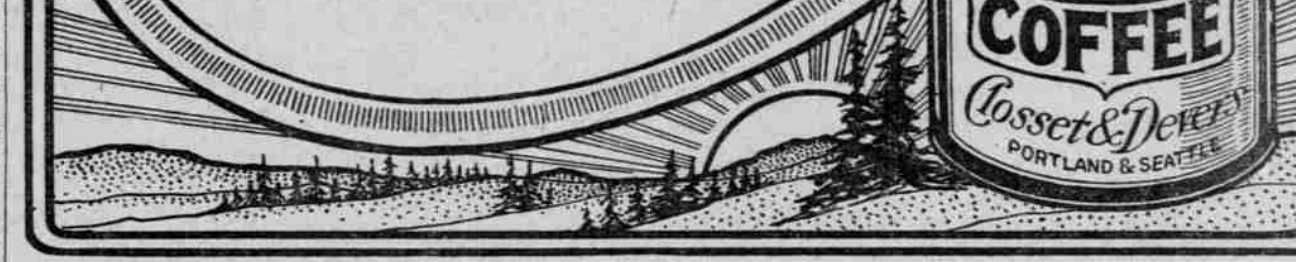
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