

SHIPPED DEFECTS HELD MISLEADING

Navy Department Charges Exaggeration in Reply to Representative Gardner.

LONG RANGE NOT DESIRED

Only Vessel Now Under Construction Will Be Prepared to Use Greater Destroying Agencies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—What officials regard as popular exaggeration of admitted defects in the American Navy's torpedo equipment was the subject of a statement issued today by Secretary Daniels...

Specifically the statement was prepared to prove misleading a declaration that "of long torpedoes there are only 28 in the Navy," quoted from a speech by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts...

While the recent discussion of the subject has dealt only with the equipment of battleships and cruisers, Admiral Strauss took occasion to point out that long-range torpedoes are neither required nor desired for submarines...

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Old Torpedoes Improved. Beginning with the Virginia class, which went into commission in 1906, and up to and including the Texas, which went into commission this year...

Equipment Almost Up to Date. All of the armored cruisers except four and all of the older destroyers are provided with 18-inch tubes...

Long-range torpedoes are neither required nor desired for submarines. Submarine warfare is of such character as to make it inadvisable to use short-range high-speed torpedoes...

British Position Strong. The British force, says Colonel Swinton, which consisted all along of the same units, had "to withstand an almost continuous bombardment and to meet one desperate attack after another, each carried out by fresh units from the large numbers which the Germans were devoting to the operation."

Conditions Much Improved. There has, therefore, been a great general improvement in the conditions under which we are carrying on the fight. Of the fighting which preceded this reorganization, the writer says it was due solely to the resource, initiative and endurance of the regimental officers and the men that success has laid with the British.

As the struggle swayed backwards and forwards through wood and hamlets, the fighting assumed a most confused and desperate character. The units became inextricably mixed, and in many cases in order to strengthen some threatened point or to fill a gap in the line, the officers had to collect and throw into the fight what men they could, regardless of the units to which they belonged.

Efficiency Not Impaired. The duty of the French, Belgians and British in the western theater of operations has been to act as a containing force, in other words, to hold on to and to keep occupied as many of the enemy as possible while the Russians were attacking in the east. In this we have succeeded in playing our part and by our resistance have contributed essentially towards the success of the campaign.

Value of Preparation Shown. The value of such preparation is also shown in the case of the Germans. The phenomenal losses suffered by the Germans' new formations have been remarkable and they have been attacking in the east. Moreover, though at the first onset these formations advanced to the attack as bravely as their active corps, they have not by any means shown the same recuperative powers.

German Course Unabated. The attack, continues Colonel Swinton, has undergone a change in that it has been directed against a line that could be maintained only by making use of the tactics of the trenches. The situation has been reversed in that the Germans continue to attack with great courage, but little abated by failure, and while they have not succeeded in gaining the Straits of Dover, they have been enabled to consolidate their position on the western front in almost all but a small portion of Belgium.

Colonel Swinton concludes with the statement that as the war goes on, it will be one of exhaustion after the regular armies of the belligerents have done their work. It will be on the raw material of the country that the final success will depend.

Heavy Loads Are Barred. Hillsboro, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—The Washington County Court has prohibited the hauling of heavy loads on rock roads, either by automobile trucks or wagons.

Polk Stock to Be Judged. Jersey Island Breeder Will Select Exhibit for 1915 Fair. MONMOUTH, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Clark F. Hembree, a prominent breeder of Jersey Island cows in the Luckiamute Valley, south of this city, has been chosen to pick the stock for the 1915 exhibit to be made from Polk County at the San Francisco Exposition.

Swan Sorderberg, Damascus, Dead. OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Swan Sorderberg, aged 71 years, died Tuesday night at the home of his son-in-law, H. J. Feathers, in the Damascus district. The body will be sent to Sturgeon Bay, Wis., the former home of Mr. Sorderberg. He is a native of Sweden.

FRANK PROFITS BIG AFTER POLICE BRIBE

"Clairvoyant" Ringleader Accuses Chicago Officers in His Confessions.

\$400 PAID EACH MONTH

From \$3000 to \$6000 Netted, Says Frank Ryan, Who Gives Details of Alleged Protection to Escape Death in Prison.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—In spite of the \$400 monthly payment for police protection, Frank Ryan, alleged "clairvoyant ring" leader, received from \$3000 to \$6000 a month as his share of the swindling operations, he told Maclay Hoyne, state's attorney, in a written confession made public tonight.

In addition to the regularly monthly payments, Ryan said he paid an average of \$25 to \$100 weekly to help buy flowers for some patrolman who had lost a member of his family. He also said it took a neat sum properly to entertain the out-of-town policemen who frequently came with warrants for members of the clairvoyants.

Ryan was captured in Detroit a few weeks ago. He is gravely ill of tuberculosis. He has undergone surgery and Hoyne said, on the promise that he would keep him from dying in the penitentiary. It was partly on the strength of Ryan's confession, according to the state's attorney, that Hoyne offered Captain Halpin, ex-chief of detectives, and a score of his men, a chance to resign.

Ryan paid his protection money, he said, through Barney Bertsche, a ward politician, recently shot in a downtown revolver fight with two detectives. "When I first came to Chicago in 1911, I paid \$200 a month for police protection," he said, "and I usually got from \$200 to \$400 monthly. Once I cleaned up \$35,000 in three months."

Detectives came here from New York that year and showed me a "phony" warrant on which they said they were going to take me back unless I settled on a \$100 bond. I had jumped. That was from a job I did in Boston.

"When the detectives from Boston came for me in New York I fixed it so that I was arrested by the New York police on a phony charge, so that I would not have to go back to Boston and probably go to the penitentiary. I was released on \$2500 bond and skipped to Chicago."

"A New York fellow knew I had jumped a bond and knew it would be easy to hold me up. Well, I guess it was."

"When I refused to pay up they threatened to tell the state's attorney so that in the end I gave them \$2500, they got their money and I got my expenses. That bond hasn't been settled yet."

"I can't kick on the police not giving me the protection I wanted. I was during the year and a half I was in business I never had to go to a police station. Whenever there was a complaint against me the police always telephoned they were coming over with the complainant and I would take the afternoon off. A partner would be shown and of course the complainant could not identify him."

Ryan will submit the confession to the grand jury tomorrow, according to Hoyne.

BLAME PUT ON AMMONS. (Continued From First Page.) went East and violence began at Ludlow. Of that violence I know nothing. I do not believe that the Ludlow tent city was destroyed accidentally by fire. Twelve children and some women were burned—I mean suffocated. They were in a pit—for protection. I cannot believe any militiaman was aware of the presence of those children in that pit. I want to exonerate absolutely the militia and the employees of the company who filled up that tent city. I am engaged in the incident from any knowledge of that fact.

Both Sides in Frenzy. "That afternoon I was called to the headquarters of the State Federation of Labor. I found that the headquarters representatives of the unions of Denver were making speeches that showed a frenzied state of mind."

The Chamber of Commerce I found those sedate members equally excited, but on the other side. It was a clear exhibition of class differences."

His next meeting was with Governor Ammons after the Governor's return when he called on to discuss with the Governor the call for the extra session of Congress. The Governor, he said, was absorbed in the problem of getting funds to support the militia and measures to stop the sale of liquor in the strike districts.

I prepared for the Legislature either the bill that was entered, submitting the people a constitutional amendment for compulsory arbitration, or one similar to it," he added.

The Legislature adjourned without action, although the measure was passed by the House by a large majority and by a small one in the Senate.

Miners Distrustful of Pina. "I learned afterward that a part of the opposition to the amendment came from the labor leaders themselves. I suppose the miners argued that they had the power to force their demands and it would be unwise to trust to the uncertainty of a compulsory arbitration board or jury. I think the great majority of employers would be pleased with compulsory arbitration, but the great corporations represented here by Osgood—the Colorado Fuel & Iron company and the Rocky Mountain Coal Company—I believe, think they could defeat attempts to secure more wages and changes of conditions by the wearing-out process."

Many years ago in Colorado, he said, there had been such a war as the industrial commission proposed yesterday by Governor-elect Carlson. It succeeded in averting violence for more than a year, but gradually fell into disuse.

In the small coal mining property in which he was interested, he said, the union men only were organized. He had found them more satisfactory.

Owens Characterized as "Impervious." "You have advocated compulsory arbitration," began Commissioner Weinstein. "How many coal miners are there in Colorado?" "Taking the word of Osgood, there are about 14,000 to 15,000," he said. "Suppose there was compulsory arbitration and the 15,000 Colorado miners refused to submit to the decision of the court. How would you penalize them?" "Oh, you can't penalize them," re-

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50c box Pink Lady Chocolates. 37c
25 lb. Salted Peanuts. 17c
25 lb. Wintergreen Lozenges. 17c
30 lb. Cinnamon Red Snappers. 18c
40 lb. Toasted Marshmallows. 24c
35 lb. Plain Marshmallows. 24c
5c Peanut Bars, 3 for 10c
30 lb. Fine Christmas Mix'r, French 24c
25 lb. Fine Christmas Mixture (Hard Candy) 19c
25 lb. Jelly Beans 17c
30 lb. Candy Ribbons. 21c

SCHOOL CHANGES ASKED

TAX EQUALITY AND LONGER TERMS URGED BY SUPERINTENDENT

SALEM, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—In his biennial report to the Legislature, made public today, State Superintendent J. H. Churchill recommends that the minimum length of the school term be increased from six to eight months and that the plan of raising the term by cutting the school changed so as to equalize the burden of taxation.

"Too great a proportion of this fund is now raised by the special districts," says the superintendent. "This means that a district with a low valuation must often levy from eight to 12 mills tax, while a more fortunate school district may not have to levy more than a one-mill tax. A slight increase in the county-wide term would equalize without increasing the burden of taxation."

In conformity with this change I would recommend that the money be distributed according to the number of teachers employed and the average daily attendance."

Superintendent Churchill calls attention to the general progress in the public school system during the past two years. He states that the number of more than half a month in the school terms and the average length now is eight months. Mr. Churchill reports that the minimum length of term is changing from six months to eight months. There has been an increase in the number of high schools throughout the state.

A recreation manual has resulted in the addition of playground apparatus to most of the school grounds in Oregon. Superintendent Churchill also has organized in school districts during the past year.

The "boys' and girls' industrial clubs, the establishing of standard for the rural schools by the closer supervision of the rural schools, the holding of school board conventions show the great interest that has been taken throughout the state in improving and bettering the conditions of rural schools."

The last Legislature made it possible for the state superintendent to place in the field two agricultural experiment stations. These men have visited every county in the state and encouraged the rural schools to improve the instruction of the state department, 12,000 boys and girls enrolled in industrial clubs during the past year.

The standard school plan, begun in Polk County about four years ago, has been adopted by the state. Through this plan it is made to local pride, and the results are modern school buildings and a demand for trained teachers in the rural districts.

ROGUE RIVER PLANT AIM Steps for Beet Sugar Factory in Time for 1915 Crop Taken.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Steps toward securing the installation of a beet sugar factory in the Rogue River valley in time to handle the 1915 crop were taken this morning by Manager J. T. Sullivan, of the Rogue River Canal Company, who agrees to supply water for the factory, and to be revocable with the passage of the district irrigation. This means that from nine months to a year will be gained in securing the factory plan, establishing a payroll in the valley.

Outside capitalists whose names are withheld by Mr. Sullivan, but who are believed to be connected with Southern Pacific, desire to build a beet sugar factory in this valley, provided the acreage can be secured and irrigation guaranteed. They will be in this city next Monday and Tuesday and a mass meeting of the land owners and farmers of the valley will be called for Tuesday to consider the matter. The company desires an acreage of 5000 acres, and has secured an assurance of 5000 acres or more after the first year.

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Most people who have but a small reserve of strength feel better in Summer than in Winter. The vitality gained during the ut-of-door season carries them through the trying weather of Winter and early Spring until there comes a time when the stored-up reserve strength is not sufficient.

How, then, shall we keep and add to the reserve of strength that means so much? By taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, the blood and nerve tonic, to strengthen and sustain the system so that it can keep all the strength that it has gained and get more. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills build up the blood and enable it to carry nourishment to every part of the body. Many disorders that have proved stubborn for years have been reached by this tonic treatment. Try these pills for debility, nervousness, rheumatism, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, headache, or any other condition caused or aggravated by thin blood and weak nerves.

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UNIFORM LAW WANTED

HORTICULTURISTS TO ASK CHANGE IN STATUTES OF STATES.

Medford Conference Discusses All Phases of Industry, Including Value of Wasted By-Products.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—An effort will be made by the members of the State Horticultural Society, now in session here, to secure uniform horticultural laws for every state west of the Rocky Mountains.

This was announced tonight at the completion of the day's programme, as the development of this department of the fruit industry is important to horticulturists who have to utilize the by-products of the business, just as the by-products of a manufacturing business are utilized. A war in prices for by-products and against starting factories until an adequate supply was assured.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—F. H. McNulty was elected commander of the Oregon City lodge of Macabees at the semi-annual election Tuesday night. The other officers are: Lieutenant-commander, Lewis W. Duncan; first master of guards, Conklin; record keeper, Irving T. East; chaplain, Charles H. Carlton; master-at-arms, Henry Waldberg; sergeant, C. W. Dunham; first master of guards, Albert Kell; second master of guards, B. E. Dunn; sentinel, Ray Parker; picket, W. J. Roberts, and musician, Frank Betzel.

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