

FOES OF DEFENSE PLANS ARE HEARD

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Opponents of Administration plans for defense legislation concluded their "days in court" today before the House military committee, and while not unanimous in their opinions as to what should be done or left undone with regard to the Army and Navy, they all agreed upon present change in military policy.

Representatives of the Society of Friends and scores of others, speaking under the auspices of the women's peace party, discussed war and its causes and consequences from many angles. They were seldom interrupted by committee members except where the spontaneity of Congress on the subject of preparedness was assailed.

The views expressed ranged from suggestions that Congress should await the conclusion of the European war to credit by means it might touch to declarations against a policy of military preparedness at any time or for any purpose.

Mrs. Field Welcomes Orientals. Mrs. Sara Hard Field, of Portland, Or., asserted that the so-called "yellow peril" was a myth. The Japanese and Chinese, she said, were crowded out of their own country by growing population, and the United States, with vast unoccupied lands, must give them shelter.

Representative Kahn, of California, asked if she thought residents of the Pacific Coast would welcome such a proposal.

"We have the land and they have not," she replied. "There's your problem."

Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the New York Evening Post, prefaced his remarks with the statement that under certain conditions he would not object to being classed as an advocate of "peace at any price."

"It is impossible to believe," he said, "that there is no cause leading to war which cannot be composed and adjudicated by international tribunals proposed by the American League of Nations. If I were willing to have the stigma of a peace-at-any-price attached to me and shall wear it as a distinction."

Walter Arensberg, of Chicago, ex-secretary of the Interior, around the request of some members of the committee when he declared that under a general order of the War Department, army officers had been gagged and that the views presented to the committee by staff officers did not reflect the opinions of many officers of the line.

He said several officers of his acquaintance had declared themselves opposed to any great military increase plan, but he feared to express their real views because of the "war order."

Representative Kahn called attention to the statement of Secretary Garrison to the committee that he was "not an air" to express his personal views.

Samuel B. Montgomery, of West Virginia, said he spoke for his fellow workers who had declared against preparedness. He admitted that he and other officers of the organization had believed it would be impossible for them to see the American people in this phase of preparedness.

Chairman Hay expressed surprise over this activity and asked that a copy of the circular be furnished to the committee.

Dr. John McCracken, chancellor-emeritus of the University of New York, said he was not opposed to maintaining and increasing the Army on a basis of growing population, as a means of paying for its maintenance he proposed that Congress "take half the retail price of death-dealing munitions as you take it from death-dealing whiskey now."

CITY GOLF LINKS OPPOSED. Sellwood Board of Trade Points to Municipal Debt.

The Sellwood Board of Trade is opposed to the establishment by the city of the proposed golf links on the Sellwood estate tract near Reed College. Copies of resolutions adopted by the Board were received by members of the City Council yesterday opposing the plan.

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Lieutenant Hans Berg says he expects to hold and control the Appam until the end of the war. This is the first picture of the commander in uniform, taken on the ship. It is of particular interest and will become historic.

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Way Paved for Two Battleships and for Additional Midshipmen at Academy—Hay Still Against Continental Army.

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Hearings will come to a close tomorrow or next day and it is understood the main features of the bills already have been whipped into shape in which it is expected they will receive virtually the unanimous approval of the committee.

The Senate committee already has concluded its hearings on Army bills and will take up the work of drafting its proposals for the Senate early next week.

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Progress was made today on Navy legislation, the measures paving the way for construction of battleships 42 and 44 at the Navy-yards and providing for 200 additional midshipmen in the July class at Annapolis being passed by the Senate. They passed the House Monday and now lack only the President's signature to become law.

Speaker Clark, in line with his recent speech in the House, advocating that the personnel at both Annapolis and West Point be doubled, introducing a bill today to make such an increase in the number of cadets at the military academy.

Chairman Hay, of the House military committee and several of his Democratic colleagues discussed Army plans with President Wilson in the course of the day at the President's suggestion. Representative Cannon, ranking Republican member, and others of the minority will go to the White House tomorrow on the same errand.

Hay Opposes Garrison's Plan. It was evident in later proceedings of the committee that Representative Hay had not been swayed from his opposition to Secretary Garrison's proposal for a continental Army, which the President advocated on his recent campaign trip to the Middle West. A witness before the committee said he was opposed to the continental plan.

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FEARS FOR SHIP PERSIST. Insurance Men Still Fear Orissa Is Captured or Sunk.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Anxiety in shipping and marine insurance circles, inspired by reports that a large British passenger ship, thought to be the Orissa, had fallen victim to a German commerce raider, was only partly relieved today by receipt of information that the Orissa had touched at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, January 24.

The last previous record of the movements of the ship reported her sailing from Montevideo January 19.

While it is conceded that storms and other natural causes may have delayed the Orissa and maritime regulations may have interfered with her reporting her position at sea, leading insurance men nevertheless reiterated today their fears that the vessel had either been captured or sunk.

EX-PRIEST'S DEATH SET. GOVERNOR WHITMAN DECLINES TO SAVE HANS SCHMIDT.

Anna Amuller Murdered and Was Not Victim of Criminal Operation Is Executive's Conclusion.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Hans Schmidt, the ex-priest convicted of the murder of Anna Amuller in New York in September, 1913, must pay the penalty for his crime in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison in the week of February 13. Governor Whitman tonight declined to interfere with the execution.

Schmidt was convicted at his second trial, and the Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction, but called the attention of the Governor to the contention made by the man's attorney that Miss Amuller died from the effects of a criminal operation, and, therefore, Schmidt could only be tried on a charge of manslaughter. The Governor granted Schmidt a reprieve of 30 days in which he investigated the contention.

Governor Whitman, in his statement tonight, said he had reviewed the medical testimony of Schmidt's trial, and also had had two physicians examine portions of Miss Amuller's body that had been preserved at Cornell Medical College. Both reported that Schmidt