

MORE SUBMARINES FOR PACIFIC URGED

Admiral Grant Favors Bases at San Francisco, San Diego and Columbia River.

LARGER CRAFT ADVOCATED

Delicacy of Task of Submerging Declared to Be Outweighed by Advantages—Present Number Wholly Inadequate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A plan for fleet and coast defense submarine operations in the Atlantic and the Pacific, calling for 18 submarines of all types, was outlined to the House Naval committee today by Rear-Admiral Grant, the Navy's chief of submarines.

At present, the committee was told, the United States has just 27 submarines ready for war service. Ten other boats are laid up for repairs or overhauling and could not be made ready for duty in less than six months.

The Admiral reiterated his belief that no boats of less than 750 to 800 tons surface displacement should be built in the future.

He urged also that no additional fleet submarines of the 1300-ton type be built until the Schley, the first of these, had been tried out.

Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, carried the Admiral through a long line of questions to establish his opinion of the American-built boats approximating the Navy H class, now in the British.

Larger Boats Still Advocated. Admiral Grant said the fact that these boats had been able to cross the Atlantic under their own power did not influence him to favor them as much as to the size of future American submarines.

Representative Stephens, of California, asked if Admiral Grant thought the Pacific Coast to be adequately defended.

"Isn't it true that there are only three submarines to defend the whole Pacific Coast?" he asked.

"How many do you think that there should be in order to defend it fully?" "Forty-eight."

"Do you think it would be adequately defended if the proposed submarine bases were established as far apart as San Diego and San Francisco and the Columbia River?"

"Two Coasts Far Different." "Then why is it necessary, in your opinion, to have more bases proportionately on the Atlantic Coast?"

"Because I think our strategic enemy would be met in the Atlantic. There is a material difference between the two coasts."

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GOVERNMENT IS ENDEAVORING TO RETAIN INDIAN SONGS IN ORIGINAL TONGUE.



BLACKFOOT CHIEF SINGING INTO PHONOGRAPH. The United States Government is endeavoring to retain to future generations the voice and songs of the American Indians by making phonographic records of the songs, conversation and voice of original inhabitants of America.

DEAD MAY TOTAL 21

Hope for 12 Men in Burned Mine at Butte Given Up.

FIRE CONTINUES ALL DAY

Early Search for Bodies Expected Following Installation of Hage Fan to Blow Out Gas—Three Other Works Suspended.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 15.—The known dead in the Anaconda Copper Mining Company's Pennsylvania mine remained at nine tonight.

A huge ventilating fan, with a capacity of 55,000 cubic feet a minute, installed at the air shaft has been driven since noon at top speed.

Work was suspended today at the Anaconda, St. Lawrence and Mountain View mines, as well as at the Pennsylvania.

Not all work stopped at these properties, however, as crews of men were employed in strengthening the bulkheads at the opening between the Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania.

Plots in India Divulged. NATURALIZED BRITONS IMPRISONED FOR SALE OF ARMS.

Uprising Plans Found in Attempt to Ship 15,000 Rifles and 1,500,000 Rounds of Ammunition.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Plans for a wholesale uprising against the British in India were divulged in a veiled manner today in the English Supreme Court.

Aluminum Dust Explodes. Workman Injured in Factory Making Base for High Explosives.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 15.—An explosion today of aluminum dust in the laboratory here of Charles Butters, a millionaire mining man, who is manufacturing the product for the Russian government as a base for high explosives, partially wrecked the plant and slightly injured one workman.

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In the Artois region, between Lens and Bethune, the crater of a mine blown up by the Germans was occupied by them, while the French guns have been busy shelling German organizations in the neighborhood of the road to Lille. The French also bombarded

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A committee to find a British flag was appointed and it began a search. After visiting many stores such a flag was found in a regalia establishment. This was placed among the decorations. Then peace resumed and the convention began its work.

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German positions near Vis-sur-Aisne and to the northeast of Soissons and in the Argonne exploded a mine and occupied the crater. In Champagne Berlin asserts French infantry attempts to regain lost positions north of Thure were repulsed, as likewise was a similar attack in the Vosges.

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