

BATTLESHIP COULD ROUT PACIFIC FLEET

Admiral Winslow Tells Naval Committee His Ships Are Wholly Insufficient.

INCREASE PLANS SECRET

Bill for Enlargement of Regular Army and Federalizing of National Guard Printed and Will Be Ready Soon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—While the House military committee was taking steps today toward getting its bill for increasing the regular Army and Federalizing the National Guard before the House within ten days, the naval committee was being informed by Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow that the entire Pacific fleet, which he commands, might be an easy victim for a single good enemy battleship.

Admiral Winslow made the statement smilingly. Pressed by Representative Stephens, of California, for an exact description of the condition of the ships under his command, he said the force was wholly inadequate, even with all its reserves called out, to meet any probable enemy in the Pacific.

What plans the Navy Department had for meeting an emergency there or in the Atlantic, however, he said, were matters of strategy which he did not care to reveal except in confidential session.

Many Questions Pending. Representative Stephens said that this discussion should be postponed, but said he had many questions still to ask regarding the Pacific fleet. He will pursue the subject tomorrow.

The military committee is making rapid progress in considering the bill. The chairman has authorized to frame and which now has been printed confidentially.

It is expected this draft will be made public this week and that it will be favorably reported to the House some time next week. It is hoped to have its consideration by the House fixed to follow the introduction of the bill.

The committee is sitting all day at its task and perfecting the measure, and it was suggested today that night sessions might be started to hasten the work.

Coast Defense Secret. Further light on the War Department's plan for additional coast defense also was given today, when testimony of Brigadier-General William Crozier, chief of Army ordnance, before the fortifications committee, became available. The committee has had no open hearing while General Crozier told the military committee of both houses the substance of his recommendations, his statements before the fortifications committee amplify his position somewhat.

The heaviest fortifications, General Crozier said, would be placed at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, which he described as a "strategic point" where "facilities for land operations are so good it is worth while especially to fortify them to prevent that operation, notwithstanding that they are not places where immediate damage can be done by the guns of a fleet."

At other points, such as Rockaway Beach, New York and San Francisco, he said, 15-inch guns mounted in turrets would be added to the batteries.

Admiral Winslow told the naval committee that gunnery on American ships started on the down-grade soon after it had been brought to its most efficient point during President Roosevelt's incumbency.

Navy Not Moderately Fit. "Just lately," he added, "the department began working out a new system of finding the faults with our gunnery. In my opinion, however, if we had a general staff, our efficiency would never have gone down."

It would take 50 years, he believed, to bring the fleet to its possible standard of efficiency, and in answer to a question he said he did not believe the Navy now to be even moderately efficient.

He believed no ship should be placed in reserve, but that all should be kept constantly in commission and fully manned, in order that sufficient men might be trained.

Asked what authority he would take from the Secretary and lodge in the staff, he said he would have the entire military side of the service absolutely under the staff.

The Navy War College, Admiral Winslow said, was a valuable adjunct, and other nations had followed the American lead in establishing such institutions.

Enactment of laws to permit promotion by selection, as recommended by the Navy Department, also was urged by the Admiral. Such a law was vitally necessary, he said, to bring young, vigorous men to flag command.

ROOT MAY SUPPORT T. R.

(Continued From First Page.) country. Americanism, they say, is good party doctrine and it makes no difference whether it is enunciated by New York or New Mexico, for Republicans must follow where it leads.

Mr. Root is intense in his Americanism. His friends say that he holds that Colonel Roosevelt is one man in the country who has been right in his Americanism ever since the outbreak of the war and who has not been afraid to voice his views.

Washington Republicans and Progressives who believe that Mr. Root before long will make this pronouncement in favor of Colonel Roosevelt say that the intensity of Mr. Root's feeling on the one subject of the weakness and "wabbiness" of the foreign policy of the United States is the thing that has been moving him gradually to the point of support of the men from whom he broke four years ago.

Democrat Files at Klamath. KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Burrell W. Short, a prominent rancher in the basin south of this city, today filed his petition for nomination at the May primaries on the Democratic ticket for County Commissioner. He is the first Democrat to file for this office. Mr. Short is a successful chairman and is active in the affairs of the Klamath Water Users Association.

Polk County to Be Represented. DALLAS, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Great interest is being manifested in Polk County in the organization of the Willamette Valley Commercial Club recently proposed at a preliminary meeting held in Albany. The County Court of Polk County has been invited to attend the organization meeting to be held in Albany on March 11, and will

ROYAL FAMILY OF MONTENEGRO FINDS REFUGE IN LYONS, FRANCE.



Sented (Left to Right)—Queen Milena and King Nicholas. Standing (Left to Right)—Princess Jutta, Wife of Crown Prince Danilo; Wife of the Premier of Montenegro, the Premier and Prince Danilo Alexandra, Heir Apparent. The Montenegrin capital will temporarily be in Lyons, France. To that city the heroic King Nicholas made his way after the defeat of his brave little army by the Austrians. He and his family are shown here just after their arrival at Lyons.

WOMEN LAY PLANS

Concerted Suffrage Appeal to Conventions Discussed.

MRS. AMANDA HART BURIED

Funeral Services Are Held for Independence Woman.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The funeral services of Mrs. Amanda Hart were held in this city Tuesday from the Christian Church.

Mrs. Hart was born in 1835 in Meigs County, Ohio, and with her parents moved to Iowa in 1844. In 1856 she was married to W. G. Hart and in 1879 they came to Oregon, living at Independence and Salt Creek until her death.

The children who survive her are: Mrs. Mary Roberts, Salt Creek; Mrs. Melvin Sloper, Salem, Or.; T. W. Hart, Independence, and Ezra Hart, of Salt Creek.

35-YEAR VOTER IS BARRED

Marshfield Man Disgusted to Find He Is Not Citizen.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Walter Richardson, a former police officer of this city, was unable to register today when he sought to qualify for the primaries. Mr. Richardson had voted here and in other states for the last 35 years, but today was told he was not a citizen.

His father was born in Scotland and did not become a citizen until he moved to Illinois, when the son was 5 years old.

Mr. Richardson was a very much disgusted man, and said the worst he could do was to register in Illinois, where the son was 5 years old.

MRS. WELLS ESTEEMED

Newport Friends Scout Charge of Arson Complicity.

NEWPORT, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Friends here of Mrs. M. C. Wells, whose Sheriff William Wilson of Clackamas County took from this city yesterday to face a charge of complicity in the burning of her three houses in Oswego last Summer, scout the idea of such a charge. The arson subject accuses her of hiring him.

Mrs. Wells is well known here, being associated with J. R. Bond, of this city, in the ownership of several Summer cottages. She has been living here for several years, and has borne an excellent reputation.

LAND HEARING TO RESUME

Southern Pacific to Discuss Legal Phase of Grant Case.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 24.—Hearings on the Oregon-California land grant bills will be resumed tomorrow before the House public lands committee.

J. J. Blair, of New York, chief counsel of the Southern Pacific, will discuss the legal phases of the problem as seen by the railroad company and give the railroad's interpretation of the opinion given by the Attorney-General.

Medford Choral Society Forms.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The Medford Choral Society, to increase interest in better music and provide a singing organization which will give public concerts throughout the season, was formed Tuesday night at a mass meeting. S. Vilas Beckwith, manager of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association, was elected president.

Kelso Farmers Hear Expert.

KELSO, Wash., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Professor Thomas Shaw, Great Northern agricultural expert, addressed a meeting of farmers yesterday in the Edison Theater. The high school agricultural classes were among the attendants. Professor Shaw was accompanied by F. W. Graham, Western freight and passenger agent for the Great Northern.

Iowa's Oldest Oddfellow Dies.

CENTERVILLE, Ia., Feb. 24.—John Lankford, the oldest Oddfellow in the state, died today, at the age of 93 years. He had been a resident of this place since 1850. He wore a straw hat in all seasons and never wore an overcoat, even in the most severe weather.

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BAN ON CARDS IS SOUGHT

Wenatchee Residents Want Pool-room Gambling Stopped.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—A determined effort is being made by a number of citizens to have all card playing in billiard and pool-rooms in Wenatchee prohibited, coincident with the ordinance now before the Council which would make it unlawful for minors to enter such places of business, would abolish all eating places when run in connection and would fix the closing hour at 11 P. M.

Talk of a recall against the present Council is current if an ordinance is not passed prohibiting card playing, providing it can be proved that gambling is prevalent.

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Indian War Veteran Dies. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Shelby Churchill has received news of the sudden death of his brother, M. W. Churchill, which occurred suddenly while visiting his two daughters at Los Angeles. The body will be brought here for burial. Mr. Churchill was a pioneer of 1853. He was born in Iowa and was 66 years of age. He was an Indian War veteran and a member of the Oddfellows. Surviving children are Mrs. Eva Pickard and Mrs. Allace Baker, of Portland; Mrs. Pearl Burnfield and Mrs. Grace Wagner, of Los Angeles.

One of the faults of the last campaign in New York, Mr. Catt said, was the sense of impending defeat by some of the women.

"There were just enough of you women," she said, "who felt that way and who resolutely went to mountain or seashore, to bridge parties or dances, instead of fighting, to throw the balance the other way."

State leaders, she said, had not been giving the National movement sufficient support.

Mrs. Alice Duer Miller, speaking of the efforts to convert Congressmen to the cause, said:

"The very men who voted in Washington against suffrage because of the fear of sacrificing the home" found it expedient to vote negatively on the child-labor proposition. These men declined to appropriate \$25,000 for a child-labor inquiry, but they voted \$500,000 for the preservation of fish and game."

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This Will Be Our 798th BARGAIN FRIDAY

Every week, to even up stocks and adjust the "tail-enders," we gather all so-called "odds, ends and special purchases" and mark them at a fraction of their regular selling prices—"Friday Underpriced Sales" you've come to know them, and "bargains" you will readily agree they are, for many prices are halved in the operation. This is our way of avoiding an undesirable accumulation at the season's end. It gives you a splendid chance to buy reasonable things in the season. The quotations below point the average reductions:

Sale of Thousands of Yards of Beautiful Ribbons. Satins, Taffetas, Moires and Warp Prints in all colors. 5 and 5 1/2-inch widths in 25c quality. Friday only at, yard... 15c. Bright, fresh new ribbons—just opened—a special purchase of thousands of yards including all the newest colorings, plain shades and desirable styles in 5 and 5 1/2-inch widths—Satin, Taffetas, Moires and Warp Prints; also other widths in Plain Moire Taffetas and Satins in a fine range of colors, as well as Warp Prints in pretty floral effects. Ribbons suitable for millinery and trimming purposes, bows, sashes, etc. Regular 25c quality, on sale Bargain Friday at... 15c.

Extra! Special for Friday Madras & Scrim Curtaining. Neat and Desirable Styles in White, Cream and Ecru. 9c. Standard Qualities Regularly Sold at 12 1/2c and 15c Yard. An immense assortment to select from—dainty and attractive patterns in Madras and Scrim Curtaining. They come in white, cream and ecru in imitation hemstitched border and colored figured styles—qualities regularly sold at 12 1/2c and 15c a yard, on sale Bargain Friday at... 9c.

Extra! Special for Friday New Spring Coat Style Shirts. Made With Double French Cuffs, Neat Colored Stripes. 89c. A Ferguson & McKinney Guaranteed \$1.25 Shirt. Right to the front again with another great underpriced Shirt Sale! A special purchase of Ferguson & McKinney Shirts in the new Spring patterns in assorted stripes. They come in coat style with double French cuffs and are warranted not to fade and to wear satisfactorily. A Shirt regularly at \$1.25. Bargain Friday 89c.

Extra! Special for Friday Great Underpriced Sale of Women's Footwear. Both Button and Lace Fashionable Leathers. \$1.98. Broken Lines in Standard Makes, Regularly \$3.50. In our Basement Shoe Section we have arranged a Shoe sale of unusual importance. It is a closing out of broken lines of well-known and reliable makes—durable button and lace styles in patent, gunmetal and vic kid leathers—styles for street and dress. All sizes in the lot, but not all sizes in each style. Regular values to \$3.50. On sale Bargain Friday at... \$1.98.

Extra! Special for Friday Four Popular New Styles Women's Poplin Dresses. Shown in Black, Navy Brown, Blue, Green, Violet. \$6.00. Finely Tailored, Perfect Choice. Fitting Garments. Good workmanship shows in every seam and thread and none of the little touches that add tone to the dress have been overlooked. You have choice from four popular styles—one of which has pleated skirt and poplin with patent leather belt—the others are equally as desirable. They are made of the best Suskanna Luster and are great bargains at Friday Price... \$6.00.

Extra! Special for Friday Sale Women's Mercerized Black Lisle Hose. Made With Double Heel and Toe and Satin Top. 17c. A Stocking Always Sold at 25c Pair. This store's Stocking Shop is always doing something in the way of value-giving that serves to make it the most popular buying place in the city for women who want reliable Hosiery. Here is another special offering—a sale of women's fine fast-black, mercerized Lisle Hose, made with double heel and toe, garter top and ravel stop, all sizes. 25c grade Bargain Friday 17c.

Bungalow Aprons Greatly Underpriced

In Cover-All, Middy and Belted Styles That Fasten at Front, Side, Back or Button on the Shoulder. All Sizes in Stripes, Figures, Plaids, Plain Colors, Etc. Regular 50c and 65c Lines. 35c EACH or 3 for \$1.00. A complete assortment of the latest new styles underpriced in an emphatic manner. Included are the popular Bungalow Aprons in models that button on the shoulder, that fasten at back or side—middy and belted effects, cover-all and many others. In fact, every taste and desire may be suited. All are well made, neatly finished Aprons of fine quality percales or ginghams, finished with neat trimmings, pockets and good pearl buttons. They come in plain shades and in neat figure, stripe or dot patterns, in both light and dark colors. All sizes. Aprons made to sell regularly at 50c and 65c, on sale Bargain Friday at 3 for \$1.00, or, each 35c.

Special for Friday! A Sale of CEDAR OIL. Regular 50c Value, Friday 29c. Housekeepers should not overlook this sale of the well-known Cedar Polish. It is especially adapted for cleaning and polishing furniture and will not gum, stick or veneer. Regular 50c size Friday 29c.

House Dresses on Sale at 97c. \$1.25 and \$1.50 Grades. A special sale of Women's Fitwell House Dresses made of best-grade ginghams and percales and shown in both high and low-neck styles with good wide skirts. They come in all sizes in neat checks, stripes and plain colors. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 grade, Bargain Friday at... 97c.

Boys' and Girls' Shoes \$1.97 Pr. \$2.25 and \$2.50 Grades. There is splendid economy at this sale of Boys' and Misses' Shoes—the assortment includes various desirable styles in gunmetal, vic kid and patent leathers—all sizes in regular \$2.25 and \$2.50 grades, qualities on sale, Bargain Friday, at... \$1.97.

Sale of Women's Umbrellas \$2.98. Regular \$4.00 Grade. High-grade Umbrellas made on Paragon frame with silk and wool cover, steel rod and ebony handle—quite an extensive assortment to select from. The regular \$4.00 grade. Bargain Friday \$2.98 for only... \$2.98.

Embroideries 9 to 18-in., 15c Yd. For Values to 35c. The most staple widths—9 to 18-inch embroideries of fine batiste, Swiss and cambric—patterns suitable for corset covers, flouncings and skirtings and qualities regularly sold up to 35c a yard. Friday 15c Only at... 15c.

Sale of Veilings at 10c Yard. 25c and 35c Grades. At this low price we are closing out a fine lot of Veilings—popular meshes in black, brown and desirable colors. Regular 25c and 35c qualities. 10c Friday Only at... 10c.

Embroideries 27-Inch at 19c Yd. 25c to 35c Grades. A specially fine lot of 27-inch Baby Flouncings greatly underpriced—the assortment includes a full variety of neat and attractive patterns all finished with well-worked edges—qualities regularly sold at 25c to 35c a yard. Friday Only at 19c.

10c White Crepe Paper Napkins, the Package, Only 7c. 5c Plain Shelf Paper, Plain Colors, 10-Yd. Pieces at 3c.