

FISKE CRITICISES CONDUCT OF NAVY

Admiral Says Present Conditions Cannot Be Remedied Within Five Years.

PERMANENT STAFF ADVISED

Most Efficient Navies Declared to Be Those of Germany and Japan—Relations With Secretary Daniels Described.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Rear-Admiral Fiske, the storm center in the row between the attackers and defenders of the efficiency of the Navy, finally set before the House Naval committee today after a long contest between the two factions. Since his retirement as one of Secretary Daniels' aides, Admiral Fiske has been a constant critic of the naval administration. He testified that in his opinion the Navy could not be put "into condition" within five years and that no matter how much Congress appropriated it could not be put into condition, under the system which directs it, as good as that of any foreign navy.

Admiral Fiske recommended a general staff, "a body of specially trained officers to study plans for war."

Secretaries Change Strategy. Admiral Fiske, put to a running fire of questions by the committee, declared his idea was that the duties of a chief of operations should be fixed beyond the power of a Secretary of the Navy to change or practically to abolish.

"As long as for four years a Secretary of the Navy who may, and generally does, change the strategy of the Navy, we will fall short of our rivals," said the Admiral.

"The most efficient navies are the German and the Japanese, and in both countries it is required that the Secretary of the Navy shall be a naval officer. I am not going that far. It is not the policy of this country to put the military above the civil."

Representative Britten questioned Admiral Fiske closely about his personal relations with the Secretary of the Navy, inquired into the attempt of the officer to obtain leave of absence from his assignment to the Newport War College this Spring.

Daniels Censors Admirals. "I asked for three months' leave—the first in 19 years," explained Admiral Fiske. "The Secretary gave me one month."

"Why did he reduce the time?" asked Representative Britten.

"He said he did not want naval officers in Washington while Congress was in session."

"Was he afraid Congress would contaminate the officers?"

"He said I would be talking to Congressmen and newspaper men and he didn't want me to do so."

The witness was led to tell of instructions he received from Secretary Daniels about writing and talking about the Navy.

"Did he tell you that you were not even to say two times two makes four?"

"Yes," was the reply.

Board Acts Under Orders. Representative Britten then put into the record a letter from Secretary Daniels to President Woodrow Wilson, dated March 24, 1915, in which the Secretary said that naval officers were free to express their opinions of the Navy.

The witness was asked if the Secretary did not require the General Board to take out of its 1914 recommendations to him a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, dated March 24, 1915, in which the Secretary said that naval officers were free to express their opinions of the Navy.

The witness said that this was true. Mr. Britten then read into the record a letter from the Secretary to the Commercial Club of Chicago, saying he had published all the reports of the General Board.

EMBARGO LIST EXTENDS

BRITISH BAR ON CERTAIN IMPORTS EFFECTIVE SOON.

Furniture and Other Wood Manufactures and Cotton Products Are Among Taboo Articles.

LONDON, March 24.—A lengthy extension of the list of articles, the importation of which is prohibited, which was forecast by Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, in an interview with the Associated Press last week, was announced tonight by the Board of Trade. The Board gave notice that a proclamation would be issued shortly prohibiting after March 30 the importation of the following goods:

Baskets and basketware, except of bamboo; cement, chinaware and pottery, not including cloisonne wares; cotton yarn, cotton goods, and cotton manufactures of all kinds, except hosiery and lace; cutlery, fatty acids, furniture, manufactured joinery and other wood manufactures, except lacquered wares; hardware and hollow ware; oil cloth, soap, toys, games and playing cards, wood and timber of beech, birch, elm and oak; woolen and worsted manufactures of all kinds, except yarns.

The importation of these prohibited goods will be allowed only under a license, but the Board of Trade says such licenses will generally be granted only for goods on the way to the United Kingdom or goods actually purchased when the notice is issued.

WAITE MAKES ADMISSION

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him. I don't remember whether he said he wanted arsenic or not.

Physician Aids in Purchase. "I want to see a physician acquaintance," told him I wanted to kill a cat, and asked him to recommend me to his druggist. He called the druggist on the telephone and told him I was all right. I also told the druggist I wanted to kill a cat. I took the poison home and handed the package to Mr. Peck. I never saw it again."

The poison was bought March 9, and Mr. Peck died on March 15. The District Attorney's office has information that the dentist made other purchases of poison between December 21 and March 7. Mrs. Peck died here January 30.

Mrs. Waite had no knowledge of her husband's purchasing poison. Mr. Swann said the dentist told him, "My regret is that this will wound my wife very deeply," the dentist added. "Nobody knows anything about the subject except myself and I can't prove what I say."

Mr. Swann has been reliably informed, he said, that last Monday night Dr. Waite telephoned to Miss Peck and

asked her what she thought a man should do who had been "cornered."

Dentist Considers Suicide. "Would you think of suicide?" the dentist is declared to have asked Miss Peck, who advises him to come to see her immediately. Dr. Waite went to Miss Peck's home in his automobile and rode about with her for several hours.

Mr. Swann said tonight he would proceed with his plan to charge Dr. Waite with first degree murder and to have him indicted on the charge. All that is needed to complete the investigation by the grand jury, he declared, is the testimony of the physicians who performed the autopsy on Mr. Peck's body. These witnesses will arrive here Monday from Grand Rapids. Dr. Waite's parents reached New York tonight.

RAILWAY IS PROSPEROUS

SOUTHERN PACIFIC REVENUE GAIN IS LARGE.

Company Now Ranks Third Among Big Systems of Country, Announces Julius Kruttschnitt.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The Southern Pacific Railroad Company is in one of the most prosperous periods of its entire history according to figures made public today by Julius Kruttschnitt, of New York, chairman of the board of directors, who is in San Francisco.

For the first eight months of the present fiscal year, the gross operating revenue of the road was \$101,121,354, an increase over the same period last year of \$14,885,445. This showing places the Southern Pacific third among the big railroad systems of the country, according to the Kruttschnitt statement.

For the four months' earnings yet to be added to the total for the present fiscal year, the company bids fair to exceed last year's gross operating income of \$129,865,675.

MINING PROPERTY BOUGHT

Important Deal Is Completed in Sumpter District.

BAKER, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—One of the most important mining deals in the Sumpter district in many years has been consummated in the purchase of the Bald Mountain property by the Ibox Mining Company. The Ibox mine has been idle several years because it was deemed unwise to run it until the Bald Mountain mine could be secured, and the acquisition of the latter will insure the operation of both properties within a short time.

A tunnel between the two has already been started, and with the use of a gravity system both mines can be operated in an economical manner. Reports say that the mine's equipment will be greatly augmented, and that both will be operated extensively this season. The price paid for the Bald Mountain mine has been kept a secret.

PIONEER RANCHMAN DEAD

Edward C. Bowen Victim of Heart Trouble Near Baker.

BAKER, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Edward Cranston Bowen, pioneer of Oregon and one of the most successful ranchmen in this vicinity, died suddenly from heart trouble today at his ranch, four miles south of the city. Mr. Bowen was born in Idaho City, Ida., 52 years ago, but had lived in the vicinity of the greater part of his life. He was prominent in agricultural and county affairs. He is survived by his wife and five children, all living at home, and the following brothers and sisters: F. A. Bowen and Mrs. J. C. Anderson, of Portland; L. B. and Harry Anderson, of Portland; Anna Cranston, of Baker; J. C. Bowen, of Newbridge, and Mrs. B. D. Postlethwaite, of Pocatello, Ida.

KNAPPA WIDOW PENSIONED

State Sets Aside \$7036 for Mrs. John Carney.

SALEM, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—For the widow and infant daughter of John P. Carney, the State Industrial Accident Commission today set aside \$7036.27 and \$111.84, respectively, in the accident fund, with which to pay the pensions to which they are entitled under the workmen's compensation act. Carney was drowned February 16 last while employed by the Big Creek Logging Company at Knappa, Or.

Under the terms of the act the widow will be entitled to \$30 a month all her life unless she marries, and the daughter will receive \$6 a month until she is 16 years old. Provided both live the entire period of their expectancy, the state will have paid them a total of \$15,175.20.

Music Company Gets Receiver. R. L. Sablin was yesterday appointed receiver for the Clavenger Music Company by Circuit Judge Morrow, at the petition of M. Durand. His bond was fixed at \$1000.

The railroads of Oregon consume over 18,000 tons of dynamite and the mines 22,000 tons also consume 68,000 linear feet of round mine material.



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STRONG FIGHT MADE ON LITERACY TEST

Ex-Speaker Cannon Ridicules Educational Provision of Immigration Bill.

ASIATIC PHASE EXPLAINED

Californian Says Measure Is Acceptable to Japanese Government. Mr. Johnson Argues for Exclusion of Hindus.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The House today began consideration of the Burnett immigration bill.

The literacy test was supported by those who pointed to the possibility of vast immigration after the European war and opposed by ex-Speaker Cannon, who ridiculed it.

Armed with a census report of 1790, he argued that the names of two-thirds of the members of the House were not found among those then recorded in the United States, and that the names of many men foremost in National life showed by their absence in the list that their forefathers had been immigrants.

"There were no McKennas, Pitneys or Vandevaners for the Supreme Court," said he. "No McDooes, Burlesons or Houstons to sit about the Cabinet table. I can find among the first families of that time no Edison or Westinghouse, no Carnegie, Harriman, Havemeyer, no Astor, Belmont or Lorillard, no Funston or Pershing, no Watterson or Pulitzer, no Gompers or Morrison and Billy Sunday."

Roosevelt Not on List, Either. "Another name not on the list is that of Roosevelt."

The House cut loose with an uproar of applause that continued until Mr. Cannon rose and bowed.

The Asiatic provisions were explained by Representative Hayes, of California. He said they were acceptable to the Secretary of State and to the Japanese government. He said he saw nothing in the bill that was offensive to Japan or any other government.

"We have the authority of the Secretary of State, which we had before the provisions were incorporated into the bill, that there was no objection to them," said Mr. Hayes.

"The committee was unanimous in that it was not desirable to put in the bill anything offensive to Japan."

All that the people of California and the Pacific Coast want, he said, is to protect themselves against the labor menace of the Japanese and Asiatic labor generally.

Another Race Not Wanted. Mr. Hayes said Pacific Coast people did not want to see another race imported there.

"We are willing, entirely willing," he explained, "that the student, the traveler, the scientist and the business man from the Orient shall come into this country, but we on the Pacific Coast do not want to be submerged by an overwhelming influx of labor from the Orient, overwhelming us as they have the Hawaiian Islands. This is the reason for our insistence on this legislation."

Mr. Hayes said that Pacific Coast folk were grateful to the Japanese government for maintaining the gentleman's agreement, "preventing the laborer of Japan from overwhelming us on the Coast." The bill, Mr. Hayes added, was not aimed at any particular element of the Caucasian race, nor at any religion, and was only aimed in its large operations at one large class of

people, "those who are ignorant and stupid."

Johnson Would Exclude Hindus. Representative Johnson, of Washington, urged the need of Hindu exclusion. Representative Kahn, of California, told the House that the literacy test was no test of character.

"Strike the test from this bill," he said, "and I apprehend almost every member of the House will vote for it. Do we find illiteracy in this country? Of course we do. Let us sweep our doorsteps before we talk about illiteracy in other parts of the globe."

ELECTRIC LINE PROPOSED

Pendleton May Have New Road to Columbia River.

PENDLETON, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—An electric road from Pendleton to Walla Walla and from Cold Springs Landing through Pendleton to Bingham Springs is an undertaking projected by an association of capitalists represented by C. W. Lettier, formerly a farmer in the Cold Springs country. It is understood E. W. McComas, of Pendleton, is connected with the undertaking.

Mr. Lettier said today there was plenty of money back of the venture. The plan is to lay the rails on concrete ties to reduce the cost of maintenance.

The route has been selected with an idea of tapping as much of the freight-producing area of the country, as well as the area of passenger traffic, as the line from here to Cold Springs Landing would be a feeder to the open river.

DYES CONFERENCE ENDS

Committees Named to Plan Production in America.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Consumers and manufacturers of dyestuffs today concluded a two-day conference here with representatives of Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce. Discussion centered on the problem of expanding dye production in the United States so as to supply colors for American consumption to replace those which the European war has prevented coming from Germany.

Committees were appointed to confer on the "necessity of an additional supply of dyestuffs," on the necessity of legislative action to prevent unfair competition on an international scale, and on "further co-operation between the consumers and manufacturers."

Seventy separate lines of manufacture, in which more than 2,000,000 persons are employed, are affected by dye shortage.

NEW LINE TO RUN IN APRIL

V. G. Hindmarsh Will Supervise Coos Bay-Reedsport Service.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Engineer V. G. Hindmarsh, in charge of the Willamette-Pacific Railroad between Coos Bay and Reedsport, will supervise train operations between those two points when traffic in passengers and mail is inaugurated in the first week of April. The time schedule now given to the public has been arranged for an entire daylight run between Coos Bay and Eugene. The train will leave Marshfield at 9:30 in the morning, making Reedsport at 11.

The passengers from Coos Bay will arrive at Eugene at 3:30 in the evening, and transfer to the limited due in Portland at 10:15.

LAND COMPANY IN TROUBLE

Ex-Mayor Gillis, of Walla Walla, Receiver of Attalla Concern.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 24.—(Special.)—A. J. Gillis, ex-Mayor of Walla Walla, and a property owner in the Burbank district, this afternoon was appointed temporary receiver for the Attalla Land Company and Judge E. C. Mills set March 31 as the date for the hearing on making it permanent.

The Columbia Canal Company is petitioner, and charges that the defendant company has neither money nor credit and has no means of obtaining them, nor will it be able to obtain materials, supplies or labor without paying cash therefor, which it cannot do.

PAPERS DENIED RESERVIST Report for War Duty Holds Up Application Temporarily.

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examiner objected that Langer had violated his oath of allegiance by reporting for war duty at the Austrian consulate.

Langer pleaded that he reported to the consulate to prevent loss of property in Austria which, if he had not declared himself, would have been confiscated on his father's death. The case was taken under advisement.

Registration Totals 950.
HOOD RIVER, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Hood River County's registration totals 950, of which 687 are Republicans. The registered electors segregated as to party and sex are as follows: Republican, men, 472; women, 135; Democratic, men, 159; women, 81; Prohibition, men, 21; women, 11; Social

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