

NAVAL ECONOMISTS GROWL AT DENBY

Fight Threatened at Plea for \$350,000,000.

SECRETARY PROPOSES CUT

House Committee Told Personnel Can Be Reduced by Tying Up 100 Destroyers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Secretary Denby, in asking congress today for an appropriation of \$350,000,000 for the navy next year, ran into the edge of a threatened fight by advocates of government economy to "scrap" the naval establishment ratio figure arranged by the arms conference.

In a frank and detailed statement as to what the navy department hoped to accomplish, Mr. Denby told the house naval committee that his estimate called for a reduction of 10,000 in enlisted personnel, which was made possible only by putting about 180 destroyers out of commission and by sharp cuts in shore establishments.

Chairman Butler indicated that the figures named by the secretary, compared with an appropriation of \$412,000,000 for the present fiscal year, was high in view of reductions authorized by the conference.

Lower Sum Advocated.

It was brought out in the discussion that some members of congress have been urging a naval appropriation bill carrying no more than \$115,000,000 or \$200,000,000, but Mr. Denby argued with the view expressed by members of the committee that such a reduction would put the United States actually below Great Britain and Japan, while leaving the tonnage ratio at 2-2-2, as agreed to at the conference.

Believing that with a smaller fighting force the navy should be kept "on its toes," leaders standing behind Secretary Denby's estimate declared they would mean for the United States a navy really smaller than that of Japan. They insisted that instead of 2-2-2 each for the United States and Great Britain and three for Japan, the standing would be with the estimate so widely slashed a ratio of Great Britain five, United States two and Japan three.

Estimate Meets Favor.

Mr. Denby told the committee the navy was under-manned and that, while he had been making the question close study, it was only yesterday the idea occurred to him that he could recommend an enlisted strength of 20,000, or 10,000 below the authorized mark, by putting 100 destroyers out of commission. He stood firm on his estimate, members of the committee declaring afterward that they were inclined to accept it.

A leading republican, however, pointed out that consideration of the personnel question by the naval committee "is more or less academic" for the reason that the appropriations committees actually will frame the bill and fix the top figure for the navy. Chairman Kelley of the sub-committee on naval appropriations, who is out of the city, is known to believe in the most drastic cut possible and none of his colleagues was prepared to say how far the chairman would be willing to go toward meeting Mr. Denby. Members generally appeared to be divided, however, into two camps, one standing out "for slashing the Denby estimate in half" and the other insisting there should be no extensive drop below the naval treaty status.

Annapolis Suggestion Offered.

In opposing any reduction in the line officer personnel, the naval secretary also recommended that the first class at the naval academy be graduated and commissioned, leaving the status of other classes to be determined by congress.

Most of the opposition in the house was centered in the republican ranks. Reported to exist among members from the middle west and plains states. Representative Montgomery of Montana, the republican leader, has been listed among those ready to fight to cut the navy to the bone. While members of the opposition were not prepared to be quoted, some of them intimated they had been impressed by the navy view that the only way to keep the ratio of the three largest naval powers at the figure set by the arms conference was by giving every ship its complete complement of officers and men.

IRISH EVACUATION HALTS

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that a coup d'etat is being planned against the provisional government and warns the association against assisting in any attempt to destroy the new government.

Mr. Collins informed the association that the alternative to the treaty is the renewal of warfare, and declared that the provisional government wanted the people themselves to decide the issue, adding that if they decided for war, there need not be any doubt as to where he would stand.

In conformity with the decision to release Irish political prisoners in England, the government liberated 17 this afternoon. The release of the others is expected to follow shortly.

Disorders in southern Ireland continue.

Mr. Collins' cablegram was in reply to a message from Thomas Lyons, secretary of the American Association of the Dublin chapter adds, Mr. Lyons asked the association of state, months made in a previous message from Mr. Collins and concluded: "Do you deny that England threatened war if the treaty is rejected? If so, can you obtain confirmation from the English government? That is the issue I want the people to decide. If they decide for war, none of you need doubt where I shall stand."

Cork Incident Cited.

"Meanwhile, do not torpedo us," warn you not to assist or countenance the coup d'etat being planned against the new government, as witnesses the affair at Cork, where the departing British police had their arms seized by DeValera's supporters."

"The only object of such action can be to destroy the provisional government and hamper the evacuation of the British forces."

"I refer you also to De Valera's statements of yesterday, which make it perfectly clear that we are regarded as greater enemies than the British government. Plainly, do you stand for that, or do you not?"

"Let us all be frank and candid and see exactly where the different policies are landing us."

Conference Is Suggested.

Winston Spencer Churchill, the colonial secretary, in a statement in the house of commons today on the Irish situation, said the Irish provisional government had expressed a desire for a meeting with the leaders of the northern government. He added that a conference would be most desirable to restore peace along the Ulster border, where the situation continued to be a source of serious anxiety.

Mr. Churchill in previously answering a question referred to the provisional government's assurance that everything was being done to insure the liberation of the kidnapped unionists, and said:

"We believe that their sincere wish and intention. The extent of the powers at the present time is much more doubtful. We are passing through a very difficult period, and until the Irish government is equipped with the proper constitutional powers we cannot expect that they would have the necessary control."

He said the question of the use of force in the case of the Ireland was a serious matter and it might have the result of making things much worse. The withdrawal of troops from Ireland was one of the most difficult and delicate questions the government had to solve, and he could assure the house that the government would give the most earnest consideration to that question.

He said necessary reinforcements would be sent to Ulster to prevent a repetition of the kidnapping events as soon as they were asked for and as rapidly as they could reach the spot.

CHILD IS KILLED BY BOMB

Several Are Wounded When Explosive Bursts in Belfast.

BELFAST, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—A bomb thrown in Weaver street tonight killed one child and so seriously wounded three other children that they are not expected to recover.

There were numerous other casualties from the bomb, but the exact number and the nature of their injuries is not known.

There was marked activity in Belfast tonight on the part of soldiers. An unidentified man, picked up wounded, was taken to a hospital, but was found to be dead on his arrival there. Two constables were wounded in North Queen street. A number of girls are on the casualty list.

DUBLIN, Feb. 13.—The Irish republican army has made three arrests in connection with the killing of Lieutenant Nugan, Brown, Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, said tonight:

"Anyone we can prove guilty will be suitably dealt with."

It is reported that a large number of the kidnapped Ulster men have been removed from Ballyvaughan to County Cavan.

COLLINS IS TO INVESTIGATE

Delay in Evacuation Worries and London Will Be Queried.

DUBLIN, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Michael Collins is permitted over the suspension of the evacuation of British troops and proposed to go to London tomorrow to ask the British cabinet why. He informed the correspondents that he learned at 10 o'clock tonight from the British representatives in Dublin that evacuation had been held up. When asked what he thought of this, he replied he did not know, adding: "But I am determined to see the thing put right. He gave the correspondents the impression that he was aware that sinister influences were at work and therefore intended to go to London to make sure there was no misunderstanding."

In conclusion he declared: "I am determined to see the contract carried through."

JEWISH CHILDREN STRIKE

Denial of Prayer Books Followed by Refusal to Sleep.

RIGA, Feb. 13.—A new type of strike has been inaugurated—this time by children. The Jewish children in the home at Roshitz, in the Kovno district, made a demand for prayer books. They wanted to pray, but had no books, and as these were denied them, they started a unique strike, refusing to go to sleep.

The strike ended with a victory of the strikers, who demanded that the home distributing prayer books the following day.

'16 TO '17 BATTLE POSSIBLE

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yet he has the same characteristics of being led on by instinct and dominated by inspiration from within himself.

Imagination of People Sought.

Furthermore, while he has the vision of that richly flowing magnetism that made Bryan so fascinating to multitudes of people, there is nevertheless a denying of the nearly everything he does from day to day catches the imagination of thousands, who come to think of him as a man who makes automobiles cheaper than anybody else, who raised his wages when others are reducing them, who buys a broken-down railroad and makes it go when others have failed, who provides the extraordinary and unprecedented spectacle of the interstate commerce commission refusing his application to reduce freight rates, an application made at a time when other roads are striving to maintain their rates against public clamor for reduction, who promises the farmer cheaper fertilizer than he ever had before, and whose every action in the public view manages to convey the ecstatic million-dollar increase in price for the product and bigger wages for the worker.

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HALF OF RAILROAD CLAIMS SETTLED

Liquidation Expected to Be Completed by 1924.

HARDING NOTES PROGRESS

Director-General's Report Covering 22 Months, Dating From End of Control, Submitted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Confidence that the work of the railroad administration will be substantially completed by January 1, 1924, and that the "entire liquidation of the obligations of the government arising during the period of federal control could be concluded without any additional appropriations for that purpose by congress," was expressed in a letter from President Harding to Speaker Gillett, transmitting to congress today the report of the director-general of the railroads covering the 22-month period dating from relinquishment of federal control to the end of the last calendar year.

Prediction Based on Estimates.

The president said the predictions were based on the estimates of the director-general and so far as the ability of the administration to wind up its affairs without another appropriation was concerned, they took into consideration the cash now available and the disposition of the definite obligations of the carriers now held by railroad administration.

"This estimate," the president's letter continued, "is based on the railroad administration collecting from the carriers substantially all of the expenditures made by the government for additions and betterments chargeable to capital account."

Half of Adjustments Made.

Mr. Harding said it was "interesting to note" that the report of the railroad director-general shows that claims of carriers aggregating \$447,510,000 have been settled by the payment of \$133,694,303.

This represents the president declared, 43.135 per cent of all main-line mileage under federal control and indicates that about one-half of the adjustment between the carriers and the government has been completed.

The report, Mr. Harding stated, would reveal the progress of the progress made in the liquidation of all questions incident to federal control and show in detail the "substantial progress made in the liquidation of the innumerable claims of third persons arising out of federal operation."

These claims, the letter explained, consist largely of personal injury, loss and damage to freight, fire, wages, reparations and the like.

RAIL WORKERS FORM GROUPS

Brotherhoods to Meet Managers in Regional Conferences.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 13.—The "big four" railroad brotherhoods have divided into two groups, each of which will conduct separate negotiations with the railway managers in regional conferences. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will meet the railway executives jointly with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors will conduct their conferences jointly.

This was announced tonight by W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen, and Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the engineers. Further than this, they would say little.

"It is our intention in the future," Mr. Lee said, "to handle wage questions through our regional associations, as we did prior to the national labor board. It was declared that the negotiations carried on during the war period."

This means that the concerted action on wage matters which have existed for several years, is ended for the present at least, it was understood. The brotherhoods will now deal with the railways in three regions—eastern, western and southern. The other two groups of the trainmen and the engineers, another conference next Monday will bring together the same delegation of railway executives and officers of the brotherhoods of engineers and firemen and engineers.

This step is the second taken, with a month in a direction away from centralization of labor relations which had existed during and since war. The other was the decision to return to the regional basis of agreement. The action of the brotherhoods has no connection with the invitation to hold other railway unions in a conference with the miners. It was declared.

STUDENT DRINKING AIRED

Preacher Says Boys Indulge Thinking It Is Smart.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—There are students at the University of Pennsylvania who are drinking.

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HOSPITAL BILL APPROVED

PROVISION FOR VETERANS HAS HARDING'S SANCTION.

Passage of Measure Appropriating \$16,000,000 Also Advocated by Federal Board.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Approval has been given by President Harding to the bill authorizing an appropriation of \$16,000,000 for the construction of additional hospitals for war veterans, Chairman Langley of the house public buildings and grounds committee, author of the measure, announced today.

Passage of the bill also is advocated by the federal board of hospitalization, with the recommendation that a clause providing that \$500,000 be expended in enlarging Mount Alto hospital, Washington, D. C., be eliminated.

A copy of a resolution, unanimously adopted by the board, which has been studying the government hospitalization program, and approved by the president, was transmitted today to Mr. Langley. The committee chairman announced that he would seek to have the committee report the bill immediately so it can be taken up by the house at an early date.

In addition to authorizing an expenditure of \$16,000,000 for hospital facilities the bill provides that all construction work shall be under the supervision of the director of the veterans' bureau instead of under the direction of the supervising architect of the treasury department, who in the past has had charge of hospital activities.

EAGLE KILLS SOLDIER

Bird Sets Off Gun in Struggle and Bullet Enters Man.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—A story of a soldier's fatal struggle with a huge eagle in a mountain pass near Los Andes last Saturday was told in the newspapers here. The soldier shot the eagle and, thinking he had killed it, approached, but the bird had only suffered a broken wing and furiously attacked him.

In the struggle which followed, the eagle's claws clutched the trigger of the soldier's gun, which was discharged, the bullet entering the man's body. He died in the arms of his companions, who took his body and also the wounded eagle to Los Andes.

WORLD COURT GETS BUSY

LABOR, COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT DISCUSSED.

Session at The Hague to Begin Wednesday—Technical Experts Are to Assist.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—The members of the permanent court of international justice, which is to begin its session here Wednesday, were occupied today with the questions of labor, communications and transport, which, according to chapters 12 and 13 of the treaty of Versailles, are to be submitted to the court. The chambers are to have the assistance of four technical experts chosen from a panel composed of two nominees by each member of the league of nations.

About 250 invitations have been issued for the opening session. Those invited include: Arthur J. Balfour of Great Britain, Viscount Ishihara of Japan, Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo of China, Elhu Root of the United States, Paul Hymans of Belgium, Leon Bourgeois of France, and Count Quinones de Leon, Spanish ambassador to France. None has replied.

Those who have accepted invitations include William Phillips, the American minister, and a staff of the American legation; other members of the diplomatic corps in The Hague; the Dutch official world; Sir Eric Drummond, secretary of the league of nations, and Sir Cecil Hurst of the British foreign office.

Croats Try to Take Fiume.

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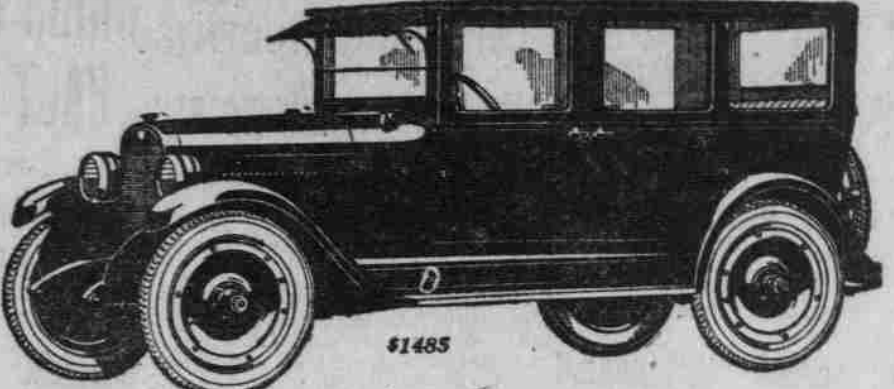
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