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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Decision of "big navy" men on the heels of their victory for a bigger enlisted force not to offer amendments to the 1923 naval bill providing money increases for shore station activities provoked a bitter row in the house today in the course of which Chairman Kelley charged they had backed down, expecting the senate to complete the job.

Starting unexpectedly, it raged for an hour or more and drew many into the fray. The "good faith" of those who had changed their plan at the eleventh hour was questioned by Chairman Kelley and Representative Mondell, the republican leader, and quickly receded by those who had put through the amendment increasing the personnel from 57,000 to 62,000.

**Storm Breaks Suddenly.**

Ready with proposals, one calling for \$5,000,000 additional for the bureau of construction and repair, and another \$2,000,000 for the bureau of engineers, the forces opposed to the committee measure agreed to let the bill get along as framed. When the engineer section was reached and not a voice was lifted in an effort to amend it, the leaders on that side glanced up at Mr. Kelley and grinned, and Mr. Kelley grinned back.

Then all at once the storm broke. It came while the house was considering the item providing commissions in the navy only for 200 of the 541 members of the first-year class at Annapolis. Pending was a proposal to commission all.

**Denial Is Made Later.**

There came later a denial from Secretary Denby, transmitted through Representative McArthur, republican, Oregon, of the charge that the department contemplated putting into service a large number of destroyers more than allotted by the bill. Half a dozen members, including Representatives Tague, Massachusetts, and Baker, California, both democrats, resented the insinuation that their stand for an adequate navy was actuated by selfish motives in behalf of navy yards.

The storm subsequently blew away, but it broke again with unexpected fury when Mr. Mondell, pressing the "big-navy" forces, declared he was surprised that the amendments had not been offered when the sections were reached in view of the request last week that they be passed over until the personnel had been fixed.

Mr. McArthur, one of the leaders for the \$5,000,000 enlisted proposal, declared that Mr. Mondell had put in the amendments himself, "or ever afterward hold his peace." Mr. McArthur said he was not concerned with any effort to obtain navy-yard increases and that he would not necessarily vote for the amendments, which had been expected, but which were not introduced.

**Propaganda Is Charged.**

After conveying Mr. Denby's denial of the reported proposal to add to the fleet, Mr. McArthur said he had been informed by Rear-Admiral Potter that the cost of maintaining 19,000 additional enlisted men would be \$22,000,000 and not \$50,000,000, as claimed by supporters of the bill. Mr. McArthur declared that backers of the bill were "given much discomfort, because we did not lead it with shore station pork, as they had thought."

A poster displayed at the Brooklyn navy yard and signed by Captain C. T. Vogelsang, the commandant, saying among other things there was the possibility of some yards closing if the bill was passed and read to the house by Chairman Kelley "as an evidence of navy propaganda to get more money."

**Commissions Are Limited.**

The provision limiting commissions as ensigns to first classmen at Annapolis was approved. The amendment by Representative Steing, republican, California, increasing from approximately \$15,000,000 to \$19,000,000 the amount appropriated for subsistence of officers and men to meet the increased personnel, was adopted, \$8 to 77.

The bill is expected to reach its passage stage tomorrow. Chairman Kelley declared during debate that the enlistment amendment ought to be voted down and that there would be no escaping a rollcall.

After a final checkup tonight, Mr. McArthur, speaking for the leaders on his side, said the \$5,000 proposal on rollcall would win by 60 votes.

**PANTAGES SUSPECT HELD**

"Jingling" Johnson to Be Quizzed on Robbery of Safe.

"Jingling" Johnson, known to police as a competent safecracker but who claims to have "retired" from active operations, was arrested last night by Inspector Thatcher's men in the Pantages theater as a suspect in the Pantages theater robbery staged Sunday morning, when the safe was blown and \$1800 stolen. Johnson was enjoying the performance.

Inspectors said they had received a tip that Johnson had been in the robbery and that he would be closely questioned.

**MOUNTAIN SNOW IS DEEP**

M. J. Nye Returns From Trip Into Cascades Inspecting Wires.

SWEET HOME, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—M. J. Nye, who is in charge of the lands of the Oregon and Western

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Colonization company in this county, recently returned from a trip through the forest above Cascade, inspecting trails and telephones. He found much more snow in the mountains than is usual at this time, and there will be more work than usual in clearing the trails and repairing the telephone lines. He will soon put on a crew to do this work on the company's timber lands, which extend from the Sweet Home section to the summit of the Cascades.

The company maintains a fire patrol through the summer in addition to the patrol maintained by the government. Mr. Nye is also in charge of this work for the company and has seven or eight assistants through the season. In Lebanon he purchased a truck to use in forest patrol work. The truck will be kept loaded with supplies and fire-fighting equipment, and when informed of a fire the men can start out in about five minutes.

**ELECTION PARLEY TODAY**

Chamber Members to Discuss Tickets and Candidates.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the green room to discuss tickets and candidates for the election of directors to be held next week. The nominating committee has named Max Hirsch, Roy T. Bishop, James W. Withcombe and James F. Clark, and the members have nominated by petition Harrison A. Whitney and A. C. Callan on a separate ticket. The house committee has nominated by petition Clay S. Morse, chairman of the house committee this year. Five directors are to be elected and the election will take place all next week from Monday to Friday night.

The members today will discuss the possible combination of the tickets. T. H. Edwards, chairman of the election committee, has announced that all petitions must be in by tomorrow morning.

**MR. WITCOMBE RETIRES**

Brother of Late Governor Will Not Make Race for Office.

SALEM, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—James Withcombe of Yamhill, who recently filed for the republican nomination for governor at the primary election May 19, will not make the race. This was announced today in a letter received by the secretary of state from Mr. Withcombe.

Mr. Withcombe, in his affidavit of withdrawal, said his action had been guided altogether by his niece, Miss Mabel Withcombe, daughter of the late Governor James Withcombe.

"In deference to the wishes of the family of the late James Withcombe," said the candidate, "I will decline to make the race."

"With the withdrawal of Mr. Withcombe from the contest, there are six republican candidates in the field: Ben W. Olcott, incumbent; Charles Hall of Marshfield; L. E. Bean of Eugene; J. D. Lee of Portland; L. Patterson of Eola and George A. White of Portland.

**LONDON AND BROWN WIN**

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mayor in the primary election today, having received approximately 13,500 votes against approximately 10,000.

There is not a community of 50 persons in Oregon or Washington but has cases of narcotic addiction," he said. "In a village of 175 people in eastern Washington one of our agents found nine addicts within a few days. There is not a poolhall in the northwest but is the headquarters

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At the close of an address full of interest on the narcotic evil last night at the auditorium by Canon W. H. Bliss, president of the Seattle White Cross, Mayor Baker was asked by Mrs. Alexander Thompson, president of the Portland Federation of Women's Clubs, why it was that city officials had taken no interest in the war on narcotics until five months ago.

Mayor Baker replied that five months ago, when an active campaign started, Mrs. Thompson, as head of the women's clubs, had been asked to co-operate, but that during the series of meetings since that time Mrs. Thompson had not had sufficient interest to attend any save that of last night.

**Interest Declared Lacking.**

"It is just because women who hold positions such as yours take no interest in these things that officials do not bestir themselves," replied Mayor Baker in effect. He said, for Mrs. Thompson, that her organization had been represented at the series of meetings by a committee.

A man in the audience, rather touched by the mayor charging the public with criminal indifference in not supporting the anti-narcotic crusade and by not packing the auditorium at last night's meeting instead of turning out only 800 strong, said he presumed the public left it up to the enforcement of the Harrison act by federal officials.

"Yes," retorted the mayor, "a lot of you leave the enforcement of the prohibition law to the federal officers, too, and go right ahead patronizing the bootleggers."

A man from a small city up-state testified that an addict in his town was unable to get narcotics there, but got a supply readily enough from a prominent Portland drug firm.

**Governor Olcott Speaks.**

Governor Olcott made a short introductory talk, saying that, important as the armament limitations conference proved, it dealt with no more vital problem than that of the war upon narcotics.

Canon Bliss quoted Mayor Baker for the statement that 20 years ago there were perhaps 25 addicts in Portland, while today there are 5000. He said the 2,000,000 or more addicts in the United States spend \$10,000,000 daily for their supply of drugs. In Portland alone, he said, \$15,000 goes into the hands of drug peddlers every day.

**Warned Given to Students**

Canon W. H. Bliss Delivers Addresses in Portland Schools.

High school students of Portland yesterday, many for the first time, received a close-up view of the tragedy that lurks in the path of narcotic addiction.

Canon W. H. Bliss told a brief story to the high school students. It set forth the case by which young boys and girls can fall into the use of narcotics and the disastrous results that are certain to follow. He explained how all the students might aid the authorities in fighting against this evil, which, he held, was the greatest that has ever confronted the American people.

Governor Olcott, Mayor Baker, School Superintendent Groat and E. K. Whitney, assistant superintendent of schools, accompanied Canon Bliss on his tour to the high schools of the east side, which was made yesterday morning.

The first meeting was held in Franklin high school, followed by meetings in the Benson Polytechnic school, Washington and Jefferson. In the afternoon a mass meeting of pupils of the Lincoln high school and the Girls' Polytechnic school was held in the public auditorium, where Mr. Bliss again spoke.

**KIRBY TO APPEAL AGAIN**

Case of Alleged Murderer to Go to U. S. Supreme Court.

SALEM, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—The habeas corpus proceedings brought in behalf of Elvie Kirby, in the penitentiary here awaiting execution for the part he played in the murder of Sheriff T. J. Taylor of Umatilla county, will go to the United States supreme court for final determination. This was announced today after the Oregon supreme court had denied Kirby a rehearing.

Attorneys for Kirby base their proceedings on the claim that the capital punishment law is unconstitutional in that in enacting the law the voters subtracted from rather than added to the bill of rights. Attack also is made upon the method of enacting the constitutional amendment re-establishing capital punishment in Oregon.

Orpheum matinee today, 15-25-50-Ad.

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