

BRITISH DECEPTION. CHARGE OF DENMAN

Balfour Said to Have Kept
Secret Japanese Treaties.

AMERICAN GOLD QUEST

First Chairman of Shipping Board
Says Secret Rats Destroyed
Best Pacific Naval Base.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—William Denman of San Francisco, first chairman of the shipping board, declared today in an open letter to members of congress that the reason Arthur J. Balfour, former British secretary of state for foreign affairs, failed to disclose to American government officials the existence of the secret treaties between Great Britain and Japan required "no further explanation than his quest for the four billions of dollars" which the United States lent Great Britain in the war.

Mr. Denman said Mr. Balfour arranged "for these monies" in May, 1917, when he was in this country as head of the British war mission. "His pretensions of deep friendship for the interest of the United States," Mr. Denman wrote, "filled our press and warmed his auditors in the halls of congress and at the tables where our hospitality was offered to him. While he was making them the ink was scarcely dry on the last of the three notes constituting the so-called secret Shantung treaties, which, from a naval standpoint, destroyed the island of Guam, probably our most valuable naval base in the Pacific.

"Japan, our rival in the Pacific, was by agreement with Great Britain, confirmed in the possession of the Marianna group of islands, which placed an unsurmountable barrier between us and the North Atlantic coast and the Japanese islands. Great Britain's price for this was the British control of the islands of the South Pacific group, which, in the event of hostilities, to which such diplomacy inevitably tends, isolated Guam from the Philippines.

Money Chief Quest.

"It is obvious that Mr. Balfour owed to us the disclosure of the existence of these agreements. Why he did not, requires no further explanation than his quest of the \$4,000,000,000. "It will help liberal England to understand the growing mistrust of America toward her to know that there is active deception in addition to suppression of the facts, at the time the loan was negotiated."

Mr. Denman then charges that at a conference between the Balfour mission and himself and Secretary Lansing, Assistant Secretary Holt of the state department, Mr. Balfour stated that "all the agreements between the allies affecting the interests of the United States general shipping conditions" would be "fully disclosed to the American conference, but that he had never 'redeemed his promise'."

CONGRESS, BALKED, PLUGS

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ator Ashurst of Arizona, are democrats and have supported Mr. Wilson loyally throughout his two administrations, are threatening quietly to give him some more uncomfortable half hours if he does not "treat them right" on the agricultural relief measures.

Delegation May Go Next.

The next visit, however, is likely to be from a delegation of senators, and not one lone senator. The signing of the mining assessment bill gave relief to western members which was much appreciated, because they were able last night to telegraph the good news to their constituents who had become deeply wrought over the prospect of losing their claims through presidential indifference. In this connection the text of the bill is of interest.

The bill provides "that the period within which work may be performed or improvements made for the year 1920 upon mining claims, as required under section 2324 of the revised statutes of the United States, is hereby extended to and including the first day of July, 1921, so that work done or improvements made upon any mining claim in the United States or Alaska on or before July 1, 1921, shall have the same effect as if it had been performed within the calendar year of 1920; provided that this act shall not apply to or affect claims to oil shale; and provided further that this act shall not in any way change or modify the requirements of existing law as to work to be done or improvements made upon mining claims for the year 1921."

Further Relief Talked.

The effect of the bill is to permit the assessment work for 1920 to be done within the first six months of the new year, but not to relieve the claimant of the assessment work regularly due in 1921. Several leaders in the house and senate gave warning

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The captain sent a written request to the officer of the guard, who allowed him to go aboard the Pontia again.

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of firearms was shown today, when a court-martial sentenced a man to seven years' penal servitude for possessing a revolver and 75 rounds of cartridges. A solicitor was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for possessing five rounds of ammunition.

ENGLISH CURIOSITY AROUSED

Rumored Return of De Valera to
Ireland Creates Excitement.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Reports that Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish republic," had landed in Ireland have greatly piqued public curiosity and confirmation of these rumors is eagerly awaited. Newspapers feature the statement of Harry Boland, secretary to De Valera, to the effect that the "president" has arrived safely in Ireland, but none has succeeded in ascertaining De Valera's whereabouts.

In some quarters there is much skepticism regarding the whole story and Dublin Castle, a profession of ignorance relative to De Valera's landing encourages doubt in the accuracy of the report. There are many, however, who see no improbability in the story and who are inclined to believe the government did not oppose his coming, holding that De Valera, as an elected member of parliament, was entitled to avail himself of the invitation recently extended to Irish members of parliament to confer with the government as to means of reaching an agreement on the Irish problem.

De Valera is in Ireland, where "he enjoyed his share of the Christmas season," it was declared today at a meeting of the Irish vigilance society, by Tim McNulty, who presided.

The Evening News says that word of De Valera's arrival in Ireland caused a sensation in Dublin. His intimate political friends, however, could not be induced to admit even the probability of his having landed, the newspaper adds.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, reiterated and amplified his optimistic statement on the Irish situation, made last night at a dinner given in honor of the Cornell cross-country team.

In his speech on that occasion he declared that the two Irish parliaments provided for by the recently enacted rule bill would be working within six months.

"So far as Ulster is concerned," the chief secretary told newspaper correspondents, "candidates already are being elected and it is possible that the ministers of the first Ulster cabinet are being talked about. I hope it will be possible to have both parliaments elected on the same day, so that they may be able to start together, and that the council, which is a central body composed of representatives of both parliaments, can get on with its all-Ireland work as soon as possible."

MRS. MACSWINEY DEPARTS

Widow of Lord Mayor of Cork

Bears Message to De Valera.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late lord mayor of Cork, sailed from America today, carrying to Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish republic," a message that "all is well" among the sympathizers with his cause in this country.

This message to the Sinn Fein leader was sent by his secretary, Harry Boland, who announced yesterday that his "chief" had landed in Ireland to direct the Irish fight for independence, after spending 15 months in the United States.

Several hundred Irish sympathizers surrounded Mrs. MacSwiney as she entered the pier to go on board the steamship Panhandle State, bearing aloft the three-striped banners of Ireland's "republic." New York's "fighting 88th" regiment band serenaded her and the crowd sang Irish airs.

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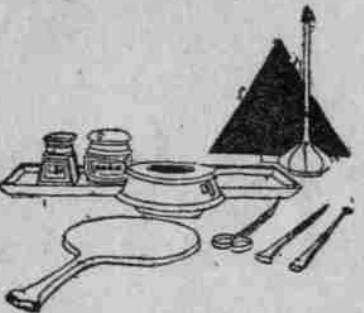
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