



REPORTAROUSES ENGLAND

Does Not Like Idea That the Kaiser is Building Many Battleships

MAY BUILD 8 BATTLESHIPS

Four Now Authorized to Be Built at Once and a Fight Will be Waged in Parliament to Increase it to Eight Dreadnaughts.

LONDON, March 20.—The dramatic confession from the cabinet ministers in a recent debate in the house of commons that Germany had caught the British admiralty napping and stolen a march on this country by expediting the construction of Dreadnaughts that Great Britain would have little if any margin in the number of new ships in 1911-12, has been followed by something like a panic throughout the United Kingdom. There is no doubt that were Premier Asquith at this time to appeal to the electorate, little would be left of the present radical party in commons. The direct vote of censure which A. J. Balfour, the leader of the opposition will lead against the government on Monday will bring up the issues as to whether four or eight Dreadnaughts should be definitely included in this year's naval program squarely before parliament, although there is no chance that the national outcry will cause the Premier to yield and give definite assurances that the four phantom dreadnaughts will be constructed this year in addition to four provided in the estimate. All adherents of a big navy want this promised and have started a campaign the length and breadth of the country in support of it. The navy league which represents no particular party is in the forefront of the movement, which has the support of the most influential people and plenty of funds are promised. The newspapers ever since Tuesday's debate are filled with lurid pictures of the "German people."

GAMBLERS RAIDED

NEW YORK, March 20.—Resuming for the time being his custom of several years ago, District Attorney William Travers Jerome conducted two raids on alleged gambling houses on the east side at midnight last night. It was by these raids that Mr. Jerome gained fame in former years. The houses entered last night are at 123 Second Avenue and 38 east Seventh Street. Seven men were arrested in the first house, but in the second establishment no prisoners were taken. It is said that Mr. Jerome decided to make the raid because attempts had been made to bribe an attaché of his office to "tip off" the house after the proprietor had promised some time ago to obey the law. At the Second Avenue house it is alleged, is the one that was protected by an electrified door when it was raided some time ago.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Six Persons Killed and a Score More Injured in Mine.

ENANSVILLE, March 20.—Six persons were killed, seven injured and 15 others overcome with fumes in an explosion caused by a windy shot in the Sunnyside Mine about 2 o'clock this afternoon.

KIDNAPPED CHILD MAY BE FOUND

CLEVELAND, March 21.—The Cleveland Leader says: The Whittia kidnaping case seems near solution at 12:30 o'clock this morning. Detective Perkins of Pittsburg who came to Cleveland at midnight, it is understood, said definite information was that the boy was near Cleveland. Chief Kohler said at 1 o'clock that

SAFE CRACKER TALKS

Tells That San Francisco Policeman Stood In With Gang.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—While graphically relating the history of the Archie Band gang of safe crackers on the witness stand of Judge Shortall's police court in this city, William J. Downing, ex-convict and self confessed safe cracker made the startling assertion that a "Copper" had agreed to stand in with the gang to rob a bank on California Street. He stubbornly refused to give the name of the officer or the exact address of the bank. Chief of Police Cook endeavored to learn whether the accused officer was a special or a regular patrolman but was unsuccessful.

WILL PRESS SUITS.

Government Will Not Abandon Suits Against Panama Canal Libelers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—There will be no abandonment of the Panama canal libel prosecution by the administration, according to a high administration official today. Attorney General Wickersham's investigation of the cases, it is said, has satisfied him that the government should proceed with the prosecution. Whether he has advised President Taft of his attitude is not known.

WOULD GIVE TO SUFFERERS

Swindler is Very Free With Other Peoples' Money.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 20.—Clark one of the alleged gang of swindlers of which Maybray and Warner are members, stated today that the officers took from them about \$4000 besides a diamond and other jewelry worth another \$2000. He stated that all this could go to the Brinkley tornado sufferers if those who have tied it up, under attachment, will consent.

BANDITS ROB BANK.

COLDWATER, Okla., March 20.—Robbers dynamited the safe in the Bank of Coldwater today and escaped with \$2000.

PORTLAND TELEPHONES OUT OF BUSINESS

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE RAGES IN SWITCHBOARD OF MAIN EXCHANGE.

PORTLAND, March 20.—Almost every form of business in the city is materially affected, and in numerous cases great inconvenience and even loss has resulted as the result of a fire of mysterious origin at an early hour this morning in the switchboard system at the main exchange of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., West Park and Alder streets. The entire telephone service on the West Side is entirely cut off, causing an almost complete paralysis of the service generally. Complete service will be resumed probably by Tuesday.

Before the lines will be again in working order 600 cables, each carrying 60 wires, or a total of 3600 wires, must be spliced together. Repair crews in three shifts are working like beavers to restore the lines, but as the working space is only about six feet square, only a limited number of electricians can be employed at one time. The flames did their work where the greatest damage would follow, for had any other part of the system been damaged certain wires could have been cut, and the service switched onto reserve sections.

COOPERS FOUND GUILTY

Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree for Killing Carmack

SENTENCE TWENTY YEARS

Released on \$25,000 Bond and Will Make Fight to Declare it a Mistrial—Jury Stood First Six For Murder in the First Degree.

NASHVILLE, March 20.—After filing a bond totaling nearly \$1,500,000 Colonel D. B. Cooper and Robin J. Cooper, convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary for killing former Senator Carmack, retired to the home of Judge J. C. Bradford tonight. Although Judge Hart fixed the bond at \$25,000 for each defendant there was a rush to sign it by the wealthy citizens of Nashville. In vain the clerk protested that more than enough sureties had been signed than needed but the invariable answer was "We want to put our names on that bond, too."

Guilty of murder in the second degree, with 20 years' imprisonment as the penalty, was the verdict of the jury this morning in the case against Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and his son, Robin Cooper, charged with the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack. The jury yesterday acquitted John Sharpe, a co-defendant. Immediately the defense moved to set aside the verdict because of the verdict of disagreement of yesterday, and asked the court to declare it a mistrial. Judge Hart said he would listen to arguments on this motion later. He then fixed the defendants' bonds at \$25,000 each, which amount was acceptable to both sides. The verdict, coming as it did upon the heels of Foreman Burke's declaration yesterday that "we are hopelessly tied up as to the Coopers," was a decided surprise.

WILL CHUM WITH TEDDY

MENOMINEE, Mich., March 20.—Fred Stephenson who is at present in Mexico has accepted an invitation from former President Roosevelt to join the African hunting expedition. Mr. Stephenson will go direct from Vera Cruz to Mombassa.

COSTLY TREASURES

NEW YORK, March 20.—Twenty three paintings, most of them by members of Barbizon school, brought \$81,975 at the Garland sale here last night. The top price, \$15,900, went for a Corot, "La Patrie Evening on the Lake," sold to T. J. Coolidge, Jr., of Boston. Emerson MacMillan paid \$14,000 for Daubigny's "Morning on the Marne."

STRIKE SITUATION IMPROVES

Government Issues Statement Which Says Worst is Over.

PARIS, March 20.—The government statement tonight is that the strike situation is notably improved, many strikers, especially telephone girls, having returned to work. The strike leaders on the other hand are loudly proclaiming war to the hilt and disquieting rumors of railroad and other co-operative strikes.

GETS HIS MONEY BACK

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., March 20.—David Myers, a farmer living near here will deposit today \$35,000 in the bank. The money was returned to him yesterday by detectives who investigated the robbery of the iron box in Myers home six months ago. Although \$33,000 was taken. Recently \$18,000 was found buried on the farm of a son of Myers.

YIELD TO FARMERS.

DENVER, March 20.—The Rocky Mountain News will say tomorrow: The American Beet Sugar Company has yielded in the demands of the Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union and is now paying beet farmers of the Arkansas Valley \$5.00 straight for beets.

OREGON COLLEGE WINS WRESTLING MATCHES

WASHINGTON STATE'S COLLEGE GOES DOWN TO DEFEAT ONCE MORE.

CORVALLIS, Or., March 20.—The Agricultural College won five out of six matches with the wrestlers from the Washington State College tonight. In the 125-pound class McHenry, O. A. C., won from Krueck, W. S. C.; in the 135-pound class Gibson, O. A. C., won from Ferguson, W. S. C.; in the 145-pound class Thompson, O. A. C., won from Jenne, W. S. C.; in the 158-pound class Cheeley, W. S. C., won the decision after two draws from Shaddick, O. A. C.; in the 175-pound class Sitton, O. A. C., won from Calkins, W. S. C.; in the heavyweight class Smith, O. A. C., won from Hunter, W. S. C.

TO PROBE EXPENSES.

Congress Will Look Into the Campaign Contributions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Campaign contributions and expenditures during the campaigns of 1896 and 1904 will be investigated by a congressional committee to be known as the special committee of the 61st Congress for the investigation of campaign funds and expenditures in national elections and to consist of five representatives and ten Senators, should the joint resolution introduced by Representative Weisse of Wisconsin be adopted. It will be the duty of the proposed committee to investigate the amount of funds collected and expended from whom received and to whom paid and for what purpose paid and expended. The committee is also to determine the influences which prompted the contributions and the use of them.

HOLD LENGTHY CONFERENCE OVER TARIFF

FIGURE AS TO HOW IT WILL AFFECT THE REVENUES OF THE COUNTRY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—A conference of two hours on the tariff bill and its relation to the revenues of the Treasury was held at the White House this afternoon. Secretary MacVeagh, Secretary Knox, Senator Aldrich, were with Taft. At the conclusion of the conference the opinion was expressed it would not be necessary to issue bonds to meet the current expenses before next autumn, if at all. The revenues of the Treasury is increasing and the outlook is more hopeful than some time ago it is said.

ROOSEVELT NOW READY

He and Party Will Leave on Steamship Hamburg on Tuesday

FIRST STAGE OF JOURNEY

Will Leave Naples on Steamship Admira and Expect to Arrive at Mombassa on April 21st if All Goes as is Now Planned.

- Objective point of expedition—British East Africa.
- Probable duration of trip—One year.
- Object of expedition—Scientific research, collecting specimens and hunting.
- Patron of expedition—Smithsonian Institute Washington.
- Personnel—Theodore Roosevelt, Kermit Roosevelt, official photographer; J. Alden Loring; field naturalist of the National Museum; Major A. Mearns, U. S. A., ret., physician; Edmund Heller, assistant curator, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, California University, naturalist, hunter and guide.

New York March 20.—Piled up at the dock of the German liner "Hamburg", now making ready to sail for the Mediterranean next Tuesday, March 23, is a respectable number of boxes, mysterious looking cases and even queerer looking bundles, all of which represent the outfit of the scientific hunting expedition headed by ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, which will sail with the "Hamburg" on the first stage of its long trip for British East Africa.

The arrangements for the trip at this end have been practically completed and the members of the expedition are fully ready for their departure at a women's notice. The arrangements at the other, the African end, are rapidly progressing and will be completed long before the party headed by Mr. Roosevelt reaches Mombassa, the starting point of the hunting and exploring trip on the East coast of Africa for several months, attending to the details of the preparations for the trip into the interior, will have the required outfit, provisions and carriers ready by the time the other members of the expedition come to join him.

The expedition, the principal object of which is to obtain specimens of the large and small animals inhabiting Central Africa and rapidly becoming scarce with the progress of civilization in those regions. These specimens will be shot by Mr. Roosevelt and the other members of the expedition, temporarily prepared and cured for shipment and are intended later to become part of the collection of the National Museum in Washington. The expedition is sent out under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution, which has engaged the scientific members of the party and furnished the necessary supplies, apparatus, instruments and chemicals for the preparation and preservation of the specimens. Mr. Roosevelt and his son have joined the expedition principally for the sake of the interesting experience and the pleasure they expect to derive from hunting big game in the fastnesses of Central African forests and plains.

The steamer "Hamburg", with the Roosevelt party on board, will sail next Tuesday noon from New York and will take the members of the expedition to Naples. The personnel of the expedition includes ex-President, his son Hermit, who interrupted his studies at Harvard to accompany the expedition as its official photographer; Major Edgar A. Mearns, U. S. ret., an old and experienced army physician and well known ornithologist, connected with the Smithsonian Institution; J. Alden Loring, a distinguished zoologist with great experience as a field naturalist; Edmund Heller, assistant curator of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the California University, also noted as an explorer and naturalist; and R. J. Cuninghame, an Englishman, who

has gathered much valuable experience as a hunter and collector of zoological specimens in Central Africa and is thoroughly acquainted with the territory to be traversed by the expedition.

After a short rest in Naples the members of the expedition will continue their sea voyage by the German, East African line steamer "Admiral" for Kilindini harbor, Mombassa Island. They expect to reach Mombassa April 21. There they will be joined by Mr. Cuninghame and the native carriers. The entire party will travel by rail to Nairobi on the Uganda railway. From that point they will strike out into the jungle in pursuit of game and specimens. After six months the expedition expects to reach Port Florence and Victoria Nyanza, whence they will proceed in slow trips toward the Nile, expecting to reach Khartoum in April of next year. After that Mr. Roosevelt, together with Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel will spend about one year in travel in Europe before they return to the United States.

OUR EX-PRESIDENTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Once a President, always a government employe if either of two bills introduced in the House becomes a law. One offered by Representative Coudrey of Missouri, makes ex-Presidents honorary members of the United States Senate for life and as such gives them a salary of \$25,000 per annum. The other, introduced by Representative Bennett of New York, provides that ex-presidents of the United States shall have a seat in the House of Representatives with the right of debating but not voting. Under this bill they would receive the same compensation as members.

MODJESKA DOOMED

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—Madame Helena Modjeska, the world famous actress, who lies critically ill at her bay island home near Newport, passed a comfortable day yesterday and although she showed no improvement, she held her own in her fight for life. There are no hopes entertained, however for her recovery.

WILL SPEND FIVE HUNDRED MILLIONS

NEW YORK WILL PUT IN AN ELABORATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The remarkable scope of Greater New York plans in providing adequate transportation facilities is indicated in a statement issued here today which shows that the expenditure of nearly \$500,000,000 is contemplated. Of this amount nearly \$400,000,000 is included in the projects for tunnels and subways. The work involving a fourth of this total and probably begin before the end of the present year. A continuous transit line which proposes an eight million dollar system of moving sidewalks beneath most of the crowded business centers is also planned.

DATA FOR BREWERS

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Representative Weisse of Wisconsin has introduced a resolution directing the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to publish a monthly statement of the total number of bushels of malt and other grains used by brewers, and distillers of the United States.

DESPERATE DEED SAVES AUTOMOBILE

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., March 20.—In a desperate effort to save a party of automobilists at the foot of a steep grade in the Wild Rose Canyon, down which he was being dragged by his run-away team yesterday, C. B. Corbin swung the horses over the brink of the embankment, killing Elias Epperton, a swamper, and three of the animals. Corbin escaped without injury.

PREDICT GREAT TARIFF WAR

International Complications Ensnare Opposition Claim If Payne Bill is Enacted

CUBAN RECIPROCITY CAUSE

Favored Nation Clause Which is Applied to Cuba—Other Countries Could Come in and Ask Same Favors be Granted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—That the Payne tariff bill would bring a great international tariff war if enacted, because of the section which continues in operation the Cuban reciprocity treaty, is one of the arguments that is being made against the measure. It is urged that foreign countries which would otherwise agree to give the United States the benefit of the most favored nation clause in return for the minimum scale of duties provided for in the Payne bill will contend that the Cuban reciprocity provision in the most favored nation clause of American tariff and therefore refuse to enter into a low tariff agreement with this country. The difficulty was not overlooked by the framers of the measure who after carefully considering it agreed to allow it to remain upon the assumption that other countries recognize unusual relations existing between the United States and Cuba would not object to lower duties which the island republic would get. Furthermore in support of this argument it is contended that Cuba ships to this country articles which do not compete with imports of countries of Europe. There other difficulties in operation successfully a maximum and a minimum tariff. Most European nations have special trade relations on certain products with neighboring countries and it would be inconsistent for the United States to expect these nations to abrogate these agreements in order to get the benefit of our minimum duties. On the other hand the framers of the Payne bill have designed the maximum provisions in such a way that virtually every country in Europe will be compelled to seek for minimum duties in time.

TARIFF AND STOCKS.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The introduction of the tariff bill into the special session of Congress had little effect on the stock market. It had been expected that the proposed reductions of duties would weaken stocks of many corporations directly interested in the protective duties on imports. But the professional short selling previous to the introduction of the bill more than balanced such selling as may have been caused by it. The conviction that many alterations will be made in the bill before its final adoption disposes operators in stocks to adopt a waiting attitude pending more definite shaping of the proposed law. The growing tide of the gold movement to London attracted increased attention as the week closed.

GEN. MILES CALLS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Lieutenant-General Miles retired, called at the White House today for the first time in eight years.

yon mines. While going down the mountain side his six-horse team became frightened at a wildcat and dashed down the rough mountain road for half a mile. The brake on the wagon broke shortly after the horses took fright and he was helpless. At the foot of the mountain an automobile party was just starting up and had not time to turn out. Corbin, with not a second to lose, turned his runaway horses from the road and down the precipitous mountain side.