

MEN OF BATTLESHIP GEORGIA LOST LIVES BECAUSE OF GRAFT IN POWDER CONTRACT

STARTLING REVELATIONS BY VOGELGESANG BEFORE SENATE NAVY COMMITTEE

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 29.—That the accident to the turrets of the battleships Georgia and Missouri in which many men in the navy lost their lives was due largely to defective powder loaded with foreign substances which interfered with its proper explosion, was the startling testimony given the senate committee on naval affairs by Lieutenant Commander Carl Vogelgesang, commander of the president's yacht Mayflower, during the inquiry today.

Chairman Hull, in charge of the army appropriation bill, carrying more than \$85,000,000, and which passed before adjournment, said that by advertising the entire world knew of our ordnance. Not another nation did such a thing, he added. Representative Mann, Republican, of Illinois, on the ground that to pursue any other method would throw the department open to charges of graft, objected to the permission desired, and the proposed change in present methods was knocked out. Replying to a suggestion that he write to Secretary of War Taft about the matter, Mann replied by saying that next year he would address Taft in the white house.

Red-hot criticism of improper construction of American battleships marked today's session of the senate naval investigation committee. Three naval officers criticized certain details of naval construction. One blames the Missouri's 16 dead due to improper construction. Lieutenant Commander Vogelgesang denounced the existing ammunition hoists, and both he and Captain Bradley Fliske charged the navy department with not encouraging outside inventors. Lieutenant Commander Hill, on duty with the general board, in holding that the armor belt would be practically inefficient in action, disclosed the fact that American warships start on trial trips with a much lighter load than required, in order to meet extraordinary speed requirements, never afterward equaling the record.

Senator Tillman of South Carolina with characteristic impetuosity called it "cheating."
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The commander changed his attitude entirely when he noted the impression his statement had made on members of the committee and insisted that he had no idea when or where the powder was purchased, what officers had passed upon it or from whom it was purchased. He declared, finally, that Lieutenant Commander Sims, naval secretary to the president, knew all about the matter and was prepared to testify at length concerning the condition of the powder.

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Aside from this bit of testimony, the committee failed to establish any facts which tend to substantiate the charges made by Henry Reuter-dahl in his criticisms in a magazine. In fact, the witnesses suggested by S. S. McClure were decidedly hazy as to any definite defect in the construction of United States battleships and aside from charges of a general character had little to say.

Lieutenant Commander Sims will be put through a severe cross-examination by the members of the committee Monday, when he is called. Sims objected to being put on the stand this afternoon. He said that he had a very long statement to make, covering 12 years, and did not wish to be interrupted.

Fulton Refuses to Discuss F. J. Heney



Washington, Feb. 29.—Senator Fulton when questioned today regarding his probable action against Francis J. Heney refused to discuss the matter. The report was current that Fulton was looking up Heney's record and was going to use the San Francisco prosecution of "higher ups" as an evidence of Heney's vindictiveness.

BEAN EATERS YELL FOR BRYAN

New Englanders at Boston Cannot See Any Candidate but Nebraska Commoner.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Boston, Feb. 29.—"I do not think Johnson has a chance," said Senator Gore, the blind statesman from Oklahoma, this evening at Faneuil hall, where the Bryan clans of all New England had gathered to launch the Nebraska's candidacy in the east.

WEST VIRGINIAN TO REFORM THE HOUSE

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Washington, Feb. 29.—The initial step in a sweeping congressional investigation of all government departments in Washington City was taken by the house today. By practically a unanimous vote it adopted a report presented by Representative Hughes of West Virginia and vitalized heretofore purely ornamental committees of that body, gave them necessary em-powers and authorized them to institute economies and reforms in the departments with the object of abolishing useless officers.

CALEB POWERS WANTS TO GO TO CONGRESS FROM KENTUCKY JAIL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Louisville, Feb. 29.—The trifling fact that he is now occupying a cell as an accomplice in the murder of former Governor Goebel will not prevent Caleb Powers from keeping out of politics. Powers wants to go to congress from the Eleventh Kentucky district.

WANTS RAISULI TO APPEAR ON LONDON VAUDEVILLE STAGE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Feb. 29.—If Bandit Raisuli is so much offended with the suggestion of his appearance in a London music hall, Manager Trussell of the Hippodrome, who has gone to Morocco to get him, may have as unpleasant an experience as Kaid Maclean.

ROOM FOR ONLY HUNDRED MORE MEN IN AMERICAN NAVY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—It was announced today that the navy department that the navy has now secured, with the exception of 150, the enlistment of all of the 39,000 men to whom it is entitled by law. This is an exceptional record for the bureau of Commander William R. Shoemaker, who has charge of the enlistments for the navy.

ROY PLOTS TO MURDER RELATIVES

Wife Declares He Tried to Kill Herself and Parents After Ending Life of Brother—Courage Failed Before Committing Deed.
(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 29.—That Paul E. Roy intended to murder his wife, the beautiful Glacia Calla, her mother, Mrs. Grace E. Kelley and her foster father John D. Kelley, after he killed his brother-in-law, George Car-kins, in the palatial home of the Callas in Newington on the night of January 2, is now the belief of the authorities and all of those directly connected in the case. Glacia Calla and her mother, Mrs. Kelley, will both be the most damaging witnesses against Roy if he is brought to trial. His own admissions to them about the killing of Carkins are the most damaging evidence the prosecution has received.

ASSASSIN ADMITTED INTENTION TO SPOUSE WHILE TRYING TO GAIN PITY—WOMAN SORRY SHE WAS FORCED TO REVEAL HUSBAND'S CRIME.

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SOUR BALL STRIKES MR. REUTERDAHL

Navy, Knocking Artist Caught Between Cross-fire of Criticism Finds Patience Needs an Armor Belt.
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PROPOSES TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON AND TELL WHAT A TIN-TUBBY AFFAIR A UNITED STATES BATTLESHIP REALLY IS.

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STATEMENT NO. 1 CUTS SPINE OF CONVENTION



Ben Selling, Elected Permanent Chairman.
The wheels of the Hodson-Bailey machine were blocked yesterday afternoon in Selling-Hirsch hall when the Republican county mass convention turned down the machine proposal refused to elect its slated candidate chairman, Frank F. Freeman, put Ben Selling, a Statement No. 1 man, in the presiding place by a unanimous vote and repudiated S. C. Beach's plank the platform attacking Statement No. 1—substituting therefore a recommendation for a Republican voters' club-pledge.

INVENTOR ON ROAD TO HEALTH

Thomas Alva Edison Will Be Able to Leave Hospital in a Few Days.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Feb. 29.—With the fever which it was feared would bring on complications entirely gone, Thomas Alva Edison, the inventor, is tonight well on the way to recovery. It is expected that the electrical wizard will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

NERVIEST BURGLAR IN WORLD AT FORT WORTH

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 29.—Police here claim Fort Worth holds the nerviest burglar in the world. He paid a visit tonight to the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Nice and in a display of pure gall scared Mrs. Nice into hysterics.

FORTUNE RYAN IS NOT VERY FORTUNATE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Feb. 29.—Suffering from a slight attack of the grip, Thomas Fortune Ryan is confined to his home to-day. The financier, however, expects to be able to get outdoors within a few days.

MACHINE RULE BADLY TWISTED

Republicans Turn Down Beach's Plank Denouncing People's Right to Rule.
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BLACK HAND THUGS THREATEN TO KILL PRIEST AT CHICAGO

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Chicago, Feb. 29.—Threats of death against Rev. Provostka Neul of the Bohemian Benedictine fathers, by members of the "Black Hand" society, following closely upon the heels of the anti-clerical movement and the threats against the lives of several Chicago priests caused the priest today to seek the protection of the police.

MAN WHO SHOT BILLY THE KID DIES WITH BOOTS ON AT EL PASO

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 29.—Pat Garrett, the man who killed "Billy the Kid" in a pistol duel at El Paso several years ago, and who has a reputation all over the west for his ability to shoot straight, was shot and killed today at Las Cruces in a gun fight. Garrett was a close personal friend of President Roosevelt and once held a position as internal revenue collector at El Paso.

STATEMENT NO. 1 OPPOSED IN LANE

Republicans Afraid Principles May Be Stultified—Lemon for Hughes.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Feb. 29.—A mass convention of Lane Republicans was held at Eugene today at which resolutions were adopted favoring the organizing of Republican clubs in every precinct in the county against Statement No. 1. That part of the resolutions touching upon the matter read:

BLAMES ANARCHISTS FOR PERSIAN PLOT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—General Kahn, the Persian minister, said today that the attempt to assassinate officials in Teheran today did not indicate to his mind a general uprising, but that it was simply the work of anarchists.