

ENGLAND'S WAR SPIRIT FLARES

Answer to German Navy League to Be Eight Dreadnaughts.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Kiel, June 5.—Hostility to England marked nearly every utterance at the annual meeting of the German Navy League meeting today. Statements were made which it is feared will have grave bearing on the strained relations between Germany and Great Britain and a delicate international situation has nearly reached a crisis which may mean war.

Admiral Koester presided at the meeting. Most of the delegates were fiery in their utterances and openly advocated accelerated upbuilding of the German navy to contest the present naval supremacy of England.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted which declare in favor of Germany winning naval supremacy of the world. Admiral Koester's speech was sensational in the extreme.

"Our naval policy must be persevered in," he declared. "Germany must continue her work of perfecting a fleet that will enable us to cope with our most powerful rivals. A fleet that will keep Germany where she belongs among the powers of the world is an immediate necessity."

Count Reventlow was open in his attack upon England. He did not take the trouble to veil his grounds, driving directly to the point when he exclaimed: "England's claim that she must rule the seas is preposterous."

The entire assemblage applauded and the count continued: "England has no divine right to dominate the ocean. Germany and other reigning powers must contest for supremacy. Germany must at least rule the North Sea and no interference with her will be brooked."

Several speakers repudiated the idea of an agreement with England which would have as its purpose the limitation of the imperial navy, while others emphasized the necessity of a huge fleet capable of protecting German trans-oceanic interests, whether in the Atlantic, Pacific or in the Far East.

London, June 5.—Eight new Dreadnaughts will be built at once by the British government as the result of the sensational session of the German Navy League today at Kiel. The government had hoped to delay the construction of these battleships because of the condition of the public finances. The action of the Germans in throwing off the cloak of secrecy and admitting their intention of wresting naval supremacy from this country, however, assured that the vessels would be built without delay.

Details of the meeting at Kiel have not been received here yet, but details of the radical speeches delivered by the German delegates have been enough to greatly increase the bitterness of the British anti-German feeling.

DEATH OF PIONEER COAST LUMBERMAN

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San Francisco, June 5.—Flags on the Merchants Exchange building and along the water front were at half mast today in honor of Captain Charles Nelson, a pioneer shipping and lumberman of the coast. Nelson died early today at the home of his daughter in this city. He was 79 years of age and came to California in 1850. He was president of the Nelson Lumber company, which operates a fleet of sailing vessels on the coast.

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