

ARMY AND NAVY MEN PLAN HIGH COUNCIL OF WAR

Eight Men to Form Board to
Handle All Great Matters of
Organization, Supply, and
the Like.

CIVIL AND MILITARY POWERS TO COOPERATE

Advocates of "Preparedness"
Say This Plan Is Substance
of Alleged Conspiracy.

(United Press Landed Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 17.—The serious
object behind the current war department
agitation of military unpreparedness,
it was developed tonight, was the creation
by congress of a council of national
defense, combining the military with the
legislative and financial control of
the army and navy.

That a "conspiracy," as alleged by
Representative Tamm, did in some
measure exist, is admitted by the
supporters of this project, but the
cooperation of the army and navy officials
and their friends in congress was
devoted not to an increase of appropriations
so much as to a wise expenditure
of these appropriations.

For several months Major General
Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the
army, has been working in conjunction
with Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright
to perfect this scheme. It has long
been realized by both army and navy
that each has been developing its
organization along different lines, and
that the development of the other
arm of the service, this has resulted
in a deplorable amount of maladministration,
in both departments and the
too frequent change of administration
policy, with loss of efficiency and loss
of money.

Congressmen's insistence to "cut down."
This was charged to a lack of co-
operation between the appropriations
committees in congress and the two
departments. For some reason the
appropriations committees have always
been possessed with the idea that their
duty was to fight against the appropriations
asked by the military authorities
and always to cut them.

While it is true that the war department
does not consider the present ap-
propriation for the maintenance of land
forces adequate, it is much more anxious
to impress congress with the fact
that the army would be vastly improved
by a judicious expenditure of present
appropriations. It was for this purpose
that the McLaughlin revolution was in-
troduced and the report of the
secretary of war concluded with a recom-
mendation for the establishment of such
a council.

Tamm Refuses Expected Aid.
It was contemplated that Representative
Tamm, chairman of the committee on
appropriations, should be the
chairman of this council of national
defense. For this reason Representative
Hobson, acting in the interest of the
army and navy departments, went to
Tamm to present the bill to congress.
Tamm, however, refused.

That the plans for the proposed council
of national defense contemplate
nothing less than a revolution of present
methods of supporting the military
and the navy, was revealed in state-
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PEACE PEOPLE SEE HANDS OF SHYPPARD MEN IN WAR SCARE; SAY 'NO NEED OF GREAT ARMY'

By John E. Lathrop.
Washington, Dec. 17.—The war scare
continues to agitate the Washington
shipyard lobby, and the steel trust finds
allies in Representatives Humphrey of
Seattle and McLaughlin of California.
Most of the Pacific coast senators and
representatives attended a dinner given
by Senator Piles last night, at which
Humphrey made some remarks of a
warlike nature. He professed to fear
that the Japanese would land an army
of 100,000 men on the shores of Puget
Sound, and intimated that this would
be an easy task for the Japanese. He
failed to show how it would be easy
for Japan to send a fleet of 100 trans-
ports, 10 colliers and supply ships and
15 or 20 battleships to guard them, or
why they would do when they reached
our shores, and were met by the re-
pelling force that, of course, would
be massed to meet them.

Washington Acquainted to Scare.
The capital city experienced lines ap-
parent war scares at the beginning of
each session of congress, when mili-
tary enthusiasts are asking for in-
creased appropriations for battleships
and submarines and larger funds for a
standing army. The advocates of peace
are citing that at this time, for in-
stance, is expending more than half the
total amount of its revenues, and that
the demand for a standing army over
500,000 strong would withdraw men
from productive pursuits in the Pacific.

ENGINEERS' STRIKE TO BE EITHER ON OR OFF RIGHT QUICK

"No Delay of Months Goes,"
Says Chief—If Terms Not
Made at Once, 32,000 Men
Will Be Out by Christmas.

(United Press Landed Wire.)
Chicago, Dec. 17.—There will be
either a settlement of differences or a
strike before Christmas. The engineers
and firemen are in dead earnest and
unless Commissioner Neill is successful
in his efforts to arbitrate the wage
dispute the 61 railroads of the central
west will be completely tied up within
the next week. No delay of two or
three months goes.

This was the statement of W. S.
Tone, grand chief of the Brotherhood
of Locomotive Engineers, here tonight,
following a conference between repre-
sentatives of the engineers and firemen
and Commissioner Neill. The latter
was called here by the railroads
to endeavor to settle the differences ex-
isting between the railroads and their
employees.

Tonight Neill refused to discuss the
results of the two conferences held
today, other than to say that he hopes
for a peaceable ending of the dispute.
It is stated that the trainmen will
use the possibility of a strike just at
Christmas time as a method to compel
the railroads to meet their demands,
although both managers and representa-
tives of the men express a full reali-
zation of the danger of such a strike.

Neill's Refusal to Discuss.
"You have set up championships with
conditions all of your own framing and
over won them all handily, and in a
manner to distinguish yourselves. But
really, you know, there has not been
very much competition. So perhaps
Lord Northcliffe saw in this quick trip
of the Mauretania a chance to set it
down on the record that this country
of the Americans are, they have not a
monopoly of that quality. It is a mis-
take of education that I am taking
perhaps."

"My object in rushing back to Eng-
land, too, may be to tell the people
over there just how good this country
really is. It's simply great. But you
must not ask me to give you any ac-
ademic discussion of American and Ameri-
canism, for really I can't. I've seen
much and tried to remember so much
that really my brain is in a whirl. I
shall spend my time on the Mauretania
trying to get the things straightened
out in my mind; then I shall write my
impressions for the Mail."

"They will be good impressions, but
good impressions."

FRANCIS J. HENEY REACHES CITY; IS SILENT ON CASES

Land Fraud Prosecutor With-
holds Statement of Prob-
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CUT POLICE LEVY; INCREASE THAT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Changes Recommended in the
Proposed 1912 Budget by
Ways and Means Commit-
tee of Council Are Minor.

One of the most important sessions
of the ways and means committee of
the city council that has been held this
year was that of yesterday afternoon,
when the committee considered the bud-
get recommended by Mayor Simon for
1911. It is practically assured that
the action of the committee will be
ratified at the special meeting of the
council next Wednesday to pass upon
the budget.

While a few minor changes were rec-
ommended by the committee, the tax
levy of six mills, as suggested by Mayor
Simon, was allowed to stand. The levy
for each department will be the same
as that recommended by the mayor,
with the exception of the levies for
the police and fire departments.

The committee modified the mayor's
recommendations by cutting down the
police levy 50 cents of a mill, from 1.20
mills to 1.15 mills and by increasing
the levy of the fire department fund
from 4 mills to 4.50 mills.

Whether the mayor first submitted his
annual budget to the committee was
based on an estimated valuation of
\$248,000,000, the estimate of the value
of city property made by the city as-
sessor, less 4 1/2 per cent.

Since the mayor made this estimate
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PRESIDENT TAFT BLUNTLY DENIES NATION UNREADY

Navy Very Good; Canal Will
Make It Better—Country
Will Never Stand for Stand-
ing Army on War Footing.

OUTLINES PROGRAM OF WHAT IS PRACTICABLE

One of Principal Items Is the
Training of Militia—"No
Reason for War Scare."

(United Press Landed Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 17.—Following im-
mediately upon the "war scare" raised
by the suppression of the report of Sec-
retary of War Dickinson, President Taft
tonight, at the banquet which concluded
the three days' session of the conference
of the American Society for the Ju-
dicial Settlement of International Dis-
putes, denied the alleged military un-
preparedness of the United States.

"There has been a good deal of talk
in the papers and some references in
congress," said the president, "to the
supposed helpless condition of this
country in the event of a foreign invasion."
"I venture to think that much more
has been made of this than the facts,
calmly considered, would justify. We
have a very good navy and with the
opening of the Panama canal it will be
a much more effective one. It would be
useful to prevent the coming of an in-
vading army across the sea."

Never a Great Standing Army.
"The people of this country will never
consent to the maintenance of a stand-
ing army which military experts will
pronounce sufficiently large to cope in
battle with the standing armies of the
greater powers, should they get by our
navy and our harbor defenses, and de-
scend on our coasts. If this leaves us
in a position of helplessness, so be it."
President Taft, in his address, under-
lined the fact that this country knew
that it cannot be otherwise. We shall
do everything in the way of wise mili-
tary preparation if we maintain our
present regular army, if we continue
to improve the national militia; to pass
the pending volunteer bill; to get into
operation if war is declared and not to
involve the nation in a dollar's worth
of expense until the emergency arises;
if we pass a law now pending in con-
gress, which will give us a force of ad-
ditional officers trained in the military
art and able in time of peace to render
efficient service in drilling the militia
of the states, and in filling useful
quasi-civil positions that are of the
utmost advantage to the government;
and if we in a reasonable time accumu-
late guns and ammunition enough to
equip and arm the force we could en-
list under our colors in an emergency.

Not Slightest Reason for Scare.
"I have said that, in order to allay
the war scare which has furnished copy
for the newspapers during the last
few days."
"There is not the slightest reason for
such a sensation. We are at peace
with all the nations of the world and
are quite likely to remain so, as far
as we can see into the future."
"We have on the continent of the
United States excellent coast defenses
for every important harbor that an
army could attack. We have a small
but very efficient army of 50,000 men
(Continued on Page Four.)

ENGLISH NEWSPAPERMAN WHO SEES AMERICA IN 39 HOURS IS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED

(United Press Landed Wire.)
New York, Dec. 17.—Most English
writers who come to America make
a tour of two or three months and then
go back home to "roast" Americans to
a turn.

On the Mauretania, when she put out
into the North river tonight was an
exception to the rule, William Holt,
special correspondent of the London
Daily Mail, who did a marvelous "sight-
seeing American" act between sun-
rise of one day and sunset of another,
and who declared he was hurrying back
to England to tell the Britishers what
a great country this is.

Lord Northcliffe, proprietor of the
Mail, wanted to teach American news-
papermen a lesson in real enterprise.
So when he heard the Mauretania was
going to New York, pick up her Christ-
mas passengers and hurry back to Eng-
land in just 13 days, he sent Holt along
to "see America."

Holt landed from the Mauretania at
a clock Friday morning, boarded a
special train for Washington, inter-
viewed President Taft, Speaker Can-
non, a few other celebrities, saw all
the sights of the capital, and then
fished back to New York, using Phila-
delphia and Baltimore on route, and
reaching Gotham Friday evening in
time to explore the "Great White Way"
and other less luminous districts of the
metropolis. Saturday was equally busy
for the "tourist." He breakfasted
shaved, took a trip in the subway dur-
ing the rush hours, dictated his story
for the Mail to a stenographer, inter-
viewed Governor-elect Dix, visited Wall
street, the Hudson terminal, took lunch
at the Railroad club, rode in the

FRISCO BUCKET SHOPS FEAR RAID

Report That Government Is to
Extend Prosecutions to the
Pacific Causes Alarm.

(Special Telegram to The Journal.)
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 17.—Appre-
hensive of a raid by the federal offi-
cials, many of the local bucket shops
have closed their doors and those that
have continued in active operation have
adopted a policy of extreme caution.
During the last four weeks the word
has been quietly passed along that the
government intended to extend its pro-
secutions to the Pacific coast. Two of
the largest manipulators in the city
retired from business, intending to wait,
at least, until the storm has broken
and passed. In other haunts where the
click of the telegraph and the chalking
of quotations have been almost unces-
santly there has come a decided lull.

In those offices where the game has
been running without interruption at
full height, the new policy of caution
is manifest. At one of the establish-
ments in lower Montgomery street a
sentinel was placed at the outer en-
trance today, prepared to deal a warn-
ing of impending interference. At his
elbow a button had been fastened which
connected with an incandescent globe
within. At the approach of any one
bearing the marks of a government
raider in disguise, the guard touched
the button and the light flashed on him.
Then the calling and trading ceased,
and the place took on the semblance of
a social club.

At another office in Bush street,
where business is generally brisk, the
day's operations were carried along in
secretary fashion with few sales and
small monetary transactions.

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there are letters from the attorney gen-
eral referring to some of all of these
cases. I do not feel at liberty to com-
ment on them until I have read these
letters, and in fact I have not yet
decided what will be done about them."

THAT MEXICO IS NOW IN DEEPEST OF IT'S TROUBLE IS ALLEGED BY THOSE WHO WATCH IN CHIHUAHUA

(United Press Landed Wire.)
Laredo, Texas, Dec. 17.—Reports re-
ceived here tonight say that during
the engagement between federal and
rebel troops at Hacienda, General Na-
varro, commanding one of the govern-
ment divisions, was wounded, and taken
a prisoner by the insurgents. He is
now reported to be in their hands near
Guerrero.

DECLARES CONGRESS NOW IRRESPONSIBLE

Asserts Harmon Boom for the
Presidency Is Most Laugh-
able Affair.

Francis J. Heney dropped into Port-
land last night, coming from Chicago.
Mr. Heney had been expected for the
past two weeks and mail from his San
Francisco office has been piling up in
the United States district attorney's
office for him during that time. Mr.
Heney pleaded his not having read this
mail as an excuse for not throwing
much light on what attitude he will
take in the land fraud prosecutions now
awaiting his action in the federal courts.
One thing is certain—Mr. Heney will
not try to go very deeply into any
cases this trip. He expects to be in
San Francisco for Christmas and will
not stay in Portland more than two or
three days. He expects to cover a
good deal of ground in that time, he
said, but of course will not attempt to
try any cases.

Awaiting Mr. Heney's action are: The
Binger Hermann case, tried once and
resulting in a disagreement; the cases
of Pierce Mays and W. N. Jones, con-
victed in the land fraud prosecutions
and awaiting removal to jail, the man-
dates having arrived; and the J. N. Wil