

EFFICIENCY OF NAVY NEVER HIGHER, SAYS ADMIRAL GEO. DEWEY

Head of General Board Declares Charges of Demoralization Are Absurd.

PROGRAM IS INDORSED

Declares Senate Navy Bill to Be Best Ever Passed and Gives Reasons Why.

By George Creel.

For two years and more the United States navy has been the subject of discussion as bitter as it is confused.

Admiral Dewey Speaks.

I found him in Atlantic City, in a great wind swept room that looked out over the sea.

"It is true that we have not enough ships of enough men. But navies are not built in a day."

Naval Bill Warmly Praised.

He walked over to his desk and taking up a copy of the senate navy bill, (this is the bill that passed the house Wednesday) and spread it over before him.

I asked him then for a consideration of the bill, or rather, some such analysis as would permit a citizen to do a little thinking for himself.

"Four battleships at once, and six more within three years. Now he was firmly on his own ground, his words came like bullets."

More Eyes for the Fleet.

"Four battle cruisers at once, and two more within three years. That will remedy one of our chief weaknesses."

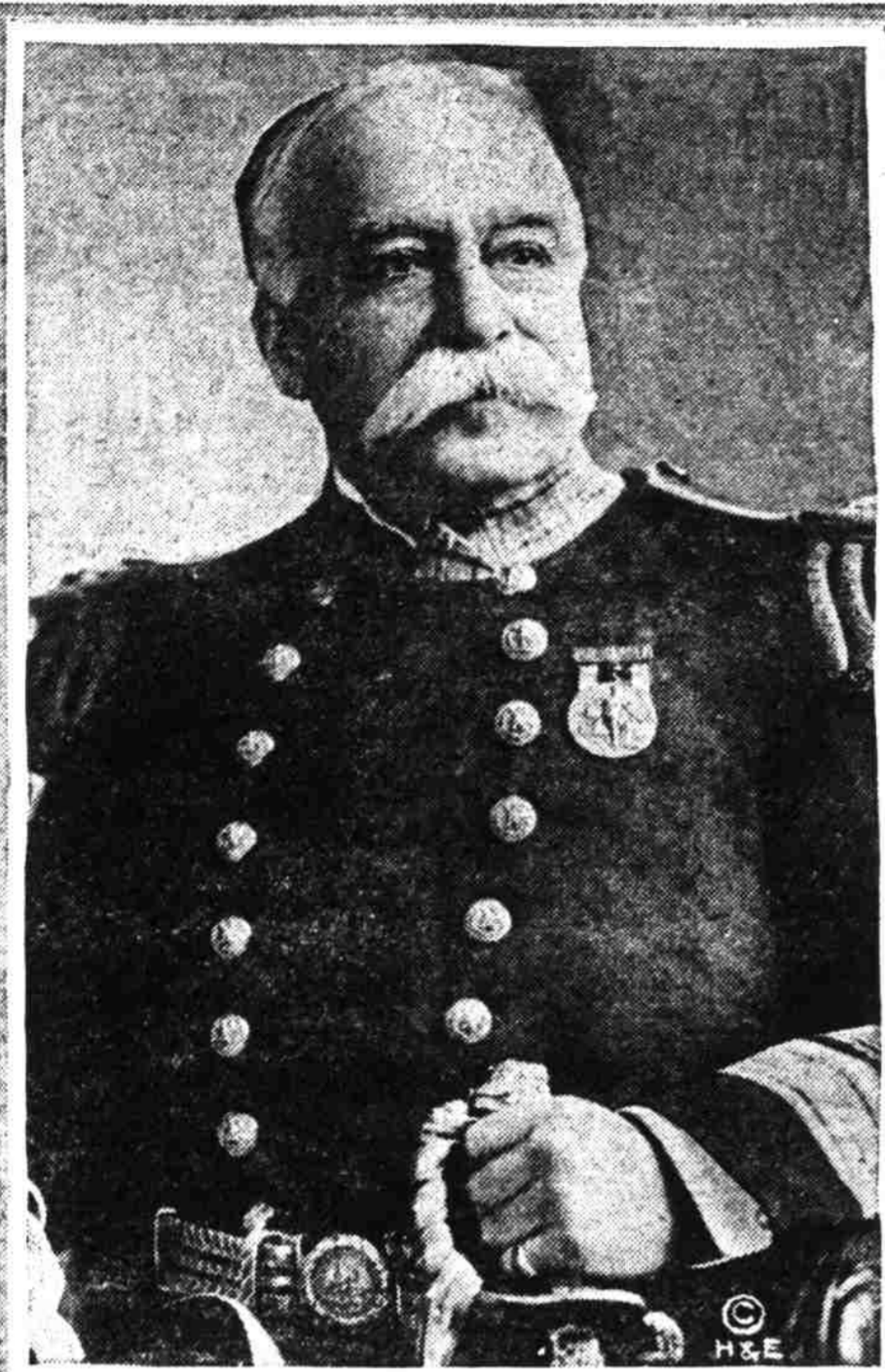
After placing a matter of fact "O. K." on the three fuel ships, the two ammunition ships, the hospital ship, a repair ship and a transport, also the two subboats and various tenders, he moved to the submarines.

"Like the battle cruiser," he said, "the submarine has been permitted to gain a very exaggerated value."

"A feature of the Skagerrack engagement," he continued, "was the convincing demonstration of the usefulness of the destroyer."

"Granting all that, I said, 'but what about the need of it?' As carefully and fairly as possible, I presented the feeling of many people in many western and middle west states—a feeling that this expenditure of millions on the navy was a departure from American traditions, a hysterical surrender to the madness that has had hold on kings.

EXPRESSES PRIDE IN NAVY



Admiral George Dewey, head of the general board of the United States navy.

"I know that I am not a militarist," he said, "those who have never seen war, or who have only played at war, may talk in terms of jingoism, but men who know what war is, and what war does, are the last in the world to approach it in any swashbuckling fashion."

Anglo-French Drive Threatens Kaiser's Hold on 5 Villages.

He walked to the open window and pointed to the shining stretches of the sea. "Look at our coast line? From Maine to the canal, from the canal to Alaska, Russia has had to maintain two distinct fleets, one in the Baltic, one in the Black sea. Our problem is much the same."

"What about the famous drinking order?"

"A good thing," His answer was instant. "There was some feeling about it at first, because the papers made fun of it, and there was also an attempt to make it appear that Secretary Daniels was charging officers with intemperance."

Efficiency Is Declared.

"As I told you, I have been in the navy since 1852. Against the standards that have been heaped upon the service that I love, I want to say again that never in my knowledge has the material and personnel been so efficient."

Beals Will Reveal 'Weather Secrets' Address to Be Given Before Rotary Club Noon Luncheon Next Tuesday.

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1146 MERCHANTMEN SUNK IN 22 MONTHS RECORD DISCLOSES

Tonnage Destroyed Since War Began Totals 2,306,230; More Than Half British.

NEUTRALS' LOSS IS 218

Of the Ships Destroyed More Than 600 Were Victims of Submarine Attack and 300 of Mines.

New York, Aug. 19.—In the first 22 months of the European war there was destroyed by submarines, mines, cruisers, and other war craft a total of 1146 merchant vessels of a total tonnage of 2,306,230.

Careful Record Is Kept.

"When the war broke out in 1914," says the book, "we found it desirable to keep a special record of those vessels which were lost or sustained heavy damage in consequence of the war."

Of the ships destroyed more than 600 were the victims of submarine attacks, over 300 others went down as the result of contact with submarine and floating mines, one, the British freighter Franz Fischer, was the victim of a Zeppelin and a British trawler Nimrod, was destroyed by a bomb dropped from a German aeroplane.

Lusitania Leads the List.

The four best known ships in the long list are the Cunarder Lusitania, the French liner Provence, the North German Lloyd liner Kaiser, the Hamburg American liner Arabelle, and the White Star liner. The Provence and Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse were in the naval service when destroyed.

Name and Nationality. Tonnage. Lusitania, British, 17,500. Provence, French, 15,800. Kaiser, German, 18,719.

Victories Come as Surprise.

Of the above ships the Dutch liners Noordam and Ryndam, both of which were in the New York-Rotterdam service, struck mines in the North Sea.

American Vessels Destroyed.

The American vessels destroyed in the course of the war are given as follows: Name and Date. Tonnage. Carib, Feb. 23, 1915, 2,407.

Country. No. ships. Tonnage. Great Britain 43 131,323. Germany 90 131,488.

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Totals 233 850,104.

Of the neutral vessels 15 were towed into port and repaired, the total tonnage of the rescued ships being 64,575.

luncheon in the Benson hotel next Tuesday noon.

The club announces that work on the Rotary fountain, to be erected at Washington falls on the Columbia river highway, has been started.

W. C. T. U. Protests.

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