

IRELAND IS ON VERGE OF WAR

FIGHT BEGINS AT CAPITAL ON FUND FOR NAVY

Denby's Estimate Calls for Reduction of 10,000 in Personnel and Junking 100 Destroyers.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS VARY IN OPINIONS

Some Middle West Representatives Would Cut Sea Forces to Bone

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Secretary Denby, in asking congress today for an appropriation of \$550,000,000 for the navy next year, ran into the edge of a threatened fight by advocates of government economy to "scrap" the naval establishment ratio figure arranged by the arms conference.

In a frank and detailed statement as to what the navy department hoped to accomplish, Mr. Denby told the house naval committee that his estimate called for a reduction of 10,000 in enlisted personnel which was made possible only by putting about 100 destroyers out of commission and by sharp cuts in shore station forces. Chairman Butler indicated that the figures named by the secretary, compared with an appropriation of \$412,000,000 for the present fiscal year was high, in the view of reductions authorized by the conference.

Some Members Apprehensive It was brought out in the discussion that some members of congress have been urging a naval appropriation bill carrying no more than \$175,000,000 or \$200,000,000, but Mr. Denby agreed with the view expressed by members of the committee that such a reduction would put the United States actually below Great Britain and Japan, while leaving the tonnage ratio at 5-5-3, as agreed to by the conference.

Believing that with a smaller fighting force the navy should be kept "on its toes," leaders standing behind Secretary Denby's estimate declared that to limit the appropriation under \$200,000,000 would mean for the United States a navy really smaller than that of Japan. They insisted that instead of five each for the United States and Great Britain and three for Japan, the standing will be with the estimate so widely slashed a ratio of Great Britain, 5; United States, 2; and Japan 3.

Navy Undermanned Mr. Denby told the committee the navy today was undermanned, and that while he had been giving the question close study, it was only yesterday the idea occurred to him that he could recommend an enlisted strength of 90,000, or 10,000 below the authorized mark, by putting 100 destroyers out of commission. He stood firm on his estimate, members of the committee declaring afterward that they were inclined to accept it.

A leading Republican, however, pointed out that consideration of the personnel question by the naval committee "is more or less academic," for the reason that the appropriations committee actually will frame the bill and fix the top figure for the navy. Chairman Kelley of the sub-committee on naval appropriations, who is out of the city, is known to believe in the most drastic cut possible and none of his colleagues was prepared to say how far the chairman would be willing to go toward meeting Mr. Denby. Members generally appeared to be divided, however, into two camps, one standing out "for slashing the Denby estimate in half," and the other insisting there should be no extensive drop below the naval treaty status.

Members at Variance In opposing any reduction in the line of personnel, the naval secretary also recommended that the first class at the naval academy be graduated and commissioned, leaving the status of the other classes to be determined by congress.

Most of the opposition in the house to a "100 per cent navy" was reported to exist among members from the middle west and plains states. Representative Mondell, Wyoming, the Republican leader, has been listed among those ready to fight to cut the navy to the bone. While members of the appropriations sub-committee which will fix the

ACTRESS OF FILM FAME WAS BETROTHED TO W. D. TAYLOR



MISS NEVA GERBER, former vaudeville actress and now one of the stars with the Arrow Film Company, is said to have been engaged to William Desmond Taylor, movie director, who was strangely murdered in his Los Angeles home.

DEMAND MADE FOR REDUCTION OF ARMY TO ONLY 75,000 MEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Demand for a reduction in the size of the army to 100,000 enlisted men or even to a maximum of 75,000 will be made in the house when the annual army appropriation bill comes up for consideration, members of the sub-committee which is drafting the measure predicted today. On the formidable bloc of representatives, the sub-committee members declared, was preparing to wage a determined fight to limit the army's size to 75,000 men, while others who favored reduction had indicated they would be satisfied if the maximum was fixed at 100,000. Other factions among the house membership were said to favor a 125,000 maximum, or to oppose any reduction in the present size, which, under a limitation for pay of enlisted men, approximates 137,000.

New Estimates Called War department estimates transmitted through the budget bureau call for an appropriation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, sufficient for the pay of 150,000 men and approximately 14,000 officers. Chairman Anthony of the sub-committee in charge of the bill announced today that

MRS. LORD KNEW MARTYRED LEADER

Salem Woman Tells of Enjoying Lincoln's Company At Baltimore Event

Among those who have kindly remembrances of Abraham Lincoln is Mrs. W. P. Lord, who during the Civil war was a young girl living in Baltimore.

Although she met Lincoln a number of times during those troublesome years, her keenest and most pleasant remembrance dates back early in 1862 when Lincoln came to Baltimore to attend a reception given him by an uncle of Mrs. Lord. She was then just entering into the pleasures of social life and was keenly interested in the military world that surrounded Washington and Baltimore.

Lincoln, accompanied by several members of his cabinet, attended the reception, and as the niece of the man who was giving the event, Mrs. Lord was given the position of honor next to Lincoln in the receiving line. For three hours she greeted the social world of Baltimore, intro-

2 METHODS TO ACQUIRE BONUS GIVEN HARDING

President Expected to Announce Today Whether He Prefers Additional Tax or Treasury Bonds.

OPPOSITION GROWING TO INCREASED LEVIES

Committees, Sum-committees and Cabinet Members Work on Measure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The position of the administration as to how the funds for the soldiers' bonus should be raised, may be known to congress tomorrow. President Harding and Secretary Mellon had a conference today and were understood to have discussed the question. Two plans have been suggested by Republican members of the house ways and means committee, while under the other put forward by Chairman McCumber and Senator Smoot of Utah, ranking Republican of the finance committee, short time treasury notes or bonds would be issued during the time that the cash payments were made to the former service men.

Tax Opposition Increases After the White House conference today it was indicated in some administration quarters that the treasury secretary held the same views regarding the issue of notes or bonds that he expressed in his recent letter to Chairman Fordney, of the ways and means committee. On the other hand congressional leaders said opposition to the levying of additional taxes at this time was increasing.

Harding Receives Proposals It was understood that the tax program drawn by the house sub-committee met with instant opposition when it was presented to majority members of the senate finance committee. Sub-committees were named to thresh out the matter and after a conference with Secretary Weeks they were understood to have presented the two proposals to the president.

President Replies Today While the president was considering the matter the sub-committees marked time today. Senator McCumber said he expected to get the president's views tomorrow, but added that he was not advised as to how they would be communicated.

Woman Opposed NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Alice M. Robertson, representative in congress from Oklahoma, declared today in an address to the women's Republican club that she was opposed to the soldier bonus. Soldiers demanding a bonus, she said, lacked the patriotism of Americans who fought in the revolution, in the civil and the Spanish-American wars. "Those veterans," she said, "didn't put a price on their patriotism."

With Conclave Finished Cardinals Leave for Homes

ROME, Feb. 13.—(By The Associated Press)—The conclave ended, the cardinals already have commenced to leave. Hardly had the coronation concluded when many of the members of the sacred college prepared to hasten to their homes from Rome. All the French Cardinals departed this afternoon, while throughout the day the Italians were dispersing to their various dioceses throughout the kingdom. The American cardinals are expected to stay in Italy for two or three weeks. The Spanish cardinals will depart during the present week.

First Death in 94 Years Occurs in Kentucky Family

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 14.—A family of seven children, the oldest 94 and the youngest 72 years old, was broken by the first death of a member when "Aunt Jennie" Holbrook, the oldest one died at her mountain home in Letticher county recently. She was a member of the Webb family and was said to be a descendant of Daniel Boone, the Kentucky pioneer. Her three brothers are 92, 90 and 85 years old. The sisters are

STRANGE YOUNG WOMAN CALLS VOLUNTARILY ON WOOLWINE TO TALK ABOUT BIG MURDER CASE

LOGGER IS VICTIM OF RIFLE SHOT

Death of David Collins in Camp Near Silverton Is Believed Accidental

SILVERTON, Ore., Feb. 13.—(Special to The Statesman)—David Collins was shot and instantly killed at camp this morning at 6 o'clock. The shot that killed him, it is reported, was fired accidentally by a man by the name of Nick Ridovich who was cleaning his gun. Because of the heavy snow fall the camp had received orders to close down. Some of the men were preparing to leave for town. Ridovich was in a bunk house, it was accidentally discharged, the bullet passing out through the wall and entering another bunk house where it grazed the scalp of J. P. Davis and entered the side of Mr. Collins immediately below the arm pit, entering the heart and causing instant death. It is said Collins was about 25 years old and was a member of the 91st division of the A.E.F.

County Coroner Lloyd Rigdon, Sheriff O. D. Bower, Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhardt and District Attorney John Carson made the trip to Camp 6 of the Silver Falls Timber company, arriving there shortly before noon to investigate the case. While county officers had no comment to make concerning their findings, it is thought here that the shooting was purely accidental, there being much evidence to corroborate first reports of the affair. No arrests were made. The coroner's inquest will be held in this city at 4 o'clock this afternoon, Coroner Rigdon announced yesterday.

DRUNK LOGGERS STIR SILVERTON

Two Fight With Marshal and Watchman—One in Jail, Other Escapes

SILVERTON, Ore., Feb. 13.—(Special to The Statesman)—Considerable excitement was caused here tonight when two loggers, said to have been intoxicated, showed up in town. One is now in the city jail and the other has disappeared after flat encounters with officers. Grover Yates, night watchman, attempted to arrest the pair and one of them struck him in the face and made his escape. City Marshal Yates, father of Grover Yates, thought here that the shooting and arrested the second of the two men and was on his way to the city jail with him when the man suddenly knocked the marshal down. Marshal Yates' head struck a sidewalk and he was rendered unconscious for several minutes until revived at a drug store. In the meantime the man he had arrested escaped. Grover Yates enlisted the aid of Mayor Eastman and they went in search of the two. The one who had hit the night watchman is the first encounter was found at the Silverton hotel eating supper. He was arrested and jailed. He gave his name as Lloyd James.

Judge Resigns When Criticized by Public

OKMULGEE, Okla., Feb. 13.—Judge H. R. Christopher of the Okmulgee county superior court, has mailed his resignation to E. J. Dick, chairman of the Citizens' committee, which condemned his action last Thursday in dissolving the superior court grand jury here in the midst of its inquiry into the defunct Bank of Commerce of Okmulgee, according to a telegram received by Mr. Dick, late today from the judge at Coyle, Okla.

Mayor Halvorsen Doing Well After Operation

Encouraging reports are received from the Eastern hospital where Mayor George Halvorsen is said to be resting easily following a major abdominal operation upon Mr. Halvorsen, Friday morning.

MINISTER IS SURVIVED BY 17 CHILDREN

Rev. Herman Heusser, Portland Evangelical Pastor, Leaves Large Family

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—Seventeen children survive Rev. Herman Heusser, for three years past pastor of the Second Reformed Evangelical church here, who died last Saturday, aged 69. Funeral services will be held tomorrow. Prior to coming here Mr. Heusser was for 27 years pastor of a church at Alma, Wis.

MOUNT RAINIER CLIMB IS MADE

Swiss Mountaineers and Motion Picture Cameramen Perform Feat

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 13.—Mount Rainier was climbed today for the first time in its history during midwinter. Jean and Jacques Landry and Jacques Berques, mountaineers, and Charles R. Parryman, a motion picture camera operator, accomplished the feat heretofore considered impossible. The quartet left on their final dash from Anvil Rock, their base, 10,000 feet high, a 4 o'clock this morning. They returned 12 and one-half hours later, exhausted by their arduous climb over ice and numbed by the chilling arctic winds. "We made it. We left our names in a bottle on the summit. We are too exhausted to talk." This was the message received from Parryman at 7:30 this evening immediately after he had stumbled into the camp at Anvil Rock. Further details of the climb are expected tonight after the mountaineers have refreshed themselves. Newspapermen are posted at arger telephones on the mountain to relay the message of the climb as soon as it shall be transmitted to them.

REGISTERED STOCK GO TO CALIFORNIA

Herd of Forty-Three Purebred Animals Shipped from This District

As evidence that this part of the Willamette valley is becoming nationally known as the greatest purebred stock center in the west, is the fact that just recently buyers of purebred stock, coming from California, have purchased 36 registered Jersey females and one registered Guernsey bull. Among those who sold purebred stock to the Californians, were the following: G. G. Horton, Corvallis; Roy Cox, Albany; Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis; E. A. Rhoten, Salem; Frank Loughary & Son, Monmouth; J. L. Bowmann, Portland; F. E. Lynn, Perrydale; Ed. Cary, Carlton; Chester L. Mulkey, McMinnville; R. O. Dodson, Monmouth; Stanley Riches, Turner; H. S. Hadsell, Linton; J. F. Fox, Silverton; A. Malar, Boring; Warren Gray, Jefferson; Oregon farm, Oswego; McArthur & Stauff, Rickreall; W. O. Morrow, Independence; Thomas Williams, Forest Grove; G. W. Lawson, McMinnville; August Kohle, Cornelius; P. J. Krieger, McMinnville; George F. Biersdorf, Cornelius. Frank Lynn of Perrydale, sold six heifers, all sired by St. Maves Golden Popy. C. L. Hawley & Son, of McCoy, sold one Guernsey purebred bull. All other stock was purebred Jersey.

Indians Set Jail on Fire and Make Their Escape

AUBURN, Wash., Feb. 13.—Two Indians members of the Muckleshoot tribe, who were in jail here charged with being intoxicated, started a fire under the main door of the jail, a small wooden structure, and walked out of the building, structure which firemen were unenching the blaze, disappearing in the crowd.

California Highway is Again Open to Traffic

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—The Pacific highway in northern California, which has been reported in the news on account of storms in the vicinity of Shasta, is now open and in fair shape, according to reports of the Oregon state motor association today.

DALLAS BUSINESS LEADERS MAKE OFFER FOR FLAX PLANT

Dallas is endeavoring to secure the first plant to be established by the Willamette Valley Flax and Hemp Growers Cooperative association.

At a meeting held yesterday afternoon with the directors and officials of the association and N. L. Guy, president of the Dallas Commercial club, W. V. Fuller, secretary, Tracy Staats and W. L. Soehren, directors; H. A. Joslin, local manager of the Oregon Power company, Dallas; A. R. Brown, and W. H. McKee of Perrydale, a proposal was put up to the association as follows: If the association will establish its first plant at Dallas, the people of that city will furnish a three-story mill in Dallas, 28 by 40 feet; a foundry building of two stories, 28 by 40 feet; a warehouse 30 by 60 feet, with 20-foot ceiling; water power with a 80-horsepower wheel installed; a 40-horsepower boiler engine and all the water rights of the mill and its equipment, and in addition to this two acres of land, all for \$6,000.

Besides this offer, the Dallas men agreed to secure additional acreage of flax in the territory adjacent to Dallas. The officers and directors of the association will go to Dallas Wednesday afternoon to investigate and meet with the Dallas business men. Those meeting with the Dallas representatives yesterday were G. W. Eyr, president of the association; D. F. Eastburn, vice president; W. J. Denham, director, Robert Crawford, manager; A. C. Bohnstedt, secretary, and Mrs. W. F. Lord, honorary director.

GRAVE ALARM IS NO SECRET WITH LEADERS

Shooting of Ulster Constables Greatly Aggravates Situation, Declares Mr. Churchill.

FERMANAGH, TYRONE FEARFUL OF INVASION

Week-end Rioting Continues in Belfast With More Added to Death Roll

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Irish situation, since the raids over the Ulster border, has steadily become worse and no secret is made of the grave alarm with which it is viewed in official circles in London. Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for the colonies, declared in the house of commons this afternoon that the shooting of the Ulster constables at Clones had greatly aggravated the situation. The Evening Standard asserts that Ireland is on the brink of civil war and quotes a member of the government as saying that while the government hesitates to do anything which the Sinn Feiner could interpret as provocative, swift military preparations have already been made to prevent an armed invasion of Fermanagh and Tyrone. In the light of the developments of the last few days much significance is attached to the suspension today of the evacuation of British troops from southern Irish ports. The Irish office explains that the suspension was ordered pending a decision regarding the extent of the reinforcements to be sent to Ulster. Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, announced tonight that the Ulster garrison of British troops was to be increased from 10 battalions, the previous number, to 14. The week-end rioting in Belfast was continued today, the death roll from Sunday being about 12 killed and 20 or more wounded. The shooting affrays in Belfast the last 24 hours occurred over a widely extended area.

Gunmen Under Cover The gunmen have kept well under cover and the police and soldiers patrolling in armored cars are having difficulty in locating them. Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, telegraphed the British government tonight asking what action "other than dispatching messages to Dublin," the government was taking or had taken to secure the return of the kidnapped loyalists. Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, in a message to the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, charges that a coup d'etat is being planned against the provisional government and

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