

SMALL SHIPS TO GO

Secretary of Navy Assures Pacific Coast of Better Defense.

Opposes Extravagant Appropriations for Submarines or Air Craft—Secrecy Urged.

Washington, D. C.—While admitting that the Pacific Coast was now without adequate protection in case of war, Secretary Daniels told the house naval committee Saturday that if an emergency dispatch to the Pacific within 18 days to deal with any hostile craft that might succeed in running the gauntlet of American submarines from Manila and Honolulu.

Moreover, the secretary announced that the day of a small fleet in the Pacific would end next March, when the Panama canal is to be formally opened with an international naval parade.

In the senate Senator Wood of Massachusetts, delivered a prepared speech denouncing too much publicity in the matter of military strength and pointing to the secret methods of the European powers now at war as an object lesson.

Led by questioning, participated in by nearly every member, Secretary Daniels discussed the navy's inability to get satisfactory airships, the problem of the submarine torpedo boats, which has offered more difficulties than all other craft combined, and incidentally suggested that the public need not be surprised any time from now on to read of a battle royal between the fleets of the opposing nations of Europe.

A reference to Mexico followed questions by Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, about criticisms by the general board of the navy of the use of battleships where gunboats would suffice. Mr. Daniels agreed with this, in general, but said there were occasions and emergencies when battleships and not gunboats were essential.

"What was the military necessity," Representative Roberts asked, referring to the Vera Cruz occupation, "of keeping 18 battleships off Vera Cruz and Tampico when Vera Cruz was held by the American army and marines?"

"There were not 18 all the time," the secretary replied. "The number was gradually reduced from 18 to four. If we had had to blockade all the Mexican ports," he explained, "all the battleships would have been needed."

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Air Over Paris Guarded.
Paris—With the return to Paris from Bordeaux of President Poincare, the members of the cabinet and parliament and the diplomatic corps, renewed precautions have been taken to protect the city from raids by hostile aviators.

A strong squadron of aeroplanes flew Saturday over the Palace of the Elisee and the buildings of Parliament.

These aviators at times attained an altitude of 2500 yards, where the temperature was recorded as 14 degrees above zero, Fahrenheit.

Serbian Again Occupy Capital, City of Belgrade

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Troops to Answer Fire of Mexicans on Border

Washington, D. C.—If the contending Mexican forces opposite Naco, Arizona, do not cease firing into American territory, the three batteries of field artillery sent to the international line by President Wilson and Secretary Garrison will be ordered to return the fire.

This is the determination of the United States government, it became known Friday, after a full discussion by President Wilson with his cabinet. No specific orders have been given as yet to Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, who was directed to proceed to Naco with the field artillery, but while he is en route there officials expect an answer to the sharp warning which has been given to General Maytorena, commanding the Villa troops, and General Hill, of the Carranza forces, that bullets and shells must not fall on American soil.

Similar warning has been communicated to General Carranza and General Villa. No act of "aggression" is contemplated, as was explained in a statement in the White House, but officials draw a distinction between aggressive and defensive action.

For the 11 troops of cavalry and three batteries of field artillery to cross the Mexican line or open fire would constitute an act of aggression, but to remain on the American soil, in the opinion of high officials, a measure of defense fully justified under the circumstances, and not an act of war or invasion.

Christmas Tree Fire Injures 10 School Children
Portland—Eight pupils and two teachers were burned, two of the pupils severely, Friday afternoon at Irvington school, during a Christmas tree entertainment, when, apparently, the electric extension wires used on the tinsel-decorated stage set fire to the tinsel on the clothing of the children and on the tree.

Presence of mind of the teachers in charge and of several women who were present in the auditorium, as well as the pupils' orderly adherence to fire drill, averted a serious panic.

The school building, which is at East Fourteenth and Thompson streets, was not damaged, the fire being put out before it gained any headway in the assembly-room, where the entertainment was held. There were more than 300 persons in the schoolroom at the time.

The fire was started in the clothing of a member of the fourth grade B, when he brushed against one of the lights on the Christmas tree. The child ran wildly among his companions, and spread the flames to others.

That a panic was averted is due to the efforts of the principal, Elmer Brown, and Miss Ella Williams, teacher of the class, and to the mothers present in the hall.

Earl Annesley Is Killed.
London—Earl Annesley and his companion, Lieutenant Beevor, who disappeared early last month after starting on an aeroplane flight to the Continent, were killed by the Germans. Countess Annesley was notified that the men were shot on November 5 while flying over Ostend. Francis Annesley, sixth Earl of Annesley, was born in 1884. The ancestral homes of the Annesleys are at Castle Wellan and Donald Lodge in County Down, Ireland. The Earl had no children. Walter Beresford Annesley, a cousin, will become Earl.

Biplane to Fly 25 Hours.
Milan, via Rome—A new military biplane which, it is estimated, can lift 3300 pounds and remain in the air 25 hours, had a successful trial here Friday.

The machine has three motors, each independent of the others, which develop an aggregate of 300 horsepower, and it is said the aircraft can attain a speed of 75 miles an hour. It will carry a 125-millimeter gun.

On its trial the machine rose to a height of 6500 feet.

Turin May Conserve Food.
Turin, via Rome—With a view to preserving the reserve of wheat and disposing of a quantity of rice, the exportation of which has been prohibited because of the war, the government has been asked to make compulsory the making of bread with from 10 to 15 per cent of rice flour. Bread with rice flour as a constituent part already has been tried and is said to have been found to be light, nourishing and healthful.

Hospital Train Wrecked.
London—Advices from Vise, Belgium, to the Exchange Telegraph company, by way of Amsterdam, say that a train of 40 carriages conveying wounded on the line between Gemmenich and Aachen, was derailed, killing 52 and injuring a large number. Every carriage was badly damaged and some were destroyed.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS.

Portland—An important meeting of the grain trade of Portland was held at the Merchants' Exchange the early part of this week to consider the matter of state grain inspection. It was the unanimous opinion of those at the meeting that a state grain inspection law should be in force in Oregon, which would put this state on the same basis as every other grain state in the Union.

This step is regarded as a most important one by the members of the grain trade. It is declared that Portland has lost much grain business because of the lack of state grain inspection, and that thousands of carloads of grain have gone to the Sound markets that would otherwise have come to this city.

Two years ago a state grain inspection bill was drafted and sent to the legislature, but it did not pass. Not only do grain merchants want such a law, but the farmers are said to be a unit in favor of it.

The demand for hops, both for exportation and for domestic account, continues strong and prices are being maintained without difficulty.

The most important development in the market was the news received from Grants Pass that the bulk of the supply remaining in that section had been bought by Durbin & Conroy at 12 cents. The purchases by this firm were estimated at 700 bales, including the Flanagan & Cornell crop.

The Washington market continues strong and active, with 12 cents bid for the best Yakima. McNeff Bros. purchased the Laisme crop of 275 bales and another lot of 350 bales in that section.

The frost of the last week has nipped most of the small vegetables in this section and larger supplies of radishes, onions and such lines will be brought up from California for the local trade.

The egg market was easy at the beginning of the week. Oregon eggs were not plentiful, but the efforts to work off storage stock affected the entire market. Local candled ranch were sold at 40 and 41 cents and there were reports of some being offered at 38 cents.

Wheat—Bid: Bluestem, \$1.20 bush; forty-fold, \$1.19; club, \$1.18; Red Russian, \$1.11; red fife, \$1.13. Oats—Bid: No. 1 white feed, \$28. Barley—No. 1 feed, \$25; no. 2, \$24.50; bran, \$23.50; shorts, \$24.50. Bran, \$24.50 to \$25.00; rolled barley, \$27.50 to \$28.50.

Corn—Whole, \$28 ton; cracked, \$37. Hay—Oregon Timothy, \$14. alfalfa, \$12 to \$13; valley timothy, \$11 to \$12. Vegetables—Cucumbers, 50c dozen; eggplant, 7c pound; peppers, 7 to 8c; artichokes, 90c dozen; tomatoes, 60c @ 1/2 crate; cabbage, 4 to 6c pound; beans, 12c; celery, 60 to 75c dozen; cauliflower, 60c @ 1/2; sprouts, 8c pound; head lettuce, \$2 crate; pumpkins, 1c pound; squash, 1c. Green Fruits—Apples, 65c @ 1/2 box; casabas, 1c pound; pears, 1c @ 1/2 box; grapes, 1c @ 1/2 3/4 crate; cranberries, \$8 @ 9 barrel.

Potatoes—Oregon, 75 @ 85c sack; Idaho, 90c @ \$1.00; Yakima, 85c @ \$1; sweet potatoes, 2 @ 2 1/2c pound. Onions—Oregon, buying price, \$1.25 f. o. b. shipping point. Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 36; candled, 38 @ 41c. Poultry—Hens, 12 @ 13c pound; springs, 12c; turkeys, dressed, 20 @ 21c; live, 17 @ 18c; ducks, 10 @ 12c; geese, 11 @ 12c.

Butter—Creamery, prints, extras, 34c pound in case lots; 3c more in less than case lots; cubes, 30c. Veal—Fancy, 11 @ 12c pound. Pork—Block, 9c pound. Hops—1914 crop, 9 @ 12c pound; 1913 crop, nominal. Wool—Valley, 17 @ 18c pound; East-oregon, 15 @ 20c; nominal; mohair, 1914 clip, 27c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7 @ 7.25; choice, \$6.50 @ 7; medium, \$6.25 @ 6.50; choice cows, \$5.75 @ 6.25; medium, \$5.50 @ 5.75; heifers, \$5 @ 6.75; calves, \$6 @ 8; bulls, \$3.50 @ 4.75; stags, \$4.50 @ 6. Hogs—Light, \$6.25 @ 7.10; heavy, \$5.75 @ 6.25. Sheep—Wethers, \$5.25 @ 6; ewes, \$4.25 @ 5; lambs, \$6.25 @ 7.50.

Seattle—Aside from the Christmas movement, which is slated by the street for this week, interest centers in the immediate futures for apples, spuds and onions, the three leading local staples for the midwinter season.

The street is inclined to believe that potatoes will go higher. The extreme bid in Eastern Washington as regards potatoes makes it dangerous to take stock out of the pits and cellars, and some of the carload lots received here during the week showed frost. The result is a reduction of the volume of receipts. Growers say it costs from \$1 to \$1.50 per ton to pit the spuds, and there is now a fair prospect of an advance between now and January 1. No concrete movement is visible in the direction of shipping orders, but conditions are brightening for the home consumption.

The Secret of Health is Elimination of Waste

Every business man knows how difficult it is to keep the pigeon holes and drawers of his desk free from the accumulation of useless papers. Every housewife knows how difficult it is to keep her home free from the accumulation of all manner of useless things. So it is with the body. It is promptly eliminated the machinery of waste matter. Unless the waste is promptly eliminated the machinery of the body soon becomes clogged. This is the beginning of most human illness.

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American Coin in Canada.

According to figures published by the Monetary Times, of Toronto, the sum total of American investments in Canada was \$626,904,000 in 1913, as compared with \$417,143,000 in 1911, and \$270,975,000 in 1909.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

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