

WILBUR OUTLINES WORK OF NAVY DURING YEAR

Disasters Met By Service Reviewed In Report

STRICT ECONOMY POLICY

Leading Up to Fatal Flight of Shenandoah Told By Secretary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(By The Associated Press.) Secretary Wilbur today outlined the work of the navy during the year, and said that his branch of the national government had progressed steadily, but that the morale never was as high as it should be.

Transmitting his annual account to the White House, Mr. Wilbur devoted a great portion to a review of the year's work, including the Shenandoah; flight of the MacMillan of the PN-9 No. 1 and the Arctic Thrust of the MacMillan expedition. He had only a few words to say for the year's work.

Waste Is Eliminated

Waste economy, the secretary said, has benefited the navy by eliminating extravagance and waste, and by increasing thrift and thoroughness in all particular developments. The skill, zeal and character of the naval personnel, but he added that naval ships became obsolete and should be replaced.

Referring to the Shenandoah disaster and the controversy which followed, Mr. Wilbur again declared that complete liberty of action was given to Lieutenant Commander Zachary Lansdowne, the ship's commander. As for aviation, he said that aeronautics should be considered as an arm of the navy.

On August 18, 1925, "Mr. Wilbur said, the chief of naval operations held his final conference with Lieutenant Commander Lansdowne, and expressed himself as satisfied with the date and arrangement of the flight and expressed entire confidence in the ability of the ship and crew to successfully complete the proposed flight.

MacMillan Trip Valuable

The naval aviation operations in the MacMillan expedition, the secretary said, would furnish valuable information not only from a standpoint of science and discovery, but in the interest of air operations in new and difficult conditions.

The attempted Hawaiian flight was described as "another step in advance in the development of material and equipment for naval aviation." The flight was over water, and the plane PN-9 No. 1, he added, failed to reach her goal because of unfavorable winds were of less velocity than anticipated, which was accounted for by rain squalls.

Commander John Rodgers and his crew, he said, were due "great credit" for their fortitude of re-entrance.

The report described the courses of training instituted at the naval academy adding that it was planned to give more extensive courses to classes upon their graduation. Then taking up the subject in detail, it continued:

"Aircraft operating with the water-co-ordinate arms of the fleet are vitally essential to modern naval operations. The development of naval aviation has progressed during the past year with satisfactory results in spite of many difficulties inherent in the refinement of a new art.

"The navy has made every effort to standardize on types of aircraft which are best suited to the needs of the naval service. Plans have been developed and are in use for observation and spotting service to the battleships and cruisers. Fighting planes will be provided with special reference to the needs of airplane carriers.

Practical Training Given

"Practical training in the use of aircraft in naval operations was afforded by the maneuvers held this year and centering around the Hawaiian Islands. In these operations naval aviation was an important role. A total of 113 naval aircraft were available, representing an increase of approximately 20 per cent over the available aircraft of the fleet in the previous year.

"The combined operations of aircraft, submarines and surface vessels again proved the value of each type and demonstrated the interdependence of these three arms of the navy. The operations of the fleet commander demonstrated the value of each type and served to emphasize the need of first-line aircraft carriers in major fleet operations.

"In spite of the lack of carrier because the number of aircraft participating in fleet maneuvers has increased each year since the close of the war.

Three-Service Plane Wanted

"The bureau of aeronautics during the year has continued development work in an effort to produce a three-service plane available for the new aircraft carriers. Plans have been made of such a type and the bureau reports that by the first of December it will be in a position to determine definitely the exact characteristics of this type of plane to be manufactured for the aircraft carriers. The characteristics of the fighting and observation planes for the carriers have been settled upon and these planes will soon be under construction.

"The present condition of the machinery of the fleet, the secretary said, is satisfactory from the viewpoint of design, age and material. During the recent Hawaiian maneuvers of the entire fleet and the subsequent Australian and New Zealand cruise of the battle fleet, no serious machinery casualties were reported on any class of naval vessel.

High Morale Shown

"The high morale he declared was manifested to some extent by the fact that net desertions have decreased from 3,483 in 1923 to 1,175 in 1925, or about two-thirds. Re-enlistments have increased

from 50 per cent in 1923 to 72 per cent in 1925.

Except that the authorized enlisted strength of 26,000 men could not be maintained in the last few months because over-expenditure would have resulted, and the number was accordingly reduced to 25,000, Mr. Wilbur said the personnel situation during the year was "unusually excellent." He said shortage of line officers, "a serious condition would permit under the limitation of appointments to the navy academy contained in the last appropriation bill. This allows three appointments to each representative and senior, instead of five as authorized by general law.

"The death rate in the navy from disease during the year was 1.78 per thousand. Pneumonia was responsible for most deaths. "Outstanding progress" was reported in the development of high-frequency radio circuits.

TRIAL WILL END SOON

WEEKS' LETTER PROVES BLOW TO COL. MITCHELL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(By The Associated Press.) Last phases of the Mitchell court martial trial were reached late today, when after forming Secretary Weeks' letter, stating why Colonel Mitchell had not been reinstated as assistant chief of the army air service, was introduced in evidence.

The placing of Mr. Weeks' statement to President Coolidge in the record, after it had been read by Major General Dennis Nolan, deputy chief of staff, overshadowed all other developments, including even the announcements by prosecution and defense counsel that they had no further evidence to offer.

The Weeks' letter, with the testimony of General Nolan and his assistant staff aide, Brigadier General Huch A. Drum, constituted a heavy blow at the defense case. The letter itself cited Colonel Mitchell in the name of his former war

Seven Leaguers



GEORGE W. ...

WILL HEARING IS HELD

BELLE SEVERSON CASE IS HEARD BEFORE BARNARD

Relatives of Woman Seek Property Reclaimed to Lutheran Brotherhood

The Belle Severson will contest in being heard before County Judge C. P. Barnard here, the first testimony being taken before him yesterday. The hearing lasted all day long and promises to continue another day or so.

This is a case wherein Mary H. Talbot, a sister, Edward Kittleson, a nephew, and Bertina Kachel, a niece, all of Wisconsin, contested the will, which provided that the entire estate of Mrs. Severson should go to the Lutheran Brotherhood of this city to establish a home for the aged.

Paul C. Dormitzer and E. E. Hammer of Portland are attorney for the contestants and Donald Young and S. P. Ness for the Brotherhood.

The attorneys for the Brotherhood state that approximately \$10,000 in property was bequeathed to the organization but Mr. Dormitzer claims that the estate amounts to about \$80,000.

SMALL CLASS AT EXAMS

NOT MANY TEACHERS APPLY FOR CERTIFICATES

The smallest class in years in taking the semi-annual examination for teachers' certificates being given at the courthouse, according to E. J. Moore, county school superintendent. When the time came for opening the examinations at 9 a. m. yesterday only 33 presented themselves as applicants for certificates. Six of these are men. The schedule for the rest of the week follows:

Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, history of education, psychology, methods in geography, mechanical drawing, domestic art, course of study for domestic art.

Thursday afternoon—Grammar, geography, stenography, American literature, physics, typewriting, methods in language, thesis for primary certificate.

Friday forenoon—Theory and practice, spelling, physical geography, English literature, chemistry.

Friday afternoon—School law, geology, algebra, civil government.

Saturday forenoon—Geometry, botany.

Saturday afternoon—General history, bookkeeping.

STAR MEETS FRIDAY

ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE GIVEN VISITORS

Although there will be no installation of officers until after the first of the year, members of the Eastern Star, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Friday night to entertain visiting members of the order.

The program will consist of Christmas season features, according to officers of the order. Mrs. L. C. Sherman is chairman of the refreshment committee. Special efforts were being made yesterday to get word to all members of the order who do not belong to Evangelical chapters, and to those who are newcomers in Eugene, to be present.

Installation of officers was postponed because of the death of Mrs. Margaret McLean, mother-in-law of Mrs. George McLean, worthy matron-elect.

LOGGING ROAD OPERATES

LINE UP KNOWLES CREEK HAULING TIMBER

The Crown Lumber company's new logging railway about two miles long and extending from the Siuslaw river opposite Mapleton up Knowles creek, is now in operation, according to Clinton G. Hurd, county commissioner, who has just returned from that section of the county.

This company is engaged in logging on Knowles creek. The logs are hauled to the river and then floated to the booms at Cushman from where they are shipped to Coon bay mills. H. L. Bergman of Florence, is head of this company.

DOCTORS MEET TONIGHT

LANE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY TO BANQUET

Members of the Lane County Medical Society will meet at a banquet and round table discussion of papers on medical problems. Dr. Fitzgibbon of Portland, will be the principal speaker, his paper to be on the subject of "Some Common Difficulties in the Diagnosis of Ulcers."

Dr. W. H. Dale of Eugene will also read a paper on "The Treatment of Cancer With Surgery and Radium."

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MUSICIANS' UNION ELECTS

EDWARD LORENCE CHOSEN AGAIN AS PRESIDENT

The Eugene Musicians' association held an all-day election yesterday and the ballots were counted last night.

Edward Lorence was re-elected president, Charles Runyan vice president, Buford Roach secretary, W. Hard sergeant-at-arms and Mike Gross, Curtis Burton and Lawrence Hall directors.

The ballot box was located at the Eugene Music shop and members of the association voted at different times during the day.

Very new, is the wearing of a lower in the fur cuff of one's coat.

CIRCULARS TO BE GIVEN

COUNTY AGENT HAS SUPPLY AT HIS OFFICE

A supply of circulars on walnut growing in Oregon has been received from the state college at the office of O. S. Fletcher, county agent, and they will be distributed among those interested, said Mr. Fletcher yesterday. Interest in walnut growing appears to be increasing, he said.

Circulars have also been received on the subject of mineral requirements of dairy cattle, which the agent said he will be glad to give to dairymen if they call at his office.

Captains of Finance

A girls' club started a savings fund with pennies deposited for every slang word used at meetings, other side.—Ohio State Journal.

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Library Table \$16.75

A most attractive gift that will increase in favor as the years go by! Beautiful walnut finish.

For 'Her' Gift—A Three-Piece Suite, \$91.75

You could not possibly select a more pleasing gift for your wife or grown-up daughter than a handsome new bedroom suite of this character. Included is a full size bed, large semi-vanity dressing five chairs and host chair—seven pieces in all—and genuine American walnut, at only \$71.75.

Smoking Stand \$8.00

A real addition to the living room as well as a big convenience for "Dad." Extra value!

Charming! Seven-Piece Dining Suite \$71.75

Think how much added enjoyment you'll get out of Christmas dinner and other dinners for years to come if beautiful new dining furniture of this attractive design graces your dining room! Included in this sensational offering is a handsome dining table, buffet, china cabinet, five chairs and host chair—nine pieces in all—and genuine American walnut, at only \$71.75.

A Gift Rocker \$37.50

Just see these handsome rockers, with upholstered seat and wing back, which we're offering now at a surprisingly low price for early Christmas buyers.

Arm Chair in Velour, \$45.00

He'll appreciate what "solid comfort" means when he settles back into this luxurious chair! Special value!

Credit Makes Christmas Giving Easier

Hundreds of wise buyers are taking advantage of our easy credit terms to help secure the wonderful Christmas gifts on display here—and there's no sound reason why you, too, shouldn't profit from our credit arrangements. Like the purchase of a home, good furniture is an investment that can be enjoyed for many years—and we're ready to help you by allowing you to pay in small monthly amounts that you'll hardly miss!

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The Sensible Gift

Interwoven Socks for Christmas

The Sure Way Is To Give Them Something To Wear

One suggestion is a warm muffer to keep a warm heart warm with gratitude. All the bright colors in the prettily blending various shades of imported mufflers.

\$2 to \$4

Interwoven Toe and Heel Socks

Interwoven Toe and Heel
Silk and Wool Socks in both plain and fancy patterns will be most welcome. They are new, stylish and comfortable.

60c to \$2

Make Him Happy

Christmas Morning with a

STETSON HAT

For the holidays we have received a shipment of the Newer Styles and Colors. Exchanges in sizes and shapes will gladly be made after Christmas.

\$6 to \$10

Other Suggestions:-

Ties, Shirts, Sweaters, Golf Sets, Leather Goods—Yes even Handkerchiefs will be used and Appreciated

Any gift, big or small, that comes from this store will have the added merit of a good name.

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