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## COAST CITIES NEED MORE BIG GUNS

### Gen. Weaver Tells House Military Committee San Francisco and New York Must Have Heavy Artillery

Washington, Jan. 20.—While admitting that the gigantic new guns used in Europe could shell San Francisco and New York, General Weaver, chief of the coast artillery service, denied to the house military committee today the claims of General Leonard Wood that foreign troops could be landed at fortified American points.

He said he is asking congress for guns with which to make San Francisco and New York safe from attacks by the big guns.

Regarding the Philippines, he said that, from a military standpoint they are a liability rather than an asset.

Los Angeles, Jan. 20.—Members of the chamber of commerce today waited with interest word from Washington regarding the fate of their memorial sent to the senate and house of representatives, urging immediate improvement in Pacific coast defenses. The memorial, which was based on a resolution by the committee on military and naval affairs, asks naval bases at many strategic Pacific points, including Honolulu, Alaska, Samoa and the Philippines, the maintenance of troops in Alaska, bigger harbor and land forts protecting San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, San Diego, Portland and other coast cities, an increase in the standing army, creation of a strong reserve, 100,000 soldiers in southern California and 400,000 on the rest of the Pacific slope, and the construction of a Pacific fleet equal in strength to that of the Asiatic navies.

## U. S. IS SHORT ON NAVAL OFFICERS

Washington, Jan. 20.—That a shortage of officers for the American navy exists to some extent was admitted by Secretary of the Navy Daniels today before a joint session of the senate and house naval committees in the course of a defense of the administration navy program.

"It is a question whether we have enough," he said. "The German, French and Japanese navies have more per ship."

Regarding possible disarmament among the nations after the war, he said:

"I hope that when war ends there will be an agreement to limit armaments. Our ability to build more ships than any one else will give us a stronger voice in such a conference."

Congressman Roberts of Massachusetts asked Daniels if the German navy is superior to the American.

"Germany," he replied, "has more dreadnaughts and more powerful fighting ships."

He had no information, however, as to how many vessels Germany has constructed since the war started. He said the United States could build a battleship within 18 months under the stress of war, but he admitted only seven dreadnaughts are now in full commission.

## BRITISH SUBMARINE AGROUND OFF HOLLAND

London, Jan. 20.—A British submarine is aground off Holland, official announcement said today, but the crew has been rescued.

## GRECIAN REPLY TO ULTIMATUM NOT YET KNOWN

Rotterdam, Jan. 20.—The allies' ultimatum to Greece, demanding that passports be handed to the central powers' representatives, was delivered in Athens Monday and expired yesterday, according to the Sofia correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung today.

This message said King Constantine's reply is not known.

The Zeitung declared that the ultimatum, as previously reported, notified Greece the allies would take the necessary steps to protect their interests in event Greece failed to meet the demands.

## COASTING COSTS LIFE OF YOUNG BOY IN SEATTLE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Jan. 20.—Failure to heed signals between automobiles and coasters cost one life and six injuries last night. He bobbed injured by Theodore Engelskjen, aged 14, raced down East Pine street, and crashed into a jitney bus driven by J. A. Roddy. The boy's skull was fractured and he died shortly after the accident.

Six others, passengers on the same bobbed, sustained bruises about the arms and bodies.

## KING ALFONSE NEW WORRY TO ALLIES

London, Jan. 20.—Though busy on every front, the allies see perhaps a new peril in Spain.

Because of a growing unrest in Portugal, they are keeping watchful eyes on every move by Spain, for the rumor persists that Spain is secretly preparing to invade Portugal, should Spain believe England is too busy or unable to help Portugal. Portuguese advices declare that internal conditions are growing more serious, though there is no claim that Spain is responsible for this situation. A critical food situation, coupled with incessant strikes and riots, keep the republican guards alert.

Eighty thousand workers are reported on strike at Oporto, while agitators are working at Lisbon, where trouble is expected. Thousands of civilians, including women, recently stormed the Portategro station, where they confiscated olives and potatoes.

The haste with which Spain is newly equipping her army is giving the allies considerable concern, for it is popularly rumored that she hopes to turn the tide against the allies by overwhelming Portugal.

## ULTIMATE WORLD PEACE PREDICTED

Stanford University, Cal., Jan. 20.—"When the war is over, civilization, mutilated, emasculated, will start 50 years ahead of where it was at the end of our civil war, or the Franco-Prussian war."

This was the prediction today of David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Stanford university, and one of America's foremost peace advocates. Dr. Jordan declared his belief in ultimate world peace remains unshaken.

"There is nothing in this war to change one's opinion of war or of the possibility and necessity of international peace. The 'anarchy of armament' is sure to make war a possibility, but this 'anarchy of armament' is only a temporary thing.

"Civilization is playing a great game against murderers, robbers, duellists and sticklers on honor. In this game it must win every game or lose the whole series."

## MONTENEGRO BACKS UP ON PEACE

### King Nicholas Finds Terms Imposed by Austria for the Surrender of His Country Too Exacting to Accept

(By United Press Leased Wire)

Rome, Jan. 20.—The Montenegrins have renewed hostilities against Austria, it was officially announced today.

Reports had been current that Austrian peace terms were not satisfactory to Montenegro, though she a few days ago asked an end to the struggle.

The Montenegrin minister informed the foreign office that King Nicholas and the Montenegrin government had refused all the Austrian terms. Moreover, the Montenegrin prime minister sent a message declaring that fighting had been resumed on all fronts, and that King Nicholas is with his troops.

The Montenegrin minister expressed regret at the harsh criticism of King Nicholas in the Italian press and denounced as untrue the charge that the king had made a secret agreement with Austria two months ago.

## ANOTHER SHIP LEAVES PACIFIC COAST RUN

Seattle, Jan. 20.—Another coastwise vessel was taken over today for off-shore trade when the City of Pueblo, which has been plying between Seattle and California points, was signed to sail for Yokohama, Kobe and Hong Kong. She was taken over by Struthers & Dixon, of San Francisco, from the Pacific Coast Steamship company, and will sail from San Francisco February 17.

## PREPAREDNESS TOUR OF WILSON MAPPED

Washington, Jan. 20.—President Wilson's itinerary in behalf of his preparedness program will include Pittsburg, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Des Moines, and Davenport, the White House announced today.

## DEVASTATION IN WAKE OF STORM AND FLOOD IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Jan. 20.—Leaving death, ruin and millions of dollars' damage in their wake, floods which have swept extensive areas of southern California for nearly a week slowly subsided today. The rain stopped and there was a blue sky for the first time in many days.

With six known dead around Los Angeles, and four reported perished in the Tia Juana river bottoms, below San Diego, the fatality toll stood at 10 this morning.

Damage around Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Pomona, which were probably hardest hit, will be over the \$2,000,000 mark, according to present indications. Additional damage of more than \$1,000,000 is described in dispatches from farther south.

Repair work is being rushed. Thousands of acres of rich ranching land are smeared with mud and littered with debris. The highway systems will not be in good condition for weeks. Railroads hope to establish normal conditions by Saturday or Sunday.

San Diego, Jan. 20.—With clear skies overhead for the first time in a

## FAILURE FOR GARRISON'S PLAN

### Senator Chamberlain, Head of Military Committee, to Oppose Continental Army Idea of War Secretary

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 20.—Secretary of War Garrison's plan for a continental army is apparently doomed. Moreover, other features of the administration preparedness program are so confused that any measure passing both houses is likely to be a compromise.

Friends of Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, military committee chairman, expect him to announce soon his open opposition to the continental plan. Moreover, General Leonard Wood's expressions against this scheme have tended to increase antagonism to it. If Chamberlain takes his anticipated course, then the preparedness situation will be this:

Secretary Garrison favoring the continental plan.

Chairman Hay of the house military committee supporting the idea of building up the militia.

Senator Chamberlain favoring his bill for universal service as in the Australian system.

Half a dozen other plans of varying kinds.

One outcome suggested as the result of this situation is that Garrison may abandon his advocacy of the continental system.

Senator Chamberlain announced today he would favor Garrison's scheme only as a second choice.

"Like General Wood, I favor compulsory service under a short term enlistment, with the provision of allowing a soldier to be discharged into the reserve when an authorized officer pronounces him efficient. This should be a wonderful stimulant to ambitious young men.

"The continental army plan is unsatisfactory, and it lacks effectiveness. But possibly it has one political advantage which the other plans lack—President Wilson favors it. For my part, if I can not get pie, I will take pudding."

## FLOODS TAKE OUT ALL BRIDGES NEAR PHOENIX, ARIZ.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 20.—Phoenix is menaced by floods this afternoon. Bridges are out on every railroad. The Santa Fe Overland limited is stalled at Ash Fork. A detour attempted through Phoenix via the Southern Pacific lines failed when a bridge over the Gila river 25 miles from here collapsed.

More than 1,000 men are battling to save the great Central avenue bridge. The Salt river fell one foot after a clear day, and decreased the danger.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 20.—Water was creeping into the south half of Phoenix today as the Salt river floods rose steadily. Several bridges have been washed out. Reports from all over the state indicate flood conditions which may prove as bad as those in southern California. The damage is said to be almost \$1,000,000. So far only one man, John Hicks, of Los Angeles, has been reported missing, although many are in imminent peril.

Scores of volunteers labored today strengthening the levee four miles north of Phoenix, which protects the capital from the usual spring torrents. The water is lapping the top of the levee despite all efforts to build it higher. At Tempe it is reported the militia was called out to work on dams and levees. The Gila, Colorado, San Francisco and Salt rivers are all rising rapidly. Near Yuma water is rushing over Laguna dam in unprecedented volume. About 1,500 people, including several hundred transcontinental travelers, are marooned at Yuma. For their entertainment, municipal balls and other entertainments are being staged.

Traffic over the Arizona & New Mexico railroad has stopped on account of washouts and landslides. At Clifton the water was a foot deep in the lobby of the Clifton hotel, while militiamen stationed there to overawe the copper strikers worked side by side with laborers rushing repairs on weakened levees.

Residences in the northern part of Clifton were moved to higher ground this morning as the water rose in the streets. From Winkelman, near Globe, Ariz., came a report that 25 houses were demolished when the Gila river cut through the eastern part of town. Roads in the Globe region are impassable.

## AMERICAN EXPRESS CO. IS AWARDED DAMAGES

Washington, Jan. 20.—The interstate commerce commission today awarded damages against the American Express company and others for unreasonable charges on fresh fish shipped from Celilo, Oregon, to New York.

## ANNOUNCE POLICY IN BLOCKADE SOON

(By United Press Leased Wire)

London, Jan. 20.—Answering a query in parliament today, Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary, announced that the government position toward American trade statistics and the proposed actual ally blockade of Germany probably will be announced next week. He did not indicate, however, how far the government is prepared to go to prevent shipments from reaching Germany.

Concerning recent newspaper charges that the present blockade is a "farce," Grey said that they had "unfairly misrepresented the facts."

The promptness with which the government discredited the article of an English correspondent at Washington who claimed increased American exports to neutral countries were intended indirectly to reach Germany, was regarded as an indication that England plans no drastic step.

## VILLA SENDS CARRANZA A DEFI

### Rebel Chieftain, Whose Life Is to Be Forfeited on Sight, Sends Word to Mexican Leaders to Seek Him Out

El Paso, Jan. 20.—From General Villa's stronghold in the Sierra Madres came today a deft to General Carranza, following the latter's issuance of an order proclaiming Villa's life forfeited on sight.

"Come and get me," was the substance of the rebel chieftain's challenge which filtered through to Carranza followers waging a campaign of extermination against Villa and his bandits.

From this defiance Carranzista leaders interpreted that Villa intends to make a last-ditch fight when cornered. They believe he will struggle with the fatalistic abandon which marks most Mexicans; hence, they scarcely expect to take him alive.

Carranza's proclamation is but a formality. Villa could scarcely escape even without it once the Carranzistas tracked him. But the rebel leader is in a secure hiding spot in the mountains, and none but his most trusted leaders can approach him. From his secluded den his men have been making unexpected thrusts for food and loot among the ranches of western Chihuahua and northern Durango, leaving a trail of terror and horror. Already some of Villa's hidden stores of ammunition have been captured, in addition to some of his bandits. Execution of the latter is slated for Chihuahua City.

In the group are some of the men responsible for the massacre of 18 Americans at Santa Ysabel. In pursuance of the Carranzistas' campaign of "frightfulness," their bodies will be displayed, naked, in a public spot. Publication today of the official report on the mutilations of the Santa Ysabel victims renewed the anti-Mexican feeling here.

The report showed soft-nosed bullets had torn a gaping hole in one body; that other victims had been sabred; that most of the corpses showed bruises where the marauders had hammered them after shooting them, to ascertain if there was still any life. In every case there was evidence of torture. The whole message, now going forward to Washington, told a grim story of horror seldom equalled among civilized or semi-civilized peoples.

## FLOUR PRICE HAS AGAIN BEEN ADVANCED

Portland, a.Jn. 20.—All grades of flour jumped 20 cents a barrel here again today. The new price is \$5.60.

## WATER POWER TRUST HOUSTON'S CHARGE

Washington, Jan. 20.—Existence of a gigantic water power trust was charged today in Secretary of Agriculture Houston's report to the senate.

This declared that a grave monopolizing tendency had grown up through common ownership of stocks and through the community of interests between banking and financial circles.

Municipal plants, he said, invested only \$138 per horsepower developed, while private plants invested \$301. Forty-two per cent of the power of the country is in Oregon, Washington and California.