

# AMERICAN NAVY GONE TO SMASH ASSERTS MEYER

### Taft's Former Secretary of Navy Says Warships No Good, Unprepared, Inferior and Crippled—Shortage of Men Reported—Target Practice Same as Years Ago.

NEW YORK, June 15.—George von L. Meyer, who was secretary of the navy in President Taft's cabinet, addressing the peace and preparation conference of the National Security League today, said the American navy is deteriorating and urged that a comprehensive plan for national defense should be made obligatory upon the next congress.

Lack of battle cruisers, airships, armed aeroplanes and men; lack of a naval reserve of experienced men, of a comprehensive policy of national defense, of general public knowledge of the navy's condition; reduction of complements of some ships to man other and newer ships, and general unpreparedness of many battleships and other fighting units were enumerated as instances of naval inferiority. Mr. Meyer said in part:

**Ships Are Unprepared**  
"Of thirty-three battleships, we have only twenty-one that are fitted for service without long delay. Furthermore, we have about seventy miscellaneous fighting ships not prepared for service in case of emergency."

"Our submarines are in a crippled condition. The complement of all torpedo destroyers has been reduced from 15 to 25 per cent to get men to command new boats. The Atlantic fleet alone needs 5000 men."

"For lack of men, ships are laid up at navy yards, where they rapidly deteriorate, like a vacant house."

"The statement of Assistant Secretary Roosevelt that we need 18,000 men is undoubtedly true."

**Sneers at Target Practice**  
"The target practice this last year is no better than it was ten years ago. Congress is negligent in not having established a national council of defense, a general staff and an organized naval reserve of 50,000 experienced men."

Reforms and efficiency must be preceded, he said, by an investigation of actual conditions, which he asserted had "been denied the people by the party in power."

**Bonaparte Tells Trouble**  
Charles J. Bonaparte, former secretary of the navy, speaking today before the conference, said the difficulty of diverting the attention of congressmen from matters in their own districts to affairs affecting the entire nation was a real one. "They are too much interested in the important questions agitating Podunk," he asserted, "to pay attention to the question of national defense."

Mayor Curley of Boston said he shared with President Wilson the belief that the United States was too proud to fight.

"But away down deep in our hearts," he added, "we all sincerely wish that it might be possible for us to exchange this phrase for another—too powerful to fight."

# SOL JOEL'S POMMERN WINS NEW DERBY

NEWMARKET, June 15.—Sol Joel's Pommern today won the "New Derby Stakes," a race instituted to replace the classic event at Epsom Downs, cancelled this year on account of the war. The winner was followed by Let Fly and Rosendale. Seventeen horses started.

Today's race was a sweepstakes of \$500 each with \$5,000 added by Lord Derby, and was for horses entered for the Epsom Derby. Among the starters were August Belmont's Danger Rock, and H. B. Duryc's Chickamauga. The betting against Pommern was 11 to 100, against Let Fly 10 to 1, and against Rosendale, 40 to 1. Pommern was the winner of the 2000 guinea stakes run at Newmarket April 28.

# WEDDING BELLS

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Billings, 18 South Myrtle street, at 8 o'clock Monday evening, when J. H. Tingley and Miss Cora I. Benton were united in holy wedlock. H. M. Branham, pastor of the Oakdale Avenue Methodist church, performed the ceremony.

# Bryan IS for War!—With Demon Rum



# BURNS ARRESTED FOR LAND GRANT SWINDLE

LOS ANGELES, June 15.—Under indictment in Medford, Or., J. T. Burns, a real estate man of that city, was arrested here today by the United States marshal's office. It is alleged he used the mails to defraud, obtaining money from J. H. Watt and others for filing applications on fruit and timber lands near Holland and Kirbyville, Or., representing himself to be agent for the Oregon & California railroad. It is believed Burns will fight extradition.

Burns was formerly in the real estate business at Grants Pass, later at Medford. While here he deserted his wife and went to California and was wanted for wife desertion. Mrs. Burns secured a divorce. The indictment referred to in the above was the result of the federal grand jury probe into railroad land grant locations by swindlers.

# COTTON PAYMENT RELIEVES BANKERS

NEW YORK, June 15.—Bankers and marine insurance interests here were gratified today by news from London that the British government had paid an installment of more than \$300,000 on a cargo of American cotton seized while en route to Sweden. In March and April, Great Britain detained in all twenty-six ships carrying 200,000 bales of cotton, valued at \$12,000,000. Drafts drawn against these shipments were discounted by bankers and trust companies in New York. They fall due within a few days and anxiety had been expressed over the possibility of losses from delay on the part of Great Britain in paying for the cotton.

Most of the cotton seized and taken to British ports was consigned to Holland, Sweden or Denmark. The British order in council directed that it be disposed of in England at the contract price.

# MISS M'ADOO HOME FROM NURSING ALLIES

NEW YORK, June 15.—Miss Nona McAdoo, daughter of William G. McAdoo, daughter of William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, returned today on the steamer Rochambeau to New York from France, where she has been nursing wounded soldiers for the last four months.

Miss McAdoo was met by her father, upon whose request she returned to America. This request was prompted, she said, by her father's belief that she would be unable to stand the strain of a long period of nursing. Miss McAdoo denied reports that she had decided to give up nursing because she had been ordered to scrub floors and do other menial work at the hospital.

"That is absurd and false," she said. "The nurses are kept busy nursing and there is plenty of help to do the other work. There seemed to be plenty of nurses and plenty of medical supplies and equipment."

# PRESIDENT JOINS STONE MASON'S UNION

WASHINGTON, June 15.—President Wilson today became a member of the local union of Journeymen Stonemasons. Representatives of the union who were present when Mr. Wilson recently laid the cornerstone of the American Red Cross memorial building here, brought him a card of honorary membership.

President McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft also accepted honorary memberships in unions during their tenure of office.

# YOUNG MORGAN WEDS COMPOSER'S DAUGHTER

DEDHAM, Mass., June 15.—Junius Spencer Morgan, son of J. P. Morgan of New York, and Miss Louise Converse, daughter of Frederick S. Converse, a composer of Boston, were married at St. Paul's Episcopal church here at noon. The ceremony was witnessed by about 300 friends and relatives.

The bride was attended by her sisters, Augusta and Marie, and by Miss Jane Morgan, a sister of the bridegroom.

# PERJURORS ARREST BRINGS SNEER FROM PRESS OF BERLIN

BERLIN, June 15.—The Vossische Zeitung comments as follows on the arrest in Cincinnati of Heinz Hardenberg, said to be a member of the German aviation corps, in connection with the investigation of the Lusitania disaster by the federal grand jury in New York:

"It is decidedly a remarkable manner of conducting an investigation that persons who make statements varying from those of American port officials should be intimidated by arrest on suspicion of perjury."

The Tages Zeitung, speaking of the same case, remarks:

"And what of port officials, who gave false testimony?"

The Tagliche Rundschau refers to the arrest of Gustav Stahl in the same case and declared the Hardenberg incident is astonishing. "One is justified in asking if there is a system in it." This paper remarks, "whether it is a plan to shut the mouths of or render suspicious in advance, those witnesses who testify to anything against England (and against America, which permitted the armed Lusitania to leave port)."

"In any event, this interception of witnesses demands our full attention."

# BRITISH DENY LOSS WARSHIP AGEMEMNON

LONDON, June 15.—Official denial was made today of the report circulated in the United States that the British battleship Agamemnon had been sunk in the Dardanelles by a German submarine. It was further announced that no other unit, not already officially reported had been lost at the Dardanelles.

# WILSON READY TO PROMOTE PEACE

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Reports that the United States had declined to become a party to efforts in various neutral countries to make peace in Europe were said by President Wilson today to be untrue. He declared the Washington government had done everything that could be legitimately done to encourage any movement that might lead to peace or an accommodation of interests in Europe.

The president said Colonel House who recently investigated the peace prospects in Europe, had not been sent for by him, but he expected to see the colonel here soon. At present Colonel House is visiting one of his daughters in Massachusetts.

# VENIZELOS WINS GREAT VICTORY

LONDON, June 15.—It is apparent that the former premier of Greece, M. Venizelos, and his followers have won an overwhelming victory in the Grecian general elections. The latest news claims a majority of two-thirds for the war party in parliament. The British press is of the opinion that this means a deliberate choice on the part of the Grecian people to cast their lot with the allies—Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy.

Reports from Paris make mention of slight progress all along the line, but nothing is said of the situation north of Arras, where the Germans have rallied and recaptured some of their lost trenches.

# \$50.00 PRIZE SLOGAN GOLD SEAL BUTTER CONTEST

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Each contestant may submit not more than five slogans.

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