

DANIELS WELCOMES NAVAL GRADUATES INTO REAL SERVICE

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 2.—Secretary Daniels today welcomed the graduating class at the naval academy into actual naval service with an address counseling a steady confidence on their part of the training and studies begun at Annapolis in order that the navy, dependent upon their knowledge for efficient expansion and keeping, might remain equipped and prepared always for any emergency. The secretary told the graduates they were coming into the navy at the period of its largest expansion, its highest efficiency, and when lessons from Europe point directly to the need of trained men in war, if human life is to be spared from the killing of men unprepared and unskilled in the science of military.

"We have learned as never before during the present world war," the secretary said, "that courage on the field of battle is the commonest, as well as the most glorious attribute of our humanity. The man who in patriotic outbursts hurries to volunteer on land or sea often fails to appreciate the fact that his service lacks the highest value unless he is trained in arms. The pathos of human lives sacrificed in war because of unpreparedness is the saddest lesson taught by the European war. It is a lesson which has served to awaken America to the need of training men."

The training that produces skill and efficiency, said the secretary, should be encouraged among naval officers after they are graduated at the navy to profit by their service. "Another lesson of the war and one needed in America," he continued, "is that industrial preparedness must go hand in hand with building battle cruisers and other naval craft and securing more trained officers and men."

WILSON SPEAKS TO GRADUATES AT NAVAL ACADEMY

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 2.—President Wilson unexpectedly made an address to the naval academy graduates at the commencement exercises here today, declaring that great responsibilities rest on naval officers of the United States. He had not planned to speak, but said he felt a particular interest in this year's class because it saw him "set into trouble at his inauguration three years ago."

The president declared that he gained a liberal education in the White House. He said that discipline in the academy must be strict "because you are more than college boys; you are officers of the United States, and any laxity of duty cannot be overlooked. There might come a time," he added, "when a laxity in duty might change the world's history."

"The personal feeling I have for you is this: We are all bound together, I for the time being, and you permanently, under a special obligation, the most solemn that the world can conceive. The fortunes of a nation are confided to us. Now, that ought not to depress a man. Sometimes I think that nothing is worth while that is not lived. You do not improve your minds by doing the easy things; you improve it by doing the hard things, and you get your zest by doing a thing that is difficult, not a thing that is easy. I would a great deal rather, so far as my sense of enjoyment is concerned, have something strenuous to do than to have something that can be done leisurely and without a stimulation of the faculties. Therefore, I congratulate you that you are going to live your lives under the most stimulating compulsion that any man can feel—the sense, not of private duty, merely, but of public duty also."

"If peace is concluded through the friendly intervention of the president of the great American republic or through his Catholic majesty, the king of Spain, his holiness will equally think the Almighty that an end should at least have been put to the butchery which is the suicide of Europe."

TROLLEYS CEASE OPERATING IN BUTTE THROUGH STRIKE

BUTTE, Mont., June 2.—Butte is to feel the pressure of the strike of the workmen's union now in progress here first through its transit system. Many cars of the Electric Railway company are out of commission this morning and service on many of the lines has been curtailed. The men who repair the cars at night and who clean them are on strike and already an order cutting off all car service after midnight has been put into effect.

The action of the Employers' association in closing down all jobs and plants effected by the strike of the workmen's union has resulted in the stopping of work for nearly 1000 men. Janitor service in all the larger stores has been suspended.

The strike committee of the Silver Bow Trades and Labor council was in session, but gave out no statement as to developments when it adjourned.

While the laborers of the water and electric lighting companies are out it is authoritatively stated that help is available to prevent interruption in the city's water supply.

EDEN PRECINCT

Those from Phoenix who did trading in Medford Saturday were Mrs. E. G. Coleman and daughter, Mrs. Fay, Mrs. Lisle Stancliff, Mrs. Mayron Stancliff.

Mrs. A. S. Furry and Mrs. M. Rose of Phoenix were trading in Ashland last Friday.

H. H. Flurey of Wagner Creek was a Medford visitor Saturday.

C. Carey and wife did trading in Medford Saturday.

W. E. Anderson and family, Otto Caster and wife, J. E. and Mrs. Grafis of North Eden were Medford visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Cate of Medford came up to Phoenix Tuesday for Decoration day.

Mrs. H. H. High of Talent left Wednesday for Doris, Cal., for a visit with her parents. She went out with her father-in-law, William High, by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rader of Eagle Point spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rader of Phoenix.

Mrs. C. T. Payne, Mrs. M. Kinsman, Mrs. S. Patterson of Ashland came down to Phoenix Decoration day.

Visitors at C. Carey's Decoration day were: Mr. and Mrs. William High, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilkes of Doris, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Knighton of Eagle Point, Mrs. Lisle Knighton and son, Chester, of Talent, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grafis of North Eden.

Graduation exercises were held at Phoenix school Tuesday and were very nice. All the high school class passed and all the eighth grade but one. Your correspondent not being able to be in attendance, cannot at this writing give the names of all in the two grades.

BRITISH FLEET SUFFER DISASTER IN GREAT CONFLICT

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men on board, and others of the vessels sunk carried complements of men usually or nearly as large.

The dreadnaught Warspite was a sister ship of the Queen Elizabeth, both of which played a prominent part in the attempt of the British Mediterranean fleet to force the Dardanelles. The Warspite was 650 feet long and displaced 27,500 tons. She was built in 1914 at a cost of \$12,500,000. The Warspite is reported to have carried eight 16-inch guns in place of the 15-inch guns carried by the Queen Elizabeth. She also was equipped with twelve or sixteen 6-inch guns, twelve 4-inch guns, four three-pounders and was fitted with four 21-inch torpedo tubes. Her complement was 750.

Huge Battle Cruisers

The Queen Mary and the Indefatigable were both British battle cruisers of 27,000 and 18,750 tons displacement, respectively. The Queen Mary was 520 feet long, 87 feet beam and drew 30 feet of water. She was completed in 1913. She carried eight 13.5-inch guns, sixteen 4-inch guns and was equipped with three 21-inch torpedo tubes.

The Indefatigable was 578 feet long, 79 1/2 feet beam and 27 1/2 feet deep. This battle cruiser was equipped with eight 12-inch guns, sixteen 4-inch guns and had three 21-inch torpedo tubes. The Queen Mary and the Indefatigable carried complements of 400 and 350. The Queen Mary cost about \$10,000,000, while the Indefatigable cost nearly \$8,000,000.

Destroyed Ships

The British dreadnaught Marlborough said to have been struck by a torpedo, was of the Iron Duke class.

She was built at Devonport in 1914, displaced 25,000 tons, was 620 feet long, 95 1/2 feet beam and 27 feet deep. She carried ten 13.5-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns and a number of smaller arms. She also was equipped with four submerged torpedo tubes.

The Invincible was laid down in 1907. She displaced 17,250 tons, was 562 feet long over all, 78 feet beam and 26 feet deep. Her normal complement was 731. She was armed with eight 12-inch guns, sixteen 4-inch guns and three torpedo tubes. The Invincible took part in the naval engagement off the Falkland islands in December, 1914, in which the German Pacific squadron, after defeating a British squadron off the Chilean coast, was destroyed.

The Defense was built in 1907, displacement 14,600 tons and ordinarily carried 755 men. Her length was 525 feet, her beam 74 feet and her maximum draught 28 feet. She was armed with four 9.2-inch and ten 7.5-inch guns, sixteen 12-pounders and five torpedo tubes.

The Black Prince was built in 1904, displaced 15,550 tons and carried 704 men. She was 480 feet long and 73 feet beam. Her armament was six 9.2 and ten 6-inch guns, twenty 3-pounders and three torpedo tubes.

The Warrior, which was disabled, displaced 15,600 tons and is 480 feet long. Her complement is 704. She carries six 9.2-inch and four 7.5-inch guns, twenty-four 3-pounders and three torpedo tubes.

German Losses

The German battleship Pommern, which was sunk by a British torpedo, displaced 12,997 tons. She was 398 feet long, 72 feet beam and 25 feet deep. The Pommern was built in 1907 at a cost of about \$6,000,000. She carried 729 officers and men. Her armament consisted of four 11-inch guns, fourteen 6.7-inch guns, a number of pieces of smaller caliber and six 17.7-inch torpedo tubes.

The Frauenlob, which did not return to the German base after the naval engagement, was a small German cruiser displacing 2715 tons.

Previous to this battle Great Britain had lost during the course of the war ten battleships, eleven cruisers

and various smaller craft. Germany had lost 18 cruisers, 18 auxiliary cruisers, chiefly converted passenger liners, and numerous smaller vessels. Since the beginning of the war British cruisers and destroyers have patrolled during day and night the approaches to the German fleet's base in the bay formed by the mouths of the Elbe and the Weser, protected

by the mighty fortifications of Wilhelmshaven on the south, on the north by the supposedly impregnable defenses of the Kiel canal and guarded by the outlying island of Helgoland. Until the engagement that has just occurred, however, no German fleet has put forth in force to necessitate the giving of the alarm to the British fleet.

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