

UNITED STATES SHOULD BE PROUD OF SHIPS AND MEN

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gress. It takes the five-year program of the general board and changes it into a three-year program. It will restore us to second place and enable the United States to meet on equal terms any power in the world, save one.

"Four battleships at once and six more within three years. The great clash at the mouth of the Skagerrack gave a test to every theory. As a result, naval authorities are now agreed that the battleship is still the principal reliance of navies. As never before, it is proved that victory or defeat rests with the dreadnought.

"Four battle cruisers at once, and two more within three years. This will remedy one of our chief weaknesses. Nothing is more necessary than an adequate information service to provide early and continuous intelligence of an enemy's movements. This is the function of the battle cruiser. Also, in addition to speed and endurance, she has great offensive power, so that, if called upon, she can fight for information and break through a hostile screen. Aside from offering security and information to the main body of battleships, the battle cruiser can be used to protect sea routes, both military and commercial, and can aid the battleships in general action by taking up a favorable torpedo position where her speed and heavy guns will be effective. The Skagerrack proves conclusively, however, that the battle cruiser cannot give and take with dreadnoughts.

New Ships Added.

"Seven cruisers four, and six more to come. More eyes for the fleet. Absolutely necessary."

After placing a matter-of-fact "O. K." on the three fuel ships, the two ammunition ships, the hospital ship, a repair ship and a transport, also the two gunboats and various tenders he moved to the submarines.

"Like the battle cruiser," he said, "the submarine has been permitted to gain a very exaggerated value. It is, of course, a most useful auxiliary, whose importance will no doubt increase, but at present there is no evidence that it will become supreme. The bill provides for nine fleet submarines, three coast submarines, 800-ton type, and fifty-five submarines, smaller type, provisions that are in line with the recommendations of the general board.

"A feature of the Skagerrack engagement," he continued, "was the convincing demonstration of the usefulness of the destroyer. These tiny ships, primarily designed to serve the purpose of a screen, to be ordered for the big ships, have been regarded as incapable of attacking first-class ships in the daytime. Under cover of darkness or fog the destroyers were intended to creep in on the dreadnoughts, fire their torpedoes and then dash for safety. The German destroyers descended upon the British fleet in broad daylight, and the destroyers of both fleets played an important part in the fighting. We feel that the bill's provision for fifty destroyers is amply justified. So!" He turned in the chair and clapped his hands together. "It is a bill that gives us strength and, best of all, a bill that gives us balance. A great navy and truly proportioned."

Not a Militarist.

"Granting all that," I said, "but what about the need of it?" As carefully and fairly as possible, I presented the feeling of many people in many western and middle west states—a feeling that this expenditure of millions on the navy was a departure from American traditions, a hysterical surrender to the madness that has had hold on kings.

"I know that I am not a militarist," he said. "Those who have never seen war or who have only played at war, may talk in terms of jingoism, but men who know what war is and what war does are the last in the world to approach it in any swash-buckling fashion. I hope the day will come when peace and justice rule the world, but that day is not yet here. Not all our idealism can brush away facts. If we are to dwell in peace we must be able to protect that peace."

He walked to the open window and pointed to the shining stretches of the sea. "Look at our coast line! From Maine to the canal; from the canal to Alaska! Russia has had to maintain two distinct fleets, one in the Baltic, one in the Black sea. Our problem is much the same. We cannot be said to have met our defensive needs until we are able to maintain a fleet in the Pacific ocean as well as in the Atlantic. Our geography, the immensity of our coast line, join to make the senate navy bill a minimum requirement. No, no," he exclaimed, "we must accept conditions as we

find them, although this does not mean that we are to give up hope of changing the conditions.

Be a Peace Power.

"Given this increase," he declared, "given the ships and men that this bill provides, and the United States, as never before, will be a peace power, able at all times to protect and to advance its standards. Every cent appropriated by this bill is payment on an insurance policy."

"Tell me, Admiral Dewey," and I braced myself for the momentous question, "has Secretary Daniels demoralized the navy?"

"Bosh!" The exclamation was one of disgust and indignation. "Facts and figures tell their own story. The navy was 5000 short of the number of enlisted men allowed by law; over 6000 have been added, although more rigid examinations have forced the rejection of five out of every six. Only 52 per cent of honorably discharged seamen were re-enlisting. For more than a year about 90 per cent have re-enlisted. Desertions have been cut in half and discipline has been improved to an extent that has permitted the restoration of a prison ship and a disciplinary barracks to normal uses. No, sir, the navy is not demoralized and those who make the charge are guilty of falsehood and misrepresentation."

"The law that opens the naval academy to fifteen enlisted men each year is more than a good idea—it is democracy.

Education Necessary.

"Education is our solid rock. Not only do the schools make better citizens, but they make better sailors. We want our youngsters trained in intelligence as well as in hands, so that if officers go, the ship can still be fought. No, sir!" he exclaimed, "Opening the door of promotion to the enlisted man, giving him an elementary, technical or industrial education, as may be deemed fittest—are American policies."

"What about the famous drinking order?"

"A good thing. Practically every European power has copied the order, by the way."

"And marksmanship? Is it true that our gunners can't hit the side of a barn?"

"Here are some facts. From 1909 on, we did go down, owing to the discontinuance of elementary practice. But we've pulled up, Admiral Fletcher, reporting on the 1915 target practice, says this: 'It is believed that the scores recorded are higher than ever before in the open sea.' The recent practices were held at ranges of 16,000, 17,000 and 18,000 yards, which are even longer than the longest ranges at which firing has occurred in the European war. About ten out of twenty shots would have hit an enemy ship at 18,000 yards. Do you know," he said, almost confidentially, "I believe our boys are the best gunners in the world."

Civilian Secretary.

"You believe, then, that the secretary of the navy should be a civilian?"

"Absolutely. He represents the people, and the closer he is to the people the better."

"I have been in the navy since 1854. Against the slanders that have been heaped upon the service that I love, I want to say again that never in my knowledge has the material and personnel been so efficient. The last few years have been very wonderful years for the United States navy."

"This is more than I have talked for years. But I want the people of the United States to know that it is all right with the navy. There is no demoralization, no lack of discipline, no absence of enthusiasm. The navy has never failed America. It will not fail."

ALLIES WIN ON TWO FRONTS

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village of Czerniewice, 40 miles northeast of Kovel.

Austrians Repulsed.

ROME, Aug. 18.—The Austrians launched an attack last night on the left wing of the Italian forces on the Carso plateau. It was announced officially today that the assault was checked by the fire of the Italian batteries.

"Along the whole front artillery actions occurred," the statement says. "Hostile batteries shelled the town of Gorizia and the Isonzo bridges. Yesterday evening after heavy artillery fire, the enemy began an attack against the left wing of our positions on the Carso. It was checked promptly by the effective fire of our batteries."

Fleety Captured.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—The remainder of the ruins of the edge of the village of Fleury on the Verdun front, was captured last night by the French the war office announced today. The battle continued violently all night long and the French won their way forward foot by foot.

Public Stenographer.

Margaret E. Daily, Hotel Holland, Phone 119.

HAY WITHDRAWS ALL OBJECTIONS TO NAVAL BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Prospects of a congressional row over President Wilson's veto of the army appropriation bill went glimmering today and the attitude of Chairman Hay of the house military committee was one of acquiescence toward passing the bill with such a resolution on the articles of war as the president and war department deem necessary. Chairman Hay, it became known, will not oppose the bill when it comes back from the senate containing the new articles of war, but not the exemptions to retired officers, which caused the president to veto the bill.

Chairman Hay, who will retire from congress next month to take a place on the court of claims, today denied that his objection to the exemption article was inspired by former Adjutant General Ainsworth or any other retired officer. The congressman himself identified the officer whose name has been used in this connection as General Ainsworth.

Chairman Hay said his advocacy of the exemption article resulted from instances of injustice to retired officers he had observed.

DANISH SOCIALISTS FAVOR ISLAND SALE

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 19.—The socialist party adopted a resolution in a caucus today expressing its willingness to be represented in a coalition cabinet in order not to prevent the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. It was stipulated in the resolution, however, that this action would be taken only on condition that the home and foreign defense policy of the new cabinet should remain unchanged.

As the opposition, the conservative and left parties, is unwilling to accept this condition, this means that a coalition ministry is impossible.

NO MATERIAL CHANGE IN PARALYSIS EPIDEMIC

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The end of the eighth week of the epidemic of infantile paralysis was marked by no material change in its development. During the week just passed the disease has neither advanced nor receded to any extent. During the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m., 36 children were killed by the plague and 134 new cases were reported.

HEAVY LOSSES IN LIFE AND PROPERTY IN TEXAS STORM

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 19.—While telephone and telegraph communication with Corpus Christi, Tex., where last night's tropical storm was felt worst, was being restored today, reports filtered in from other sections showing large property damage, a reported loss of life and great destruction to the gulf coast cotton and other crops.

At Rockport, Tex., according to a long-distance message forwarded from Beeville, an inland town, there were several drownings in the gulf, due to fishing parties being caught in the gale. No bodies had been recovered up to noon. Word from Port Aransas, a popular tarpon fishing resort, was still lacking at 1 o'clock, and what damage the storm had done there was only a matter of conjecture.

Linenmen and other parties seeking to reconstruct lines of communication with Corpus Christi had reached the shore of Corpus Christi bay this morning, but could barely see the storm-swept city seven miles distant. These parties reported some damage to the easeway and railway trestle connecting the "bay" of the Corpus Christi peninsula with the mainland.

Brownsville and soldiers' camps on the border went through the storm without loss, although hundreds of tents were razed.

BLOOD OF ADULTS TO SAVE CHILDREN

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—Serum from the blood of Philadelphians, who have had infantile paralysis and recovered is being collected by the health authorities in an effort to check the disease. It was announced today that enough blood serum to supply injections for most of the patients at the Philadelphia hospital would be obtained next Wednesday and that many others had volunteered to contribute blood. Nearly 400 persons, who have recovered from the disease, have sent their names to the health authorities.

The serum will not only be used at the municipal hospital, but also be distributed among physicians, who are attending patients at their homes.

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. In the absence of the pastor the pulpit will be filled by Rev. J. K. Howard of Glendale, who will preach on "Our One Untried Panacea." Union services in the park at 8 p. m.

HUGHES SPEAKS TO WORKINGMEN AT SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Charles Evans Hughes, republican candidate for president, spent the second day of his San Francisco visit talking with workmen at the Union Iron works, luncheon at the Commercial club, conferring with the republican newspaper editors assembled here and addressing a mass meeting in Oakland. Between engagements he viewed as much of San Francisco and the bay section as his limited time allowed.

At the Union Iron works, where the men assembled to hear the former governor, Ignatius Sullivan, a grimy machinist, left his lathe long enough to climb into Mr. Hughes' automobile and introduce him. The candidate repeated his declarations for protective tariff, argued for more liberal working conditions and said he believed in better hours for laborers, old age pensions, proper recreation and safeguards for life and limb.

"You can't make wages out of industrial turmoil," he said. "Endless restlessness must stop. There must be a spirit of co-operation between all. There can be no success of labor without co-operation with capital, and no success of capital without co-operation with labor."

"The government must rest on a foundation formed by contented workers who know they have a share in the nation's prosperity. At present I think the human factor in production has not been recognized enough."

GERMANS CLAIM BRITISH REPULSED

BERLIN, Aug. 19.—The war office report of today says the Germans victoriously resisted the stupendous Anglo-French attack on the Somme front, which was made yesterday, but that between Guillemont and Maurepas the Germans shortened their line somewhat.

COMPENSATION BILL PASSED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The workmen's compensation bill to provide uniform compensation for government employes when disabled and adequate benefits for their families in case of death, was passed today by the senate practically in the same form as it passed the house.

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COOS COUNTY DAY
August 25th.
Trips by rail, and boat to Coquille, Bandon, Myrtle Point, Powers, Coos Bay, Murrel Reef, Cape Arago. Sea food dinner at Charleston Bay. Fishing at Lakeside—Launch trips on Coos Bay.

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