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MEMBER OF OIL COMMITTEE IS GRIEVED BY FACTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, a former member of the oil committee, making an impressive exposition of his views yesterday, declared he approached the subject with a feeling of regret, sorrow and humiliation.

"I have no party to eulogize," said Senator Norris, "and no party to condemn. I have only an interest in the integrity of our common country."

"The investigation into the leasing of oil reserves has shown clearly," he asserted, "that from the beginning there has been an utter disregard of the government policy as laid down by congress and in laws enacted to carry out that policy."

"The very first order (the executive order transferring the reserves from the navy to the interior) upon which all the leases were based," he said, "was to my mind utterly and absolutely illegal."

Pointing out that congress had not been asked to legislate authorizing the transfer, Senator Norris declared it was because those interested knew that congress would not approve it.

"If we are to maintain our institutions, if the public is to live," he said, "it must be through respect and admiration for the law."

"What can you expect from the people if high officials disregard and set them aside with impunity?"

Referring to statements that the leases had been discussed by the cabinet, Senator Norris said he often wondered if the illegality of the contemplated action had not been called to the attention of that body by the eminent secretary of state, a lawyer of highest standing.

"I don't want to dwell upon this point," he added, "because the evidence is not conclusive that the matters were taken before the cabinet."

Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, said Secretary Denby had testified they were not considered at any cabinet meeting he attended.

The Utah senator asked Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, if there had been other evidence on this point.

"I don't recall Secretary Denby so testifying," said Senator Walsh, "but if he had, it would carry no weight with me. Mr. Denby knew nothing about anything."

DECLARES PACIFIC COAST DEFENSE N. G. IN CASE OF WAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—The coast defenses of the northwest, particularly those of the Columbia river, Puget Sound, Grays Harbor and Willapa Bay, "would be utterly unable to protect units of the American battle fleet before they could be able to take up battle formation," Brigadier General Henry D. Todd, commanding the ninth coast artillery district, announced here today.

General Todd recently completed a survey of the northwest coast defenses. "I found the armament to consist of guns designed in 1895 and unable to shoot at ranges beyond 17,000 yards," General Todd reported. "Today each ship of the British 'royal sovereign' class carries eight 15-inch guns and fourteen 6-inch guns, the 15-inch guns being able to outrange our 12-inch guns by at least 10,000 yards. Each ship of the Japanese 'Nagato' class carries eight 17-inch guns and twelve 5.5-inch guns. Consequently the coast defense of the northwest could not offer adequate protection."

"The armament with its accessories, power plants, etc., however old-fashioned as they are, I found in excellent condition."

"While the work entailed on the depleted garrisons is enormous, the morale of both officers and enlisted men was high and everyone seemed to realize that he must do double work to make up for the loss in personnel."

"We always considered that it took at least 1300 coast artillery officers and men to maintain the Puget Sound forts in a serviceable condition and be able to repulse a surprise attack from a raiding force, yet in the Puget Sound forts today, there are but 11 coast artillery officers and 281 enlisted men."

"Conditions are worse in the coast defenses of the Columbia. There the garrison is so small two coast artillery officers and 20 enlisted men for the three forts at the mouth of the Columbia and for the batteries at Grays Harbor and Willapa bay, that all that can be done is to keep the material in good condition."

POLITICIANS BEATEN BY CHIEF OF POLICE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—Brigadier General Smalley D. Butler, director of public safety, has emerged victorious in his first encounter with a group of politicians who sought to interfere in behalf of a police lieutenant demoted because of alleged inefficiency during the director's latest offensive against vice and crime.

General Butler yesterday told the politicians that he was boss of the police and that any sign of political interference would result immediately in his resignation and return to the marine corps.

After a conference with Mayor Kendrick regarding them, the general announced today the mayor had upheld his action.

LISBON LIVES IN FEAR OF OUTRAGE AND VIOLENCE

LISBON, Jan. — Lisbon faces a stormy future, in the opinion of a civil governor of the municipality who has just resigned. Unless proper protective measures are taken, the city may wake up some morning "in a frightful sea of exploding dynamite."

The local politicians are playing with fire, says this former official, whose name is Antonio Vitorino. During his term of office he was afforded many proofs of the existence of terrorist organizations whose purpose is violence. Only a dictatorship supported by armed force and freed from all party politics can insure safety.

WHEN WINTER COMES PHILIPPINES PLAY BALL

MANILA.—The baseball season in the Philippines is now in full swing, and close observers declare that greater interest has been shown in the game than for many years.

The amateur championship of the islands will be decided in February when the annual carnival is held in Manila. By a process of elimination among the various leagues, not only in Manila, but in the outlying provinces, the number of teams will be narrowed down so that the series of games which will decide the championship can be played off in one week.

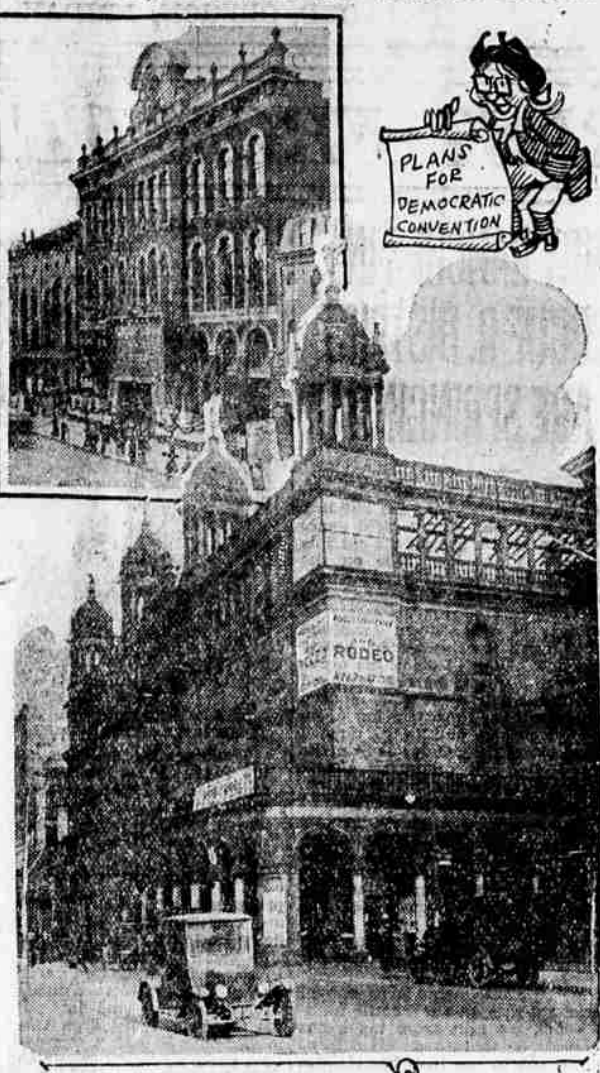
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SAN FRANCISCO'S FIRST SUBWAY IS FOR VEHICLES

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan.—To save seconds for a daily army of 170,000 commuters, as well as to speed up street cars and vehicular traffic at the great Ferry building, San Francisco is building its first subway.

The subway is for vehicles only. It will be 500 feet long, 23 feet in width and will cost \$340,000. The north and south vehicular travel now counts from 600 to 1000 automobiles and

teams an hour. In one rush hour of traffic during the evening more than 390 street cars swing around the Ferry loop.

British Prisoners Put on Honor.

LONDON, Jan. — Prisoners are being put on their honor in various prisons to a greater extent than formerly and it is found that this confidence is not abused to any extent. The plan is to form "honor parties" of prisoners who are trusted to work without continuous supervision.

THREE PARASITES ARE DISCOVERED BY SEATTLE PROFESSOR

SEATTLE, Feb. 1.—Dr. John Guerber, associate professor of zoology at the University of Washington has discovered three parasites two of which are very rare. One of the parasites is of the Aspidogastrea family and has the clam for its host. It is minute in size and is about the same shape and color as the clam. Dr. Guerber said. Another of the parasites was found on a pigeon, entering the bird's body through the skin where feathers have been plucked. This variety has been found three times before Dr. Guerber stated. Aquarium fish are the victims of the third parasite, the faculty member declared. It eats the skin tissues. The only previously recorded observation of this organism was at the world's fair in Chicago in the aquarium exhibit there according to the professor.

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