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Navy Chief Emphasizes Need Of Full Fleet for United States

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Emphasizing the uncertainty of the outcome of the London naval conference, Secretary Swanson in his annual report reiterated a strong recommendation that the American navy be built up to the full strength authorized in the Washington and London pacts.

"The situation in regard to treaties for limitation of naval armaments still remains uncertain and it is impossible to predict the nature of future treaties, if any," he said in his annual report.

"For the present," he said American naval policy was unchanged and he recommended that plans for building new warships to the total 1,123,500 tonnage permitted under the treaties be continued without change.

President Roosevelt has already endorsed that viewpoint by reaffirming the attention of the United States to oppose any bolder moves at the London parity, and to continue this nation's naval construction program.

Swanson reported that "substantial progress" was being made in increasing the navy, with 86 ships, totaling 283,150 tons, now building and appropriated for.

He added that the British empire had 58 vessels of 183,395 tons under construction and Japan was building 41 ships of 117,707 tons.

The United States has treaty authorization to convert 70,925 more tons into approximately 54 ships, Swanson said, and "further appropriations each year for replacement construction, as it becomes due, will be essential to the maintenance of a fleet of full treaty strength and permit such strength to be maintained with the greatest degree of efficiency and economy."

President Roosevelt has under consideration the possibility of building a new battleship to replace the old Arkansas. Swanson revealed that other over age battleships might be scrapped and replaced by new fighting craft.

"Upon the expiration of the present treaties certain battleships will be over age, and, subject to further agreements, the matter of replacement must be considered," he said.

The battleships Nevada, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Arizona reach the treaty replacement age of 20 years during 1936, and the Mississippi becomes over age in 1937.

"A further great need, not yet provided for is a force of auxiliary vessels of improved characteristics and in sufficient numbers for adequate operating maintenance of the combatant forces," the secretary said.

"The present fleet auxiliaries are generally old vessels and all have insufficient speed. New auxiliaries should be provided by a progressive program such as is now under way for combatant ships... as soon as practicable."

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Of course, I don't know any more than the next doctor does whether anything is or can be so absorbed. But I don't believe the intact skin can absorb anything, and I am willing to have the question tested on my skin, provided the tests be properly controlled to protect against inhalation of any of the poison which is applied to my skin, and provided the results of the test be reported to the public—or to the coroner, as the case may be—and both sides agree in advance to abide by the results and to cut out the controversy upon the subject.

Alice Hamilton says tetraethyl lead is absorbed through the skin. All right. Apply it to my skin.

A lot of medical men, pharmacists, chemists and folks who believe all they read and do not think much for themselves have assured me that plenty of iodine or mercury salts or belladonna, or nitroglycerin applied to my skin will soon change my mind. O. K.—if you can get a quorum, hire a hall and procure a supply of the stuff. I'll come on for the experiment. But you've got to do it in the open. No skull-duggery or anonymous monkeybusiness.

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Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D. signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to discuss diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 E. Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

OUR IMPERVIOUS HIDE. The best medical authorities still believe that certain substances are absorbed through the unbroken skin.

To cite just one, there is Alice Hamilton, M.D., whose works on Industrial Poisons and Toxicology are classics of modern medical literature.

Most good physicians probably still harbor convictions about this. Many chemists, pharmacists, research workers and others of scientific bent are quite positive that one thing or another is absorbed through the unbroken skin.

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Hoover Lauds "Y". SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover sees the Y. M. C. A. as an organization providing the youth of the world opportunity for free discussion of social and economic problems.

Bay City Editor Dead. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—(AP)—W. S. "Sam" Leake, once managing editor of the old Morning Call and political figure, died shortly before midnight of an intestinal affliction. He was 69 years old.

Thompson's Condition Stable. The condition of J. C. Thompson, Copco executive ill at the Community hospital, was pronounced "about the same" by hospital attendants last night.

Glass Cage Keeps Texas Triplets from Kiss Of Candidates. CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—(AP)—The triplets sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Harsberg may live the life of a goldfish but they'll be protected from germ laden kisses, Grandfather Charles Piker built a glass cage for their hounds and the curious can look, but they must not touch.

Ghastly Find. AURORA, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Bob Hurst and Delbert Hill, Aurora youths, found the body of an unidentified man in Pudding river near here. The body of the man's clothing were weighted with rocks.

Small Tax Favors. HILLSBORO, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Washington county's 1936 state and county tax levy will total 21.5 mills, an increase of .7 mills, Assessor J. E. Carpenter announced.

GILA BEND, Ariz., Nov. 30.—(AP)—A burned plane found in an arroyo 20 miles west of here was identified today as the wreckage of an army plane which crashed two years ago.

Forest Worker Stabbed. RED BLUFF, Cal., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Charles Ciddie, 21, a member of the Dye Creek forest service camp, 15 miles east, was stabbed to death and Gilbert Norris, 25, was taken into custody today. Police said the men had quarreled over a store bill. No charges were filed.

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Purely personal piffle: I once tried to show my wife how Christy Mathewson would up to pitch and could not straighten up for two days.

Harold Stearns has the top suggestion for a column title: "Of Fleeting Things!" Any time I want a good cry, I go to see Pauline Lord.

Unforgettable aroma: A field of clover after a sudden spring shower. Some day I'm going to the dictionary and see what "Cholly" Knickerbocker quidnunc really is. Our chauffeur now says "All right, all right!" like Major Bowes. Add stroll stoppers: A window of colorful lounging robes.

The theatre's most unaffected producer: Max Gordon. Carolyn Wells, given a year to live two years ago, just had two books and a game she invented, come out the same week. My cousin's Sealham won't eat toast until it's buttered. Best of the illustrated laughs: Those in "Esquire."

I can't eat for watching Jack Dempsey's ball-bearing walk in his restaurant. George M. Cohan turns lack of preparation for radio talks into a punch. I write it "hollow tube," too. Until I can walk across the room and yank one of those English ceiling-high bell pulls I'll always feel "across the track."

Romance: The stranger who thought up the cigaret slogan, "Be Happy, Go Lucky," and walked out of an ad agency with a \$25,000 check. Always an after-glow reading poem by William Rose Benet. Stage sweethearts: I never forget: Christie MacDonnell, Della Fox, Marie Cahill and Flora Zabelle. And no comedienne ever made me laugh more uproariously than Rae Dooley. Favorite candy: Allegretti's.

At 21 my notion of being hot sport was to order a planked white fish at the Hatlin in Cincinnati. Springfield name: Hilda Spung. John Mason Brown, young drama critic, has become the feminine legend draw at Town Hall. When awakened by New York's recent quake I decided on no more mid-night ice box forays. I thought I was Billie in Irish brogue. Captain Bob Bartlett saying "My little M. rise." No two persons have the same sum-up of Paris today. One says it's gayest than ever and the other it's dead as a doornail.

Hendrik Van Loon has done as much as any writing man to make people history conscious. In a six-block walk on the avenue there was but one cane. Not so many spats either! My father named his country hotel for Pierre Laclede. And was always suspicious of pipe smokers. A girl who saw me under the green lights of a quick photograph gallery would never go out with me again. I've never asked Charles B. Driscoll a question about anything he didn't give the correct answer right off. Nobody has written a crack novel of metropolitan locales for type, color, goody mixture of dull and brilliant writing: Ernest Hemingway's "Green Hills of Africa."

One time I was so lost I went tearfully to a police station in Columbus, Ohio. And then started out and got lost all over again. For a bang-up letter, Elsie Robinson dignified about some injustice takes the cake. Radio suggestion: Damon Runyon for one of those coffee hour programs. And Jack Powell, the drummer boy, could write a dandy: "Beating Around the World."

Few actors portray the baffled, hopeful underdog so well as Ernest Truex. Most generous hosts: Rex Cole and William F. Carey. Never see the people you see at horse shows anywhere else. Only articles I lose are gloves. For superb presentation of a circus act: Con Colleanno. Choice bit from a radio speaker: "A very fundamental essential is..." To my notion the best radio speaker from the standpoint of rhythm, diction, pitch, vocabulary and clearness is Alfred McCann. Lady Randolph Churchill's life interests me. Says she: "Every single and separate act of a woman's life, virtue or vice, charity or murder, is motivated by vanity."

No slice of cheese has the ambrosial taste of the one you cut yourself in a country store after a long auto drive. Snide shopping: That absurd raid on the illustrators' private show. Age of the foolish laughter: Lew Lehr. Haunting vista: Moonlight on the balconies in the Vieux Carré of New Orleans. Especially after one of those dinners at Antoine's. Cluste Loftus, Cornelia Oils Skinner or Sheila Barrett cannot equal the identified Kathleen Norris' impersonation of a hag in a sidewalk brawl.

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

GOOD news is contained in this headline: "Killer and Kidnaper Captured."

The killer-kidnaper is Douglas Van Vlack, who abducted his former wife and when stopped by officers shot two of them—one dead on the spot and the other so badly that he has only a fighting chance of recovery.

Now that he is captured, here's hoping he is convicted and hanged. Convicting and hanging them is about the only way to get rid of criminal beasts like that.

THIS paragraph in the story is interesting: "Overcome by the cold, disheveled and FRIGHTENED, Van Vlack was found lying in a roadside ditch two miles north of Hollister. (Near Twin Falls, Idaho)."

These killers are bold and brazen when things are going their way, but not so bold when the tide turns against them.

PROBABLY you're getting tired of war talk, but that's about all there is in the news. Here is some typical war talk: This dispatch comes from Addis Ababa: "The Ethiopian government said its forces under Ras Desta had forced the Italians out of Corabel and Goriagubi by an encircling movement originating at Dolo."

And this dispatch comes from Rome: "One hundred Ethiopians, including two provincial governors, were reported killed in an official communique issued here, describing a battle north of Dolo. Italian losses were announced as four native soldiers killed, five wounded and two missing."

WHEN this war news is OFFICIAL news, you see, you can't believe a word of it. Each side claims the victory.

WHY do honest correspondents of American newspapers send out such stuff. The answer is that that's all they're PERMITTED to send out. Government censors see to that.

Remember, please, that if the government ever gets its fingers on the press in this country, which is one of the few countries in the world having a free press, you won't be able to believe the news you read in peace time.

Honest news and censorship don't go together.

THIS war news paragraph is at least worth reading: "Rain over all fronts impeded somewhat the preparations for new Italian advances. Italian patrols slothing through persistent downpours in pursuing enemy bands from the Tembien and Ghercizia districts."

Fighting ALONE, it will be impossible for the primitive Ethiopians to do much against modern armed Italian forces. But if the weather FIGHTS WITH THEM, they might accomplish something.

Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 Years Ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY. December 1, 1925. (It was Tuesday). European "covenant of peace" signed at London, and "war is outlawed."

Scores of fir trees are wired to lamp posts on Main street, as Christmas decoration for the business district.

Stricter enforcement of Prohibition laws, "promised by all officials."

Strikes and unemployment on decline in land.

Copious rains fall over the valley the past two days, totaling 84 of an inch.

Building permits issued in city for eleven months of year total \$248,795.

F. M. Wilson, returns from Portland, where he underwent a major operation.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY. December 1, 1915. (It was Wednesday). R. E. Smith, "the man who put the ax in taxes" tells how to reduce them in address at public library.

Chicken thieves work overtime robbing stores of city.

George Yantze, a cousin of Gus Newbury, arrives from Pennsylvania for a glimpse of the valley.

Peter, aged king of Serbia, flees on horseback, as Bulgaria dominates diplomatic and military situation in the Balkans.

Henry Ford, auto millionaire, charts a ship to carry "peace envoys to Europe."

Water Superintendent Olin Armstrong, urges citizens to use water sparingly during repairs to water pipe tomorrow, so as not to necessitate shutting off the water entirely.

XMAS PHOTOS. Holiday Specials Now! PEASLEYS—Opposite Holly Theatre.

American Boy Magazine Is Loaded with Adventure. "We try to make a subscription to THE AMERICAN BOY" states Griffith O'Brien, editor, "a round-trip ticket to a world-wide adventure cruise."

"Most boys cannot afford the luxury of travel, but they can afford to settle down under a reading lamp and take an imaginative trip to foreign lands in American Boy stories."

American Boy stories, during the coming year, will tell readers of the exploits of the South Sea in a trading schooner, to the polar wastes behind a dog team, into the Canadian wilderness with the Mounted Police, through the Caribbean with the U. S. Navy, even to the far-away planet of Mars in a space ship!

There'll be true adventures among the lions and chimpanzees of Africa with Captain Carl von Hoffman, famous explorer and ethnologist. In addition there'll be stories about the favorite characters of a million boys—Bonedust Jim Tierney, detective; Square Jaw Davis, engineer; Hiderack, the red-and-gold colt; Connie Morgan, and Douglas Renfrew.

There'll be vocational stories that the coming year will tell readers of life work. Advice on hobbies, sports tips from famous coaches and players, money-earning suggestions, vacation hints, and worthwhile contests.

THE AMERICAN BOY costs only \$1 a year, or \$2 for three years, foreign subscriptions 50 cents a year extra. Send your name, address and remittance to THE AMERICAN BOY, 7430 Second Blvd., Detroit, Mich. Service will start with the issue you specify. On newsstands, 10c a copy.—Adv.

MUSSOLINI CALMS AS FRANCE VOTES TO AID BRITAIN

(By the Associated Press) Italy, center of a European crisis, adopted further steps Saturday to strengthen her already elaborate defenses.

The cabinet, in a lengthy session, ground out 88 defense, economic and financial decrees.

Membership in the supreme council of defense was increased, an application was made to develop oil in Albania; men under 32 were ordered to join the national shooting society; another session was called for Tuesday.

In London, authoritative quarters said Europe tension, principally between Britain and Italy, had lessened.

Premier Mussolini, these sources said, has "changed his tune." They asserted Premier Laval of France has warned Rome against any unprovoked aggression against the British fleet in the Mediterranean, pointing out that Paris would side with the British.

British leaders were represented to feel that further collective action by the league should be supported.

A league committee will meet this week to consider the application of an oil embargo upon Italy. Well-informed but unofficial sources in Rome have said such a sanction would lead to a European war.

Fighting continued in Africa. The Ethiopian government said tribesmen east of Addis Ababa surprised and killed an Italian column, killing 183 of them, with 20 Ethiopians slain.

Pacifist officers in northern Ethiopia said the tribesmen have made numerous rear guard attacks, only to be repulsed. Strong Ethiopian forces were said to be approaching the Italian lines.

Emperor Haile Selassie arrived at Desse to establish a general military headquarters. To his subjects, he said: "If necessary, I will go further, joining the warriors in the trenches."

RETURN HOP OF 'CLIPPER' DEC. 2. MANILA, P. I., Sunday, Dec. 1.—(UP)—Pan-American Airways headquarters today announced the China Clipper would start its return flight to California Monday, Dec. 2.

The takeoff time was set for 6:00 a. m. Manila time (2:00 p. m. Sunday, PST).

Capt. Edwin Musick and his crew of seven were in the cockpit of the huge flying boat as it starts for Guam, first stop of its trip back home to Alameda airport to complete the first round-trip flight with air mail across the Pacific.

OPERATE TO SAVE BOY MOTHER SHOT. SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Nov. 30.—(UP)—Doctors operated tonight in an effort to save the ebbing life of 15-year-old Jesse Livermore, Jr., son of a famous New York stock speculator, shot by his mother in an argument over drinking.

The operation drained blood and fluid which was so congesting one of the youth's lungs that he was in great pain and breathing with difficulty.

Dr. Irving Willis pronounced the operation "probably satisfactory."

In a bit of a mile and a half away, Mrs. Dorothy Livermore, who shot the youth with a rifle yesterday shouting: "I'd rather see you dead than drinking," had not been informed of the operation.

OREGON LICENSES CLOSE TO 300,000

SALEM, Nov. 30.—(AP)—All records for issuance of commercial automobile registrations in Oregon will fall this year, it was announced by Secretary of State Snell, who announced that 290,302 licenses had already been granted this year. Fifteen days still remain before 1936 licenses will be issued.

The previous high mark was in the fiscal year of 1931 when 283,540 licenses were issued. The total dropped to 244,364 in 1933.

Snell reported that a new high in gasoline tax collections would be reached, as taxes totaled \$7,721,000 by the end of October, while in 1934, the best previous year, collections totaled only \$8,262,000.

Willow Springs

WILLOW SPRINGS, Nov. 30.—(SpI)—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elden are giving thanks this year over the glad news they received on the 26th that a little son was born to their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Elden of Portland. The little fellow weighed eight pounds and he and his mother are doing nicely at the Good Samaritan hospital.

There was a large family gathering at the Earl Heft home on Thanksgiving day when Mr. and Mrs. Heft entertained at dinner for Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Orsham of Central Point, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bingham and children, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Thompson and little daughter of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Nichols of this district.

A. V. Carlson left last Wednesday by car for Gull Beach where he was a guest of the Rev. Johnson and family over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heft motored to Portland last Thursday and were guests of Mr. Heft's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Heft over the week-end.

Mr. W. W. Hoyer who has been taking treatments in Ashland for the past six weeks, is at home and able to sit up part of each day. Something she hasn't done for the past year.

Mrs. J. W. Birkholz will entertain the Willow Springs Thursday club on December 5th. Mrs. Sam Anderson and Miss Rose Jones will have charge of the program. A full attendance is hoped for.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Birkholz, Miss Nanoma Johnson, Mrs. W. K. Parker and daughters, Frances and Wynamore enjoyed Thanksgiving day at the J. W. Elden home. It was a day of feasting and good cheer and every one had a fine time.

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