URGENT APPEAL BY NAVY LEAGUE FOR MORE SHIPS

Comprehensive Program of 1903 Curtailed by 'Pork Barrel' Congresses.

U. S. A BACK NUMBER, FEAR

BY ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—[Special.]—A plea for the elimination of "pork barrel" appropriations from army and navy legislation and for a scientific and steady upbuilding of the sea and land forces of the United States was issued today by the Navy league.

At the same time it became known that reports on the superior preparedness of foreign nations for war soon will be laid before President Wilson by Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge and a score of American army and navy officers, who following their tourist relief work in Europe were permitted to witness the operations of the allies and the Germans.

These reports will receive consideration in connection with the formulation of administration policies affecting the army and navy.

Navy Belongs to People.

"Ultra-pacificists think that the United States is in danger of becoming a military power with a military autocracy, cliques, etc. The Navy league recognizes the danger of the United States going to the other extreme and neglecting to consider expert advice.

"The navy belongs to the people and is under the sovereignty of the people. Congress and the executive officers elected by the people have entire control of the navy and the building program.

"The fact that the expert advice of the general board was for twelve years not made public but pigeonholed is a great revelation that the country and congress have considered national defense in too haphazard a manner. A business and statesmanlike conduct of naval and military affairs should include the formulation of policies.

Efficiency a Great Problem.

"Policies should be formulated not only for the upbuilding of the navy but in the direction of increased efficiency and economy. There should be a policy for the consolidation of navy yards and naval stations. There should be a policy for the consolidation of army posts, etc.

"Such policies should result in not only large savings in army and navy appropriations but in increased efficiency for both the army and the navy.

"A national policy regarding navy and army reserves is also needed, and, finally, consistent, continuing policies are needed for both the army and the navy, in relation to the building programs, coast defenses, and the training of an adequate army.

"The Navy league is strongly in favor of a council of national defense for the purpose of formulating army and navy policies and making recommendations to congress."

STREET SPEAKER TO FIGHT BACK AT POLICE AND PRESS.

William Sloan, a Free Thinker, Acquitted of Obstructing Traffic by Jury, Promises Action.

William Sloan of 733 North La Salle street, head of the American Secular union, at 79 West South Water street; a street speaker, and free thinker, was found not guilty of obstructing traffic by a jury in Judge Scott's court in the city hall this afternoon.

Sloan asserted he would take legal action against Lieut. William Fitzgerald of the Chicago avenue station for false arrest, striking and abusing him, as alleged by the defendant in his testimony. He also said he would start proceedings against newspapers which referred to him as an "atheist."

One hundred of Sloan's friends were in court when the jury returned the verdict after seven minutes' deliberation. They made a demonstration when the verdict was read.

GERMANS BUILD LIGHTERS, RUSH TROOPS TO SCHELDT.

Two Shipyards at Kiel Busy Constructing Ships to Carry 500 Men Each—Three Completed.

COPENHAGEN, via London, Oct. 23.—Two shipyards at Kiel, the Germania and the Howard, are building thirty armored lighters capable of carrying 500 men each and traveling at the rate of nine miles an hour, to proceed to the river Scheldt should events permit the landing of German troops on the coast of England.

Three of these lighters are completed and already on their way to the Scheldt, it is said. The Germans are building an airship shed in Schleswig for two large Zeppelins.

CAN TAFT READ? O, YES.

Question Asked at Registration Place in New Haven Leads Him to Jest.

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 23.—Former President Taft was enrolled as a voter of this city today. When Selectman James F. Cox asked him the customary question, if he could read, some one in the room laughed, which caused Mr. Taft to turn around and say:

"Gentlemen, I have not come here to be made fun of—I really can read."

STEAMER BLOWN UP BY MINE

Swedish Ship Alice Sinks in North Sea, but Crew Is Saved.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Swedish steamer Alice, homeward bound from London, has been blown up by a mine in the North sea. It sank in three minutes. All the members of its crew were saved.

Policeman Saves Woman.

Mrs. Martha Ratyz of 8614 Burnham avenue was saved from serious injury yesterday by policeman Albert Belstrom, when he seized her as she was about to jump from a South Chicago car at Eighty-fifth street and Commercial avenue.

Street Scene in Antwerp After German Bombardment.

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RUINS ALONG RUE DE PEUPLE AS RESULT OF SHELL FIRE

WRITES A BOOK ABOUT CHICAGO

The Rev. Cannon Hanney, Irish Novelist, Foresees City World Center of Art.

BY FREDERIC W. WILE.

[Special Cable to The Tribune.]

LONDON, Oct. 23.—"Connaught to Chicago," a book by the Irish novelist and playwright, the Rev. Canon Hanney, whose pen name is George A. Birmingham, was published in London today. It discusses his experiences in the United States a year ago and pays a tribute to the qualities which have made the name of Chicago renowned.

Extracts from His Book.

A chapter dealing with the ambitious determination of Chicago to become the "one best bet" among the world's metropolises, said:

"Chicago is a great city and is determined to get things done right. It has besides—and this is its rare distinction—an unfaltering conviction that it can get things done right. Most communities are conscious of some limitations in their powers. For Chicago there is no limitation at all anywhere. Whatever ought to be done Chicago will do. Nothing is too small—nothing too great to be attempted and carried through.

"It may be an insignificant matter like the comfort of a foolish, helpless stranger; it may be a problem against which civilized society has broken its teeth for centuries, like prostitution; whatever it is, Chicago is convinced it can be solved right, and Chicago means to do it.

Likens Belfast to Chicago.

"I admire this sublime confidence. Belfast is very like Chicago. If a Belfast man were taken while asleep and transported to Chicago on a magic carpet, he would not on awakening feel that anything very strange had happened to him.

"A Chicago man once said in a public meeting that he looked forward to the day when Chicago would be the world center in literature, music, and art. No stranger would have ventured to say so magnificent a thing.

"As long as Chicago says things like that, simply and unaffectedly, and believes them, Chicago can study eugenics as much as it likes, and might even take to spiritualism. It would still remain strong. There is nothing beyond the reach of a city which unfalteringly believes in itself.

"It may, and I hope it will, decide to become a New Jerusalem with gates of pearl and streets of gold, and the tree of life growing in its midst. When that day comes to pass I shall humbly sue to be admitted as a citizen."

Red Cross Contributions.

FOR GENERAL FUND.

Previously announced	$49,838.52
Chicago Telephone company	2,000.00
Charles H. Wacker	200.00
Robert T. Lincoln	100.00
W. M. Hoyt company	100.00
Western Elevator company	100.00
F. H. Scott	50.00
Mrs. Arthur D. Wheeler	50.00
Episcopal church, University of Illinois, Champaign	41.92
Tyler & Hippach	25.00
Three little ones	15.00
Louis Lochner, union services of churches of Chicago Lawn	13.55
W. C. T. U. and Woman's Relief corps No. 119, Kankakee, Ill.	13.08
J. P. Smith, banker, Roberts, Ill.	10.00
Mrs. and Miss Adams	10.00
Jessie E. Blodgett	5.00
Fannie Ardell	5.00
George P. Perkins	5.00
Rev. John Henry Hopkins, for Church of the Redeemer	2.65
A sympathizer	1.00
Total	$ 2,747.20
Grand total	$52,585.72

There was also received $107 each for the Servian and Montenegrin Red Cross from the Servian Ladies' Benevolent association and $20 from St. Luke's Episcopal church for the Belgian Red Cross.

BELGIAN CALL TO ARMS DRAWS GERMAN THREATS.

Military Governor Warns Relatives Will Be Held Responsible for Men Called to Colors.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—Field Marshal von der Goltz, military governor of Belgium, has issued a proclamation to the Belgians declaring that the Belgian government's orders summoning three military classes to the colors is without validity. The relatives of those who obeyed and left their homes are therefore made responsible.

The war session of the Prussian diet Thursday saw many members present who had returned from the battlefields. They wore their uniforms at the meeting and many were adorned with iron crosses, some of 1870 and others of 1914.

Nothing special was announced as coming from the battlefields up to an early hour today.

MAY SEND TROOPS TO CHINA.

War Department Considers Action in Regard to Guard on Peking Railway.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—The probability of increasing American forces in China along the railway from Peking to the sea because of the withdrawal of troops of nations engaged in the European conflict is being considered by the war department.

The railway and legations were guarded by troops of the United States, Great Britain, Japan, Germany, Austria, Russia, and Belgium.

Many of these have been ordered out since the war began and the United States probably will supply the necessary additional guards.

WOMEN TO SEW FOR RED CROSS

Club Leaders Establish Stations in Leading Stores to Increase Fund.

MONEY PRESSING NEED.

The Chicago Woman's club has begun in earnest the work of raising money, clothing, and hospital supplies for the relief of the wounded, and the destitute women and children in the European war zone. Under the general supervision of Mary Bartelme, who has been appointed honorary chairman of all the club's Red Cross activities, sewing machines have been installed in the club building and on Monday a large sewing class will begin making all articles needed. Mrs. John O'Connor, former president of the club, will be in immediate charge.

Stations in Stores.

Stations already have been opened in some of the large stores. Mrs. Jean Ellis Driver and Mrs. Floyd Frazier were in charge of the station at Marshall Field & Co.'s yesterday. Similar stations are being established at the Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. store and the Fair.

The stores given the space in which to display articles free. The club women advise with all inquirers as to the garments and supplies most needed by the war victims, and show them how to make them.

Money Needed Most.

Money is needed most of all to buy chloroform and medicines, and to send over more surgeons and trained nurses. Next to money the need is for hospital garments, bandages, and clothing for women and children.

PORFIRIO DIAZ NOT DEAD.

Death of Former President of Mexico Falsely Reported—Now in Biarritz, France.

BIARRITZ France Oct. 23.—There is no truth in the report of the death of Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico. Señor Diaz has been suffering from a slight gastric trouble, but he has driven out daily for several days and this morning he took a walk on the beach.

MAKE CHICAGO SIGHTLIER CITY

[Continued from first page.]

roads law, passed by the last state legislature, the state appropriates a certain amount of money to be used for the building of roads in each county, which must appropriate the same amount for the same purpose. In Cook county thirteen miles of concrete roadway, built in accordance with this law at a total cost of $188,000, are now about completed.

If any county for which good roads money has been set aside by the state fails to appropriate an equal amount, the original appropriation goes back to the state treasury and may be assigned to any other county which is willing to meet the terms.

Bonds to Be Reserved.

If the $2,000,000 issue of Cook county bonds is authorized they will not be all sold at once, but will be kept in reserve, not only to meet future appropriations by the state but to enable Cook county to take advantage of lapsed appropriations to other counties.

There seems to be some question as to whether the approval of this bond issue will require a majority of all the votes cast at the election, or whether, if it gets more "Yes" than "No" votes, that will be sufficient.

In the face of this uncertainty the friends of the hard roads movement will be wise if they exert themselves to secure a clear majority.

GEN. E. F. WINSLOW IS DEAD.

Builder of Vandalia Railroad and Former Head of Frisco System Succumbs in the East.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 23.—The death of Gen. Edward F. Winslow at Canandaigua, N. Y., tonight is announced in advices received by a relative in St. Louis. Gen. Winslow was the builder of the Vandalia and several other railroads, former president of the St. Louis and San Francisco (Frisco) railroad, and chief of cavalry on the staff of Gen. Sherman during the civil war.

FREE STEAMERS, YANKEE DEMAND ON GREAT BRITAIN

U. S. Protests Against Seizure of Platuria and Brindilla.

ONE TANKER RELEASED

[BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—[Special.]—Instructions to demand the release of the Standard Oil ship Platuria were forwarded to Ambassador Page at London this afternoon from the state department.

This action by the department places the United States on record with regard to both the American oil ships which the British authorities have under seizure, the Platuria being held at Stornoway, Scotland, while the Brindilla is the subject of prize court proceedings under way at Halifax, N. S. A third oil ship, the John D. Rockefeller, was released by the British yesterday on the demand of the United States.

Allegation and Response.

In both the case of the Brindilla and of the Platuria it is understood that the British will allege that the transfer of these vessels from German to American registry was invalid, in that such action was for the purpose of evading the consequences of the war, having been effected after the beginning of hostilities.

The answer of the United States government to this contention will be that both vessels were owned by subsidiary companies of the Standard Oil corporation at the time of the beginning of the war. Their purchase by the Standard Oil company after the opening of hostilities constitutes, therefore, it is claimed, no real change of ownership. Consequently, it is claimed, the transfer of these ships from German to American registry was quite valid under the rules contained in the declaration of London.

Report Called For.

It was learned today that in response to the protest of the United States against the seizure of the Brindilla, the British government has called upon the authorities at Halifax for a report on the case. When this report is received in London, the British foreign office will make reply to Ambassador Page's demand that the vessel be released.

HIS "WANT AD" ROMANCES LEAD HIM TO COUNTY JAIL.

Evanston Manager of Western Union Promised Prospective Housekeepers "to Pet Them to Death."

The many "want ad" romances of Arthur G. Hitchcock reached an abrupt anticlimax yesterday when he was landed in the county jail by the federal authorities for violating the postal laws.

He discovered he had been corresponding for weeks with D. F. Angier, a postal inspector, in the belief that he was captivating a legion of prospective housekeepers.

Hitchcock is manager of the Evanston branch of the Western Union Telegraph company. He admitted to Inspector Angier by mail that he "does not drink, gamble, or use tobacco," that he is a "good dresser," that he has "a lovable and affectionate nature," that his blood is "blue," that he is the "loneliest man you can imagine," that he is in dire need of a chum and companion as well as a housekeeper, that he cares only for ladies, and if they are willing to serve in these capacities "they must just make up their minds to be loved and petted to death."

Repudiate "Wet" Indorsement.

Friends of O. A. Anderson, Progressive candidate for state senator in the Twenty-fifth district, have repudiated Mr. Anderson's indorsement by the United Societies for Local Self-Government. A meeting of protest has been called for tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at Grace Evangelical church, Kimball and Wrightwood avenues.

FORESEE REMEDY FOR TRADE ILLS

British Treasury Officials and U. S. Bankers Discuss Exchange Problem.

ALL ARE OPTIMISTIC.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—Financial forces of the government, the wisdom of some of the most prominent men in the American banking world, and the friendly counsel of representatives of Great Britain were turned today toward a solution of the problem of a readjustment of the foreign exchange market to meet conditions which have arisen as a consequence of the European war.

For more than three hours the federal reserve board, Sir George Paish and Basil B. Blackett, representing the English treasury, and some of the best known bankers in New York discussed the situation in all its aspects.

According to those present there was not a note of pessimism in the conference, and there is every reason to believe that all the problems which loomed so large on the financial horizon a few months ago will be solved without great difficulty.

Chief Points Under Discussion.

Here are the salient points discussed in the conference and the results anticipated:

American bankers stand ready to pay their obligations to England in cash. The $100,000,000 gold pool already formed and $80,000,000 raised by a New York syndicate to meet New York City's obligations probably will suffice to satisfy England. Payment of this total may not be necessary.

The New York and London stock exchanges may not be opened before the beginning of 1915. A conference between committees of the two exchanges will consider reopening beforehand.

The federal reserve board is to hasten consideration of the proposed cotton loan fund plan, designed in part to give bottom to the cotton market.

The cotton exchanges in New York, New Orleans, and Liverpool are to be opened as soon as possible. The New York exchange probably will confer through a committee with the Liverpool exchange before such action is taken.

Committee to Work Out Plans.

A committee, consisting of Benjamin Strong Jr., A. H. Wiggin, James Brown of New York, Gov. Hamlin, and Paul M. Warburg of the reserve board, will hold further conferences with Sir George Paish and Mr. Blackett about details of the readjustment plan. Any such plan would have to be submitted to the British government.

BEACH THOMPSON IS DEAD: CORONER ORDERS AUTOPSY

San Francisco Capitalist Dies Suddenly in New York—Recently Returned from Europe.

New York, Oct. 23.—Beach Thompson, San Francisco capitalist, died tonight at a hotel here, where he had been living with his wife and young daughter since the family returned from Europe on Sept. 17. Intestinal trouble was given as the cause of death.

Mr. Thompson had been under the care of Dr. Edmund F. Burton, a nonmedical practitioner, and for a week a trained nurse also had been in attendance.

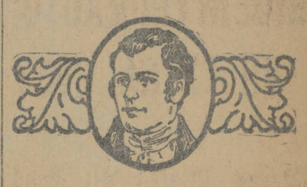
As the practitioner was not authorized to sign a death certificate, Coroner Hellenstein and his medical assistant were summoned. After a preliminary examination the coroner ordered that an autopsy be held tomorrow.

CROWN PRINCE IS DEAD?

Berlin Woman's Letter Says All Turned Out to See Funeral of Kaiser's Son.

[BY CABLE TO THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.]

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Nation prints without comment or explanation the following extract from a letter written by a woman residing in Berlin: "People in England have exaggerated ideas of what is going on in Berlin. Everything here has been normal except on the day of the crown prince's funeral, when we all turned out to see it."



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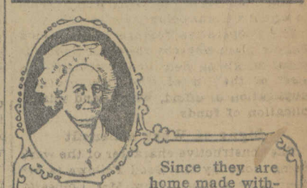

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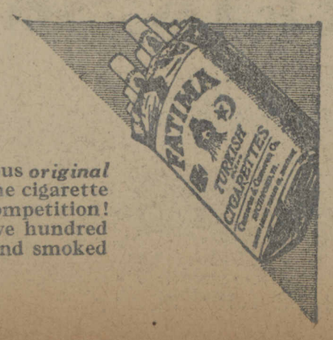

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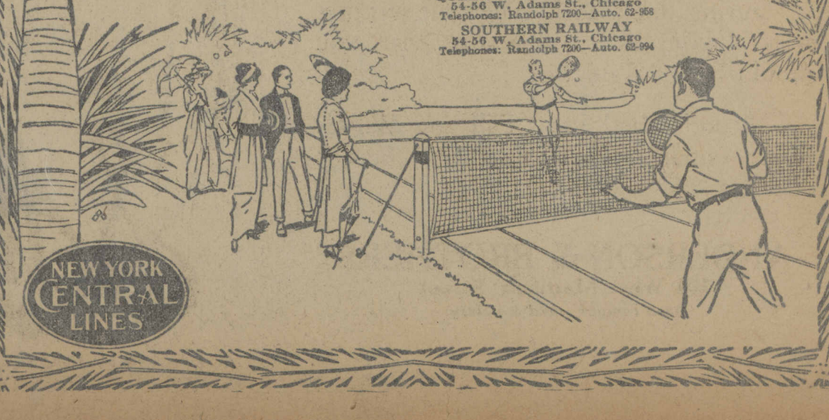

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