

DEFENSE PLANS OF NAVY LEAGUE CALLED SELFISH

Some Members in "Nickel Trust," Representative Tavenner Says

INTERLOCK IN U. S. STEEL

Navy Interested Through Admiral Brownson, Illinois Congressman Asserts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Allegations concerning the Navy League and its preparedness propaganda with the International Nickel Company and other corporations were made on the floor of the House today by Representative Tavenner, of Illinois.

The director of the United States Steel Corporation interlocks with that of the International Nickel Company, Colonel Thompson's company also interlocks with the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company, W. E. Corey being a director of International Nickel and more vice president of the new Midvale corporation.

Representative Tavenner, urging the nationalization of the manufacture of all munitions, said that his scheme offered a program upon which all save those directly or indirectly interested in private war-trafficking concerns may unite.

War is unprofitable to all save the war trading munitions-mongers, he said. "Why not make war unprofitable even to them by taking all profit out of war and preparation for war?"

GEN. T. C. DU PONT AGAIN ON NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Announcement Stirs Republicans and Democrats in Delaware

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 15.—Announcement that General T. Coleman du Pont is back in his place as a member of the Republican National Committee has considerably jarred the politicians of both parties in this State.

It is generally accepted, however, that now that the general is out of the powder company he will take an active part in political affairs in Delaware and elsewhere.

12,000 MUMMERS TO MARCH

"Shooters" Captains to Draw Tonight for Rank in Line

Representatives of at least 25 mummery organizations will meet with the Councilman's Committee at City Hall tonight, to draw for positions in the parade on New Year's Day.

FACTORY GIRLS ESCAPE THROUGH WALL OF FIRE

Rush to Safety From Blaze in a Newark Shoe Plant

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 15.—Fire of undetermined origin, that started in a shed used for storing liquid rubberized cement, destroyed the main four-story building of the Boyden Shoe Manufacturing Company, in South Canal street, today.

Many girls, terrified when they saw the smoke pouring through the windows of the building, rushed down the fire escape and then slid down from the second floor through a wall of flame.

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New Laws to Meet Anti-American Plots

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The vast network of plot and counter-plot, charge and counter-charge that has entangled the United States since the beginning of the European war was before Congress today for untangling.

The framing of new neutrality laws to meet the situation outlined by President Wilson in his vigorous attack on foreign-born Americans in his message.

SERBIAN REFUGEES IN ALBANIA FACING FAMINE AND PLAGUE

Thousands of Women and Children Starving, American Investigators Report to Ambassador Page

ROME, Dec. 15.—William W. Howard and George Lorillard, two Americans who have been investigating conditions in western Serbia and Albania, have reported to Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page that the plight of the people is desperate.

"Thousands of women and children are starving to death," declared Mr. Lorillard. "The towns are filled with refugees, who are without food and clothing. The roads are lined with fugitives, who are homeless and fatigued."

"Help is urgently needed right away," telegraphed Mr. Howard to the United States Embassy.

Doctors and medical supplies are needed as well as food and clothing, for an epidemic of disease is sweeping the armies of refugees and they are dying by the hundred.

An effort will be made to carry some of the fugitives out of Albania by ship, but the steamship owners ask prohibitive prices for ship charters.

Mr. Howard has been in Durazzo inspecting conditions in that region. He telegraphed that he would be unable to reach Scutari, where in addition to the refugees there are thousands of Austrian war prisoners who are without proper food.

"The population of both nations is in danger of extermination before the winter is over," said Mr. Gage.

"Pennsylvanian" 30 Years Old Today

Today is the 30th anniversary of the founding of the "Pennsylvanian," the daily newspaper at the University of Pennsylvania. The first issue was published December 15, 1885, as a weekly.

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CHAMBERLAIN SEES U. S. ARMY OF 5,000,000

Compulsory Service Is Urged by Chairman of the Senate Military Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A United States army of 5,000,000 men in two years was forecast today by Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, in a statement urging compulsory service.

After going over his plans with army officers the Senator estimated that 2,318,883 men between 18 and 21 would be trained under it the first year, and that the increase of those coming into the army from cadet classes would more than double it the second year.

"The people must be educated to see that this plan, or some plan like it, has the merits of keeping 25 men in civil life most of the year, and yet give them valuable military service."

"I believe that in time the system would lead to the abolition of the regular army altogether. We would have simply skilled officers and a vast number of fairly prepared men."

"The men themselves would be greatly benefited by the exercises and training. I believe the plan would prolong the life of the average American many years, and with so short a time of service each year there would be no danger of arousing 'the militaristic spirit' so called."

The estimate of 5,000,000 in two years is based on the theory that 50 per cent of the eligible male population would be able to undergo some plan to get excused from service.

Senator Chamberlain plans to give additional financial aid to schools and colleges which train cadets.

"Contrary to the traditions of America and entirely impracticable," said Chairman Hay of the House Military Affairs Committee, discussing Senator Chamberlain's plan.

This is not only contrary to the sentiment of native-born Americans, but even those who have come to this country have done so with the idea of avoiding what the Senator here proposes.

"I do not believe there are 25 million men in the United States, if I thought there was the slightest danger of its success I should take the lead in a fight against it."

ART ALLIANCE MAY BUILD ON RITTENHOUSE SQUARE

Property Is Purchased at 1823-25 Walnut Street

The Philadelphia Art Alliance, an organization formed recently to promote activities in music, drama, painting and sculpture, is expected to erect large headquarters on Rittenhouse Square.

Prominent women are members of the organization. Among them are Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson, Mrs. William Yorke Stevenson, Miss Violet Oakley, Mrs. Felix R. Schelling and Mrs. Leopold Stokowski.

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PENNSYLVANIANS GET BERTHS IN THE HOUSE

Costello Goes on Harbors Committee, Moore on Ways and Means—Other Assignments

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Philadelphia representatives, who were present in the House when it was called to order today were:

J. HAMPTON MOORE, PETER E. COSTELLO, GEORGE P. DARROW. The absentees: WILLIAM S. VARE, GEORGE S. GRAHAM, GEORGE W. EDMONDS, JOHN R. K. SCOTT.

Each member of Congress receives \$20.54 a day from the Federal Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Pennsylvania Republican Congressmen were given good assignments on the House committees, announced yesterday.

Representative George S. Graham, of Philadelphia, returns to the Judiciary and Representative George W. Edmonds to the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

The assignments of the Pennsylvania Republicans are as follows: George P. Darrow, Philadelphia, District of Columbia.

Robert D. Heaton, Ashland, Accounts; Robert F. Howwood, Uniontown, Expenditures in the Postoffice Department, Revision of Law and War Claims.

Henry W. Temple, Washington, Expenditures in the Treasury Department, Foreign Affairs; William S. Vare, Philadelphia, Appropriations.

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Austrians recross Carpathians into Galicia and drive Russian left back toward the San River.

Turks bombard Sebastopol. German cruiser Cormorant interned at Guam.

Thirty-five carloads of food supplies for Belgian relief received in New York from South and West.

FREE GARDENING LECTURES Dr. J. M. MacFarlane Will Deliver Series of Addresses

Dr. John M. MacFarlane, professor of botany and director of the botanical gardens at the University of Pennsylvania, has arranged a series of free lectures on gardening, which will be held Wednesday evenings at Botanical Hall.

The lecture tonight will be on "Plants and Grafting." The eight other lectures will be given weekly, as follows, beginning January 5:

"Hybrids and Hybridization," "The Grape Vine," "The Natural History and Culture of Orchids," "The Heath Family," "Iris, Gladiolus and Cannas," "Blackberries and Plums," "Marsh and Aquatic Gardening" and "Ferns and Fern Allies."

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"Tony" Biddle Entertains Students

Members and teachers of the A. J. Drexel Biddle Bible Classes were entertained last night by "Tony" Biddle, founder of the organization, at his home, 2108 Walnut street.

More than 300 pastors and laymen were present, including representatives from New Jersey, Delaware and New York State.

West Chester Sees Big Meteor WEST CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 15.—The most brilliant meteor noted in this section for years passed over this borough last evening at 8:46 o'clock, and was viewed in its flight by a large number of people who were on the streets at the time.

Published Today—the book containing the latest authentic account from the Front in France by an eye witness. Its author is the author of FIGHTING IN FLANDERS.

E. ALEXANDER POWELL. It is entitled: VIVE LA FRANCE!

From the bombardment of Dunkirk through the great drive of the Allies in October, this book gives every aspect of the War on the Western Front.

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