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Backing Denby, Replies That Is "Congress' Job"

By the Associated Press Washington, Feb. 23 .- After Admiral Coontz, chief of naval operations. had reiterated to the House Naval Have Taken Philadelphia Affairs Committee today that he stood pat on Secretary Denby's recommendation for an appropriation next year of \$350,000,000 with 90,000 enlisted men, Chairman Butler and other

would not be disposed to appropriate more than \$200,000,000. Chairman Butler indicated that the appropriation bill would provide only or about 60.000 enlisted men, and Admiral Coontz declared careful figuring by the department had shown the need of at least 63,500 affoat.

"I sat as a member of the Committee of Fifteen at the Arms Conference." said the admiral. "and I know what the foreigners thought. In my honest judgment 90,000 men is the least we should have and I stand on it. If Congress cuts the number to 60,000 or 50,000 that's its job."

Representative Hicks, of New York, describing himself as a big navy man, declared that after talking with members of the Appropriations Committee he did not believe the new bill wou carry much more than \$200,000,000. "Cutting the navy is much like attending the funeral of my best friend, but I believe the American people are demanding a reduction." he said. "The time to cut the personnel has come and it is my idea that the culisted test will be come and it is my idea that the culisted test will be come and it is my idea that the culisted test will be come and it is my idea that the culisted test will be come and it is my idea that the culisted test will be come and it is my idea that the culisted test will be come and the come are come are come are come are come and the come are come and the come are come are come are come and the come are come are come are come are come are come and the come are co it is my idea that the enlisted total will be around 80,000."

withdrawn.

Chairman Butler asked Admiral County over yesterday's surprise decision of the if the department was ready to stand Ard Pheis for a three months' adjourn-

Denby was the man to answer that and Mr. Butler explained that a further report from the Secretary would be presented within the next few days.

Evangelical Conference Delays Action in Interest of Harmony

Reading, Pa., Feb. 23 .- (By A. P.) The question of merger with the Evangelicals erept into the proceedings at the opening of the United Evangelical Eastern Pennsylvania Conference today. It was brought up in the form of a new plan, and by common consent tabled in the interest of harmony in the conference. The subject will come

Bishop Maze, of Le Mars, Iowa, delivered the annual episcopal message, A grand total of \$131,331.07 was raised for conference, foreign and general missions by the United Evangelical East Pennsylvania Conference during the last year.

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"The new agreement will certainly vania Conference of the Evangelical Association opened in Ebenezer Church today. Bishop L. H. Saeger, of Napierville, Ill., is presiding. His episcopal message had no reference to church merger. Dr. William G. Ellis, of Swarthmore, delivered a missionary address this afterneon.

The Freeman's Journal editorially address this afterneon. address this afternoon.

Representatives of historical, patriotic and art societies today honored the bearance; there is at least mutual formemory of John Quincy Adams by hold- and above all a possibility for ultimate.

memory of John Quincy Adams by holding memorial services on the spot, now marked by a broaze plate, where the great statesman who became the sixtip President of the United States fell, fatally stricken, in the Canitol.

Senator Caraway, of Arkansas, delivered a culogy, describing the last scene of the statesman's fife which was enacted while in his seat in Congress. Senator Caraway told how Adams, under a sudden stroke, sank down in his seat when the speaker of the House was about to begin a speech, and expininged that the last words uttered by Adams were: "Thank the members of the House. This is the last of earth. I am content."

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The Irish Times says:

"That the Provisional Government's difficulties are numerous, formidable and urgent was proved by the bargain struck yesterday. It was manifest that the Provisional Government's attrick yesterday. It was manifest that the Provisional Government's and urgent was proved by the bargain struck yesterday. It was manifest that the Provisional Government's and urgent was proved by the bargain struck yesterday. It was manifest that the Provisional Government's and urgent was proved by the bargain struck yesterday. It was manifest that the Provisional Government's and urgent was proved by the bargain struck yesterday. It was manifest that the Provisional Government's and urgent was proved by the bargain struck yesterday. It was manifest that the Provisional Government's and urgent was proved by the bargain struck yesterday. It was manifest that the Provisional Government's and urgent was proved by the bargain struck yesterday. It was manifest that the Provisional Government's affiliation of truck yesterday. It was manifest that the Provisional Government's and urgent was proved by the bargain struck yesterday. It was manifest that the Provisional Government's and urgent was proved by the bargain struck yesterday. It was manifest that the Provisional Government's and urgent was proved by the bargain struck

## GIVE KIRK TIME TO PAY

Chester County Tax Collector Given

Chance to Replace Funds West Chester, Pa., Feb. 23.— George M. Kirk, former tax collector, who admitted a shortage in his fund of who admitted a shortage in his fund of borough money of \$4359.50 a few days ago, has been given until Saturday noon to repay the money. It is said there are prospects that he may be able to the same affecting principally the Irish themselves. do this through the assistance of

An audit has shown the figures formerly given to be correct and so far the bonding company holding his bond has made no move in the matter. His

the bonding company helding his bond has made no move in the matter. His bond is for \$40,000 for borough funds and a like sum for those of the School Board.

Pleads Guilty to Forgery Charge
New York, Feb. 23.—(By A. P.)—Arthur E. Olsson today pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery in the second degree in the theft of \$18,000 from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company last July. Prosecuting attorneys told the Court Olsson, by forging the names

MEMORIAI. TO BUFFALO BILL.
Charles W. Duke has written a nemorial.
on the occasion of Buffalo Bill's Anniversary,
which will appear in the Magazine Section
of next Sunday's Public Ledger.—Adv.

Chief of Naval Operations, British Officials Ask for Conference With Signatories of Peace Treaty

60,000, NOT 90,000 MEN TREATY BILL DELAYED

By the Associated Press London, Feb. 23 .- The British Government has invited the Irish signatories to the Anglo-Irish treaty to come in the House of Commons today by Winston Churchill, Secretary for the

Mr. Churchill made this announce members gave warning that the House ment in reply to a questioner, adding would not be disposed to appropriate that the Government lacked sufficient information on what occurred in Dublin yesterday to form judgment as to the

course to be pursued regarding the Irish Free State bill.

Austen Chamberlain, the Government leader in Commons, later told the House that for the reasons given by Mr. Churchill the Government did not propose to take up consideration of the Irish treaty bill on Monday, as had been planned.

Dublin, Feb. 23.—(By A. P.)— Michael Collins, head of the Irish Provisional Government, today received the following cable message from Judge Richard Campbell, of 14 Wall street. New York: "Yesterday's developments looking

to unity give us new hope and dispethe gloomy forebodings in news dis-patches. You must hang together or bill would hang separately."

Nr. Collins today received an in-

Mr. Collins promised, on beforces. Mr. Collins promised, on be-half of the Provisional Government, to list of forty-two old ships which would wishes of the members of the deputa-Satisfaction is felt in South Ireland

with the committee "to adjust the navy ment, at the end of which the people ment the 1916 figure" in view of the apparent determination of the House to reduce the Denby estimate almost by half.

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Many heartily inderse the con-

The admiral replied that Secretary vention's gratification at the preservastaunch supporters of the treaty are disappointed and inclined to agree with John McEntee's declared opinion that 'the agreement was clearly a republican victory." One question much discussed in some

quarters is what is going to happen to the treaty bill now before the Imperial Parliament, which it is contended is shattered to a great extent by the Ard The correspondent of the Freeman's

Journal writes: "The fact that the leaders of both parties were able to rise above their differences and seek ground for agreement may be taken, one hopes, as a good augury for the future. De Va-iera's attitude toward an appeal to

convinced by argument that this was either an unwise or undesirable course. Allentown, Pa., Feb. 23.—(By A. and they had, it would seem, to sink P.)—With 125 ministerial and lay del-their personal views for the sake and

eays the people at large will receive the agreement with relief and joy equal to WRITE OR PHONE HOW! HONOR JOHN QUINCY ADAMS that of the delegates to the Ard Fheis. The Irish Independent rejoices that the black cloud which had seemed to

Historical Societies Pay Tribute to presage that the leaders were heading, for hostility is "lightened for the moment at least," adding:

Washington, Feb. 23.—(By A. P.)—

"For, if there is not complete reconnections of historical partial for-

MARBURG'S CONDITION LOW defeated Collins' plans for an early MARBURG'S CONDITION LOW

Wounded Man Unconscious—Bride

Hastening to Bedside

Nogales, Ariz., Feb. 23.—(By A. P.)
Captain Theodore Marburg, son of a former Minister to Belgium, necidentally shot in the head last Friday at Magdalena State of Sonora, Mex., necording to reports from that place received here today, still was unconscious and in a critical condition.

defeated Collins' plans for an early election, strengthened the case of the treaty's enemies in the Imperial Parliament to a new chapter of accidents. Furthermore, he has taken the framing of the Free State's Constitution out of the hands of its first Parliament. That is perhaps the most important and most sinister feature of the new situation.

and in a critical condition.

His bride, who is only nineteen years old, is due to arrive in Tueson at midnight tonight, en route from Baltimore to Magdalena, to the bedside of her harsband.

## PACT BILL FLOUTED, SAYS LONDON POST

London, Feb. 23.—(By A. P.)— London newspapers seemed puzzled to-day over the unexpected outcome of

months, while others regard it as a matter affecting principally the Irish themselves.

The Times says the unexpected decision disappoints the supporters of the Anglo-Irish treaty and believes all those who wish lasting peace in Ireland will regret it.

the Court Olsson, by forging the names of officials of the company, had accumulated \$120,000, which he had deposited in safe deposit boxes for his sense of the Irish people and a genuine is a tribute to the practical common sense of the Irish people and a genuine movement toward the unity and good will.

The Westminster Gazette thinks if the two parties in the finn Fein are satisfied with the agreement, outside observers ought to welcome it.



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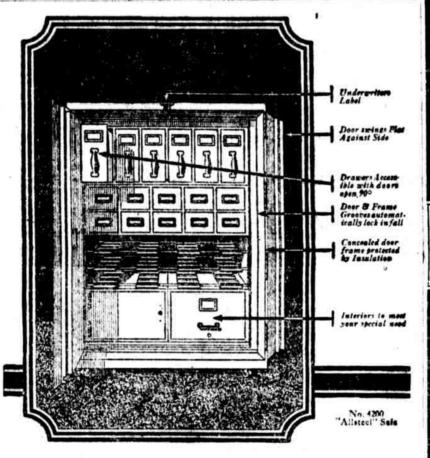
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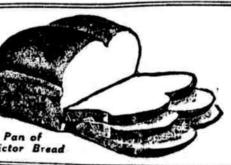
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