

FEARS AMERICA MAY GET ARNOLD STEEL INVENTION

London Daily Mail Reveals Discovery by Professor at Sheffield University

London, Dec. 18.—The invention of a new steel, far in advance of any high speed steel hitherto made, is ascribed by the Daily Mail to-day to John Oliver Arnold, professor of metallurgy at Sheffield University. The newspapers say that the American government is aware of Professor Arnold's invention and is investigating it and that American metallurgists also are working along lines similar to those of Professor Arnold.

The Daily Mail indicates that Professor Arnold uses molybdenum instead of tungsten and says: "If large quantities of molybdenum (a hard, silver-white, metallic element) can be found and the price reduced, tungsten will take a back seat, because six per cent molybdenum will achieve more than 18 per cent tungsten."

Patents in America, too, Professor Arnold says the newspaper, is prevented under the Defense of the Realm Act from utilizing his invention industrially. He is patenting his invention in England and America, and will be allowed to proceed with his American patent on condition that he publishes nothing concerning it.

The Daily Mail says the government has asked Professor Arnold whether he is willing to hand over his invention to the state and on what terms but that Arnold does not intend to comply with the government's desire to secure it. A representative of the American government, the newspaper continues, made a special journey to Sheffield to investigate Professor Arnold's discovery and agents of the United States are prospecting in America and Europe for deposits of molybdenum, which previously has been found chiefly in Canada. The Daily Mail, which asserts that Professor Arnold is "shackled" by government restrictions, expresses the fear that the United States will get ahead of Great Britain, on what it terms an important discovery.

Maynard's Letter Is Open to Public, Says Anti-Saloon League Head

New York, Dec. 18.—William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Antisaloon League, replied last night to Lieutenant Maynard's charge that his original statement in regard to the use of alcoholic liquors by Army aviators, was "juggled" by the league. M. Anderson's statement follows: "The Antisaloon League refuses to be made the goat by Lieutenant Maynard. The only reply that we care to make to his accusation that the league 'juggled' his statement is the fact that we still have in our possession, subject to inspection by any reporter or any other person who has any valid interest in the matter, the original, typewritten statement covered and identified by letter signed by Lieutenant Maynard and sent by him to use in response to our request for a statement for publicity purposes."

Thos. Mott Osborne Has No Intention of Cleaning Up Prisons

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 18.—Lieutenant Commander Thomas Mott Osborne, in charge of the United States naval prison here, in a statement last night disclaimed knowledge of plans for a nation-wide drive for prison reform. He characterized as "false and silly" a report accrediting such plans to him. "I am still in the naval service," Commander Osborne said in his statement, "and am attending strictly to my duties at the naval prison. Moreover, I should never consider it my business to reform prisons all over the country. As a citizen of New York I have quite enough in that line at home."

Allies Are Holding Machine Guns Germans Had Sent to Mexico

Coblenz, Dec. 18.—Two shipments of machine guns and machine gun accessories being sent to Mexico from Germany and discovered in transit across Holland, have been held up by the Allied military authorities, according to information reaching the American officials here. The exportation of war material by Germany is a violation of the armistice and Peace Treaty. The German government has been asked to explain the shipments and notified not to attempt any similar exportation of such arms.

Report Much Timber in Northwest Suitable For Newsprint Paper

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—At the local offices of the United States forest service it was said yesterday there were large areas of red fir, white fir and hemlock timber in California, Oregon and Washington, and possibly some in Montana and Idaho, suitable for manufacture of newsprint paper.

Wiener, Who Tried Suicide, Arrested For Carrying Firearms

New York, Dec. 18.—Captain Clarence Wiener of Philadelphia, the former British and American war veteran who attempted suicide by shooting himself on Monday night, was arrested last night in hospital on a charge of violating the law against carrying firearms. Captain Wiener, who was once a millionaire, is recovering from his self-inflicted wound, it was stated at the hospital.

Six Steel Ships, of 5,500 Tons, Completed

Newark, N. J., Dec. 18.—The Submarine Boat Corporation has announced that within the next five days six fabricated steel ships, each having a tonnage of 5,500 tons, will be launched from the yards at Port Newark.

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