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## ENGLAND WANTS A LARGER NAVY

Because United States and Japan Are Not Members of League of Nations

AMERICA HAS CHOICE  
Must Build More Ships and Prepare for Attack or Join the League

(United Press Service) London, Dec. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—British newspapers today saw a necessity for Great Britain's increasing her navy to cope with programs of Japan and the United States. Failure of the league of nations to take definite action on disarmament was the cause of comment.

"The prospect of a world wide agreement for disarmament is fading," the Daily News declared. "Debate in the league assembly showed a number of nations to be faltering."

"It was argued," the Chronicle said, "that if America entered the league it would mean mixing in European affairs necessitating a large army. Now Secretary Daniels says because the country did not enter the league it must be prepared to defend its interests against any combination. The question of what enemy the country is preparing against has not been answered."

Washington, Dec. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—With the United States at the cross roads leading either to naval competition or a world agreement to limit armaments, the house naval affairs committee set out today to learn what the other great powers are doing on the warship construction business.

To gain this information the committee called on Rear Admiral Robert E. Koontz, chief of naval operations. Data obtained here today in naval circles including facts which Admiral Koontz was expected to elaborate upon before the house committee, showed:

1. Great Britain, while possessing tonnage almost twice that of the United States, has checked her building for the present.

2. The United States, on the basis of her program now under way, will surpass the British naval strength by 1925 unless Britain adopts new building measures.

3. Japan, while actively engaged in building both large and small war craft, will remain far behind the United States when this country's program is completed.

Japan has projected seven super dreadnaughts. Three of them, of 33,000 tons each, are now being built. Their completion is expected by 1923. Four others, 40,000 tons each, probably will be finished in 1927. In 1927 Japan will have four new battleships and four new battle cruisers, the "eight eight" program, for many years the ambition of Japan naval men. In 1927 Japan will possess 12 battleships and 12 battle cruisers, but four of each will represent an early type.

The Japanese navy now includes five capital ships totalling 157,460 tons. When the seven under construction are finished, Japan's tonnage in capital ships will total 418,860.

The United States today possesses ten battleships and ten cruisers but eleven battleships more are being built. This is on the basis of the 1916 authorization for 16 capital ships.

Britain, which abandoned many of its vessels when the armistice was signed, today is believed to be building five light cruisers totalling 38,780 tons; 11 destroyers, 11,223 tons, and 19 submarines, 21,800 tons. It is even possible England has cancelled some of these vessels recently.

Thus the United States and Japan are the only two nations active today in extensive naval construction.

## FUNERAL TODAY

Funeral services were held this afternoon for Mrs. Anna Liechty, who died Monday morning at her home in Berne after an illness of eight years from heart trouble. Mrs. Liechty was more than seventy-three years old, and had lived in this county since 1854. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham B. Sprunger, and was married in 1859 to Samuel Liechty. The husband and three children preceded the wife and mother in death, six children surviving.

## ELECT OFFICERS

The Young Peoples Alliance of the Evangelical church met at the home of Fred Limu for the regular monthly business meeting last evening. After the business session the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—Miss Florence Fisher. V. President—Miss Clarice Lux. Rec. Sec'y.—Miss Zelma Fuhrman. Cor. Sec'y.—Miss Gladys Kern. Miss Sec'y.—Miss Ethel Fuhrman. Treasurer—Miss Bertha Fuhrman. Pianist—Miss Justine Hocker. A. Pianist—Miss Melvena Butler.

After adjournment light refreshments were served and everyone present enjoyed a social hour.

## SILENT FAREWELL

With Bowed Heads and Heavy Hearts Notre Dame Students Paid Homage

TO GEORGE GIPP  
Team Accompanies Body—Funeral to be at Laurium, Michigan Thursday

(United Press Service)

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Notre Dame with bowed head and a heavy heart bid a farewell to George Gipp today. All classes are suspended; all flags are at half staff.

Throughout yesterday afternoon and far into the night a stream of fellow students, team mates and football fans filed past the silent gridiron hero as he lay in state in the parlors of a local undertaker.

One glance at Gipp as he lay in a large grey coffin banked with flowers, proved to them that their fallen hero had fought his last fight as grimly as ever he did on the gridiron. His wasted form, his emaciated features and the expression of determination that lingered about his mouth left no doubt in their minds that he had fought a hard fight.

It was hard for them to realize, however, that this was the superman who less than a month ago was thrilling thousands by his speed and cleverness on the field.

Shortly before his death, Gipp embraced the Catholic faith and a requiem high mass was celebrated for him at Sacred Heart church at 8:30 this morning. At 10 o'clock a silent procession of several hundred friends and students formed in front of the undertakers and the solemn procession moved through the city to the New York Central depot. The funeral party there entrained for Laurium, Mich., his former home via Chicago and Calumet, Mich. Funeral services will be held in Laurium Thursday morning.

Practically all the first string men of the Notre Dame squad accompanied the cortège.

GENEVA BOY SHOOTS SELF  
William Grove, thirteen-year-old son of Mrs. Hiram Grove, of Geneva, accidentally shot himself in the leg last evening. The lad had brought his gun into the house and while examining it accidentally discharged it, the bullet lodging just above the knee. A physician was called and it was decided not to remove the bullet at this time.

DIES IN MICHIGAN

Mrs. Henry Barkley received word last evening that her sister's husband, Ollie Collett, died yesterday morning at his home in Sturgis, Mich. The body was taken to Portland today and funeral services will be held at that place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

There are fifty-four kinds of paper money in the United States.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Part cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably snow flurries in extreme north portion; not much change in temperature.

MID-WEEK SERVICE

A study of the "Acts of the Apostles" will be begun this evening at the mid-week prayer service at the Presbyterian church. Rev. Saunders will be the leader, and those who attend are invited to bring their Bibles and note books if they care to do so. This will be an excellent opportunity to make a fair study and get a firm grasp of one of the most important books of the Bible. The meeting will be held at the church, and will begin promptly at 7 o'clock.

## MYSTERY VISIT OF FEDERAL MEN

Five Who Claimed to be Secret Service Officers Came Here Tuesday

IN A BIG BLUE CAR  
Discovered Nothing More Serious Than Bottle of Turpentine and Left

A big blue automobile rolled into town about three o'clock yesterday afternoon and five men, claiming to be secret service employees of the government on the search of violators of the liquor laws, unloaded. They came unannounced, did not confer with any local officers, made a visit or two and went as suddenly as they came.

The men went to the "Fred & Bill" soft drink parlor just opposite the court house, ordered out every one but the employees and then began looking around. Mr. Harting was in the rear of the room doing some painting and did not look up, not realizing the importance of the visit. One of the men spied him just as he reached over on the widow and picked up a bottle of something resembling "white mule" and started out the back door. Quick as a flash the officer pounced on him demanding, "What have you got there?" Bill thinking it was someone joking with him, passed the bottle back over his shoulder without looking up and said, "Have a drink." The officer took the bottle but one little "whip" was enough to convince him it contained turpentine! "Bill" was using it to mix the paint. The men left soon after, going south from here.

Just what they were doing or trying to do has the boys guessing, but it is probable they were doing a little advertising to let the people know they are on the job.

No arrests were made here, no "wet" goods taken and so far as could be learned no evidence was secured. It is rumored that they visited a residence or two but this could not be confirmed.

It is also claimed that at least one of the men carried a gun in his hand when they entered the soft drink parlor.

ELKS MEET TONIGHT

Regular meeting of the Elks' lodge this evening at 7:30. All members are requested to be present.

Business of importance.

LICENSE PLATES

For Your Gasoline Wagons for 1921 Will be Mailed

December 26 or 27

FIGURES IN BLACK

With Salmon Background—Will Hold Plates Till After Xmas Mail Rush

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 14.—Indiana's 1921 automobile license plates will have black figures and letters with a salmon background, according to Ed. McClellan, director of the automobile department of the secretary of state's office.

We are already receiving the application of automobile owners and we will not be able to ship out any plates until after the Christmas rush, because the post office will be overflowed with Christmas mail," said McClellan.

The license window will be opened on December 23 and all those who want to come to Indianapolis to get their license will be able to get them at that time. The others will be mailed on the 26th or 27th, he said.

The prices for the license plates have not increased and will not be increased, according to McClellan.

Many applications have already been received by the department.

## PRESIDENT'S BROTHER-IN-LAW TESTIFIES IN SHIPPING BOARD INQUIRY



R. Wilmer Bolling, brother-in-law to President Wilson and Treasurer of the United States shipping board, photographed today while testifying before the house committee investigating into the activities of the shipping board. Mr. Bolling was accused in recent testimony of having accepted a bribe in the awarding of a contract by the shipping board.

## RUMBLE OF BREAK HEARD AT MARION

Insurrection Among Republicans in Senate Comes to the Ear of Harding

TRYING TO NIP IT

Many Are Against Appointing Hoover to Cabinet—Coolidge Comes

(By Raymond Clapper, United Press staff correspondent)

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Rumbles of possible insurrection among republican irreconcilables in the senate were reaching President-elect Harding through various channels today.

He may call some of their leaders to Marion shortly with a view to nipping any insurgent movement such as wrecked the Taft administration.

Primarily the irreconcilables fear Harding is leaning too far in favor of the league of nations, according to sources reaching here.

Among other sources of apprehension is the new cabinet and the belief that Harding intends to appoint Herbert Hoover; another is the fear that he is not planning a sufficiently progressive domestic programs.

Harding is in closest touch with the senate situation, often by long distance telephone and knows of every shift in the line up there almost as soon as it occurs.

Raymond Robins, Chicago, a progressive, was to be here today to lay before Harding the views of his old ring of the party, especially as to domestic legislation and the labor situation. Should his advice be acted upon there would be little complaint from the progressive republicans. Reports that Robins is being considered for secretary of labor were strengthened by his appearance here today.

He has always been friendly to organized labor.

Harding addresses a conference on child welfare here tonight. Tomorrow Governor Calvin Coolidge comes and Friday Harding will see W. J. Bryan, Senator New, Indiana, and Chairman Will Hays of the republican national committee. He appeared to be optimistic today regarding the conferences held so far. They indicated, he said, that it will not be as difficult to reach a common ground as some had thought.

Governor-elect Warren T. McCray who joined Edward Wasmuth, republican state chairman in calling the meeting, addressed the legislators. He appealed to them to iron out conflicting views. Wasmuth and Lieutenant Governor-elect Emmett Branch made similar appeals.

For the first time in a number of years the house and senate held a joint meeting and admitted newspapermen. This was in line with the announced "open door policy" of the governor-elect and was voted unanimously. Separate meetings of the representatives and senators were held this afternoon at which each house is expected to select their leaders—the lower branch, their speaker and the senate members their president pro tempore.

In opening his brief talk McCray said that he has but one desire—to administer the affairs of the state in such a manner that he can retire from office with the affection and respect of the people.

"You were not called together in this meeting because I desired to ask you to do this. We are meeting simply to get acquainted and to establish confidence in one another."

"I want this legislature to be marked by common sense. I want it to be characterized by the presentation of few good bills and not by its many activities. I want statutes that will be a credit to the legislature."

"Party pledges must be carried out. I want the party's cooperation. We may differ but let us remember that the majority rules. Let us remember that and that we must meet it. We should carry out the pledges of the republican platform."

The governor-elect asked the lawmakers to prevent a last-minute conclusion at this session. He warned of increased appropriations to be asked for educational purposes and he declared that more money is necessary for this purpose. He also declared that while the law-makers were grant-

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R. D. Myers is the retiring master.

MRS. BOLLENBACHER DIES

Mrs. Joseph M. Bollenbacher passed away at her home in Bluffton this morning, following a several weeks' illness. A brother and sister reside at Geneva. She was sixty-eight years old, and the following children survive: Homer Bollenbacher and Mrs. C. K. Foughty, Fort Wayne; Mrs. A. C. Byles and Mrs. John Norton, Brackenridge, Texas. Brothers and sisters are: E. C. Callihan, Geneva; Mrs. Lucia Pontius, Geneva; C. C. Callihan, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Belle Freeno, Ohio; Mrs. Elida Snyder, Detroit. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

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## FORDS COLLIDE

Two Ford cars, driven by Albert Frauhiger and Fred Helmrich, figured in a collision last evening at 5:30 o'clock on the Preble-Magley pike, near Magley. Helmrich was alone and was driving west when he met the Frauhiger car, occupied by Albert and Ed. Frauhiger and Dr. Younkin. Neither man was injured beyond a few bruises and scratches. Both Fords were pretty badly battered. The Frauhiger car was upset, the two front wheels broken off, the front axle and tenders bent. The Helmrich machine had a broken front wheel, a bent radius rod, and a battered left fender. The bright lights of each car is given as the cause, both men "hugging" the center of the road too closely.

## ROTARY NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS

A Hundred Per Cent Attendance Greeted Pompeo Coppini and Other

ROTARY SPEAKERS  
Excellent Talks Made—Visitors Liked "Pep" — A Christmas Box Filled

Last night was Rotary night for the Decatur Rotarians and with a hundred per cent attendance at the luncheon and the entertainment that followed, no meeting was ever marked by such a degree of enthusiasm, good fellowship spirit, and interest as that displayed by the boys last evening. Every one, even the visitors agreed that it was "tip top."

The distinguished guests of the club were Rotarians Pompeo Coppini, noted and famed sculptor of Chicago; John Mitchell, "Tony" Heit and Charles Dickmeyer of Fort Wayne. Mr. Gubalke, formerly of Oakland, California, and a former Rotarian was also a guest.

The Rotarians and their guests met at the library at six forty-five and at seven o'clock marched to the "Eats" restaurant where a delicious chicken dinner was served by Rotarian Raymond Harting. The menu included "buttermilk fed" chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing salad, jello dessert, cake and coffee, and last but not least, good ten cent smokes.

Back at the library at eight o'clock, President Wal Wemhoff, who we think is the best president in Indiana, took the chair and greeted his guests and announced that the meeting would be turned over the educational committee composed of A. D. Suttles, Mart Worthman and O. L. Vance, who presided during the evening. Mr. Vance called on "Tony" Heit to give his talk. "Toney" stated that he was glad to come to Decatur, but that he could not make a speech, but said all kinds of nice things about the Rotary club and praised the high ideals for which the club stood. He stated that Chas. Dickmeyer, his partner, was the speech-maker of the crowd and stepped from the platform to give way to him. Rotarian Dickmeyer made a good talk, stating the ideals of Rotary could be practiced in business and that those who lived up to the ethics of Rotary would be better citizens, better business men. He showed what improvements had been made throughout the world in the way of doing business by credit, which is merely a trust placed in your customer. Rotary believes in fellowship and the same principles can apply. Rotary, he said, quoting President Pickford of Indianapolis, is not a commercial organization. Through some mistaken idea a number of the clubs in the state think that they as clubs should get back of every movement. As clubs they should not, but as individuals, should lend