

## U. S. RELIANCE ON FLEET, NOT SUBS, PRAISED

French Authority Declares Air  
and Undersea Craft Only  
Auxiliaries.

## REVEALS 1921 PROGRAM

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The American naval policy of constructing a big surface fleet instead of relying on submarines and airplanes was defended as wise and proper today by Pierre Dupuy, president of the naval committee of the French Chamber of Deputies.

"The United States is right in constructing a big surface fleet and not relying upon submarines and airplanes, which are valuable only as auxiliaries," said Dupuy.

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## COL. C. E. STANTON CHECKS UP, ALIVE

Man of 'Lafayette, We Are  
Here' Fame Not Death  
Victim.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Friends of Lt. Col. Charles E. Stanton, credited with being author of the famous remark, "Lafayette, we are here," made when the A. E. F. came to France, were greatly relieved today. They had learned the colonel was not dead, but instead was very much alive in Seattle.

An hour's flurry was created yesterday when authorities at Redding, Cal., identified the body of Charles Stanton, a Sacramento blacksmith, as that of Colonel Stanton. The similarity of the names and the finding of papers mentioning the colonel's remarks at the tomb of Lafayette led to the false identification.

## HOLDS ALL-DAY SESSION FEB. 22

Parent-Teacher Federation to  
Meet at Y. W. C. A.

The Indianapolis Federation of Parent-Teacher Clubs will hold an all-day meeting in the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday, Feb. 22. The morning session, a special report will be made by committee chairman and officers, will be opened at 10 o'clock. A luncheon will be served at 12:30 in Hohenbeck Hall, for which reservations may be made with Mrs. Charles H. Smith, 1026 South Randolph street, or Mrs. George B. Flinck, 3101 Broad way, before Friday.

The program for the afternoon will include a short program and a series of talks on "Proposed Advancement in Educational Lines" by local educators and an illustrated lecture on "Sand Dunes" by Mrs. Frank Sheshan of Gary, chairman of the conservation department of the Indiana Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Curtis Hedges, president of the federation, will preside.

## 8 Taken for Gaming in Hotel Room Raid

When the police raided room No. 320 at the Denison Hotel last night they arrested eight men, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and seven other men. Seven were charged with keeping a gambling house. The seven others are charged with gambling and visiting a gambling house. They gave the names of Harry Baiton, 37; Carl Hunter, 38; William Hobbs, 27, all of Evansville; George Mull, 33, Winchester; Frank B. Hall, 30; Frank Curry, 40; and George Mitchell, 21, of 2429 North Illinois street.

Lieutenants Houston and McMurrill, who made the raid, captured six decks of cards and 450 poker chips as evidence.

In city court, Judge Walter Pritchard dismissed the charges, holding that there was no evidence that the chips seized had any money value. The real names of the prisoners came out at the hearing.

## One Woman, Two Men Held in Gun Murder

DETROIT, Feb. 12.—Joseph P. McNichols, an employee of the Detroit board of education and former saloon keeper of St. Louis, Mo., was shot and killed here early today.

Mrs. Nina Deye, in whose home the shooting occurred; George McPhail, said to be a rival of McNichols who was shot, and George King are now in the hospital.

McNichols is said to have two children and a brother living in St. Louis.

CLINTON WOMAN DIES.

CLINTON, Ind., Feb. 12.—Mrs. George Reiner, 22, is dead at Universal near here, as a result of burns received when she was making a fire in a stove with coal oil. In addition to her husband, two small children survive. Mrs. Reiner was born in Belgium.

## Now Then, Let's See

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 12.—Movies are not responsible for "crime waves," William A. Brady, president of the National Association of the Motion Picture Industry, said here today.

"Governments who forgot the injunction, 'Thou shalt not kill,' are the ones really responsible," said Brady. Brady likened censorship of movies to "muzzling of the press."

## WOMAN'S TALK DRUG RING TIP

New York Police Nab Man  
Accused of Smuggling  
Narcotics.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Through a clew furnished by a woman's telephone conversation, Special Deputy Police Commissioner Carleton Simon today arrested a man who is said to be one of the leaders of the international drug ring which has been smuggling narcotics into this country.

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## FORD DEFENDS JEWISH 'EXPOSE'

Declares Propaganda Intended  
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By FREDERICK ROCHE.

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The widely discussed anti-Jewish articles in Ford's paper, the Dearborn Independent, are really a continuance of the policies of the family Ford ship.

"They are to promote world peace," as Mr. Ford himself explained.

The publication of these articles resulted in leading Gentiles circulating a protest against anti-Semitism. The protest was signed by President Wilson, William Cardinal O'Connell and other leaders.

Mr. Ford's interview might be summarized as follows:

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## FIXES TAX AND RATE FIGURES ON SAME PLANE

House Utility Amendment  
Seeks to Prevent Divergence  
in Valuation.

## HOFFMAN FATHERS BILL

A bill that would prevent public utilities from being valued at one figure for taxation and at another for rate making purposes was introduced in the House yesterday afternoon by Representative John H. Hoffman of Ligonierville.

This provision would come in an amendment to section 9 of the public utility commission act.

The commission shall give weight to the reasonable cost of bringing the property to its then state of efficiency.

The committee may avail itself of any information in possession of the State board of accountancy or any other authorities.

The commission may accept any valuation of the physical property made by the Interstate Commerce Commission of any public utility subject to the provisions of this act, but in no case shall the valuation of the property of any public utility be fixed by the commission at a greater amount for rate making purposes than the amount for which such utility is returned for taxation.

## CONTROLS IN COUNTRIES AFFECTED.

Another amendment makes it mandatory that no hearing can be held except by a member of the commission and "all hearings shall be held in the county or county seat."

An amendment to section 6 of the public utility commission power to investigate without notice "whenever it believes that any rate or charge may be unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory, or that service is inadequate, or cannot be obtained, or that an investigation of any matter relating to any public utility should for any reasons be made, or whenever the cost of fuel, material, labor and other elements, necessary for the operation of any public utility, shall have materially declined."

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