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Washington, Feb. 14.—While the House Naval committee continued its hearings today on the Navy Appropriation bill, the Military committees of both Houses prepared to begin drafting the measures they will propose to strengthen the army. The Military committees probably will begin daily sessions before the end of the week in an effort to hasten their work as President Wilson has urged.

Rear Admiral Grant, the submarine commander and the first sea duty officer to appear at the hearing, told the House committee today that he believed the present type of American submarines should be abandoned and only large boats of at least 800 tons surface displacement be constructed in future. It was boats of this size, he said, which he had done the most efficient work for the German navy in the present war. The admiral will be further examined tomorrow.

Views of Others Differ. Captain Joseph McKean, attached to the office of the chief of operations as an assistant for material, said that while he was inclined to believe with Admiral Grant as to the greater value of larger submarines, other officers had different views. Chairman Padgett explained that Rear Admiral Benson, chief of operations, was one of those who were inclined to his position on the committee later.

Captain McKean revealed that much of the Navy Department's information about German submarines had come from an American boy who served for a time upon one of them in active service before he could establish his nationality and secure immunity from military duty. The boy, whose name was not disclosed, returned to the United States as soon as he was at liberty, and proved to be a valuable source of information. While he did not actually report to the committee, McKean said experts of the navy had questioned the youth closely.

Representative Britten, of Illinois, asked Captain McKean if a section of the department was conducting two additional small submarines two months ago was not ridiculous in the light of the information it then had as to the efficiency of larger craft. McKean said that the question of ships of this size was determined by the general board, Captain McKean replied. He said he believed it had been thought best to construct many submarines as proposed, constructed quickly and that Congress had fixed the limit of cost for the sixteen boats, thereby limiting their size. He pointed out also that for displacement of 300 miles or more, a boat was fully as efficient if not more so than an 800 ton craft. They were imperative for shallow water work, he added.

Representative Britten pressed the witness as to what steps had been taken by the Navy Department to be ready to meet the emergency conditions which would exist. McKean said: "We have made more real progress in real readiness," Captain McKean said, "in the last two years than in previous years. I have had in my experience in the navy. I don't think I have ever known a time when everybody in the service from top to bottom, was working as hard with their hands and heads to prepare the fleet for active service."

At another point Representative Britten asked why the department had not attempted to speed up delivery of ships now under construction. Captain McKean said this was a matter for the contractors and the department had little power. If the contractors were penalized, he said, Congress also revoked the sentence.

"I think your files will show, Mr. Britten," he said, "that no penalty has ever been imposed upon a contractor, but that they are rebated sooner or later by an act of Congress. They may have to wait 15 years but they will get it back."

Representative Padgett put into record a report of the general board a year ago showing the relative fighting efficiency of various types of battleships. Taking the Delaware as a standard of 100 per cent., he said, the Oregon figures 13 per cent., and the New York at 157 per cent. Captain McKean said a report dealing with the whole subject of personnel and ships complements soon would be forthcoming from the Atlantic fleet and would answer all questions.

A supplemental estimate of \$77,000 for the Naval Militia, making a total of \$28,738 for that purpose compared with \$250,000 appropriated last year, was presented to Congress today by Secretary Daniels. The increase is to meet the greater mileage and transportation charges occasioned by changing the plans for the summer cruise of the naval militia the coming summer.

NO ACTION TAKEN AGAINST FRANZ BOPP, GERMAN CONSUL. Arrangement of Others Indicted for Conspiracy Is Decried.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Franz Bopp, local consul general for Germany, appeared in Federal district court today and was arraigned on a charge of conspiracy to set on foot a military expedition against Canada, but government officials announced they were awaiting the appearance of another indictment against him, so no action was taken. Arraignment of Baron E. H. von Schack, vice consul general, and Baron George Wilhelm von Brinken, consular attaché, indicted on a similar charge, was also delayed.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF FEDERAL RESERVE ACT ARE ENTIRELY VINDICATED

In Most Details the Working of the Measure Has Been Successful, Says Board, in Its First Annual Report, Which Recommends Six Amendments—One of Most Beneficial Measures Enacted by Congress.

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"A year's experience in the operation of the Federal Reserve Act," says the report, "has confirmed the board in its profound conviction that the act has been one of the most beneficial pieces of legislation ever adopted by Congress. Not only have its fundamental principles been fully vindicated but in most details the working of the measure has been successful."

The amendments recommended would: Permit national banks to subscribe and hold stock in banks organized for the special purpose of doing a banking business in foreign countries.

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