BRITISH FLEET WOULD DIE AWAY IN 5 YEARS

What a "Naval Holiday" Would Mean to the Sea Power of United Kingdom

(Kansas City Star)

A phase of the question which generally has been overlooked in the proposal for a "naval holiday" has been brought sharply to the attention of the British public by Archibald Hurd, the naval expert, who declares that a cessation of shipbuilding for five years would be equivalent to the death knell of the British fleet."

The danger, as Mr. Hurd shows, is not so much in the reduction of the fleet itself, as it is that "we might wake at the end of the 'holiday' to discover that we still needed a navy, and that we had bartered away the capacity for creating one." In other words, the greatest element of naval preparedness is not the ability to build ships, but the facilities for arming and armoring them.

Armor Plants Can't Stand Idle

The plants for gun-making, armor manufacture and the construction of torpedoes and torpedo tubes could not be expected to stand idle five years, Mr. Hurd says, and then turned to over night to create a new fleet. The owners of these plants would promptly scrap them and turn to something else. Writing in the London Telegraph, Mr. Hurd points out that the United States and Japan, in completing the ships under way, could so spread out the work as to keep their armor and armament plants at work five years. Great Britain, on the other hand, having no ships building or proposed, could not keep its plants employed for months past, in fact, the British armor and armament plants have stood idle.

"Once an armor factory is built," Mr. Hurd says, "it can be used for no other purpose, and if over a long period no orders are received the inevitable result is that it must be scrapped. You cannot use an armor mill for turning out sewing machines or making motor cars; you cannot employ the labor for the making of jams or chocolate creams.

Can't Build Guns In a Day

Much the same is true of the turning out of great guns. There are not many firms in the country even today who could turn out 16-inch guns, building them up stage by stage. The maintenance of this industry has always been difficult in this country because we live on an island, and long since abandoned the idea that we could be adequately defended by immobile forts. The French, the Germans and other powers turned out great artillery for their forts when they were not strengthening their fleet; the United States did the same. In this country, on the other hand, the only demand for big guns has come from the admiralty, and when that demand ceases the industry must die, demobilizing great factories, unless precautionary steps are taken.

Those are considerations which cannot be ignored in discussing the proposed naval holiday, or, indeed, the indefinite postponement of a new shipbuilding program. It is common knowledge that at this moment the firms which have hitherto supplied the navy with armor, guns and gun mountings are considering the advisability of scrapping all the plants provided by them in past years at a great expenditure of capital. They can be used only for the purposes of producing naval armaments. It would be ridiculous to suggest that we should maintain a fleet in order to keep these establishments busy and to give employment to the skilled artisans. That would be the height of absurdity.

THE ATTENDANCE AT THE INITIAL LENTEN SERVICES

Good congregations attended the first Lenten services held in various churches of the city yesterday, the observance of Ash Wednesday being general. Services will continue through to Holy week on the following schedule:

St. John's, morning service daily at 7:30 o'clock and afternoon services every day at 5 o'clock except Saturday. Confirmation lectures will be given each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, starting tonight.

St. James, morning prayer Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:30 o'clock; daily service and address, 6:10 to 6:40 p. m.; litany Fridays at noon; confirmation lectures Fridays at 6:10 p. m., and confirmation, Palm Sunday, March 20.

St. Paul's, services each Thursday at noon and at 8 p. m. with prayer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 p. m.

Church of the Good Shepherd, services Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 4 p. m. and Wednesdays at 8 p. m.

Church of the Ascension, Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock.

St. Philip's, Wednesday afternoons at 4 o'clock.

Additional services will be announced for Holy week.

I. O. O. F. MEETING

All members of Letita Rebekas degree, I. O. O. F., are urged to be present at the regular meeting this evening at 8 o'clock. Among the items to come before the body will be a letter from the state president which will be brought up for discussion. At this time arrangements will also be made for the February social.

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LEADERS IN HOSPITAL DRIVE ARE ANNOUNCED

Four Divisions of Four Teams Each Announced at Headquarters Yesterday

Interest grows daily in the $100,000 campaign that is to be waged, beginning February 15, for the purpose of making necessary expansions at the James Walker Memorial hospital and wiping out a $30,000 debt on the institution. Each day the campaign headquarters in the People's bank building is flooded with inquiries with regard to the drive.

Perhaps the most important announcement made at the headquarters was a complete list of the division and team captains who are to supervise the canvass for the funds. The workers will be divided into four divisions, each division containing five teams and each team in command of a captain. There will be two divisions of men and two of women.

The divisions and team captains are as follows:

Division No. 1, Herbert Bluthenthal, chairman; captains: W. I. Baxter, George Honnet, John R. Hanby and Walter Storm.

Division No. 2, Dr. J. G. Murphy, chairman; team captains: E. T. Hancock, Edward C. Hines Dan M. Hodges, Louis J. Poisson and William Struthers.

Division No. 3, Mrs. S. Solomon, chairman; captains: Mrs. J. Lawrence Sprunt, Mrs. W. C. Whitehead, Mrs. J. Solomon, Mrs. J. O. Carr and Miss Jennie Murchison.

Division No. 4, Mrs. J. Victor Grainger, chairman; captains: Mrs. C. P. Bolles, Mrs. George B. Elliott, Mrs. J. B. Sidbury, Mrs. J. C. Stewart and Mrs. J. C. Wessell.

Each of the team captains are now busy selecting their team workers. Each team will be given a list of persons to be called upon when soliciting contributions. There will be no duplication of names, consequently no person will be called upon but the single time.

WENDLINGER BAKERY IS DAMAGED BY LATE FIRE

Smoke and Water Also Factors in Damage to Plant

Quick and efficient action on the part of the Wilmington fire department is all that saved the handsome new Wendlinger bakery, No. 112 South Front street, from complete destruction last night shortly after 11 o'clock when the blaze was discovered by passersby on the second floor of the building occupied by the bakery. As it was, damage, estimated to amount to several thousand dollars, was done to the building, stock and equipment by the fire, smoke and water.

Early this morning, Charlie Wendlinger, manager of the plant and principal owner of the bakery, said that in spite of damage, the fire would not interfere with his business. Considerable damage was done to the stock of flour, lard, sugar and other material which was stored on the second floor of the building.

Foreman Marlow of the plant, stated that as well as it could be established last night, the fire originated in the woodwork where the bakery oven flue passed through the roof of the building. The damage by the flames was principally at this point.

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CITY OFFICIALS TALK MEASURES OF TAXATION

State Municipal Association in Session at Raleigh Goes Into Finances

Capt. Thomas D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, returned yesterday morning from Raleigh, where he attended a meeting of the North Carolina Municipal association. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Gallatin Roberts, of Asheville, who is president of the association, and there were nearly fifty municipal officials from all parts of North Carolina in attendance at the meeting.

Captain Meares yesterday reported that the association discussed three propositions of state-wide importance as pertaining to municipalities, but that Wilmington was only directly concerned in two of these, and, in order of their importance, he described these propositions, as follows:

A resolution enlarging the restriction of 50 cents ad valorem tax, which, by an amendment passed in the general assembly last August, is limited to 50 cents; and all of the cities represented, with one or two exceptions, reported that they could not operate within this 50 cents ad valorem. Wilmington, Captain Meares said, is operating within 55 cents.

License and privilege tax exemptions in the revenue and machinery act were severely criticised, Captain Meares said, and 36 exemptions to the tax were reported, among these being the following: Dentists, doctors, lawyers, express companies, telegraph companies, oil companies and others. He said the city officials claimed municipalities should be given the power to levy taxes on the professions and business enterprises mentioned, and that the association adopted a resolution requesting the legislature to remove the exemptions from taxation.

Captain Meares said considerable time was given over to the discussion of some amendments to the financial act, but that this matter was finally turned over to a committee, which will give its decision today.

INTERNATIONAL BOXING BOUTS ARE BEING PLANNED IN MAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—An international tournament, which will bring together recognized amateur boxing champions of the United States and England, is being planned for this city early in May.

It is proposed to have the winners of the English amateur athletic association and the American amateur athletic union championship contest, which are scheduled to be held almost simultaneously in London and Boston, compete for international honors while their titular laurels are still fresh. An invitation from the officers of the A. A. U., headed by Secretary Frederick W. Rubien, has been dispatched to the officials of the English A. A. A., requesting them to designate the winner in each of the eight weight divisions as the British standard bearers for a series of bouts against the American amateur champions following the national tournament to be held in Boston April 11-12.

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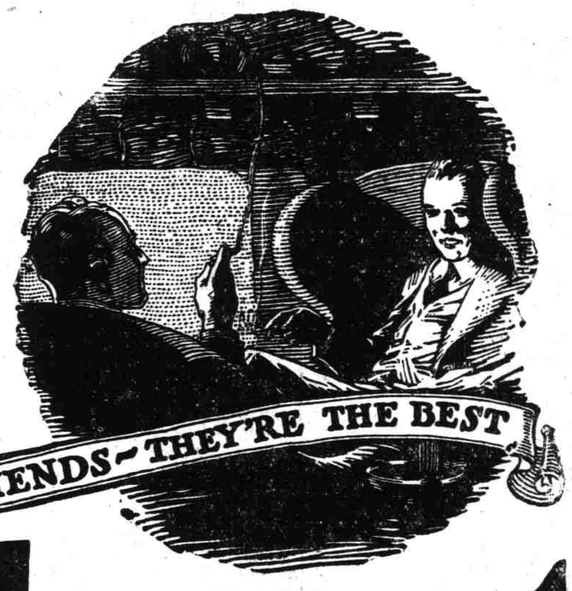

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