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BRITT FAVORS PREPAREDNESS

Congressman-Elect Thinks Both the Land and Naval Forces Should Be Gradually Strengthened.

WOULD ESTABLISH SOME SORT OF RESERVE FORCE

Favors Teaching of Military Procedure in Our Colleges—Is for World Curtailment of Armies.

The views of Congressman-elect Britt on the subject of our national defenses are reflected in the following letter to the secretary of the American League to Limit Armaments which has been made public: Mr. L. Hollingsworth Wood, Secretary American League to Limit Armaments, New York City, N. Y. My dear Sir: I have your letter of the 5th inst. asking three questions relative to our national defenses and international peace, and I take pleasure in restating your inquiries and answering them serially, as follows: 1. "Are you in favor of increasing the military or naval establishments of the United States (a) at this time, or (b) at any time?" Yes; I favor gradually strengthening both our land and naval forces commencing at this time. 2. "Do you think that an increase in the military or naval establishments at this time would have an unfavorable influence on the position of the United States in world politics, and as a peacemaker?" No; unless we should depart from our historic policy of non-interference with the affairs of other nations and enter upon a course of foreign aggression, a thing we are likely to do. On the contrary, our position as a possible mediator between European belligerents would be strengthened by a better state of national preparedness. Only alert, prepared, and self-respecting nations are powerful as peacemakers. 3. "If you believe in an increase in our defensive forces, how would you increase them, and where is our weakness?" By improving our standing army by establishing some sort of reserve force, by encouraging our national guard, and by a better equipment of our sea forces, particularly in the matter of officers. This does not imply a large military force, or a powerful naval establishment, but merely such defensive armaments as may be reasonably necessary for the protection of our national safety and honor. Our weakness lies in the smallness and inadequacy of our establishments, and in the lack of training in our defensive forces, both land and naval. I know that war is the irony of man's happiness and better interests, and I deeply deplore the fact that it is even possible, and heartily favor the curtailment of the fighting forces of the nations by any agreement whatever, but I am convinced that, at least for the time being, particularly in the present temper of the world, our only safety lies in efficient preparedness. Yours very truly, (Signed) JAMES J. BRITT.

HOUSE PASSING REVENUE BILL

Measure, Made Special, Goes Swiftly Toward Adoption—Amendments Receive Scant Consideration.

GILES TEACHER BILL GETS BIG MAJORITY

Senate Passes Measure Providing for Uniform Examination and Certification of Teachers.

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—The revenue act, made a special order for noon in the house yesterday, went briskly toward adoption by the house in a committee of the whole and later by the house proper, 212 yeas.

APPEAL IS MADE TO COMMISSION

At a special meeting of the directors of the board of trade, yesterday, President W. Vance Brown was instructed to forward to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington a letter which the members of the local association ask the commission to investigate the conditions alleged to be prevailing in Washington, Baltimore and New York, which makes it almost impossible for people traveling this way to get their baggage checked through or through Pullman reservations.

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EXTRA SESSION SEEMS CERTAIN

Administration Leaders Lose and in Ship Bill Fight When the Republicans Force Adjournment.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Administration forces reported to continue the fight over the ship purchase bill at an early conference today between President Wilson, Senators Fletcher and Simmons and Representative Kitchin. It was decided to stand behind Senator Gore's substitute bill now pending in the senate. The substitute contains provisions for the safeguarding against the violation of neutrality in the purchase of foreign vessels and other provisions which it is believed will commend themselves to the progressive republicans and the insurgents democrats.

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At 10:51 o'clock this morning a tank attached to the oxygen-acetylene welding machine, in the machine shop of the Enterprise Machine company, exploded, injuring two men in such a way that they are not expected to live through the day. Bart Orr, of West Asheville, was horribly torn and injured in the stomach and intestines by the terrific force of the explosion. J. R. McAvoy, a demonstrator here to install the welding machine had one arm frightfully mangled, and his leg was broken, besides serious internal injuries.

GOOD ROADS WEEK AT CHAPEL HILL

Special to The Gazette-News. Chapel Hill, Feb. 11.—The offices of the North Carolina Geological and Economic survey located in the new East building of the university are busily engaged in preparations for the forthcoming good roads institute, in Chapel Hill on February 22-27. Prof. C. M. Strahan, professor of the civil engineering department of the University of Georgia, will be the chief speaker of the conference. His topic is "Top-Soil and Sand-Clay Roads." The program for the three-day conference includes a discussion of the "Maintenance of Highways" by W. W. Crosby, highway commissioner of the state of Maryland. His discussion will come on Thursday, February 25. D. H. Winslow, of the United States office of public highways, will take part in the discussion of maintaining public roads. While prominence will be given the topics noted above, other subjects will be given consideration, "Bridges and Culverts," "Bumblers Roads" and "Macadam Roads" are named on the program. The conference, which convenes at 2:30 p. m. on Tuesday, February 22, marks the second annual gathering of the kind assembled in the state. The meeting last year published its purpose as that of serving as a clearing house for road building problems in North Carolina. Forty-five visitors, including road engineers and superintendents from twenty-two counties, were in attendance. It is with pardonable pride that university students are gratified over the excellent record which the law school maintained in the percentage of applicants successful in the recent Supreme court examination. The percentage registered an even 100 of the twenty-one applicants, every one obtained their credentials to practice law. The record is in keeping with former law students trained in the university—with notably few exceptions do students obtaining credentials in proficiency from the law school fail to secure their licenses.