

PROPOSED PLAN NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR U. S. NAVY CLAIMS BADGER

EVEN IF EXTREME DEFENSE PLANS ARE DECIDED UPON, WE WILL STILL BE BEHIND.

GIVES INTERVIEW

Rear Admiral Says United States is Building Fleet According to Our Treasury and Not Our National Needs.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Rear Admiral Badger, under cross examination by Congressman Rutler, of the house naval affairs committee, today said that unless the American navy equaled or was superior to that of Great Britain, the United States would not be adequately prepared for defense.

"Is it not true that we carry out the program, suggested to us by the navy department, we will still be behind the strongest navy in the world?" asked Mr. Butler.

Upon an affirmative answer, Mr. Butler asked:

"Is it not a fact we are building our fleet according to our treasury and not our national needs?"

"That has been the case," said Admiral Badger.

While the submarine had checked the activities of heavy fighting ships in the war's days, the admiral said big ships now cruised the North sea with impunity, so far as submarine attacks are concerned. Its effectiveness against merchant ships, he said, was due to the fact that submarines have been lying in wait in narrow channels but the English have now been able to meet this situation.

That submarines of the United States carry eight torpedoes—a supposed secret of the navy—was revealed by Admiral Badger.

DAUGHTRIDGE HAS OPENED HIS CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS

Daughtridge, headquarters have been opened in rooms 3 and 4 of the Capital Club building, and from now on an active campaign is to be waged to capture the Democratic nomination for Governor for Hon. E. L. Daughtridge, of Rocky Mount.

The office here will be in charge of Mr. James E. Carraway, of Waynesville, and Mr. Paul R. Capelle, of Rocky Mount. Mr. J. C. Daughtridge, a son of the Lieutenant Governor, is also connected with the office. Miss Mary Aycock and Miss Nell Hinsdale are stenographers. The rooms have been nicely equipped.

THE PINK LADY WILL BE CERTAIN TO PLEASE

If ever a play will give an audience the money's worth, it will be "The Pink Lady," which comes to the New Theatre next Wednesday.

Rich and warm, it is one of the best musical offerings of a decade and when all the ephemeral nonsense and soulless music that masquerades under that title have been forgotten, the haunting melodies of "The Pink Lady" will be vividly and pleasantly remembered. The music has substance, richness and warmth, with a pretty swing and a sweet suggestion that simply pervades one's whole being. The authors had ideas and gave them not only musical form but invested their emotion with light laughter and love, avoiding the hazy haze of many musical mediocrities.

BOOK CLUBS WILL MEET TOMORROW

The book clubs will hold their regular meetings tomorrow afternoon at the following places: Crockett Club. Will meet with Miss Caddie Fowl at 3:30 o'clock. Addisco Club. Will meet with Mrs. Justus Randolph at 3:30 o'clock. O. Henry Club. Will meet at the same hour tomorrow afternoon as the above clubs. The meeting will be held with Miss L. T. Rodman.

WILSON IS RESPECTED AND DANIELS RIDICULED, SAYS LOCAL MERCHANT

Washington Business Man Tells of Sentiment Regarding National Politics and European War as Found in New York City.

Some interesting "pointers" regarding the national political situation were offered yesterday afternoon by one of the local merchants, who has just returned from New York City and who, while in that metropolis, made it a point to feel out the sentiment on the part of the business men with whom he came in contact.

"My observations have caused me to have some grave doubts regarding the outcome of our national election," he stated. "Big Business" is against the Democratic party and is fighting it as fiercely as it can. If the Democrats win, it will not be because of the Democratic party but because of the fact that the people want Wilson back in the chair again.

"He is generally admired for the stand he has taken on domestic and international questions. That admiration, however, does not extend to the members of his cabinet. We folks down here have our own viewpoint on certain matters and we may be inclined to think those views are shared by people in other parts of the country, but that is not so. Every man I talked to in New York would laugh at the mention of Daniels' name. They think him the biggest joke of the age up there.

Hughes Gaining in Favor.

"I am inclined to think that the Republicans will nominate Hughes. He seems to be the favorite in New York and I talked with men from New Orleans and other cities who said that the New Yorker would get the nomination."

End of War Not in Sight.

"I spoke with a representative of

a Southern manufacturing plant, which makes plugs that go into these hand grenades that are used by the armies of Europe. This man told me that his firm had a contract with one of the foreign governments—I've forgotten which one it was—to supply these plugs for three years' time. If the war were to end tomorrow, the firm would still be paid for its three year contract. This would tend to show that there is no chance of the war coming to an end in the near future, for it there was any possible chance of the cessation of hostilities, no government would ever enter into a contract of that kind."

MANY NORTH CAROLINA LADIES AT RECEPTION

Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer, of Charlotte, Hostess at Reception at the Club of Colonial Dames.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Joseph Daniels, wife of the secretary of the navy, and Mrs. William C. Borgas were the guests yesterday afternoon at a reception at the club of the Colonial Dames with Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer, of Charlotte, as hostess. Many of the most prominent North Carolinians in Washington, including Mrs. Lee Slater Overman, Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory, the Misses Overman, Mrs. Yates Webb, Mrs. John H. Small, Mrs. Robert N. Page, Mrs. Thad Page and many other members of the families of senators and congressmen, were in attendance. Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. Haskell Porcher and Mrs. Robert Dunn, both of Charlotte.

The dainty debutants assisting were the daughters of the official families of North Carolina now in Washington.

Misses Katherine and Grace Overman, Misses Maybell and Katherine Small, Miss Annie Pou and Miss Elizabeth Clayson, of Georgia.

FILIBUSTER IS DIRECTED AGAINST PREPAREDNESS

Washington, Feb. 23.—Preparedness, not child labor, will be the measure against which certain southern senators will filibuster, it became known today, in their fight on the Keating-Owens measure.

Members of the senate committee said today they have learned from authoritative sources that the opposition plan is to keep the bill off the calendar until the preparedness measures are in, and then to threaten an indefinite debate on the latter bills.

As an offset to this plan, Chairman Newlands, of the Interstate Commerce committee, announces today the bill will be speedily reported—also the military bills.

GERMAN SOLDIERS NOW WEAR ANCIENT HEADGEAR

Amsterdam, Feb. 23.—On account of the lack of military equipment, the German soldiers at Sudenitz, on the Dutch frontier, now wear headgear dating back to 1813, which was worn by the Prussians who fought against Napoleon. This headgear is not far out of style as compared with the modern helmet. The Germans call them "helmets of victory."

KINSTON IS HIDING FOR TWO FACTORIES

Kinston, Feb. 23.—The Chamber of Commerce is in communication with two manufacturing concerns in Pennsylvania, said to be offering liberal inducements to the South. The Chamber is said to be offering liberal inducements to the owners to locate the businesses here. One plant is manufacturing paper boxes, with hosiery boxes as a specialty, and the other clock barrels, etc.

Cole House is a Candidate.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 23.—Cole L. Blease today formally announced that he would be an aspirant for the Democratic nomination of governor at the next primary. He will oppose Richard J. Manning, present governor. Blease served as governor from 1911 ending last year, making his term spectacular chiefly because of the many pardons he issued.

CALLING IT VIVIDLY TO MIND.



Berryman in Washington Star.

LANSING IS BEING URGED FOR SENATOR OR GOVERNOR

Washington, Feb. 23.—Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, has declined to become permanent chairman of the New York State Democratic Convention. The chairmanship, both temporary and permanent, will fall to Martin H. Glynn, formerly Governor.

This announcement was made yesterday by William Church Osborn, chairman of the State Committee.

Mr. Lansing's refusal means that he is being groomed by the

Wilson Administration for Governor or United States Senator, according to authoritative opinion. The convention opens a week from next Wednesday in Syracuse.

Should he enter the race for Governor, Mr. Lansing may find a formidable rival in Samuel Seabury, Judge of the Court of Appeals. If his decision is for a Senator's toga, he may be pitted at the primaries against James A. O'orman, the present incumbent, or Martin H. Glynn.

IS PLEASED WITH PINETOWN GOATS

Interned Sailor at Norfolk Writes That They Are "Very Pretty and Merry."

Mr. Fowle of Pinetown, who recently sent a shipment of goats to the sailors on board the interned cruiser, Prince Eitel Friedrich, today received another letter from one of the crew, which reads as follows: Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 20, 1916.

Dear sir: I received your goats and my fellows and we were enjoind to see it. They are pretty and very merry. If you hear from a little Bear let me send word. With best regards from ROBERT SCHMIDT.

TO ASK PUBLIC TO CONTENT ITSELF WITH SIMPLE CLOTHES

Washington, Feb. 23.—A nationwide appeal to the public to content itself with simple clothes is to be sent out by the department of commerce by dye manufacturers and by the textile manufacturers of the country. Such a course was decided upon at a conference of the various dye interests at the department.

Attention is called to the fact that while the American dye industry is growing tremendously, that the variety and quantity of colors to hand before the European war cut off the German supply, are not yet available.

A statement from the conference says that the public should likewise recognize that the same quality of goods is demanded, and with which it was served before the war, are no available.

ENTERTAINMENT A BIG SUCCESS

Large Number Attended Cabaret, Given Last Night at the Elks Hall.

Practically every table was taken at the cabaret entertainment, which was given last night at the Elks hall for the benefit of the public library fund and a handsome sum was realized by the committee for this purpose.

The affair proved a grand success in every way. The hall was beautifully decorated in patriotic colors and, with the fifty or more tables around the sides of the room, presented a most attractive appearance.

An interesting musical program of vocal and instrumental selections was rendered. The number which probably made the greatest impression upon the audience was a solo by Mrs. D. M. Carter to the accompaniment of Mrs. W. P. Baughman on the piano and Jack Welner on the violin. Ben Taylor's recitation was also well received and brought forth much laughter and applause. Selections by a sextette, quartette, a duet by Marjorie Hoyt and Mary Baughman and an exhibition of the minuet by Miss Lizzie Hill and Jesse Bowers, Miss Elizabeth Carrow and William Baughman, Miss Sallie Carrow and Carl Goerch and Miss Robena Carter and Alison Gray, concluded the program. An informal dance was enjoyed afterwards.

Among those who played on the piano during the course of the evening were Misses Janet Whitmore and Mary Clyde Hassell, Mrs. Lindsay Warren and Mr. Hall.

J. T. Mallard, Jr., of New Bern, was in the city yesterday attending to business.

D. A. R. CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF GEO. WASHINGTON

Major Reading Blount Chapter Delightfully Entertained by Mrs. C. M. Brown, Jr.

Mrs. Charles M. Brown, Jr., delightfully entertained the members of Major Reading Blount Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution at her home yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The spacious parlor and hall were tastefully decorated with the emblem of the white Liberty Cap and white of the D. A. R. colors. Beneath the clustered flags a portrait of the "Father of his Country" adorned the hall, and in the reception room a picture of the gallant Major Reading Blount recalled the chapter's namesake. Sweet spring blossoms of jonquil and narcissus mingled with violets completed the handsome decorations.

In the absence of the Regent, Mrs. S. R. Fowle, the vice regent, Mrs. W. H. Williams, presided with grace and dignity. The exercises were opened with the singing of "Carolina" and reading of the D. A. R. Ritual, led by the chaplain, Mrs. W. A. Branch. After the reading of the minutes of last meeting and some other business the names of the following ladies were put in nomination and elected as alternates to the Regent to attend the D. A. R. Congress to assemble in Memorial Continental Hall, Washington City, April 17-22: Mrs. B. G. Moss, Mrs. Branch, Miss Lottie Bonner, Mrs. C. M. Brown, Jr., Miss Marcella Myers, Mrs. Owen H. Gulon, Miss Dita Roberts, Mrs. Chas. Duffy.

Much regret was expressed for the recent illness of the chapter regent, Mrs. S. R. Fowle, and sympathy for Mrs. L. L. Knight in the loss of her mother.

The enjoyment of the afternoon was greatly enhanced by the reading of an interesting article, "Martha Washington at Valley Forge," charmingly read by Mrs. Beverly Moss, showing the original "first lady of the land" as a careful housewife and industrious, thoughtful friend to the officers and needy soldiers who spent that severe winter in the "camp of privations" at Valley Forge.

The program was further enriched when Miss Rodman, State Regent of the D. A. R. read a valuable and interesting description of Mount Vernon contained in a letter written by her great uncle, Gov. William Blount to his brother John Gray Blount of this city, giving an account of his visit to President Washington at Mount Vernon, Sept. 20th, 1790, on the occasion of his qualification as Territorial Governor of Tennessee.

The members of the chapter were deeply gratified by the presence at this meeting of Mrs. Samuel N. Harrell, Corresponding Secretary of the State D. A. R. of Tarboro. Mrs. Harrell is an accomplished and active worker in this as well as in other organizations for uplift and social betterment. It was also a distinct pleasure to have Miss Lottie Bonner and Mrs. Will Thompson and Miss Mary Bonner of Aurora, present on this occasion. They presented a cordial invitation from the Aurora members that the next meeting be held with them which was accepted with pleasure.

Elaborate and delicious refreshments were served in five courses, accompanied by dainty souvenirs reminiscent of the "Father of His Country" and Lady Washington—cherries, hatchets and tiny flags given to repartee and made the happy hour pass all too swiftly. In elegant and courteous hospitality our modern hostess, Mrs. C. M. Brown, Jr. could not have been excelled by those of yore olden time.

Others present were Mrs. Edwin Harrell and Mrs. Mary Martin Harrell and Helen Brown, the latter daintily dressed in Colonial costumes which added to their grace in serving.

The meeting was closed by an enthusiastic rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" in which all present joined.

NOTICE

The City Clerk's office will be open at night until 9:30 until March 1, for the convenience of the taxpayers of the city. On March 1st all property on which the tax has not been paid will be subjected to levy and costs in accordance with law. W. C. AYERS, CLERK. 2-21-16.

BANKERS WILL MEET NEXT Y'R IN WASHINGTON

HELD ANNUAL SESSION YESTERDAY AT GREENVILLE. 85 BANKS REPRESENTED.

ELECT OFFICERS

W. G. Gaither, of Elizabeth City, is Elected President. A. M. Dumay of This City, Selected for Place on the Executive Committee.

The bankers of the First Congressional district, at the annual meeting which was held at Greenville yesterday, selected Washington as their place of meeting for next year.

Over thirty-five banks of this district were represented at the meeting held yesterday. The visitors were entertained royally by the bankers of the most enjoyable that the association has ever held.

The following new officers were elected:

President: W. G. Gaither, of the First National Bank of Elizabeth City. Vice-president: J. L. Little, of the National Bank of Greenville. Secretary-Treasurer: C. H. Godwin, of the Bank of Martin County at Williamson. Executive committee: A. M. Dumay, of the First National Bank of Washington, E. C. Rra, of Edenton, and R. G. Harrison, of Williamson.

SERMONS MAKE A DEEP IMPRESSION

Large Congregations Hear Dr. Jones Preach at the Payne Memorial Church.

The meeting which Dr. Oliver G. Jones, of Greensboro, evangelist of the Synod of North Carolina, is conducting at the Payne Memorial church increases in interest and attendance. Last night the church was filled and the congregation heard a fine sermon on the subject, "No Man Can Serve Two Masters." Dr. Jones presented in clear and convincing manner the contrast between the service of God and of the devil and showed the utter folly and fatal consequences of a sinful life. A deep impression was made on all present.

Dr. Jones is a strong preacher, sound, scriptural and scholarly, and at the same time very plain and practical. He also sings the Gospel. He understands music and sings without any accompaniment. Gifted with a rich full, and mellow baritone voice, he uses it very effectively, to the delight and benefit of his hearers. These services are doing much good and are being greatly enjoyed by all who attend. Services at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

SNOWSLIDE IN ALPS CARRIES 53 TO DEATH

Berlin, Feb. 23.—Fifty-five persons were killed and forty-nine were wounded in an Alpine snowslide yesterday. Thirty others are missing.

The disaster occurred in the Hochtoenig district of the Salsburg Alps, which is well known as a center for winter sports. The avalanche came from a high cliff known as the Wandwand.

MANY Important functions of late are being given and the success of these occasions are being considerably aided by the quality and service of "GOOD TASTE" Crystal Ice Cream. ASK THOSE WHO USE IT. CRYSTAL ICE CREAM COMPANY Washington, N. C.

NEW THEATRE TO-NIGHT Sell offers "Landing of the Hoop Reel" a 3 reel feature "The Gangs New Member" 1 reel "Who Wants to be a Hero" 1 reel Prices 5 & 10