

MAINTENANCE OF CHARLESTON NAVY YARD ADVOCATED

Rear Admiral Stanford Says
It is Necessary for Small-
er Vessels.

BASE FOR TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS

Need for Dry Docks Most
Urgent Need of the Navy
at Present.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Continued maintenance of the Charleston navy yard was advocated before the house naval committee today by Rear Admiral Stanford, chief of the bureau of yards and docks. Representative Calloway, of Texas, asked Admiral Stanford if the Charleston yard was necessary.

"The Charleston yard," replied the admiral, "has been substantially developed with excellent drydocks and with certain water front facilities for handling of several smaller naval vessels. Its use also relieves other yards now congested."

"Do you think it should be maintained just for the use of smaller crafts?"

"Yes, they have a potential value as long as we retain them."

Representative Kelly, of Michigan, asked whether it would be possible to prepare the Charleston yard to accommodate the largest dreadnoughts.

"As an engineering project," the admiral replied, "it would be possible, but it would require a great deal of money."

The admiral said he believed the need for dry docks the most urgent need of the navy.

"With two big docks at New York and at Norfolk, either or both may be required for an indefinite period for some injured vessels, particularly in time of trouble," said the admiral, "and if we fail to have reserve docks with ample facilities we would have a most serious handicap. We could not clean the bottoms of our ships, nor repair their propellers and sea valves."

"Where would you put a big dry dock south of Norfolk?" asked Representative Butler.

"I believe Guantanamo is the best suited place," the admiral replied, "and there should be a graving dock at Pensacola with dimensions sufficient

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PRESIDENT AND GREGORY CONSIDER CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SUPREME COURT

Democrat Will Probably Fill
the Vacancy Caused by
Death of Lamar.

NO HOPE FOR TAFT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—President Wilson and Attorney General Gregory tonight began considering candidates for the vacancy of the United States Supreme court caused by the death of Justice Lamar. They conferred for more than an hour, going over the list of more than fifty men suggested for the place and eliminating many names. Afterward, the attorney general said no decision had been reached, and that the field still was open.

A democrat is almost certain to be selected. Officials said tonight that though democrats of Supreme court timber had been suggested to practically eliminate the possibility of a republican being appointed. A majority of the present members of the court are republicans.

Former President Taft has been suggested for the vacancy in messages received at the white house from many parts of the country, but it is understood there is no prospect of his being chosen.

AUSTRIANS SUCCESSFUL ON MONTENEGRIN FRONT, BUT BRITISH BEAT TURKS

Russian Front is Quiet for the Present but
Losses at Czerowitz Have Been Ap-
palling on Both Sides—Aeroplane Skir-
mishes at Saloniki.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—While the Russian front has been quiet during the past twenty-four hours there has been severe fighting in the other war theatres.

On the Montenegrin front the Austrians have been generally successful. They have advanced their positions at several important points despite the handicap of snow waist deep and are showing themselves just as adept as the Montenegrins in mountain fighting which heretofore has been regarded as the particular specialty of the Montenegrin soldiers.

In Champagne the French have repulsed four German attacks. The Germans however have retained a foothold at two places in the French advanced trenches.

Turks Beaten.

In Persia, British reinforcements on their way to the relief of Kut El Amara have met Turkish forces which were compelled to retire after some heavy fighting.

The Petrograd official communication says that the calm on the Czerowitz front is due to the huge losses and resulting demoralization of the Austro-Hungarian army. That there is some basis for this statement is evident from the estimate of the Hungarian newspaper Pester Lloyd that the losses on both sides of the Bessarabian battles so far exceed 175,000 or more than the total British losses in the whole Dardanelles campaign.

Another Hungarian newspaper states, on the authority of a staff report that the fighting on this front has been the bitterest and bloodiest in the history of the war, both sides sacrificing men in a manner without parallel.

Aeroplane Skirmishes.

The Saloniki front is chiefly notable in the day's dispatches as the scene of almost continued aeroplane skirmishes, one of which continued for two hours. The Germans have thus far lost six aeroplanes in this region.

The rumor that the consuls of the Teutonic allies arrested at Saloniki had been released appears to have been without foundation as it is now announced that they have

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FINAL AGREEMENT ON LUSITANIA QUESTION BLOCKED BY DETAILS

Difficulty in Agreeing on
Some Facts Holding Up
Settlement.

OUTLOOK IS GOOD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Difficulty in agreeing upon details is holding up a final settlement of the Lusitania controversy.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, and Secretary Lansing had another conference today and it was said later that no final agreement had been reached although the outlook was encouraging.

While the United States and Germany virtually have agreed upon the essential principles involved, it was learned tonight that until a method of expressing these principles satisfactorily to both sides is found, announcement of a settlement will be withheld. Count von Bernstorff was informed by Secretary Lansing during today's conference, that the wording of the tentative proposal submitted last week by Germany and since considered by President Wilson was inadequate in certain respects.

ITALIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMALLY INFORMED OF DESIRES OF U. S.

Uncle Sam Would Like to
See Guns Removed
From "Verdi."

IS BEING DETAINED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The desire of the United States government that the two three-inch guns mounted on the Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi, now at New York be removed and the vessel depart unarmed upon its return voyage, was expressed informally today to the Italian ambassador, Count Macchi di Cellere, by Secretary Lansing. The secretary's views will be transmitted to the Italian government, and it is said until a reply is received the liner will be detained in port.

The ambassador called at the state department twice during the day, conferring once with Counselor Polk and later with Mr. Lansing. Although there was no announcement after the conferences, it is understood that the American government will adhere strictly to its policy of opposing the carrying of mounted guns under any circumstances by vessels plying out of United States ports with passengers. Under international law merchantmen have the right to mount guns for defensive purposes, but it is not believed that Italy will insist upon exercising this right over the protest of the United States.



NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL OPEN MOUNT MITCHELL FOREST RESERVE AS GREAT PARK FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

Forestry Department and Southern Railway Are Co-Operating in Plans to Provide Attractive
Camping Grounds in the Mountains of Western North Carolina—Maps and
Other Data Being Prepared.

Preparations which have been under way for some time for the opening up of the Mt. Mitchell forest reserve as a national park, have now been practically completed, and the national government, with the co-operation of the Southern Railway company, is laying definite plans to call the attention of tourists and others throughout the country to the advantages that will accrue to them in the way of recreation and pleasure from spending a few weeks of each summer camping in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Plans are being rapidly evolved to throw open the whole vast forest reserve in the vicinity as one great park.

The people in the warm sections of the interior of the United States that are affected by the heat of the summer sun will have an opportunity of camping in the mountains of Western North Carolina without any cost for location during the coming summer.

The United States forestry service and the Southern railway are getting out a booklet with maps and the like calling attention to the fact that the forest service will open the Mt. Mitchell area free for families and for parties who may desire to spend the summer camping in this wonderful mountain section, where health and recreation may be enjoyed.

Attention will be called to the Mt. Mitchell forest reserve, which has recently been acquired by the Federal government. The forests were secured by the government for the purposes of conserving the timber resources of the country and protecting the pure water supply of the virgin forest as well as for recreational purposes.

The Southern Railway company and the forest service are co-operating in bringing the opportunities offered by the forest reserve to the attention of the public, and will aid campers in finding a location for the purpose of camping during the coming summer on the Mt. Mitchell forest reserve.

This will give hundreds of people who want to be free from town life the opportunity of spending the summer in the mountains, and with the great crowds that will be brought to the mountains during the coming summer it is expected that the mountains will be dotted with summer camps as well as our hotels filled with summer visitors.

A letter from Chief Forester H. S. Graves to W. H. Taylor, passenger traffic manager of the Southern railway, offering the hearty co-operation of the forestry department, reads in part as follows:

"I am very much interested in the development of the Appalachian national forests for recreational purposes. The enjoyment by the public of the national forests for all sorts of out-door recreation is recognized as one of their important uses, and ample regulations exist for the purpose of facilitating this use to the fullest extent. The routes and trails built primarily for the purpose of administration and protection are open to all who desire to tramp or ride through the national forest, and the only restrictions existing are that travelers observe the ordinary precautions against the burning of the woods or the destruction or injury of timber or other property.

"Free permits may be obtained for temporary camping purposes and it is required only that necessary precautions be taken in building and extinguishing the campfire, and that the cutting of green timber be avoided and that the grounds be kept in clean and sanitary condition.

"The most important problem in connection with the recreation development of the Appalachian national forests is to provide means for bringing the opportunities offered to the attention of the public.

concerning the recreation attractions of the country tributary to its lines.

"I am authorizing the district forester to prepare a map and to report upon the purchase area, the Mt. Mitchell, which will bring out the recreational features and explain to the public in detail the opportunities they offer.

The opening of the Mt. Mitchell area to the public for camping purposes will be a great blessing to many who otherwise could not avail themselves of the great climate and health conditions that exist in the Mt. Mitchell territory. The altitude in the territory that the government will open up is from 2,300 feet in altitude to almost the top of Mt. Mitchell, which is 6,711 feet above sea level.

The Denver Labor council recently estimated the number of persons thrown out of employment through prohibition in Denver, and those dependent upon them at five thousand.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 10.—Representative Britt will introduce a bill tomorrow for a flat rate of one cent on all drop letters. In connection with the matter, he stated that he favors a general one cent rate for all letters wherever and however delivered but introduces this measure at this time with a view of bringing the matter more directly and impressively to public attention and soon he expects to introduce a bill for general one-cent letter postage.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Forecast for North Carolina: Local rains Tuesday; Wednesday cloudy and colder, probably rain in west portion.

GRAND JURY WILL INVESTIGATE EAST YOUNGSTOWN RIOT

Labor Leaders Declare It a
Scheme to Depress
Stocks.

HIRED "SLUGGERS" AMONG THE RIOTERS

Thomas H. Flynn Says That
"Sluggers" Were Ident-
fied During Trouble.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Jan. 10.—Opening of the grand jury investigation of the strike and riot in Youngstown, the resumption of work at the plant of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company and the ordering home of the Fourth regiment of the Ohio National guard, called out for strike duty ward the developments in the situation here today.

Quiet prevailed in the vicinity of the tube works and employees who reported for duty today were not molested either when entering or leaving the plant. There were no pickets in evidence and the crisis in the situation is believed to have passed.

Many witnesses were examined by the grand jury during the day, but according to Prosecuting Attorney A. M. Henderson, no report will be made until the latter part of the week and many more will be called before the probe is completed.

Thomas H. Flynn, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, who returned here from Pittsburgh today, issued a statement tonight in which he charged that the rioting here last week was a financial scheme to depress the value of stock of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company so that a merger of independent steel interests can be effected.

"We have evidence that we regard as conclusive proving to us that the entire trouble was caused by paid sluggers, brought to East Youngstown by the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company," Mr. Flynn charged in the statement. "The gunmen who did the shooting were residents of Pittsburgh. We understood that these gunmen, twenty-five in number, were deputized by Sheriff Umstead. If this is so the sheriff violated the law."

"I do not think there was any foreign influence involved. I think it was a financial scheme rigged up as the last desperate resort to depress the value of tube works stock so that interests that are trying to form a great

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RESTORATION OF MEXICO CITY AS THE CAPITAL IS APPARENTLY POSTPONED

Carranza Intends Staying at
Queretaro for Sometime
to Come.

CHIEFTAINS GATHER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Restoration of the old capital as the seat of government in Mexico apparently has been postponed indefinitely. Advice both to the state department and the Mexican embassy here indicate that General Carranza will remain for weeks and probably months at Queretaro, making that place his headquarters as he formerly did Vera Cruz.

KITCHIN OPPOSES THE KEATING-OWEN MEASURE

Against Proposed Stopping
of Shipment of Child La-
bor Made Goods.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Representatives of southern cotton mills, headed by former Governor Kitchin of North Carolina, before the house labor committee today opposed the Keating-Owen bill to prevent interstate shipment of goods manufactured with aid of child labor. Mr. Kitchin said the bill was opposed as unconstitutional and unwise.

ONE CENT POSTAGE WILL BE PROPOSED BY BRITT

Congressman Will Introduce
Bill for One Cent on Drop
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GOVERNOR CRAIG ISSUES LONG RATE STATEMENT

Denies That North Carolina
Enjoys Rate Advantage
Over Virginia.

RALEIGH, Jan. 10.—Governor Craig issued a lengthy statement this evening in which he denied claims being made in connection with the fight of North Carolina shippers against the new freight rates from Virginia and North Carolina points of origin to southeastern territory, that North Carolina already enjoys a seven rate differential advantage over Virginia shippers, except as applied to a very limited territory around Atlanta. He insists that North Carolina is entitled to lower rates over the whole territory and says no effort or expense will be spared in efforts to enforce the rights of Carolina shippers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The British steamer Nigariatan, two weeks overdue, from Newport, England, arrived in port today. She reported having encountered strong head winds and heavy seas, which delayed her.

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