

U. S. Owes Independence And Prestige In World To Navy Says Rodman In Noon Day Address

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CONDEMNNS POLITICIANS.

Says Big Navy Is One Of Best Insurance Policies For Nation.

DES MOINES, Oct. 27.—The United States "owes its independence and commanding position in the world's affairs largely to the achievements of its navy," Hear Admiral Hugh Rodman, who commanded the American battleship force with the British grand fleet in the world war, declared in a "Navy Day" address here today. He urged his hearers, "as patriotic citizens," to instruct their congressmen to "give us a 100 per cent navy, so that the navy will be ready to act instantly and your money will not be wasted."

"It is a pity," he declared, "that politics—I mean party politics—have such a prominent bearing on this subject, that not infrequently your fighting forces are made to suffer on this account." "If we had more statesmen in Congress and fewer local politicians, our country, and indirectly our navy, would be greatly benefited."

"Are we going to cut our Congressional appropriations," he asked, "so that the navy is ruined, so that we will continue to spend thousands of dollars every year for a navy not quite big enough?"

By the terms of the limitation of armament treaty, Admiral Rodman asserted, "the policy of our country in reference to the strength of our navy is definitely established for a period of years, and it follows, logically, that the necessity for such a force is imperative." "If we would live strictly up to this new naval treaty, we should build the five plane carriers allowed and sufficient cruisers, submarines and aircraft to bring our navy up to the ratio. If we do this, then we will have a navy second only to none, and the safety of our commerce on the high seas is assured, and we can look forward to continued prosperity."

"In our reduction, due to the terms of the late conference on limitation of armament, while it is true that our building program for capital ships, that is battleships and battle cruisers, the latter a very necessary and valuable type, was stopped for ten years, yet many of those who were stricken from our lists were old and antiquated battleships, and their loss is not a serious handicap to those still remaining, and which will constitute our main battle force."

"As a matter of fact, the expense of maintenance of these older and obsolete ships would not really warrant the cost of so doing, and our navy, under the terms of the agreement, when contrasted with the fleet strength of other nations, will leave us in relation to other countries where we were before, namely, in the very first rank of naval powers."

"Our foreign policy," the speaker continued, "is just as strong as our navy and no stronger."

"We are the largest exporters of grain and foodstuffs of any nation on earth, to say nothing of other articles. A large proportion of this comes from the middle western states and it is no exaggeration to say that without the protection of the navy, its exportation would of necessity cease to exist."

"The navy insures our navy and our country against the onslaught and advance of any others; it guarantees our liberty, freedom, independence, and protects our commerce and all that we hold sacred and inviolable; if our present strength and efficiency be maintained, plus the necessary types to balance it and the men to man it, it is our country's greatest asset and safeguard."

"Don't for a moment imagine that a navy alone is necessary; an army is equally so, but the navy is, and always will be, our first line of defense."

NAME OF THE UNLUCKY SHAVETAILED IS WITHHELD

Commanding Officer Will Not Divulge Name Of Young Officer Who Pulled A Bone-head.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—The name of the second lieutenant responsible for the blunder which resulted in the shelling of the Farwell and McCormick estates at Lake Forest Wednesday will not be made public, Brig. Gen. Moseley, commanding at Fort Sheridan, announced today.

General Moseley in refusing to divulge the officer's name, said he had a previous record for efficiency, although he had been "grossly negligent" in the target practice.

Five Killed When Train Backs Into Automobile

HOLGATE, O., Oct. 27.—Two girls and three boys were killed when their automobile was struck by a Baltimore & Ohio freight train near here late last night. The dead: Cecilia Royal, 14; Frank Royal, 17; Theima Seimet, 17; Virgil Brown, 18 and Larry Schwab, 17. All live near New Bavaria. The girls attended school at Holgate and the young men called last night to accompany them home. The party spent the evening in Holgate and left about 10:30 for New Bavaria. The train switching at the crossing backed slowly into the automobile and dragged it more than 200 feet. The bodies were badly mangled.

ROOSEVELT'S BIRTHDAY IS CELEBRATED TODAY ALONG WITH NAVY DAY

For First Time Since 1917 New York Navy Yard Is Opened.

GALA DAY IN NEW YORK.

Atlantic Fleet Rides At Anchor On Wide North River.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—A tiny American flag, placed by some venture-some East Side school boy, flutters in stiffening breezes at the pier head of a nameless jetty on the East river. The Atlantic fleet, in gala array, rides at anchor on the wide North river. And between the two rivers today, with flowers and flags, parades, address, chrs and tars, New York observed navy day, in one celebration paying homage to the sea forces of the nation and commemorating the birthday of one of her most illustrious sons—the late Theodore Roosevelt.

Broadway was gay in tri-colored bunting and patriotic colors. Fifth avenue, draped in hanging flags, reflected the solemnity of the occasion. While Riverside Drive, with the soldiers' and sailors' monuments draped, and banked with wreaths, for the occasion, and with the fleet in the distance, spoke the martial message of the celebration.

A birthday festival will be held tonight in Carnegie Hall, with prominent men and women speakers. In schoolhouses throughout the city, the occasion was observed by the children.

A special celebration was held on the East Side, where foreigners, under the auspices of the League of Foreign Born Citizens, paid tribute to the memory of Colonel Roosevelt in parades and meetings which frequently revealed trades of old world customs.

Five thousand East Side school children, carrying flags, took part in a picturesque pageant, sponsored by business men's organizations. And in the larger auditoriums, foreigners crowded to hear speakers tell of the life and work of the former President.

BARACAS TO CONSIDER GYMNASIUM TONIGHT

A meeting of all the members of the Baraca class of Main Street Methodist church who are interested in a gymnasium for the young young people's building is called to meet in the Baraca room at 7:30 o'clock this evening to take the proposition under consideration. Mr. Miles Buisbill will be in charge of the meeting.

In planning this building provision was made for a gymnasium, shower baths and a swimming pool. The latter is nearing completion.

When The Rev. Hall Went Picnicking



The murdered New Brunswick pastor is shown here surrounded by a bathing group of feminine members of his parish. This picture of Rev. Edward Hall and his feminine parishioners was taken last summer at the annual outing of the Church of St. John the Evangelist at Asbury Park, N. J.

PUTNAM ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

Jury Finds That Killing Of Andy Carpenter Was Justifiable Homicide — Plea Of Self-Defense Sustained.

The jury in the case of W. A. Putnam, charged with the killing of Andy Carpenter in Cherryville on September 30, returned a verdict in Superior Court this afternoon of not guilty. The jury's verdict sustained the contention of the defense that Putnam was acting in self-defense when he shot Carpenter. In prosecuting the State did not ask for a verdict of first degree murder, but sought a conviction of either second degree murder or manslaughter. Solicitor Clarkson was assisted in the prosecution by Messrs. Carpenter & Carpenter, of Gastonia, and Chas. A. Jones, of Lincoln. The defense was represented by O. P. Mason, of Gastonia, Matthew A. Stroup, of Cherryville, and O. Max Gardner, of Shelby. The taking of testimony was concluded Thursday afternoon and argument was begun.

At Friday morning's session argument was resumed, John G. Carpenier speaking for the State, followed by Matthew A. Stroup, for the defense, James for the State, Gardner for the defense and Solicitor Clarkson closing. The case went to the jury at one o'clock and the verdict was announced when court convened for the afternoon session.

The conclusion of the Putnam case leaves only a small number of cases to be tried, and court will probably adjourn by noon Saturday.

Grand Jury's Report.

"We, the grand jury, respectfully submit the following report: "We find the jail as sanitary as possible under the crowded conditions existing and recommend that it be enlarged as soon as possible. A sick prisoner claims he has not had proper medical attention from the county physician, owing to lack of promptness when called. "We find the courthouse and offices in excellent condition. "At changing camp No. 1 we find a very unsanitary kitchen, due to lack of proper cleaning, and bedding seemed to be dingy and dirty. Male pen needs to be drained. Winter underwear and clothing had not been issued to the prisoners but we were advised that this had been ordered. We recommend that this clothing be issued to the men as soon as possible. "At changing camp No. 2 we find the camp in extra good sanitary condition. Winter underwear and clothing had not been issued. We recommend that this be done as soon as possible. "At changing camp No. 3 we find the camp in extra good condition except the drain to carry water from the ground after scrubbing the building. We recommend that this drain be opened. Winter underwear and clothing has not been issued and we recommend that this be done as soon as possible. Prisoners in all camps say that they are well treated and properly cared for by their foremen. "At the county home we find all the buildings well kept and in a sanitary condition, but recommend that new floors be laid on top of the old floors in the halls of the main building. We find the home very much crowded and recommend that the eight rooms on the second floor which are now being used as a home by the superintendent be turned over to the use of the inmates of the home and that a sleep-room house with both be built for Mr. Robinson, who (Continued on page 8.)

The Day's News At A Glance

Italian Premier Faeta and his entire ministry resign after ultimatum from fascisti and compromise is sought to avert revolution.

Mr. Bonar Law praises Mr. Lloyd George as great personality and prime minister suggests he will invite British dominions to confer to promote empire trade.

French minister of finance promises France a normal budget and tells chamber that it will be adjusted within two or three years.

Republican members of the Dail at secret meetings call upon Eamonn de Valera to resume presidency of the Irish republic and reorganize the government.

President Harding in letter to Secretaries Weeks declares that regular army of 125,000 men is as small as should be contemplated in present world conditions.

Internal revenue officials report nationwide attempts by business men to defraud government by claiming fictitious losses in income tax returns.

Republican national chairman asserts that administration within twenty months has turned five million idle wage earners into profitable employment.

Attempts by government counsel to withdraw conspiracy and fraud charges against Charles W. Morse fail in federal court at Alexandria, Va.

United States will avoid direct participation in Lusanne near east conference but will probably be represented by official observer.

Army authorities call court of inquiry to investigate shelling of McCormick and Farwell Chicago estates by Fort Sheridan "rookie" squad.

Jury returns verdict unfavorable to Mayfield in injunction suit to keep off ballot name of democratic nominee for United States senator in Texas.

Strike in Williamson, W. Va., soft coal field called off by United Mine Workers.

Georgia historian of United Daughters of the Confederacy holds Abraham Lincoln responsible for the civil war.

Mrs. Andrew Carnegie sells Shadow Brook estate at Stockbridge, Mass., to New England Jesuits for use as a seminary.

American race committee protests awarding Halifax trophy to Canadian schooner Blue Nose in spite of its victory over the crippled Henry Ford.

NOTICE ON SHIP'S BULLETIN BOARD CAUSED COMMOTION

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The voyage of the American passenger liner Reliance, which has arrived here from Hamburg, Southampton, and Cherbourg, was placid and uneventful until approaching the home shores, when the posted on the ship's bulletin board a notice in large black type, which several passengers described as an accelerater.

"It caused commotion, much debate and brought the purser volleys of queries which he answered with the unchanging reply: "We are complying with the law."

Several who returned frequently to the bulletin board were observed to have lost the steadiness of their sea legs, noticeable on the first reading. The notice read: "Passengers having any alcoholic liquors in their possession are requested to throw them overboard before the ship arrives at the Ambrose channel lightship."

"F. L. IVERSON, Master."

The Reliance, a shipping board vessel, had stored its stock of liquors in Southampton before sailing.

In these days of divorce, you never know a movie actress' last name until she dies.

Mott Threatens To Involve Prominent Churchman In Case

Mr. Volstead's Act Should Be Modified

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 26.—United States Senator Selden P. Spencer declared, in a statement issued today that "the so-called Volstead law is not so fundamental" and that "it can be changed by Congress at any time. In my judgment it ought to be changed and modified" the statement said. "Some of its provisions are unnecessarily harsh and restrictive of personal rights." Mr. Spencer who voted for the Volstead law said that shortly he would make suggestions for the modification of the act.

Said To Have Been Near The Scene Of The Murder On Fateful Night.

REFUSES TO TESTIFY.

All Persons Under Suspicion Are Being Watched Closely By Officers.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The story of Mrs. Jane Gibson, pig rancher, that she had identified a man and woman present when Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Elinor R. Mills were slain on Phillips farm last month, today was being tested by Deputy Attorney General Mott.

Mrs. Gibson, accompanied by a county detective, arrived at the courthouse and it was understood that Mr. Mott intended to go over her tale with her point by point.

At the same time it became known that Mr. Mott had ordered seizure of an antique automobile which Mrs. Gibson asserts stood in De Brussey lane the night of the shooting. According to Mrs. Gibson, the woman in gray, whom she identified as having been present with the slayer, was standing beside this car when another machine, turning into the lane, threw its headlights upon it.

Mr. Mott indicated today he was not ready to accept, without a careful re-checking, the alibi established by the man, named by Mrs. Gibson as having been present when the double shooting occurred. This alibi, county investigators had indicated, positively had been regarded as copper-riveted.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 27.—Wilbur A. Mott, special deputy attorney general, who has taken over the inquiry into the Hall-Mills murder mystery, expected to interview a prominent churchman today in an effort to corroborate statements of Mrs. Jane Gibson, eye witness of the slaying.

Mott indicated that he intended to enquire the churchman's arrest unless he agrees to become a witness for the prosecution. Failure of the man, said to have been near the scene of the murder, to acquaint the authorities with his alleged knowledge of the affair, has laid his militia crest, Prosecutor Mott believes.

Mott is said to be in possession of data showing that this same man had discovered the letters of Mrs. Elinor R. Mills, left in the church steeple for the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, who was killed with her, and that she showed them to Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, the clergyman's wife.

His car is said to have been parked near the era huddle tree on the old Phillips place and its headlights made it possible for Mrs. Gibson to see the battle that ended in the death of Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills.

Attorney Timothy N. Pfeiffer, representing Mrs. Hall, decried last night either Mrs. Hall or her brother, Henry Stevens, were present when the clergyman and his choir singer were killed. He reiterated that Mrs. Hall did not leave her home that night between 8 p. m. and 2 a. m. and that Hury Stevens was fishing in the ocean at Lavallette, N. J.

Mr. Pfeiffer's statement followed the disclosure that Mrs. Hall and Stevens were the persons named in the sworn (Continued on page seven.)

REPORTED THAT MINISTER'S WIFE SHAVED HIM

PITTSFIELD, MASS., Oct. 27.—Members of his church committee made humiliating remarks about him, among others the statement that his wife shaved him, Rev. Walter C. Carroll, deposed pastor of the North Becket Congregational Church, testified yesterday in the superior court in his suit for \$10,000 against three members of the standing committee of the church.

The defendants claim that the pastor was unshaven because of the way he conducted himself in the pulpit.

MOVEMENT FOR RURAL LIBRARY LAUNCHED AT SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL

Marks An Epoch Not Only For Sunnyside But For Entire County.

BUSINESS MEN PRESENT.

Citizens Of Sunnyside Will Give \$1,000 To The Movement.

Marking an epoch not only for the community in which it was held but for the entire county as well was the banquet given at Sunnyside school house Thursday night when Thomas S. Royster, one of the county's leading citizens, was host to fifty business men and farmers of the county and when there was launched a movement looking to the establishment of the first rural library in North Carolina. That the spirit manifested there will result in the early realization of this splendid plan is not to be doubted. With the progressive citizens of Sunnyside committed to give the first \$1,000 towards this project, the live business and professional men from other sections of the county took advantage of the opportunity to swell the library fund by several hundred dollars before leaving.

From 7:30 till 10:15 the banquets enjoyed one of the most tempting and appetizing dinners ever placed on the boards in Gaston county and along with it a "feast of reason and a flow of soul" which rendered the evening one long to be remembered. There was no air of restlessness with the crowd and no speaker after another talked about this great movement for this community and the county the interest grew until it reached its climax in the closing talk by Judge A. C. Jones who made a strong appeal in behalf of the proposition.

The dinner was served at three long tables placed in one of the school rooms. The tables and room were most attractively decorated with Autumn leaves and flowers, including a profusion of chrysanthemums and dahlias. Miss Johanne Mae Eaves, a niece of Mr. Royster and domestic science teacher at the Tryon high school, had charge of the preparation and serving of the dinner. She was ably assisted by the members of her class, Misses Mae Ford, Noveta Randall, Mabel Farnsworth, Maude Kiser, Mary Royster, May Higginstaff, Sue Koon, Mildred Passon. In addition to these Misses Verna Stanton, Lorena Kiser and Ferris Kiser assisted in serving. The menu, an unusually tempting one, was as follows:

- Fruit Cocktail
- Baked Country Ham
- Fried Chicken
- Rice and Gravy
- French Fried Potatoes
- Candied Yams
- Cheese Souffle
- Pickles
- Apple Sauce

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AMERICAN LEGION OUTLINES PROGRAM FOR ARMISTICE DAY

Day Will Be Full Of Interesting Features, Including Parade, Football Game, Athletic Stunts And Fireworks In The Evening—Will Cover County In Intensive Publicity Drive.

Plans for the biggest Armistice Day celebration ever held in Gaston county were outlined, committees put to work and the movement formally launched at a rousing meeting of Gaston Post, No. 23, American Legion, Thursday evening in the city hall. Reports were heard from several committees appointed previously. Chairman Demery, of the floats committee, announced that some 16 organizations would take part in the parade and furnish floats. Miles Radisill, of the decorations committee, announced that there would be twice as many street decorations as there were last year, and Gastonia had the name of being the best decorated town in the state last year. There will also be a mammoth display of fireworks at night.

The main features of the day's exercises will be the big parade in the morning, the feed at noon, the athletic stunts and games in the afternoon and the fireworks at night. All exercises will be held at the city hall. Reports were heard from several committees appointed previously. Chairman Demery, of the floats committee, announced that some 16 organizations would take part in the parade and furnish floats. Miles Radisill, of the decorations committee, announced that there would be twice as many street decorations as there were last year, and Gastonia had the name of being the best decorated town in the state last year. There will also be a mammoth display of fireworks at night.