

SENATE FOR 2 SHIPS

PRESIDENT'S PLEA FOR RAPID INCREASE IN NAVY REJECTED.

Members Practically Pledge Themselves for Two New Battleships Every Year—Senator Beveridge Hints at War With Japan.

Washington, April 28.—Two battleships a year is what President Roosevelt says he has accomplished through his fight for his naval program. Had he been victorious in having four such ships authorized at this session, the United States could have dictated terms of disarmament to the nations of the world. This statement, made following the passage by the senate of the naval bill calling for two new battleships, is understood to reveal the president's source of strength in the naval fight which has been waged so strenuously. Furthermore, two ships this year, with the promise of two ships each year to follow, which the president has accepted as a bona fide stipulation on the part of the senate, means simply a program which will place the United States in the front rank of naval progression, but which fails to place it in the position of dictating a cessation of naval aggression.

That the president, on the whole, is pleased with the result of his efforts with congress on this subject was made manifest; that he firmly believes in the ability of the United States to dictate the naval policy of the world in the future, through demonstration of ability to overwhelmingly outstrip rival construction, is equally manifest. President Roosevelt wanted four battleships this year. He got two. With the two he obtained the promise that two more would be forthcoming each year. This means, considering the dimensions of the battleships which modern construction dictates, that the United States shall keep fully abreast of the naval armament of any other nation.

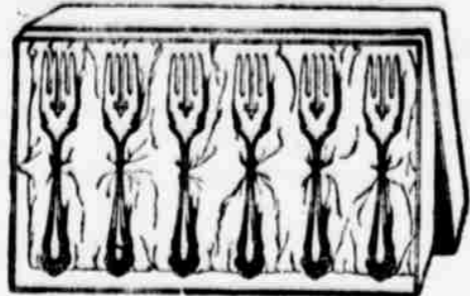
The friends of the president are pleased with what they regard as a signal victory for his international policy and the details of this victory are freely given, and declared to reflect the exuberance of the president.

Senate for Two Ships Only.

By an overwhelming vote President Roosevelt's four battleship program failed in the senate, just as it did in the house. The amendment for four battleships was introduced by Senator Piles, and the fight for its adoption was led by Senator Beveridge. Twenty-three votes were cast for the increased program, the number largely being made up of recently elected senators. Fifty senators voted to support the house, and the recommendation of the senate naval committee in favor of building only two battleships.

The debate on the battleship amendment lasted three days, to the exclusion of all other matters. It was begun by Senator Beveridge with an eloquent appeal for the support of the president, and a suggestion that the larger navy might be needed for war. Members of the committee upbraided the Indiana senator for this veiled hint of war with another country and sought to make him admit that he

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meant Japan. At times the discussion came near becoming acrimonious, especially sharp exchanges occurring between Senators Aldrich and Beveridge. The former's reference to Beveridge incited Senator Smith (Mich.) to protest against the senate chamber being "made a slaughter house for the young senator from Indiana."

It was developed by Senator Allison during the debate that there is a well defined understanding among the senate leaders for the authorization of two battleships each year until the American navy is regarded as sufficient to meet any demands that may be made upon it.

As finally passed, the bill carries appropriations aggregating \$123,115,659, and provides for the construction of two battleships and two colliers and the purchase of three additional colliers, the construction of submarines and other necessary craft, and increases the pay of officers and enlisted men, as well as increasing both the pay and strength of the marine corps.

Proceedings in the House.

A resolution was passed by the house authorizing the news print investigation, but not until the expediency of that investigation had been discussed. Williams characterized it as a method of delay. The sundry civil bill was debated for three hours. In this time Tawney showed that the house had cut appropriations \$110,000,000; Rodenberg (Ill.) held the Democratic record of the past few years up to ridicule; Marshall (N. D.) criticized the Aldrich currency bill; Spight (Miss.) urged congress to refund to southern states the \$60,000,000 collected in cotton taxes during the civil war, and Shackelford (Mo.) took Republicans generally to task and specifically criticized the shortage in the St. Louis subtreasury.

The conditions in both the senate and the house were such that the spe-

cial message of the president, through outlining his views as to legislation, received but scant attention.

Johnson Challenges Burns.

London, April 28.—Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight pugilist, accompanied by his manager, Fitzpatrick, arrived here from New York. They immediately visited the National Sporting club and the sporting newspapers and issued a challenge to Tommy Burns, the heavyweight champion, to fight anywhere, for any purse acceptable to Burns. Johnson went further than this and offers to bet Burns \$2,500 that he will stop him in twenty rounds.

FOUR BURNED IN THEIR BEDS

Mother and Three Children Victims of an Incendiary's Work.

Laporte, Ind., April 29.—The removal of four charred bodies, the blackened forms of three children, huddled about that of the mother as if for protection, the arrest of Ray Lamphere, formerly employed by Mrs. Belle Gunnes, the victim, and the collapse of Lamphere at the jail, has caused excitement in Laporte that may at any time break forth in mob violence. Mrs. Gunnes lived on her farm near here, with her three children. At 4 a. m. Joseph Maxwell, an employe of the place, was awakened by smoke. He made every effort to rescue the family, but failed. Later the bodies of Mrs. Gunnes and her three children were removed from the ruins.

There was a rumor that the house had been fired because of malice, and as a result Lamphere was arrested. Lamphere had been employed on the farm and was infatuated with Mrs. Gunnes, who was a beautiful woman. Mrs. Gunnes declared that the man had annoyed her and she had filed proceedings to have him declared insane, but a jury found him sane.

SIX ITALIANS ASPHYXIATED

Found Dead in New York Lodging House With Gas Turned On.

New York, April 29.—The bodies of six unknown Italians, supposed to be miners from Midvale, Pa., were found in a room on the third floor of a Greenwich street lodging house. The gas in the room was turned on. After the Italians had closed the door for the night, they had nailed it shut from the inside and had fastened the window tight, evidently in fear of thieves. The appearance of the gas jet indicated that one of the men had turned on the light, but did not fully close the stop.

Warrant for Missing Cashier.

St. Paul, April 29.—A warrant was issued for the arrest of Thomas W. Frankham, cashier of the St. Paul and Western Coal company, who has been missing for a week. He is charged with embezzlement and a \$10,000 shortage in his accounts. It is reported that when the books of the company are thoroughly checked up the shortage may be much greater, possibly as high as \$50,000 or \$75,000. Extravagant living is given as the cause of his shortage.

Bomb Thrower Dies of His Injuries.

New York, April 29.—Selig Silverstein, the anarchist who attempted to throw a bomb into a group of policemen in Union square and was injured by the premature explosion of the bomb, is dead. Silverstein's companion was killed by the bomb.

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Gordon, Neb., April 27.—Bob Fair, a farmer living about sixteen miles northwest of Gordon, shot and instantly killed Enis Doty in front of Trueblood Bros.' livery barn.
 Fair and Doty are brothers-in-law and there has been a family feud brewing between them for some time. On the way to town they quarreled and Doty tried several times to provoke a fight with Fair. When the latter reached town and drove up in front of the livery barn to put up the team, Doty, who had preceded him but a few minutes, came out of the barn and pulled off his coat and moved toward Fair with belligerent looks. Fair suddenly drew his pistol and fired, the ball striking Doty in the mouth and coming out at the back of his head, killing him instantly.
 Fair immediately gave up his pistol to the liveryman and surrendered to the city marshal, who at once proceeded with his prisoner to Rushville and gave him into the custody of the sheriff.

Application for License.
 Notice is hereby given that a petition signed by thirty or more resident freeholders of the First ward of the city of Red Cloud, Nebraska, has been filed with the city clerk of said city of Red Cloud, praying that a license be granted by the city council of said city to John Polinsky for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors on lot five (5), block thirty-one (31) of the original town, now city, of Red Cloud, Nebraska. That action will be taken on said petition of the mayor and city council on the 6th day of May, 1908, or at the first meeting of the council thereafter.
 L. H. FORT, City Clerk.
 Dated at Red Cloud, Nebraska, this 9th day of April, 1908.

Application for License
 Notice is hereby given that a petition signed by thirty or more resident freeholders of the 8d ward of the city of Red Cloud, Neb., has been filed with the city clerk of said city of Red Cloud, praying that a license be granted by said city council to Mathew Doyle and George Bushes, for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors on lot one (1), block one (1) Williams' addition to the city of Red Cloud, Nebraska, and that action will be taken on said petition by the mayor and city council on the 6th day of May, 1908, or at the first meeting of the council thereafter.
 L. H. FORT, City Clerk.
 Dated this 9th day of April, 1908, at Red Cloud, Nebraska.
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