

Philippines Weak, Admiral Admits in House Air Inquiry

Island Could Be Taken by Enemy Before Fleet Could Arrive; Robinson on Stand.

By International News Service. Washington, Feb. 26.—The Philippines are "very vulnerable and could be taken by an enemy," Rear Admiral Hillary P. Jones, chief of the navy general board, today told the house aircraft committee.

Of course, we all realize that the Philippine island could be taken by an enemy before America could get a fleet there," Frankly admitted Jones.

The committee previously had been told by Gen. William Mitchell, assistant chief of the army air service, that the Philippines, Hawaii and other American Pacific possessions "could be captured by Japan in two weeks."

Islands Vulnerable. Jones thought that two weeks "is a pretty short time for an enemy to dig in and really hold the Philippine islands, but there is no question that the Philippines are very vulnerable."

Jones' admission, previously given in a secret session of the committee, came through questioning by Representative O'Sullivan, democrat, of Connecticut.

Theodore R. Robinson, assistant secretary of the navy, voluntarily took the stand and declared the budget bureau reduced the navy's original estimate of \$352,000,000 to \$239,000,000 with an additional contract authorization of \$4,000,000 for naval aviation.

Liberal Appropriations. "Since 1924, the navy has recommended liberal appropriations for aviation," said Admiral Jones. "You must remember that a considerable portion of the appropriation for aviation is used for constructing airplanes appearances on battleships such as catapults, for instance."

The committee this afternoon decided to call Secretary of War Weeks on Saturday, give him an opportunity to refute the charge of Brig. Gen. William Mitchell that the American army air service is the "worst in the world."

Of the 6,753 officers in the army air service, 4,533 have flying status," Maj. Henry J. Pratt of the army air service, told the committee. He said lack of funds prevented development of the reserve.

Actual war conditions as far as possible will be followed in the anti-aircraft demonstrations at Fort Monroe, Va., on March 6, declared Capt. A. Bradshaw, jr., of the coast artillery corps.

Hawaii Foundation for Good Pacific Relations. Honolulu, Feb. 26.—Hawaii is the nucleus in the foundation of international good relations on the Pacific, Tansuo Matsudaira, new Japanese ambassador to the United States, declared in an address tonight.

The occasion was a banquet given in honor of Ambassador and Mrs. Matsudaira by Governor Wallace R. Farrington at his residence in Washington place. The Matsudairas are en route to Washington.

Mrs. Matsudaira declared Japan the ideal place for the advance of woman suffrage, "because the Japanese wife works right with her husband."

Lincoln Y. M. C. A. Secretary to Address Continentals. Arthur Jorgensen, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at the University of Nebraska, will speak to members of the Continental club Friday noon at luncheon in Hotel Fontenelle on "Reflections After Twelve Years in Japan."

Snow at Cozad. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Cozad, Neb., Feb. 26.—Since early morning a light snow has been falling. About three inches now cover the ground. The mercury stands at the freezing point.

Naval Promotion. Washington, Feb. 26.—Capt. Noble E. Irwin, now naval commandant in the canal zone, was nominated by President Coolidge to be a rear admiral.

Rabbi to Speak on "Rain." Rabbi Frederick Cohn will preach "Rain" Friday night at 8 in Temple Israel, and on "The Seven Lights of Menorah" Saturday morning at 10:30.

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Stage-Struck Husband frets in Jail While Mate, 16, Toils in Laundry



Out in a Vinton street laundry, Madeline, 16, wife of Frederick Langenback, 18, self-styled "comedy sketch artist," is redolent her youthful arms and hands washing other people's clothes.

Her mind is in turmoil. She confesses that in regard to her husband coming back to her—she doesn't know what to do. Out of her mental turmoil she says she finds "I still love him—but I don't trust him. He makes all sorts of promises, but never keeps them."

In the hospital ward of Douglas county jail, the boy is peevish at confinement, imposed by District Judge L. B. Day upon the wife's third complaint in five months of married life that "the comedy sketch artist has failed to support her."

"I'll do anything to get out of here," the boy declared. "I'll go back to her or not, just as she wants, but I want to get out of here. If someone would give me a job the judge would let me out.

But no one so far has offered the boy a job.

HOGS TOUCH \$11.70 AT OMAHA MARKET. Sixty choice 206-pound hogs trucked to the local market by Viggo Hansen, of Underwood, Ia., sold Wednesday for \$11.70 per hundredweight, the highest price of the season.

Bulk of hog sales Wednesday ranged between \$11 and \$11.65. Only a moderate run of hogs was received at the yards. The demand was broad and supply fair.

The cattle run Wednesday was a little below average. Steers and cows sold 25 cents higher. Gains were general on all classes of the stock.

Lamb trade was a trifle slow. Feeders were scarce and the market weak.

Child Hurt by Auto. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 26.—The 7-year-old daughter of Pearl Irvine of this city was struck by a car in charge of John Fritzen, farmer, and badly injured. She received a severe abrasion on the head and hip and possible internal injuries. Mr. Fritzen says he did not see the child until she darted in front of the car in crossing the street.

Farm Land Prices Up. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 26.—That land prices are holding their own in this section of Nebraska is shown by the fact that today the Henry Flashback improved 40 joining the city on the west was sold to John Penner for \$200 an acre.

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Hotel Company Is Sued for \$32,600 on Lien. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 26.—The Norfolk Hotel company, defendant in district court here in a case in which H. L. Stevens company of Chicago is plaintiff for \$32,600 mechanics lien on the partially completed new hotel, today filed an amended petition.

The Stevens company agreed to supervise the construction of the building for 15 per cent of the cost. When the cost reached the \$500,000 mark the building was partially completed and funds gave out. The defense is showing that the plaintiffs did not fulfill their contract and intimations are made by attorneys for the defense that damages of \$160,000 will be asked.

Many prominent local men were on the witness stand today testifying as to the method in raising the money for construction. The case may go to a higher court.

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New York, Feb. 26.—The engagement of Abby Rockefeller, richest girl in the world, to David Merrivether Milton, jr., announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, jr., is the culmination of a children's romance, it was said today.

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Receiver Holds Lease as Asset of Burgess-Nash

Referee in Bankruptcy Denies Petition of Baum Realty Company for Return of Building.

The lease on the Burgess-Nash building will remain in the hands of Herbert Daniel, trustee, as an asset, according to a decision handed down Thursday by R. H. Dunham, referee in bankruptcy, as he denied the petition of the Baum Realty company to return the building to them.

The Baum company, at the hearing, charged that it would cost \$150,000 to repair the four-story building on Sixteenth and Harney streets on account of the removal of the west wall, all elevators, plumbing, sewerage and the sprinkler system when the new building was built on Seventeenth and Harney streets.

The building was valued at \$475,000 by the Baum company. Daniels testified that it cost about \$60 a day to operate the buildings plus the rent.

"We have a tenant for this building and can rent it if it is turned back to us," said Frank Gaines, attorney for the Baum interests.

On cross examination, Gaines refused to disclose the name of the tenant.

Following the decision, Gaines announced that he would appeal the decision to federal court.

"TRADE TRIPPERS" TO GO TO CASPER

Tentative plans for the annual trade extension trip of the Chamber of Commerce calls for a trip to the Black Hills and as far west as Casper, Wyo., and through the central part of Nebraska, it was announced at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday.

The Chamber "Trade Trippers" last year made a trip to the southern part of Iowa.

Approximately 100 Omaha business houses will have representatives on the trip, expected to be held the second week in May.

Upon the arrival of Ernest Hoel, chairman of the trade extension committee, from a western trip, the various committees planning the trip will meet at the chamber to discuss further plans for the tour.

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Fear Increased in Killian Case

Buddies Hear of Threats Made Against Missing Omaha Detective.

"Buddies" of Frank Killian, Omaha police detective, feel certain Thursday that he has met with harm.

They believe that the detective, who had been a terror to criminals for years, was killed either by wrongdoers who sought revenge or to forestall interference with criminal plots which he had uncovered.

This belief became general among the rank and file of his fellow officers when it was learned that at least two criminals had recently made threats "to get him."

Recently in Omaha. One of these men is a burglar who escaped after Killian had surprised him and some associates attempting to rob a grocery store on St. Mary avenue a year ago.

Killian had received advance information on the plot to rob the store and knew the members of the gang. With another officer Killian lay in wait and surprised the gang, capturing two of them. The third man escaped in a gun battle and was never apprehended.

Detectives learned Thursday that this man was recently seen in Omaha, and that he boasted to confederates that he would "get Killian some day." Officers are now scouring the city for this man. His two companions, arrested in the attempted holdup, are now in the penitentiary.

Similar Case Recalled. The other suspect in Killian's disappearance is a negro ex-convict who recently returned to Omaha after his release from the penitentiary. An acquaintance told police that he had overheard this man say that he "would like to see Killian killed and buried on the hills around Bellevue, where they'd never find him."

Despite these reports, Chief of Police Van Deusen continued to believe that Killian had left Omaha, and that he is still alive. Van Deusen sent out additional telegrams Thursday to several cities where he believes Killian may have gone.

Commenting on Killian's disappearance, Chief Van Deusen recalled Thursday that the last officer who disappeared mysteriously was Detective Dan Baldwin, known as the "strong man" of the department, who disappeared about 15 years ago. He was found in another city several months later. His mind had become impaired.

Endres is Host to Treasurers

County treasurers of Nebraska, who are in convention in Omaha, were guests of Sheriff Mike Endres at a luncheon Thursday at the county jail. At the conclusion of the luncheon they presented Endres with a handsome desk set.

Frederick Langenback, 18, comedy sketch artist held at the jail on a charge of non-support, gave a humorous sketch at the luncheon, and "Singing Mike" La Porte, held on a murder charge, sang several songs.

AT THE THEATERS

One of the big events of the vaudeville season, and also a momentous occasion in theatrical history, occurs next week at the Orpheum theater, where Melnyte and Heath will appear in one of their famous black-face skits, "The Man From Montana." These renowned veterans of minstrelsy, who have played together for 51 years, are making their final appearance in vaudeville this season.

Even the veriest "oldtimer" of the theater cannot remember back when James Melnyte and Tom Heath were not the most celebrated minstrel kings on the stage. They are the one blackface team that withstood the advent of new fashions in entertainment. During these long years of triumph they won a following and favor seldom accorded to any other great stars of the stage. And this, their farewell tour, is really a triumphal procession along the vaudeville pathway, thronged with the friends and admirers gained in the many years they have so consistently entertained the American public.

One of the most pretentious offerings in Columbia Burlesque is Fred Clark's "Let's Go," which is this week's twice daily attraction at the Gayety theater. Nelson has such an array of talent, features and specialties been gathered in one aggregation of fun makers, songsters and dancers. For instance, the cast is headed by Manny King, who not only will make you laugh with his comedy lines and droll mannerisms, but who can make a violin speak the language of laughs and tears. Then you will see and hear Nan Palon, prima donna, whose sweet soprano voice is loved by thousands; Arnette Creighton, the soubrette who is one of the reasons why burlesque is popular, and Ray Tunis and Helen Flynn whose nimble toes and talented voices will catch your fancy. Many grave and colorful stage pictures are incorporated in the performance and embellishing and making all attractive are girls galore. Special Tomorrow will be "Garter Nite," during which a total of \$15 in cash will be given by the pretty choristers to lucky patrons.

There seem to be quite a number of prominent musicians who believe that some monstrous crime is being

committed when composers of popular music "rob the classics" for their melody," says Nelson Maple, the youthful director of the famous U. S. S. Leviathan orchestra at the Orpheum this week.

"There are two sides to the story, though. Without question, the influence of the classics in popular music is being felt, and more. Naturally, dance music improves in quality. The most important thing though, is the fact that when slightly syncopated versions of classical numbers are offered as dance music, the beauty in the work of the music masters is taken to a large number of people who otherwise might not know of its existence. It's talking to the people in their own language, in the language of the generation."

"The Bat" which Waggenhall and Kemper will present at the Brandeis theater on March 1, 2, 3 and 4, is making what is one of the most spectacular tours of the country ever achieved by a play. Playing cities for the fifth and sixth time, this old favorite continues to draw capacity audiences wherever presented.

The success of "The Bat" is not hard to understand. The play itself is 100 per cent entertainment. It is thrilling, mysterious and dramatic. More, it is uproariously funny. Critic after critic has declared unequivocally, that one character in "The Bat" is unquestionably the funniest ever seen on any stage. And this, mind you, in a play that has been called "the greatest mystery play ever written."

For the last several years, Ethel Barrymore has been alternating between light comedy and serious emotional roles, and it is of the keenest interest to her host of admirers that she is devoting her brilliant talent this year to a portrayal of Pinner's famous heroine, in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," the play in which this star will be seen at the Brandeis theater on Friday, March 6. Paula is one of the most difficult roles to interpret on the English-speaking stage, and Miss Barrymore's choice comes at a time when she has arrived at that artistic perfection which is her heritage.

Arthur Hopkins has surrounded Miss Barrymore with a company of well-known players, including Henry Daniell, J. Colvin Dunn, Lionel Pape, William Kershaw, Margot Kelly, Jane Wheatley, George Thorpe, Helen Robbins, Harold Wheeler, Oscar Sterling, Walter Howe and Edna Peckham.

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