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CLARK AND MANN FIGHT FOR BIGGER AMERICAN NAVY

Speaker of the House and Minority Leader Battle Side by Side on Floor for Preparedness of the Nation.

SPECTACLE ATTRACTS CROWDS

Presiding Officer Takes Charge of the Administration Forces as Kitchin Sulks.

ANTIS DO NOT DECLARE SELVES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- Speaker Clark and Republican Leader Mann fought side by side in the house today for adequate national defense. With party lines obliterated most of the members followed their leaders and two navy measures passed without a dissenting vote. One to provide for adding 300 midshipmen to the entering class at Annapolis next July, passed 173 to 0; and the other to equip navy yards for construction of batleships Nos. 43 and 44, passed without a roll call.

Mr. Mann tried to put the antipreparedness advocates on record by calling for a division on the naval Framer of Hepburn Rate Law, Pure academy bill, but there were no negative responses.

Clark Appears on Floor.

The appearance of Speaker Clark on the floor to champion preparedness measures aroused wide interest. Rumors persisted that he would take active charge of the fighting to increase the army and navy, Majority Leader Kitchin having

Immediate improvement of the navy by designing new battleships along the lines of the best now in use, doubling the membership of both Annapolis and West Peint, creation of many additional regi-ments for the army and short term enlistments to produce a reserve were among suggestions made by the speaker. He said he expected to discuss the subject of preparedness generally soon.

Mr. Mann reiterated his previous plans for a larger army and navy and aided in maneuvering the bills to pagsage. "This is not the time for crimination and recrimination," said he. "It is not the time to find fault with that which has been. It is the time for all to oin hands for

Debate Goes Far Affeld. The debate went far afield from the measures upder consideration extending the general subject of military preparedness. The unusual sight of the speaker and the minority leader battling together for administration measures while the majority leader sat silently in the back galleries and members rushed to the floor ing he had in three winters at an acafrom their offices and committee rooms. Mr. Clark urged haste in getting new battleships into commission. He asked Chairman Padgett of the nava lcommittee why it would not be a good plan to pattern the two battleships Nos 63 and 44 after the best United States ship affort

and get them completed quickly. "Simply because," Mr. Padgett said. "the chief of the bureau of construction told us that he had plans already worked out that would make decided improvements against torpedo attack."

Waiting for Authority. "Why do they not put those plans into operation?" the speaker continued. "They will," Mr. Padgett said, "as soon as they get authority provided in this resolu-

"We shall all die of old age before they are completed at this rate," the speaker

Representative Padgett told the house that three ships-the Oklahoma, Nevada placed on the staff of General Sheridan, morrow. and Pennsylvania-regarded as the best and in December of the same year be three in the world at the time they were came a lieutenant colonel and was put in designed and laid down, would be completed and put into commission during division, Sixteenth army corps. He was this year—two of them in the early summer and one in the autumn.

"If any emergency should arise," he added, "a very small resolution of congress carrying the necessary appropriation could provide for extra ships." Representative Cannon of Illinois cre-(Continued on Page Two, Commin Two.)

The Weather

Porecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity -Fartly cloudy; rising temperature. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday,



Comparative Local Record

the only ones here.

AUTHOR OF HEPBURN RATE LAW PASSES AWAY.



William Peters Hepburn

WILLIAM PETERS HEPBURN IS DEAD

Food Act and Public Health Act Passes Away.

CLARINDA, Ia., Feb. 7 .- (Special.)-Former Congressman William Peters Hepburn died here this afternoon after an illness of several ing the indemnity by \$10,000,000. weeks.

Colonel William P. Hepburn, although twenty years in congress, became best known throughout the country during the Roosevelt administration. It was ne who framed what later was called the Hepburn law, prohiting rebates and discrimination by railroads. As chairman of the house committee on interstate and a row. foreign commerce in the first session of the Fifty-ninth Congress he was the author of three acts out of five, which the then President Roosevelt afterward declared would cause that congress to be memorable in history because of its con-structive legislation. Of the five acts, four came from Colonel Hepburn's committee and three of them—the Hepburn law, the pure food set and the public health act-were tramed by Colonel Hep-burn himself.

Soldler and Lawyer.

Mr. Hepburn represented the Eighth
Towa district. He also was an efficient soldler and lawyer of high reputation he was a product of the early ploneer demy near Iowa City. He was born in Columbians, county, Ohie, November 4, residence on a farm, when he was 8 years railway employes and the the returned to Iowa in 1855, married Mise Melvina A. Morseman of Iowa City and

settled at Marshalltown. When the civil war broke out Colonel Hepburn organized a company and became its captain. This company went to the front in February, 1862, as a part of the Second Iowa cavalry. He was soon advanced to major, and in that position earned distinction at the battle of Corcommand of the Second brigade, cavalry

Solicitor of Treasury.

In 1876 Colonel Hepburn moved to Clarinda, Ia., which had since been his home. except for a part of the time, when he elected to congress in 1880, and twice succossively thereafter. During the Har rison administration he was solicitor of the Treasury department, which position he resigned March 4, 1893, to again enter congress for his old district. He was an unauccessful candidate for United States senator in 1888.

Colonel Hepburn was thirteen times the nominee of his party in the Highth Iowa district, his first contest in 1880 being the most remarkable. The convention was held at Council Bluffs and Congress man Sapp had received fifty-four votesthree less than a majority-without diminution 284 times. After a three days' seasion the convention took a recess of two days and Colonel Hepburn was fifty-nine votes. His twelve subsequent nomingtions were practically unanimous. ing his career in congress, which ended garian frontier is confirmed, March 4, 1909, Colonel Hepburn supported every measure that became law to the control of common carriers. Many of these bills were introduced by him. Colonel Hepburn will be buried here Arrangements are undecided, awaiting word from relatives. Mrs. Hepburn and his son, Charles, from Washington, are

Twelve-Day Blockade in Colorado is Lifted

DENVER, Feb. 1.-A twelve-day block ade of railroad traffic in southwestern Colorado was lifted today. Delayed and regular traffic over the Denver & Rio Grande moved out of Durango and Alamosa. The line over Cumbres Pass was cleared of drifts from six to th'rty feet deep last night, ending the longest stoppage of traffic over this road for several Years. The last westbound train passed over this road Wednesday, January M.

COLOMBIA PACT CAUSES ROW IN BOURBON CAMP

Wilson Has Not Janes of Indemnity, I wange in Apology and Senate Divided Over Question.

SMITH EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

Republican Who Helped Opposition Get Report Out of Committee Glad He Started Fuss.

BORAH WANTS FIGHT IN OPEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- Approval has not been given by President Wilson and democrats of the senate are by no means unanimously in favor of amendments to the Colombia treaty reported last week by the senate foreign relations com-

It developed today that a strong effort probably would be made in the senate to defeat the changes which would reduce the proposed indemnity to Colombia for the partition of Panama from \$25,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and to revise the wording of the expression of regret.

Calls on Lansing. Minister Betancourt of Colombia called on Secretary Lansing during the day and was assured that the president has not given his approval to either of the amendments. Later it became known that many of the democrats of the foreign relations committee opposed the change.
A republican, Senator Smith of Michigen, by changing his vote on a tie in the mittee carried the amendment reduc-

'I voted against the amendment first,' said Senator Smith today, "because I am opposed to the freaty, I am opposed to the United States paying one dollar to Colombia. But when I saw how close the committee stood on the issue, I concluded that \$15,000,000 was \$10,000,000 less than \$25,000,000 and I changed my vote. Now I am glad of it because I see it has started

Micaraguan Bill Up. Tomorrow Senator Stone, chairman of the fofeign relations committee, plans to call up the Nicaraguan canal route and Senator Borah proposes to move that the Nicaraguan treaty be considered in the open senate, but administration leaders are opposed to breaking precedent of discovers. Buschler, Poons, Is. naval bases on the Fonseca Bay,

Railway Unions and

1833, removing to Iowa City where his way to bring about concerted action of mother and his step-father took up their members of the four great unions of of age. After a brief experience in the Mine Workers in their demands for inschools the community afforded he got creased wages or shorter working days. employment in a printing office where It is stated that if this plan were put he worked for four years. Later he read into effect it would bring about combined law at Iowa City and Chicago, being action by 750,000 men and affect the min admitted to the illinois bar in 1884. He ing fields of Pennsylvania, Colorado and

The movement is said to have the proval of W S. Carter, president of the 'rotherhood of Locomotive Enginemen and Firemen, and W. J. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Train

Representatives of the railroad unions of America, who are gathering there Not long afterwards he was for a conference with the operators to-

It is reported here that John P. White, president of the United Mine workers, has disapproved the proposed coalition. MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 7.-Reports from New York that organized railroad men and union mine workers may torm a coalition for the purpose of pressing demands for increased wages were not train. taken seriously today by those who are familiar with the coal mining situation. A coalition might be brought about as a resided in Washington, D. C. He was last resort in the event of a strike, it was said, but a strike is not expected.

Teutons and Turks Are Concentrating On Greek Frontier

MILAN, Feb. 7 .- (Vis. Paris.) -A dismatch from Athens to the Secolo says that French aviators report continued concentration of adversary forces on the Greek frontier. German reinforcements are advancing from Uskub to the North west of Gievgeli. Fresh German regiments have arrived at Monastir and Austrian forces are concentrating around nominated on the 35th ballet, receiving Tchevikove. A Bulgarian division, says the dispatch, finally has left Kustendil, going southward, and the transfer of Two of them were by acclamation, Dur- heavy artillery from Nish to the Bui-

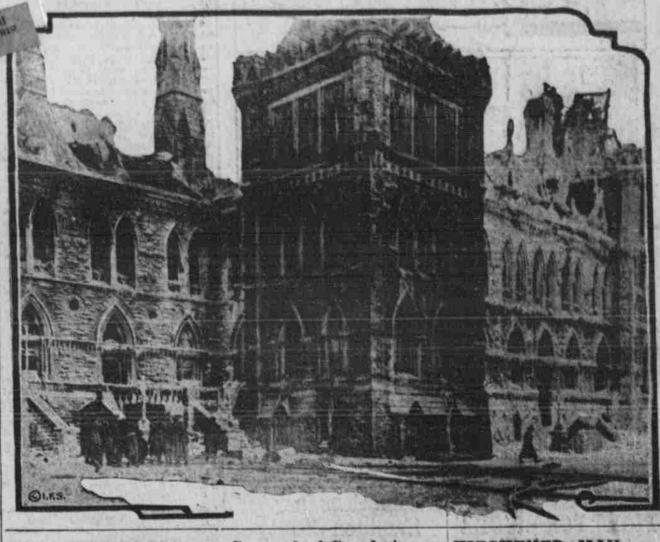
Officer Who Led Rescue Force to Be Court-Martialed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- Lieutenanta Mexican territory to rescue two soldiers captured by Mexicans near Brownsville, fex., have been ordered court-martialed by Major General Funston.

SEVENTEEN GIVEN DEGREES AT UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 7 .- Degrees were

AFTER-THE-FIRE VIEW OF \$7,000,000 CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY BUILD-ING-Camera view of structure shortly after the fire which followed the explosion of bombs had ruined the splendid edifice and caused the death of at least six people.



FOUR STOCKMEN KILLED IN WRECK

Extra Stock Train is Hit from Behind by Extra Freight and Stockmen Hurled to Death.

TWO FIREMEN ARE INJURED

Four men, all cattle shippers, enroute to the Omaha market, were killed early ondayM morning in a rear-end freight train collision pany, according to an authoritative an on the Northwestern, near Dunlap,

touring of all trains over the Illinois Central from Denison.

Extra Stock Train. Reports indicate that an extra stock train was enroute to Omaha from central lows and stalled on a hill about two miles east of Dunlap. An extra freight that was following closely behind rounded the curve just east of the point where the regular was stalled and, before the engine could be stopped, crashed into the caboose, killing all four of the men.

The car in which the men were sitting was telescoped and several cars ahead thrown from the track. The engine of the rear train was derailed and went over on its side, tearing out several

A wrecking crew was sent out from are said to have been sent to Mobile to Missouri Valley, but it was not until late confer with the inited Mine Workers in the afternoon that the tracks were deared and repaired so that trains could pass over them. The bodies of the dead men were taken to Missouri valley, twenty-six miles from the scene of the

On the wrecking train that went out from Missouri Valley were several doc-The two firemen were badly inand they were brought to an Omaha hospital on an Illinois Central

Hidden Behind Curve.

So far as can be learned, the wreck freight ahead had been stalled but a last, short time and the train following had The steamer was delayed by gales orders to just to Dunlap. Its engineer when she put in here January 26, to reis asserted to have had a clear block plenish her bunkers, nearly all the wooden ahead and when he rounded the curve fittings had been burned to keep the fires he found the freight on the track, not going. much over 150 teet ahead. He applied In the collision the wreckage was by the imperial authorities thrown against the telegraph poles, breaking off a couple and carrying the Big Oil Company wires with them, demoralizing the ser. vice to such an extent as to cut off con

Too Many "Low Brows" in College, Says Prof. Jordan

Starr Jordan, who said: There are too many low-brows in

The Tow-brow was too prac- and southeast of this city. Mort, Peyton and Waldron, who recently tical, just as the 'high-brow' was not practical enough." Dr. Jordan's subject was "A Man," FLUNKING MIDDIES and he told his hearers it was a good thing to learn to be in the minority.

> **NAVAJO INDIANS ARE** THREATENING UPRISING

United States district attorney.

Control of Cambria Steel Passes to the Midvale Company

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 7 .- Control of the Cambria Steel company, one of the largest of the independent steel concerns, has been purchased by the Midvale Steel and Ordnance company of Philadel-phia. Announcement to this effect was made today by W. H. Donner, president of the Cambria company.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.-The newly organized Midvale Steel company has pur chased centrol of the Cambria Steel com incoment here today. The price is

Senator Borah proposes to move that the Nicaraguan treaty be considered in the Ja., fifty miles east of Omaha. The pen senate, but administration leaders are opposed to breaking precedent of discussing treaties in executive session.

Railway Unions and Coal Miners May

Make Joint Demands

On the Northwestern, near Dunlap, Ia., fifty miles east of Omaha. The dead:

It was stated that William E. Corey, chairman of the Midvale company, and his associates had taken over the option of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the Cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the cambria atock held by William H. Donner, with representation of the majority of the cambria atock held by William

The announcement fellows closely upon ine lanure of the negotiations for a merger of the Cambria Steel company with the Lackawanna Steel company and the Youngstown Sheet & Tube company, The price at which Cambria stock was to have gone into the merger was reported to be \$90 a share.

The Midvale Steel and Odnance company was at the time of its organisation several months ago second only to the United States Steel corporation in point of size. The addition of the Cambrid Steel company gives it control of extensive works at Johnstown, Pa., and iron properties in the Lake Superior dis-

Norwegian Ship is Refused Coal at Canadian Port

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Peb. 7.-The British admiralty has refused permission to the Norwegian steamer Ontaneda, now at this port, to take on sufficient coal to continue her voyage from Copenhagen for Baltimore. The Ontaneda formerly was under Spanish registry under the same name, but was transferred to the Norweg'an flag last December. On Decourred just around a sharp curve. The cember 3, she left Copenhagen in bat-

Information as to why the Ontaneda

Leases 35,000 Acres Near Cheyenne

San Francisco, said to be the largest oil the explosion at the Skoda armamen STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Feb. started an oil lease boom here and scores the dispatch adds, including the one in -Blanford campus buzzed today with of local people are feverishly negotiating discussion of a speech made to the stu- for leases on other privately owned prop- cannon were made. dents jast night by Chancellor David erty and on state lands. State land leases; executed Saturday represent an acreage in excess of 5,000. Each of the leases provides that the lessee shall bogin drilling "A 'low-brow,' " he explained, "wes for oil not later than April 30, 1916. All only a degree removed from a 'rough of the land lies in the Crow creek valley

GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.-The academic their examinations, has reduced the number recommended for resignation to the rebels at Siu-Fu is imminent, PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 7.-Angered by eighty-two. This latter number may the killing of one of their number by still be further reduced. Secretary Dangranted to seventeen graduates at the white policemen, Indians of the Navajo leis, in reviewing the recommendation of University of lows tere this morning. reservation in northeastern Arizona are the board, says he will give the eighty-lower H. Seerley, president of the lows threatening an uprising, according to ad- two all the consideration consistent with State Teachers' college, delivered the con- vices received today by Thomas Flynn, the policy of maintaining the standary of to have been isolated by a rear attack the academy

KITCHENER MAY

of War Will Be Taken Over by Sir William Robertson:

GENERAL STAFF TAKES CHARGE

LONDON, Feb. 7 .- Changes of great importance in the direction of sidered the situation unchanged.

the war are contemplated, says the Chairman Stone of the senate foreign the war are contemplated, says the Dally Sketch. It asserts that Earl Kitchener probably will leave the war office.

The Sketch says Sir William Robertson, now chief of staff, probably will fake over autive direction of the ear without interference, except from the cabinet se a whole and that a civilian of real ability for organisation will become secretary for war. In the event that Earl Kifchener known that a mere choice

teaves the war office, the Sketch adds, he will undertake important work of like character elsewhere.

Rebertson Will Give Orders.

Commenting on the new order that the British chief of staff "shall be responsible for issuing the orders of the government regarding, military operations.

The proposal new before President Wilson and Secretary Lansing is described in German circles as substituting for the word "literal" a phrass which Germany hopes will be acceptable government regarding, military operations, the Daily Mail save. ions, the Daily Mail says:

The order means that in future army man without warning is in contravention orders will go out in the name of Sir of international law and that such naval William Robertson, the chief of staff, warfare should be permanently disconnatend of that of Lord Kitchener, as

Party Dates of Sixty-Four Iowa Co-Eds Canceled

IOWA CITY, In., Feb. 7,-(Special Telegram.)—Members of the junior prom com-mittee declare, that their party this year will be a failure financially and socially unless Dean Anna Klingenhagen retracts her action in taking away the party dates of sixty-four prominent university girls.

The girls were found guilty of partaking of refreshments in a local confectionery store after a panhellenic dance in vic lation of the university ruling and their party dates for a month were cancelled by the dean of women.

The month's time includes the prom, one of the biggest formal affairs of the year, for which practically every one of the girls had an engagement, Almost the brakes, but they refused to work has been placed on the so-called ad- as many men are affected as girls and quick enough to prevent the collision. mirally "black list" has been refused the attendance at the party expected to be cut practically in half.

Great Skoda Arms Plant is Destroyed by an Explosion

CHETENNE, Wyo., Feb. 7.-(Special.)- MILAN (Via Paris), Feb. L-A Buchar-The leasing by the Head Oil company of est dispatch to the Secola says that in well drilling concern in the world, of 35,000 factory in Bohemia ninety-five workmen acres of land adjacent to this city, has perished. Three buildings were blown up. which the famous twelve-inch hydraulic

> A Rome dispatch dated February 6 said that according to the Bucharest corre-spondent of the Messaggero the great Skoda works at Pilsen had been partly destroyed as the result of an explosion

Chinese Regulars Beat the Insurgents

PEKING, Feb. 7.-The government to day announced that its troops had reboard at the Naval academy, after re-examining 20 midshipmen who failed in the southern part of Sze-Chuen province, and that a general attack upon The rebels defeated at Pingshan were

> nouncement stated. The revolutionists moving upon Tre lieutaing, north of Biti-Fu, are declared from government forces.

being driven back upon Siu-Fu, the an-

LANSING DENIES **NEW DEMANDS IN** LUSITANIA CASE

Secretary of State Says He Does Not Believe that Dr. Zimmerman . Made Statement Attributed to Him.

STORY IS UTTERLY FALSE

Position of United States Stated in Three Notes, Last of Which Was Sent in July.

STONE SAYS SETTLEMENT NEAR

(WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- Secretary Lansing today flatly denied that new demants had been made in the Lusitania case at a time when the Gorman government considered the negotiations practically were at an end. He was speaking of the Berlin dispatches quoting the references by Dr. Zimmerman, German under secretery of foreign affairs, to "new _ demands "

"This government," said Scoretary Lansing, "has not increased the demands made in the Lusitania case as set forth in the notes of May 13, June 9 and July 21. I doubt if Dr. Zimmerman ever made the statement that new demands had been injected, because he must know that it is utterly false,"

Secretary Lansing would not discuss Dr. Zimmerman's statement further. When Dr. Zimmerman's statement was published in this country, his reference to new demands was taken to apply to a possible construction on the world "illegal" in the proposed form of settlement. The only ground American of-ficials could find for constructing that London Sketch Intimates Direction as ambodying a new demand, was the possibility that it might be considered applicable not alone to the destruction of neutrols on the Lusitania, but also as to the method by which it was sunk Secretary Lansing repeated that he exsome time during the day. He made it

relations committee said after talking with administration officials that his impression was that the Lusitania case was "practically settled."

Statement Expected So. Secretary Lansing indicated that some announcement might be given out for publication within his arch few days. There was no indication whether the president had definitely decided whether

lermany's latest proposal was satisfac-Administration efficials let it be

tions, the Daily Mail says:

"Since the creation of the ministry of munitions no more important change in United States is that there should be the functions of the secretary for war an acknowledgment by Germany that the sinking of an unresisting merchanttinued. The German contention is that such assurances stready have been given in the Arabic case.

Big Four Engineer and Fireman Drown in Wabash River

VINCENNES, Ind., Feb. 7 .- Frank Lantransfer, engineer, and Oliver Hasleton, ireman, were drowned today when the engine hauling Big Four pasenger trains diana side of the Wabash river south of here. The coupling broke, saving the remainder of the train.

MORRISON NAMED FOR COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- President Wilson today nominated Alexander Morrison of Bathgate, N. D., for customs collector for North and South Dakota, with headquarters at Pembina, N. D.

The Day's War News

WHILE RECENT REPORTS of the actual opening of an offensive movement by the Tentonic allies against Saloniki appear to have been premature, the cables continue to bring accounts of various troop movements, held in military quarters to ludicate that such an offensive is probably not far distant. Athens dispatches today tell of continued concentration of Germou, Austrian and Bulgarian forces on the Greek frontier, together with the transfer of heavy

artillery southward from Nish. ADVICES FROM ALLIED SOURCES declare that the friction between Roumania and the central powers has increased and that Roumania supposedly to view of the reported threatening attitude of Germany and Austria, has collected forces close to the Ausro-Hungarian

frontier. THE CHIEF CAPITALS of the en tente allies appear to be impressed with the idea that an important offensive is shortly to be begun by

the Germans In the west. ALTROUGH THE OTTOMAN tures around Erzerum seemingly have not been successful in undertaking an offensive, they have been able to repulse all the renewd Russian attacks, they declare,