

ASSERTS DANIELS' REPLY MISLEADING

Gardner Says Special Report of Secretary Not to the Purpose.

STILL STANDS BY HIS GUNS

Congressman Declares Foreign Fleet Could Demolish New York Defenses and Yet Be Out of Range of Shore.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 5.—Augustus P. Gardner, congressman from Massachusetts, in an address before the Contemporary club here tonight replied to the statement of Secretary of the Navy Daniels regarding recent assertions of Mr. Gardner as to the inadequacy of American naval and military preparations.

Secretary Daniels, Mr. Gardner said, "has given out a special report from Admiral Straus to prove misleading my declaration that of long range torpedoes there are only fifty-eight in the navy."

"I do not remember ever making that statement, because my impression is that there are not even so many as fifty-eight long range torpedoes on hand."

"I reiterate the statement that I have made heretofore, that there are 311 torpedo tubes on the ships of the navy and there are 350 long range torpedoes built, building or appropriated for."

"If this statement is incorrect it is not my fault, for I obtained information from Admiral Straus himself. There is not a figure given in my speech of October 6 or in my press statement of October 23 that was not verified by consultation with high officials of the army and navy, or else taken directly from the official publication."

"Many of my figures were prepared for me in Secretary Daniels' own department."

"I observe that Admiral Straus is quoted as instancing the torpedoing of three British cruisers at 900 yards range to show that long range torpedoes are neither required nor desired for submarines. I cannot give my opinion on Admiral Straus' views, but his argument will not stand inspection."

"Many a Spaniard at El Caney was killed with an old-fashioned Springfield, but that did not justify the United States in arming our volunteer troops with a short range rifle."

Mr. Gardner said a congressional inquiry into the national defense would reveal many absurdities, notably that there is no co-ordination in the preparation of military and naval appropriations.

"Couldn't Be More Absurd." "One committee looks after the fortifications, another the army, a third the navy," he continued. "The fortifications committee provides for the guns for the regular and volunteer army; the army committee provides the guns for the militia. Can anything be more absurd?"

"I state without fear of successful contradiction that the big guns on the latest dreadnaughts of Great Britain and Germany are of such long range that the battleships can stand a mile and a half outside the range of the guns on the fortifications of New York and demolish those forts."

Mr. Gardner has an appointment to discuss the matter of a congressional inquiry with President Wilson. This conference will take place next Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Cuts Off Hair and Sells it in Order To Pay Room Rent

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—A young woman who cut off her hair and sold it in order to pay her room rent, told the most pitiful of many disheartening stories related today at the emergency employment bureau conducted in Chicago.

She gave her name as Mary Simpson, her age as 22, and was a picture of despondency as she sat in the waiting room with a boy's knitted cap pulled down to her ears to cover the short hair.

Two weeks ago she was dismissed from her place as a dressmaker, which paid \$7.50 a week. Her small savings went to buy a coat when the cold weather came.

"I had my hair cut off to pay the room rent, which was \$4 back," she said. "I asked a woman on the street whose hair was the same color as mine if she did not want some more. She said she would pay me \$25 for it. I could not find work. My landlady said she would not trust me any more and I had to give up my room. All this week I have lived on half a pint of cream a day, which costs 10 cent a day."

"Last night I met a girl who earns \$4 a week and she took me to her room and told me to come back as I could not find work. This morning I walked from Fifty-fifth street (seven miles) to save carfare."

A position paying \$9 a week was found for the girl.

German Liner Held In Norway Port Had Been Strewn Mines

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The North German-Lloyd steamer Berlin, which recently was interned at Trondheim, Norway, according to a statement issued by the British admiralty tonight probably has been engaged in extensive mine laying operations.

When the Berlin put into Trondheim, the admiralty says, it was "almost empty of coal and with its speed considerably reduced, due, presumably, to fast steaming."

Continuing the report says: "It has been especially fitted for mine laying, but so far as known it now has no mines on board, the probability being that they have been sown on the high seas under cover of darkness. From experience it is known that the track of merchant shipping, normal as well as British, is a favored locality for this operation."

"German floating mines are being constantly sighted. On many occasions these mines have proved to be highly dangerous. Merchant vessels say warning should be sent out to which they are exposed. They must be in mind that water which, owing to their great depth, heretofore have been regarded as comparatively safe, must now be navigated with caution."

See Want Ads Produce Results.

Movement of Ocean Steamers. Port Arrived Sailed. HAVRE Dec. 4. To Trieste. Sailed. GLASGOW Dec. 4. To Liverpool. Sailed. WELLINGTON Dec. 4. To Sydney. Sailed. NEW YORK Dec. 4. To Europe. Sailed.

De Wet Is Prisoner In Johannesburg

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Telegraphing from Johannesburg, Reuters correspondent says:

"Pale and haggard, but calmly smoking his pipe, General Christian De Wet, the rebel leader, arrived here today guarded by soldiers with fixed bayonets. He was taken through the streets, which were lined with the excited populace, and placed in the fort, a prisoner, pending a probable court-martial."

"Whether he will be hanged as a traitor cannot yet be predicted. That some factions favor this, however, is indicated by the tone of the national press, which urges government action against 'those behind the scenes' who stimulated De Wet and other rebels to action. Those co-traitors, it is added, should be brought to the shadow of the gallows."

COFFEY IS TO BE INVITED

Secretary of State Federation of Labor to Come and Explain.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION ACTS

Must Explain Why Attempt Was Made to Force Louis V. Guey Out of the State Organization.

Frank Coffey, secretary of the Nebraska State Federation of Labor, is to be invited by the Omaha Central Labor union to attend the next meeting of that body in order that the union may "have it out with him on the floor." This was decided after a debate of an hour and a half at the regular meeting of the Central Labor union last night.

Coffey had published some things in the Federationist, the official organ of the state federation, which the central union of Omaha did not like. Then, too, he was one of those who was strongly against Louis V. Guey when a week ago the executive board of the state federation made several attempts to excommunicate Guey from any further official connection with the state body, on the ground that he, Guey, had not been true to his trust as a member of the legislative committee when he opposed the workmen's compensation bill, which the state organization had endorsed.

It was after Guey made his report last night concerning the proceedings of the executive board of last Saturday and Sunday that the debate came up over Coffey's right and left Coffey was scored by members on the floor. George Norman was especially loud in attacking the state secretary.

Guey has something to say. Guey had a few things to say, but was fairly mild. C. L. Shamp wanted to tell Coffey a few things, but said he was going to tell them to him good and hard when he saw him.

H. Bridwell said it was unfair to keep picking on a man who was not present. He suggested that Coffey be given a chance to come before the Omaha body and be heard some time. Al Weitzel also took the view that it was hardly in good form to pick on a man to pieces when he wasn't looking.

Jack Light objected to letting Coffey come before the body, for he said Coffey was a smooth talker, and would hand out a line that would be pure snake, and the house would get nowhere with him.

"I agree," said George Norman. "Coffey is a good talker. I like to hear him talk. It won't do any good to bring him here. As I say, he is a smooth talker. He studied law. He practiced a little-ambulance chaser, I guess."

Al Weitzel got to the floor and asserted, "I want to say right here, when it comes to accusing Coffey of ambulance chasing, Coffey is not an ambulance chaser. I want to tell Brother Norman that Coffey a few years ago did look up some personal injury cases for union men. He did prosecute them. He got judgment. And, above all, he did it absolutely free of charge and lost his own time from work while he did it. That is the extent to which Coffey's ambulance chasing."

Bridwell answers Norman. "Then H. Bridwell had something to say to Norman. He wanted to know how it happened that Norman was the first man to file a lot of charges at Coffey to his back and then was the first man to object to his being brought to Omaha to be given a chance to defend himself in open meeting. Norman did not explain."

C. L. Shamp did not object to having Coffey come to Omaha, "But," he protested, "if we invite him here it means that we should pay his carfare and expenses for the trip, and I don't want to pay Coffey's expenses."

Guey hedged on bringing Coffey, because, he said, there would simply be an all-night wrangle for the newspapers to talk about, and the report would go out that organized labor was farther divided than ever.

The vote was taken and by a small majority it was decided Coffey should be invited.

Page Diogenes at Once! Smoky City Dads Cut Salaries

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5.—As a masterstroke to insure economy in the city's finances, the city's nine commissioners, during consideration of the next year budget, today cut their own salaries \$1,000 each a year.

They further passed a motion which, practically demands that every city official from the mayor down volunteer to accept a proportionate cut.

Other motions which were considered and which will be taken up after a conference with the mayor and his cabinet will effect reductions of from 5 to 15 per cent on every salary above \$1,000.

Councilman's salaries have heretofore been \$4,000.

Tight Skirt Must Be Fuller Below Waist

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 5.—The style committee of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' association will decree tomorrow that the tight skirt must give way to fullness below the waist line. The association so decided at today's session of the twenty-fifth annual convention. The coats and skirts are to be shorter and almost entirely there will be a tailor-made season in 1915 for American women.

In working out the style the idea is to have more accent in the fashions. All is modest and conservative, foreign suggestions of color or style being eliminated. George W. Purney of Cleveland was elected president.

FORTS OF VERDUN NEVER BESIEGED

Communications of Fortress in France Never Taken, Says Correspondent on Scene.

FRENCH MAKE PROGRESS

Only One Difficult Stretch of Road Between Frontier Stronghold and City of Metz—Troops in Fine Spirits.

(Copyright, 1914, by Special Publishing Co.) LONDON, Dec. 5.—(Special Cablegram from New York World and Omaha Bee.)—Telegraphing from the French lines at Verdun, under date of December 2, J. H. Ferris, the correspondent of the Chronicle, says:

"Verdun has been advertised by the German commanders as being subjected to a close investment. They even claimed to have captured some of its forts. No doubt the German people imagine it is besieged. I wish some of their representatives could have accompanied us at least part of our tour of inspection."

"Verdun has never been besieged; its communications are unbroken; it is the center of a district in which there is no menace. On the northwest and east there are at least twenty miles to travel before the zone of the German gun fire is reached. The road to the city through the Argonne forest is as safe and quiet as the road from York to London. On the south the Germans touch the Meuse at only one point, St. Mihiel."

"To reach it from Metz there is but one difficult road, and all along that line the position of the Germans is exceedingly precarious. In a semi-circle north of Verdun the French armies make slow, but steady, progress. They are prepared for the winter as well as any army can be."

"I spoke to a number of officers and they struck me as men of marked intelligence and vigor, possessed by a modern and liberal spirit, seeing the moral and political issues of the war very much as we see them, and watching closely over the safety and comfort of their men. They felt, and seemed to me justified in feeling themselves, invincible."

"The secret of this important success at the pivotal point of the western campaign is not the strength of the fixed defense of Verdun for many of the forts have not fired a shot. It is that the army has never lost its freedom of action. In the course of our journey we were privileged to meet and to spend some hours with General (name deleted by censor) and it seemed to me that the fulness with which he explained to us the course and character of the operations exemplified the new type of mind that modern war conditions are producing even in places where the conservative spirit most obstinately lingers."

"A tall, slight man with a short, white beard and mustache, not great in stature, a gentleman, General (name deleted) looks the scholar and thinker rather than the man of action we know him to be."

"In answer to a question about the present morale of the German troops, he said: "Que voulez vous, it is a ship in a tempest and the sailors run hither and thither."

"There was no sound of hate or triumph in his tone, but I thought that if a symbolical picture of the defense of France were needed, one could hardly find a better one than a portrait of General (name still deleted)."

BRAKEMAN HEINE OF OMAHA SHOT BY TRAMP ON TRAIN

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—After compelling three tramps to get out of a freight car in the yards at this place this afternoon, A. L. Heine of Omaha, rear brakeman on a M. & O. freight train, was shot in the thigh by one of the tramps who later gave his name as John Blair and said St. Louis was his home.

Blair was badly beaten up about the head by the train's front brakeman, Sheriff Compton and Marshal Dulaney arrested the trio. Two of the tramps gave the names of George Craig and George Wilson, the latter claiming to come from St. Paul, Minn. Craig refused to state where he was from.

Brakeman Heine was taken to a local hospital, where the bullet was extracted and the wound dressed by Dr. Nielsen and he was later allowed to go to Omaha on the evening passenger train. He lives at 1419 Evans street, Omaha. He was shot at twice, the first bullet just missing his head. The tramps will be given their preliminary hearing in Judge Eiler's court Monday.

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Katherine C. Gould Sues Parisian Firm For \$200,000 Gems

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Katherine Clemons Gould today began suit in the supreme court against Louis J. and Pierre Camille Cartier, Parisian jewelers, to recover \$200,000, which she alleges to be the value of a dozen articles of jewelry left with the Cartiers in 1906 to be reset.

According to the plaintiff's counsel and the affidavit of Mrs. Gould, filed in connection with the case, while she was in Paris during the summer of 1906 with her husband, Howard Gould, he suggested that her jewelry, or some of it, should be reset. They went to Cartiers and Mrs. Gould left the twelve articles, among them a sapphire and diamond brooch, a ruby and a diamond brooch, a heart and diamond dog collar and a ruby and sapphire brooch with a diamond chain.

Mrs. Gould says that as she was about to come to America with her husband at the time she arranged to have the jewelry reset for her upon her return, but her separation from her husband, the alleged, took place immediately after her arrival on this side and she has not since had possession of her jewelry.

BRITISH AID SENT ANTWERP NOT VAIN

Moral Effect Produced on Minds of Belgians a Valuable Asset to the Cause.

GIVES THEM ENCOURAGEMENT

Sir John French Tells of This in Dispatch Covering Report of Chief of English Naval Brigade.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Field Marshal Sir John French, in a dispatch covering the report of General Archibald Paris, who commanded the British naval brigade at Antwerp, gives further testimony to the good effect the sending of that force to the assistance of the Belgians had on the allies' campaign generally and thus further supports the action of Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, who has been criticized for sending it. General French says:

"Although the results did not include the actual saving of the fortress, the action of the force under General Paris certainly delayed the enemy for a considerable time and assisted the Belgian army to be withdrawn in a condition to enable it to reorganize and regain its value as a fighting force."

"Valuable Asset to Cause." "The destruction of war materials and ammunition, which but for the intervention of this force would have proved of great value to the enemy, was thus able to be carried out. The assistance which the Belgian army has rendered throughout the subsequent course of operations on the canal and Twer river has been a valuable asset to the allied cause and such help must be regarded as the outcome of the intervention of General Paris' force."

"I am further of the opinion that the moral effect produced on the minds of the Belgian army by this necessarily desperate attempt to give them succor before it was too late has been of great value to their use and efficiency as a fighting force."

"Reasons for Capture." General Paris says in his report that the capture of some of his brigade and the internment in Holland of others was due to the fact that the roads were crowded with refugees, to fatigue and partly to "at present unexplained causes."

When Antwerp was bombarded, General Paris says, the water supply was cut off and the whole city would have been destroyed by fire had there been any wind.

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