

England to Enlarge Air Force

Great Britain Will Spend \$100,000,000 to Equal Program of France to Avoid Future Strife.

Will Keep Out of Ruhr

By MARK SULLIVAN.
London, May 17.—Great Britain is determined to avoid embarrassing France in the Ruhr, to be generous, Britain in all respects and manage so that time and patience shall cure the irritation on the part of France which arose during the three years of Lloyd George's less considerate manners. But, while this determination is steadily in the minds of responsible Englishmen, it is equally clear that the same class is dismayed by another aspect of the French course, and is regretfully determined to take action based on this dismay.

France Expands Service.

After the war, Britain demobilized her air service with the rest of her forces. France, however, expanded her air service until today she has across the channel, according to authoritative judgment, 10 times as much air equipment as Britain has on this side. More thoughtful Britons do not say this, as Lord Balfour said at the Washington conference of France's submarine building, "Against whom is this aimed if not against Britain?" Englishmen say it is merely part of France's general military policy.

Berlin Sees Peril.

France intends to have the greatest army in the world. If she is to have such an army at all, it must be a properly proportioned one, and her air service is merely in proportion to the rest of the army. Nevertheless, Britain is forced to take account of an air service 26 miles away which could destroy it and of the possibility that the possession of so superior a force might tempt some future government in France to take any panicky action inspired by unreasonable fear or some excessive sentimentality or pride. Britain is going to spend upward of \$100,000,000 to duplicate France's air force, on the familiar theory of being equal to any other one power. Britain hates to spend the money. Even more, Britain hates to take a step which, following France's initiative, goes on in the old daily cycle of competitive armament, with France in the pace-setting role that was Germany's before 1914.
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Capital Belle Jilts Officer

Miss Nancy Hoyt "Indefinitely Postpones" Marriage to British Lieutenant.

Washington, May 17.—Washington society has been provided with a new sensation by Miss Nancy Hoyt, whose sister, Mrs. Elmore Hoyt Hishborn, has been the center of a series of matrimonial sensations since 1910. "Indefinite postponement" of Miss Hoyt's marriage to Lieut. F. W. Wiseman, a British navy officer, was announced yesterday. A few hours before the time set for the wedding, and after many of the guests had already assembled for the ceremony. At the Hoyt home it was announced the postponement was due to Miss Hoyt's illness. After the announcement, however, the prospective bridegroom and his parents left for New York, with the apparent intention of sailing for England.
Mrs. Wylie, sister of Miss Hoyt, first startled society in 1910 by eloping with Horace Wylie, from whom she recently was granted a divorce. At the time of the elopement she was the wife of Philip S. Hishborn, a member of another prominent Washington family, and soon after her departure he committed suicide.

Two Killed, Many Hurt in Ecuador Earthquake

By Associated Press.
Guayaquil, Ecuador, May 17.—Two persons have been killed, many injured and much damage to property has been done by a strong earthquake in Quito and that vicinity, according to dispatches received from the capital.
Numerous buildings, including the government palace, the city hall, the cathedral, the archbishop's residence, the astronomical observatory, the military academy, the railway station and hundreds of residences have been damaged.
The military academy has been abandoned because of the dangerous condition in which the shock left it.

High School Bandit League Trio Sentenced to Prison

By International News Service.
South Bend, Ind., May 17.—Three members of the "Bandit League" High School "Bandit League"—Buell Holwell, 18; John Hartman, 16, and Oscar Johnson, 19—were sentenced today to from one to 14 years in the state reformatory. They pleaded guilty to grand larceny.

Legion to Conduct National Essay Contest for Children

Indianapolis, Ind., May 17.—A national essay contest for school children between the ages of 12 and 18 years will be conducted by the American Legion commission of the American Legion, Garland W. Powell, legion national Americanism director, announced.

Lulah Wolford Elected State P. E. O. President



Miss Lulah Wolford of Lincoln was elected president of the state P. E. O. organization yesterday morning.

Erin Returns Deportees to Great Britain

109 of Group Seized in March Raids Marched from Dublin Prison to Docks—Embark at Once.

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Dublin, May 17.—The Irish deportees whose return to England was obtained through court proceedings instituted by Art O'Brien, were sent back to English soil today by the Irish free state government.
Amidst the utmost secrecy and under heavy military escort, 109 Irish deportees were marched from Mount Joy prison at 5 o'clock to the docks, where they were hurried on board a government steamship. It sailed immediately for Holyhead.
The Irish women deportees were removed from the Kilmainham prison in Dublin after a series of raids by Scotland Yard operatives in a number of English and Scottish cities.

Art O'Brien is an adherent of Eamonn de Valera and a supporter of the Irish republicanism. He was formerly known as the "Sin Fein" ambassador in London. He brought his case against proceedings winning in the highest court. The government appealed to the house of lords, but that body decided it had no jurisdiction.
O'Brien had been taken to London for the proceedings. He was released but subsequently re-arrested. Formal announcements were made in the house of commons that the Irish free state would release the Irish prisoners who had been deported from England, so today's action caused no surprise.
The deportations took place late last night after a series of raids by Scotland Yard operatives in a number of English and Scottish cities.

Despite this warning, Mr. Harding said, factions have arisen which would invade the constitutional rights of others or subvert the constitution itself.
"We have our factions which seek to subvert the constitution without regard to the relationship to others and without regard for the common weal," said Mr. Harding.
"We have the factions of hatred and prejudice and violence. We have our coalitions which would invade the constitutional rights of others or subvert the constitution itself. We have our factions challenging both civil and religious liberty and without them both made everlastingly secure these can be no real human liberty. We have the fatal factionalism which constitutes obstruction to the execution of the laws."
"Cannot Survive Factionalism."
"No nation will survive where this factionalism is endured. Hamilton warned us that 'however such combinations or associations may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely themselves to usurp the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominions.' Washington uttered the same caution. It was Hamilton's conception that the federal influence would crush out factions, taking heed of course, whenever a call to real justice had in any way inspired."
"If we will carry on, visualizing the nation of which he dreamed, if we will maintain the national viewpoint and emphasize the interwoven intimacy of all activities, where none may permanently prosper without a prosperity whole; if we will throttle the false cry of engines which have lifted them to unjust dominions; if we will, in the beckoning of American opportunity; if we will, as a hopefully American and as wholeheartedly American as they were in the immortal beginning, the future will be secure. These we must do, no matter what political sacrifices are made in the recommitment."

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This decision was reached today following a week's conference between officials of the Treasury and Justice departments, in which there has been some uncertainty as to the government's course.

Irish Rebels Active.

Dublin, May 17.—Irish Republican irregulars became suddenly active in West Ireland today and fighting took place in several districts. Workmen who were rebuilding the Ballinacorney workhouse were attacked. Free state troops near Ballaghaderreen, County Mayo, were fired upon.

Bondsman of S. M. Souder Turn Him Over to Sheriff

North Hatte, Neb., May 17.—S. M. Souder, former county treasurer of Lincoln county, who is charged with burning the old courthouse and embezzling county funds, was turned over by his bondsman to the sheriff and is now in jail. His bond of \$25,000 was signed by L. J. Hondy, Dr. Fritchard, A. E. Hoagland and I. W. Dempsey.
The auditors, who are at work on the books, stated today that damaging evidence against Souder had been found.
The wife of Souder is the only one who declined to withdraw from the bond and her qualification was not regarded sufficient.

Great Demonstration in Berlin Over Red's Body

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Factions Condemned by Harding

Honesty in Leadership Will Avoid Factions Which Are Enemies of Democracy, President Says.

Hamilton Set Example

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 17.—Alexander Hamilton's conception of financial integrity and the sanctity of obligation was invoked as a remedy for present world conditions by President Harding in an address today at the unveiling of a statute of the first treasury secretary.
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Two Babies Die of Starvation

San Bernardino, Cal., May 17.—Two deaths from starvation in the same family within 48 hours were revealed today when Amelia Gusman, 16 months old, died at the home of her parents at Ontario, near here, from improper feeding, according to the death certificate signed by the coroner.

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Presbyterians Elect Dr. Wishart Moderator

Indianapolis, May 17.—Dr. Charles F. Wishart, president of Wooster college, Wooster, O., was elected moderator at the 155th general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States in session here late today on the third ballot.
The vote was: Wishart, 451; Bryan, 457.

The election came on the third ballot after Rev. Frank W. Sibley of Oakland, Cal., and Rev. Hugh K. Walker of Los Angeles, had withdrawn from the contest.

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Former Pride of American Navy Is Revealed as Lowly Rum Runner

New York, May 17.—Once proudly floating the American flag during a world-wide cruise of the United States navy and with a brilliant record as a naval aviator, the former navy dispatch boat, Yankton, was revealed yesterday as the rum runner Yankton, under British registry. As a result of its capture, federal warrants were issued for eight men, alleged heads of a nationwide rum running operation, conspiring to violate the Volstead act and defraud the government of custom duties.
The warrants were for Jacob A. Kirsch of New York, Nathan Scharlin and Abraham Scharlin of Chicago, alleged "master minds" of the syndicate; Charles W. Johnson of Philadelphia, said to be a member of the breiving fund of Johnson & Co. of Uniontown, Pa.; Harry L. Marks of New York, Edward Flanagan of Washington and Chicago, Charles

T. Cox, Brooklyn tugboat captain, and Alfred Ernest Corns of Uniontown, Pa.

Kirsch and the Scharlins it was said, would be produced in court Thursday by their attorney. Federal agents last night began a search for the other men.
The rum syndicate, government officials said, had recently called \$163,000 to Scotland, apparently for the purchase of liquor to be smuggled from rum row.
The Yankton, customs officials said, accompanied the American fleet in the round-the-world cruise under command of Admiral "Fighting Bob" Evans in 1917-18 and later served in the Atlantic fleet and as a conveyor of the breiving fund of Johnson & Co. of Uniontown, Pa.; Harry L. Marks of New York, Edward Flanagan of Washington and Chicago, Charles

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When the trial of the West Virginia land fraud cases in which Mathews was involved began at Omaha several weeks ago, Warden Fenton took Mathews to Omaha and placed him in the hands of his attorneys. Since that time, until today, Mathews virtually was a free man and took an active part in preparing the defense.
"Mathews appeared optimistic and expressed belief that the federal sentence would be knocked out when the case was taken to a higher court," Warden Fenton said.

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Many Chinese Boycotter Reported Slain by Japs

Manila, P. I., May 17.—An unconfirmed report, received here today, said that hundreds of Chinese student boycotters have been shot by Japanese marines at Ichang, in the province of Hupeh, Ichang is on the Yangtze Kiang river, 200 miles west of Hankow.

United States Consul at Vladivostok Expelled

Washington, May 17.—In accordance with the demand of the Far Eastern republic, S. P. P. P. Tuck, American consul at Vladivostok, has left for Tokyo. The State department announced this afternoon. He has been ordered to get out of the city before May 20. Although State department officials declined to disclose the expulsion of the American diplomatic representative from the Far Eastern republic, this government is understood to regard the incident as an unfriendly act.

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