

Today

A Sham Battle. And "Sham" Is the Word. In Deadly Danger. It Interests You.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE.

Between now and March 12 there is to be a great naval sham battle of the coast of Lower California...

Involved in the sham battle will be 13 battleships—not our best, we sank those—and in addition to the battleships there will be 120 other war vessels...

The investment represented will amount to a billion of dollars at least. Please note that airplanes, costing less than one-tenth of 1 per cent of that amount...

Also, that if there were real war, the first step would be to hide our battleships, camouflaging them inside safe harbors...

There will be flying machines in the sham battle, of course, if they don't fall down and drown the pilots.

"Twenty squadrons of airplanes," you are told, will take part. What is a squadron? It has been testified that we have just 20 planes in all fit to fight...

And what orders will be issued to the pilots, to carry out the army and navy theory that airplanes do not count in war? Will the men be told to miss the ships carefully, when they start dropping imitation bombs on them?

Something must be done to protect the profits of those that build \$45,000,000 battleships.

Theodore Roosevelt's letters, just published, show that Senator Lodge wrote to him from Washington on July 6, 1898, after a visit to the War department.

"I was perfectly appalled by the utter lack of efficiency, organization or plan there displayed by the head of that department."

In the same letter Lodge wrote, "How we get on as well as we do, I cannot imagine, and he says, with self-confidence that was not lacking in him: 'I was a rank outsider and have no military education or experience, but I could have taken those questions up which they are muddling over and settled them in an hour.'"

Muddling stupidity, a war department owned by the packers of embalmed beef were not so dangerous then. The oceans, east and west, then meant real defense. When war did come, it came from Spain, providentially. Any attacking power would have had to land troops here, and fight here. Now troops would stay at home. Fliers would come, dropping bombs, then flying on to land in Canada, on neutral soil, to be interned, and more fliers would come.

The danger to this country is very great. There is danger also to the peace of mind of those responsible for leaving the nation unprotected. The bombing of any big American city would mean an unpleasant quarter of an hour for them, if it lasted as long as 15 minutes.

While the richest country in the world, envied and deeply hated by at least 90 per cent of Europe and Asia, remains unprotected, it is in deadly danger.

And while the danger lasts, the task of eliminating it is the chief duty of every citizen.

Write to your congressman and your two senators your opinion of our Army and Navy departments that apparently don't know the flying machine has been invented. Write to the president. He is glad to hear from any citizen.

Don't be made bashful by the thought, "I am upholding my opinion against experts." No experts are involved. The head of the army knows about the stock brokerage business, but he knows as little about aviation as any child, and hasn't even the imagination to help him realize what war in the air will mean.

As a secretary of war, he is a first-class stock broker.

The secretary of the navy, taken from the bench lately, knows as little about flying as about playing the harp. Brigadier General Mitchell says, "Give me one of your old discarded battleships for a target and I'll sink it for you in from two to four minutes, from an airplane."

They refuse his request because they are afraid that he could do it. General Mitchell is an expert, and they threaten to demote and humiliate him, for telling the truth and annoying the Strasburg geese in charge of national defense.

Hear from another brigadier general, the Rt. Hon. Lord Thomson, who was chief of Britain's flying service, writing in the Survey:

"In every European state an air force is the first line

of defense. Immediately after declaration of war, while both sides are mobilizing their land-sea forces, the first invasion of enemy territory will be made by airplanes crossing an invisible and indefensible frontier; almost at once there will be encounters in the air. "The world war started in the British Isles on August 4, 1914. If at that time, aviation had attained its present development, the first bombing attack on London could have been made during the evening of that first day of mobilization. "Moreover if the German air force had been as powerful as the French air force is at the present time, it would have been able to drop anything up to 70 tons of bombs daily on London or other important centers in the British Isles."

Lord Thomson, a real expert, goes on to say that another great war might be settled once and for all by a great aerial battle.

Here in America, when an expert like General Mitchell tells unpleasant truths about our lack of defense, we try to gag him with threats.

When that does not stop him, the congressional committee abandons its investigation. Like the little Japanese monkeys with hands on their eyes, ears and mouths, that they might see, hear and speak no evil.

In England, when such men as Brigadier General Thomson tell them the facts, they build airplanes. They are spending \$100,000,000 on war planes this year.

Our officials announce that of more than \$400,000,000 spent "for flying machines," only \$18,000,000 were actually spent for new machines.

What became of the remaining \$382,000,000? For even \$18,000,000 you could buy, even from grafting contractors, 900 planes at \$20,000 each.

And you are told that we have only 20 machines all told, fit to be used in war.

Somebody ought to be in jail, or in the idiot asylum.

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Large Flocks of Geese and Ducks Flying Northward

Beatrice, Feb. 24.—Large flocks of geese and ducks have been passing over the city northward the last few days, indicating that spring is near. The warm weather of the last week has caused much frost to leave the ground and farmers are making preparations to begin spring work within the next 10 days or two weeks.

Wheat Fields Green.

Wymore, Feb. 24.—The mist and drizzle of Sunday turned to rain over southern Gage county, and continued throughout the night, until Monday, about one inch falling all told, and soaking fields and lawns. Wheat fields are beginning to show green and a fairly good stand is expected, notwithstanding the adverse conditions in the fall.

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The Daily Cross Word Puzzle

By RICHARD H. TINGLEY

Grid for the Daily Cross Word Puzzle with numbers 1-44.

Horizontal

- 1. Your father. 2. Weapons. 3. Untold ages. 4. Eve gave one to Adam. 5. One's evening meal. 6. A seaport of Arabia. 7. A fish. 8. Otherwise. 9. A Scottish oatmeal cake. 10. A favorite. 11. A gaseous element in the air. 12. A division of land or territory. 13. To climb (Scott). 14. Behold. 15. To decay. 16. A fowl. 17. A big noise. 18. A Biblical city. 19. On. 20. Gum. 21. To mix. 22. A city of Switzerland. 23. Cape Breton (abbr.). 24. Poland (abbr.). 25. Battles to perform. 26. Three. 27. A Chaldee city of the Bible. 28. A visionary notion. 29. One's pedal extremities. 30. An island off the east coast of Sumatra from whence comes tin. 31. The supreme being of Mohammedanism. 32. To use one's head. 33. A gentleman. 34. Your mother. 35. Protectors. 36. A clothes protector. 37. A malt beverage. 38. Musical note.

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Come Up to Thornes Sa-a-v-e M-o-n-e-y on New Spring Things Let "Cash and Carry" Be Your Motto. F. W. Thorne Co. 1812 Farnam St.

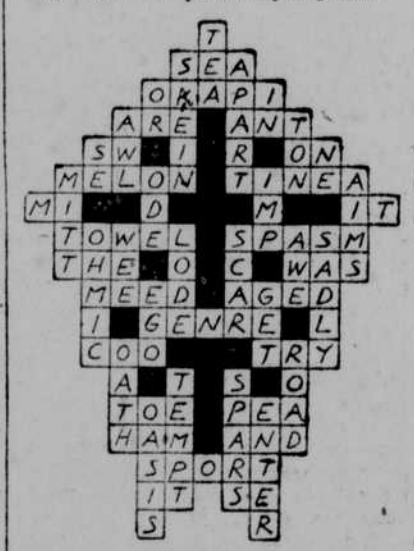
Bill Would Exempt New Railway Lines From Tax 10 Years

South Dakota Legislature Considers Measure to Foster Development of State.

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 24.—The charge that granger states are definitely committed to a program of railroad building is disproved by the support given in the legislature here to free

38. An enthusiast. 39. Something man has learned to do within the last twenty years. 40. Doubly (prefix). 41. Our own era. (abbr.)

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railroads from taxation on new lines and extensions. South Dakota proposes to exempt from taxation for a period of 10 years all new lines and new extensions of railroads, if the same shall be constructed during the next 10 years.

Right-of-way, roadbed, bridges, main and side tracks, switches, spurs and terminals, and all buildings and immovable construction necessary for the building and maintenance of the same, are included in the exemption. The bill has already passed the senate by a good majority, and it is believed it will pass the house.

The purpose of the proposed law is to encourage railroad building and development, thereby opening up new territory and in the final analysis increasing the taxable property of the state.

Wyoming has a similar law concerning sugar factories for the purpose of encouraging the sugar industry in that state. The supporters of the proposed law argue that the ultimate benefits will be great. Freedom will encourage development, and in due time the property will be added to the assessment roll.

Bank Urges Clay County Farmers to Sow Clover

Harvard, Neb., Feb. 24.—Claiming that \$1,325,000 could be realized in one year by the sowing of sweet clover on the farms of Clay county, Harvard State bank has issued a statement urging the farmers of the county to seriously consider the plan, and offering financial backing. The bank claims that sweet clover is

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worth about \$10 an acre, and suggests 80 acres be seeded to clover on each of the 1,500 county farms.

Two Boy Riders Injured. Bridgeport, Feb. 24.—The 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Groskopf is in a serious condition, with three fractured ribs and possible internal injuries, as the result of a horse falling on him when he was riding near Mitchell. Within a few hours of this

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Such unstinted praise is but typical of the acclaim accorded Karnak by prominent people in all walks of life everywhere the celebrated medicine has been introduced. Karnak is sold in Omaha by the Sherman & McConnell Drug Co., and in Council Bluffs by Taffe Drug Co., and Broadway Pharmacy.—Advertisement.

ITCHING BURNING PIMPLES ON FACE. Were Also On Neck, Hard, Large and Festered, Cuticura Heals. "I was bothered with pimples on my face and neck. The pimples were hard, large and red and festered. They were always itching, and burning causing me to scratch, and I spent many sleepless nights. I tried several other remedies but they all failed. I began using Cuticura Soap and Ointment and in two and a half months I was completely healed after using two cakes of Cuticura Soap and three boxes of Cuticura Ointment."

To-NIGHT Tomorrow Alright. Chips off the Old Block. BEER WANT ADS BRING RESULTS.

She knew why THE news of Emily's engagement being broken came as a shock to many people. But not to this girl—who had once been engaged to the same man, herself. Everyone expected they would marry. Then, out of a clear sky, the engagement was called off—just as Emily's now was. She tried to act surprised—but she couldn't be, knowing so well the probable reason. You, yourself, rarely know when you have halitosis (unpleasant breath). That's the insidious thing about it. And even your closest friends won't tell you. Sometimes, of course, halitosis comes from some deep-seated organic disorder that requires professional advice. But usually—and fortunately—halitosis is only a local condition that yields to the regular use of Listerine as a mouth wash and gargle. It is an interesting thing that this well-known antiseptic that has been in use for years for surgical dressings, gasses these unusual properties as a breath deodorant. Test the remarkable deodorizing effects of Listerine this way: Rub a little onion on your fingers. Then apply Listerine and note how quickly the onion odor disappears. This safe and long-trusted antiseptic has dozens of different uses; more the little circular that comes with every bottle. Your druggist sells Listerine in the original bulk package only—never in bulk. There are three sizes: three ounce, seven ounce and fourteen ounce. Buy the large size for economy.—Lambert Pharmaceutical Company, Saint Louis, U. S. A.