

# HAMPTON ROADS HERO WAS BORN 100 YEARS AGO

### Commander Worden of Historic Monitor Defeated Confederate Ironclad Merrimac and Revolutionized Naval Warfare.

Washington, March 13.—(Special.)—One hundred years ago today, in Westchester county, New York, was born Rear Admiral John L. Worden, whose name will ever live in the annals of the United States navy as the commander of the Monitor in its famous battle with the Merrimac.

The success of the Monitor in that historic engagement not only went a long way toward turning the tide of the war in favor of the North, but it revolutionized naval architecture by the introduction of the principle of the revolving turret.

The exact year of Admiral Worden's birth has always been a matter of dispute. A few of the historians and biographers of the civil war period put down the date of March 12, 1817, but the most reliable authorities of the present day give 1818 as the year.

### Merrimac Worried North.

Comparatively little is known of the ancestry and boyhood of the celebrated commander. The records show that he was appointed a midshipman in the navy in 1835, attended the naval academy in 1840 and was commissioned a lieutenant in 1846.

At the beginning of the civil war Worden reported at Washington for active sea service. He was sent overland with dispatches for the commander of the federal fleet off Pensacola, and on his return to the North was captured by the confederates near Montgomery, Ala. A few months later he was paroled and in January, 1862, he again reported at Washington for duty.

John Ericsson had just completed his Monitor and the queer little craft had been given an official trial by the government. When it was decided to put the "cheese box on a raft" into real service, the Navy department selected Worden to be its commander. The young officer lost no time in getting into the thick of affairs.

For months the famous ironclad Merrimac, in the hands of the confederates, had been playing havoc along the coasts of Virginia and the Carolinas and had threatened to wipe out a large part of the federal navy unless means were found to effectively check its operations.

### Goes After Enemy.

When Worden was given command of the Monitor word had just been received of a new and successful raid by the Merrimac. Without taking time to drill the crew at the guns or to become familiar with the working of the turret, he put to sea and proceeded straight to Hampton Roads.

The Monitor arrived at Hampton Roads just in time to witness the destruction of several federal vessels by the Merrimac. The confederate gunboat had almost totally demolished the Cumberland and the Congress and was setting about destroying the other federal warships, when, on the morning of March 9, the unpretentious little Monitor slipped into the field and, making straight for the Merrimac, opened fire.

The pilot house from which Worden commanded his boat was a square iron structure, so small as to accommodate only three men, the commander, pilot and quartermaster. Worden fought at close quarters, handled his boat skillfully and availed himself of all the advantages possessed by his little craft. The Monitor was enabled, by its small size, to fire and turn quickly and its peculiar construction enabled it to approach within a short distance of the enemy without suffering from any return fire.

### Confederate Terror Defeated.

The Merrimac was completely disabled and the ability of the Monitor to cope with it prevented its prosecuting the campaign that had been planned. The victory of the Monitor not only saved the remainder of the federal fleet from destruction, but it prevented the European interference, which probably would have resulted had the Merrimac proved victorious.

Near the close of the engagement Worden met with an accident which for a time threatened him with the loss of his sight. A large shell striking the pilot house and exploding, blinded him. It was many months before he wholly recovered.

Worden was received in Washington as a popular hero. On two occasions he was given a vote of thanks by congress and was promoted successively to the rank of commander and captain.

# WIDOW OF FORMER PRESIDENT DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Cal., March 13.—Mrs. Lucretia Rudolph Garfield, widow of James A. Garfield, 20th president of the United States, died at her winter home in South Pasadena early today. Mrs. Garfield would have been 86 years old April 19. She had been ill recently. Pneumonia developed Sunday night and she died at 4:30 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Garfield was the mother of Dr. Harry Garfield, coal administrator of the United States, and James A. Garfield, prominent member of the progressive party.

# Urge Married Women Be Hired as Teachers

Washington, March 13.—Suspension of laws or ordinances prohibiting married women from teaching school is advocated by Federal Commissioner of Education Claxton today as the best means of replacing the large number of teachers who have quit to enter war work.

In a letter to city, county and state school authorities Commissioner Claxton points out that many sections are facing a shortage of teachers because higher wages paid in commercial and industrial occupations are attracting many young women from the schools.

# MAN'S SUPREMACY OF THE AIR FORETOLD BY LATE PIONEER

Fritz Pries, late pioneer Nebraskan, 50 years ago foretold man's supremacy of the air. Prophesied aerial warfare, traffic and travel. Said to be the first man in the west to build a flying machine. Lived alone in a seven-story, seven-room house, supposed to be haunted, on the banks of picturesque Preis lake, near Florence. His own drawing of his own machine was displayed 30 years ago.

By MARY DUFFY. About the wooded banks of Pries lake, near Florence, thousands of song birds spread their wings in flight. More than 50 years ago, a young man watched intently the movements of those inhabitants of the air. One day he had a vision. To him it was a great glimpse into a wonderful future. To his neighbors, it was madness.

He died, seven years ago, just before his dream came true.

### WAR IN AIR.

This man was Fritz Pries, whose marvelous prophecy of man's conquest of the air has been astonishingly fulfilled in the present war.

He foresaw war in the air, the establishment of air lanes for commerce, air speed laws, damage suits, aerial mail service and pleasure travel in the air.

He believed every man would own his own flying machine. Just as today Henry Ford wants every man to own a Ford.

### BUILT IN 1881.

In 1881, he put this individual machine theory into practice. He is believed to have been the first man in the west to build a flying machine. He drew an accurate sketch of his work. The idea was so novel that the drawing was shown in Max Meyers' jewelry store in Sixteenth and Farnam streets.

If the skeptical passersby could have seen beyond that little window onto the battle fields of France today, they would have called Fritz Pries a hero. The fundamental principle of his crude air craft is exactly the same as that on which the army planes are constructed—it is the same "heavier-than-air-theory" patterned after the flight of a bird.

But Pries was known only as an eccentric old man, who lived alone in what folks said was a haunted house—"his flying machine was no good, he never succeeded in flying, he gave his money and finally his life to his silly notion," but the dreamer died believing in his dream. Pries and his brother, Adolph, left Uland, Denmark, in 1866. They came to Nebraska and settled on 80 acres of government land near Florence. Their only neighbors were a few Omaha Indians. Fritz made a dam in the old river bed and built a picturesque lake, named after him.

### Was Ardent Student.

Fritz brought a lot of schooling with him from the old country. He knew mathematics, forestry and mechanics and he kept on studying all the time when he wasn't shooting deer or catching fish for the meals.

He knew best every angle of the problem of artificial flight. William Nelson, a former Florence neighbor, who came back from Denmark with Pries, tells that the latter used to talk by the hour about flying.

He would relate the legends of classical mythology concerning winged gods who traveled through the air, explain the sketches found in Leonardo da Vinci's notebook of wings to be used on the feet and arms, of Francis Bacon's theory of the navigation of the bird and often read the tale of the English monk Elmerus, who in 1648, was said to have flown from a Spanish city for a distance of more than a furlong.

"Fritz was a very well posted man," Mr. Nelson says, "but to tell you the truth, we all thought him kind of queer." After much experiment with robins and sparrows, Pries decided that it ought to be four times easier for man to fly than for the birds, because the muscles in the former's arms are four times as strong as those in the latter's wings, according to the respective weights. He finished the problem just as Darius Green reached out his famous flying machine when he said:

"The birds can fly. An' why can't I? No big deal, my thumb, know more than them?" Nebraska Darius Green. So the Darius Green of Nebraska built himself a man-power craft. In

# KAISER'S ENVIOUS EYES ON SIBERIA

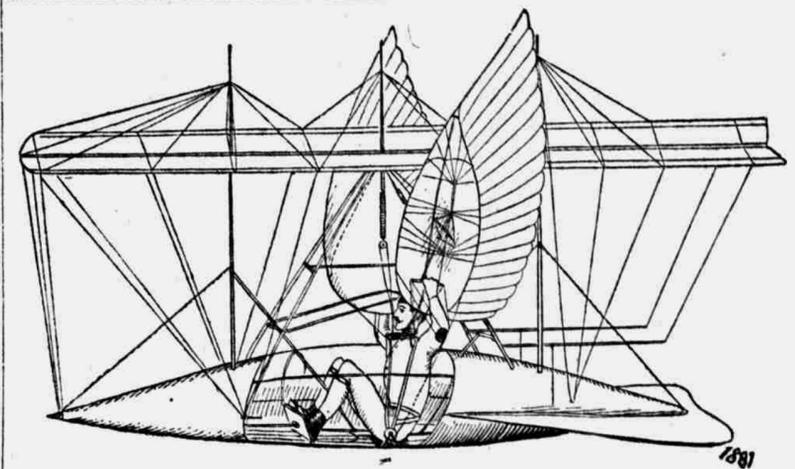
### London Paper Urges Speedy Action in Far East; Japan a Trusted and Honorable Ally.

London, March 13.—Concerning doubts expressed in some quarters on the subject of Japanese intervention in Siberia, the Daily Telegraph says that Japan is a British ally of 12 years' standing and during all that time it has, apart from the services tendered to the allied cause in the centers of the war, shown itself an honorable and trustworthy associate. The paper continues:

"The overwhelmingly strong interest of Japan in this part of the world is, of course, apparent from a glance at the map. Japan is a highly organized trading nation and is directly interested in the maintenance of general peace and order in the lands where its economic relations are close and which are supremely important to its welfare. That was fully recognized by Great Britain in the treaty of 1905.

"Whatever the Siberian republic may turn out to be when we know anything of it, we may at least be sure that Germany reckons upon dominating it as it reckons upon dominating all other fragments of the shattered Russian empire. "If the triumph of our enemy's influence is to be guarded against in the region where Japanese and other allied interests are especially strong the sooner the business is undertaken,

# Nebraska Darius Green's Own Drawing of His One-Man-Power "Flivver" of the Air



his drawing of himself he is seen with the wings attached to his arms and pulleys fastened to his feet.

He raised the wings with his arms and lowered them by pushing forward with his feet. The result was a flapping motion which fanned the air just as a bird does.

Adolph's leg was broken and the flying machine badly wrecked. The only time Fritz tried to fly he fell off the bank into his lake.

### Accidentally Shot Brother.

Shortly after that a great tragedy darkened his life. While cleaning a rusty shot gun the inventor accidentally shot and killed his brother. His neighbors say that his mind was unbalanced from that time.

Adolph was buried on the Preis land. Several years later when his sister died, Pries gained much notoriety by digging up the bones of his brother and burying the sister in the vacant grave.

Down in a small boat house he built his wooden bird with its metal joints. When it was finished he called brother Adolph to help make the big trial flight. The brothers took the machine into a tree. The inventor got Adolph to take the chance and pushed him off into the air. The machine flew, not up but down, and again just like Darius:

"Heels over head and head over heels. Dizzily down the abyss he wheels. So fell Darius, upon his crown. In the midst of the barnyard he came down."

### The late Thor Jorgensen bought a large part of Pries' land from him. His son, Victor Jorgensen, was Pries' pupil. The inventor hoped that Victor would perfect the teacher's work.

Young Jorgensen tells of another invention of Pries. This plan was to equip a man with a pair of rubber tired wheels a foot in diameter. Attaching these to his feet, giving a backward step and a push of, one could travel at a speed of 80 miles an hour. The owner of Preis lake couldn't have planned such high speed travel on the road to his home, nor yet on Omaha streets, for sticky Nebraska mud was equally distributed in those days. The same kind of mud is still making rough travel to Preis lake.

### Machine Was Stolen.

Mrs. Thor Jorgensen still owns a good part of what was the Preis estate. On Pries' death bed, it was to her that he left his most precious treasure, his flying machine and the crayon drawing of it. The machine was kept at Mrs. Jorgensen's country place on the former Preis estate until a few years ago, when it was stolen from her.

For a number of years Mrs. Jorgensen lived a neighbor to the eccentric old man. She describes his house as characteristic of the owner. It was built on a hill side over the lake. It was a seven story, seven-room dwelling, one room on top of the other each connected by a few steps. When Mrs. Jorgensen asked why he built his house in this unusual manner, he replied:

"It's too cold to go outside for exercise, so I have mine in here going up and down the stairs."

the better. There is no sense or justice in permitting chaos and helplessness in Russia to be also turned to the advantage of the enemy if it can be prevented. If such action was taken in Manchuria should ultimately be the means of re-establishing a national authority of constitutional character in Russia, and if it should supply a rallying point for the forces of sanity and order, then a priceless benefit would be conferred on the Russian people.

"The question at present is one of legal and necessary protection of threatened national interests. In a situation without parallel and in which the ordinary formula of international action are meaningless, the principal care of allied statesmanship, as a whole, will be, while allowing itself to be guided by the logic of events as they arise, to divest whatever is done of any color of aggressive or annexationist intentions.

# German Suspect Held in Atchison for Investigation

Atchison, Kan., March 13.—Prof. J. P. Loesberg, said to have been formerly a member of the Board of Education in New York City, was arrested here today and will be held in jail pending an investigation by federal authorities of names of alleged German-born persons of Kansas and Oklahoma towns which he had in his possession.

Loesberg claimed to be a solicitor for the agricultural and industrial labor relief fund in New York. In Loesberg's bag were found hundreds of sealed envelopes, each labeled with the name of a Kansas or Oklahoma town and containing the names of what the police said were German-born persons. He claims to be a naturalized American.

Among the tales of Fritz Pries' use of his learning is the incident told by Mrs. Jorgenson of the day on which the Pries cat fell in the cistern. The cistern was dug in the kitchen. The owner figured out mathematically the way to rescue his pet from his drinking water. He dug a tunnel into the well from the outside. He extracted Tabby, but at the same time let out the water and his well went dry.

Alex Waage, Omaha letter carrier, went to Denmark several years ago with his friend, Pries. He found that it was impossible to interest Pries in any of the great wonders they saw.

### Would Rather Read.

One day while the two tourists were in their native land, a beautiful water sport took place, at which the king was present. Waage sought his friend Pries to show him the wonderful water regalia. He found Pries in the attic of his sister's house reading a book of Esperanto. He told him to come at once to see the aquatic festival.

Pries refused. "I won't go to see anything beautiful. I can shut my eyes and see more beauties than you or any one can show me," he replied.

Waage also tells a story of the time Washington, the officers returned armed with the necessary government papers to commandeer the sand. Again they were met with a shotgun. Pries declared they could not have the sand unless they paid him for it. He surprised the officers asked him how much he wanted for it. He answered:

"Two cents a load."

"Why didn't you tell us that three months ago," asked the indignant army men.

"Because you didn't ask," Pries said.

When the inventor died, he was buried in the Danish cemetery near Benson.

Pries lake was for many years popular as a picnic resort. A number of summer homes of prominent Omahans are now built on this property. Among them is the home of E. P. Kirkendall, called "Kirkwood." This house stands where the curious old Pries house used to be.

Myron Learned's country place, "Waldon Wood," Mrs. Theodore Ringwalt's home, Dr. Harold Gifford's big farm are other country estates on the original Pries estate.

Arguments failed to gain permission to take the sand. Even the high handed talk of a group of commissioned officers failed to bully Pries into giving up his property. After three months' maneuvering with government red tape between Omaha and

belief that undue profits had been made by employers out of war business.

# STRIKES CAUSED BY H. C. L. SAYS REPORT

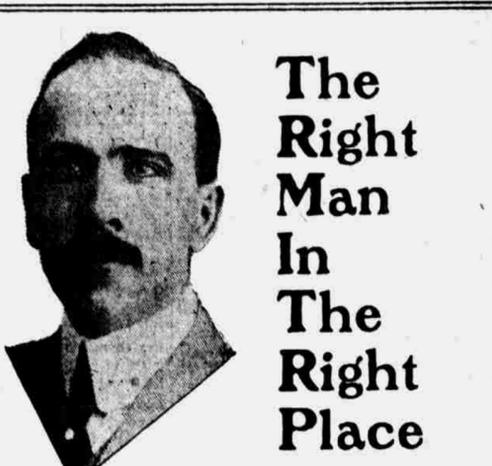
### Board Investigating War Time Industrial Conditions Declares Employers Fail to Anticipate Modern Influences.

Boston, March 13.—Increased cost of living and failure of employers in many cases to anticipate this influence has been one of the important contributory causes of recent strikes, according to the report issued today by the national industrial conference board on strikes in American industries in war time.

From April 6 to October 6, 1917, there were strikes at 2,521 establishments, the existence of which was definitely verified by the board. Each establishment was asked to report upon causes, but complete information was received from only 1,156. These plants showed 283,402 men idle and 6,285,519 days of production lost. Opinions were asked also of labor commissioners and mediators. Direct conference appeared to have been the most satisfactory method of settling these disputes.

### Widespread Discontent.

The conclusions of the board as to the causes of the unsettled conditions of labor are that the following influences were of primary importance: "Increased cost of living and failure of employers in many cases to anticipate this influence. "Widespread discontent due to a



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This is essentially an office of Dental Specialists. My experience at the chair, and my association with a score or more other dentists during the past ten years, has shown me conclusively that the man who is a "pretty good all-around dentist" is seldom if ever a VERY GOOD DENTIST IN ANY PARTICULAR BRANCH OF DENTISTRY.

No one disputes the skill and ability of the famous "Ty Cobb" nor the equally famous "Eddie Collins" as base ball players—yet if their names were given out as the "battery" for the team, even the lukewarm fan would instantly know there was something wrong—they were in the wrong place.

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Catarrh as you know, gradually works downward from the nose, throat and head, through the entire system, doing damage everywhere. Headaches, dizziness, deafness, head noises, confused thoughts, impairment of the memory, weakened vision, sore eyes, boils, nervousness, general languor, rheumatism, lameness, neuralgia, stomach, liver, kidney, bladder disorders, weakness of the vital organs and many other maladies and ills may, any or all be due to the ravages of the disease we call catarrh. Once cleanse your system of the deadly catarrh germ, a task that my method is purposed to accomplish, and your entire organism responds, giving you a new sense of vital vigor and renewed health. As Nancy A. Davis of Waynesboro, Mass. writes me: "Since taking the Sam Katz method I feel like a new woman. I think your catarrh treatment is worth its weight in gold."

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# OH! THAT AWFUL BACKACHE IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

An unhealthy body, and the unhappiness and misery which follow, may be prevented by ordinary judgment and care. Keep your stomach and kidneys in shape and you will have good health. The kidneys' work is to throw off the poisonous matters which enter the body. If they perform this work regularly and automatically the other organs will take care of themselves.

Diseases of the bladder or kidneys are indicated by nervousness, sleeplessness, that tired, worn-out feeling, dizziness, nausea, backache, lumbago, rheumatism, pain in the lower abdomen, many so-called "female troubles," severe pain and discomfort when urinating, bloody, cloudy and stringy urine, too frequent or suppressed passages. All these are nature's signals to warn you of diseased kidneys or bladder, which may lead to fatal Bright's disease. Don't wait until the danger is upon you. Go to your druggist at once. Get a trial box of GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. They are made of the pure, original, imported Haarlem Oil, the kind your great-grandfather used. About two capsules each day will keep you toned up and feeling fine. Money refunded if they do not help you. But remember to ask for the imported GOLD MEDAL brand in sealed packages.—Adv.

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