

Harding to Call Conference to Talk Disarmament

Chairman Butler of House Naval Affairs Says International Meet Will Be Convened Early in March.

Washington, Feb. 4.—An international conference to discuss disarmament will be called by the United States, Chairman Butler of the House naval committee said today when the committee met to hear the views of prominent naval officers on the subject.

Chairman Butler did not say when the call would be issued, but from his line of questioning of witnesses it was assumed he thought the call would be issued soon after the inauguration of President-elect Harding.

Mr. Butler recently conferred with Mr. Harding at Marion, O.

Rear Admiral William S. Sims, wartime commander of America's overseas naval forces, was the first witness examined by the committee.

With Germany's power crushed, Admiral Sims said, all nations could reduce their naval armaments by half with safety. He added that he believed the nations would welcome a call for a disarmament conference.

Congress must determine national policies before naval officers can formulate naval plans, the admiral said.

If the navy were maintained purely for defensive purposes, Admiral Sims said, the United States would be safe with a navy half as large as that of any possible enemy thousands of miles away. If, however, the United States intended to rely on its navy for carrying out broad international policies, he said, its sea power should be equal to that of any other nation.

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Bullet Through Coat Tail Halts Burglar Suspect Wanted Here

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A fusillade of shots by Detective Ed Becker effected their purpose when one of the bullets zipped through the coat tail of LeRoy Benson, wanted by Omaha police on a charge of breaking and entering, in a chase through crowded Fourth street early last night.

The city detective department had been notified that Benson was working as a "bellhop" here. Becker had taken the man in custody and was conducting him to the police station when the prisoner broke away and darted toward an alley. A volley of shots in the air had no effect except to drive numerous pedestrians to cover. Then Becker lowered his sights and Benson stopped.

Benson is suspected of having been a member of a gang which committed a daring robbery in Nebraska City recently.

Prohibition Chief Kramer Sets Down Rule That Physicians Must Follow Honest Judgment.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The amount of hard liquor a sick man may acquire legally is definitely fixed by statute, but the only limit to the amount of wine he may obtain is the "sound and honest" judgment of his physician and perhaps the depth of his purse.

Prohibition Commissioner Kramer in a formal announcement today says

No Legal Limit For Wine Man Can Get From Doctor

there seemed to be some confusion as to the quantity of wine that a physician may prescribe. To clear up all doubts he lays down this rule: "Until further orders, physicians may prescribe in their practice such quantities of wine as they, in the exercise of their sound and honest judgment, deem necessary in the particular case if they, in good faith, believe that the use of wine as a medicine by the person for whom it is prescribed is necessary and will afford relief to him from some known ailment."

Laborers' Wages Are Cut.
Spokane, Feb. 4.—Wage reductions of \$1 a day for building craftsmen and laborers were announced by W. G. Meyers, secretary of the Spokane Master Builders' association. He said that no contracts would be entered with building crafts unions, but that wage negotiations would be conducted by the contractors.

Festivities for Fleet's Crews in Peru Are Closed

Hundred Officers Are Guests at Dinner Given by Peruvian Navy and President Leguia.

Lima, Peru, Feb. 4.—Festivities and ceremonies incident to the visit of the United States Atlantic fleet at Callao and the presence of officers and men from the ships in this city, came to a close today. One hundred officers from the fleet were given a luncheon by officers of the Peruvian

navy and President Leguia, and later many of the visiting mariners attended a religious service at which the archbishop of Lima officiated.

The visit of the Atlantic fleet at Callao was marred yesterday by a fatality when Carlos Huguet, a naval aviator, was killed. His seaplane got out of control while circling about the fleet and fell into the sea.

Elimination boxing bouts were held at the ball ring yesterday afternoon for the purpose of selecting men who will meet representatives of the Pacific fleet at Panama during the week beginning February 1. The following were chosen:

Heavyweight, Maxted of the Shawmut; middleweight, Bell of the Arizona; lightweight, Castalucci of the Nevada; featherweight, Sutton of the Pennsylvania, and bantamweight, Gordon of the North Dakota.

In England and Wales there are 210,000 private automobiles, 70,000 hackney automobiles, and 100,000 commercial motor vehicles.

Mail Robbery in Chicago Is Near Final Solution

Two Men Under Arrest Confess to Burning 12 Pouches and Secreting Bonds and Securities.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Recovery of \$500,000 in bonds which were stolen in the Union station robbery two weeks ago and an entire solution of that spectacular affair seemed certain today, following the arrest of two men who are said to have made a complete confession. These men

are said to have admitted that they burned the 12 mail sacks and had concealed the bonds in a house on the west side of the city.

Postal authorities were notified of the arrests and confessions and two inspectors were sent at once to cooperate with the detectives. The names of half a dozen men who helped plan or who participated in the robbery are said to be in the hands of the police and they will be gathered in as fast as they are located.

The robbery, one of the most daring in the history of the city, took place in front of the Union station, in view of a score of spectators. The robbers dashed up in an automobile, just as the mail truck was being backed in to unload. The robbers forced the mail employees to stand, their hands in the air while two other postal men, under threat of death, were ordered to transfer the 12 sacks containing registered mail to the thieves' auto.

Live Stock Shipments From Omaha Market Show Drop

Considerable decreases are shown for the last month in the amount of live stock shipped out of the local market for the same period last year and are lower than any month since 1912.

For the month of January 840 cars of stockers and feeders were shipped out, or about 24,000 head, as against 1,370 cars, or 38,000 head, for the same month a year ago.

Dissatisfaction with market conditions, a tight financial stringency and smaller receipts are among the reasons assigned for the shortage. Iowa and Nebraska led the states as to points of consignment of live stock, 95 per cent of the total going to those two states.



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