

THE U. S. NAVY WAS ONLY ONE QUARTER READY

Senator Hale Says It Was Seventy-Per Cent. Deficient Two Months Before Declaration of War.

VIGOROUS PROTEST FROM MR. DANIELS

Hale Comes Back With Figures from the Office of Naval Operations.

Washington, May 29.—The navy was only 25 per cent. prepared for war two months before the United States entered the conflict, according to a statement read into the record of the naval investigation today by Senator Frederick Hale, chairman of the subcommittee of the Senate naval affairs committee, investigating the charges of inefficiency brought by Rear Admiral William S. Sims. Senator Hale based his statement on the figures furnished by the Navy Department as to the material condition of vessels at that time.

Introduction of the statement seemed to anger Joseph Daniels considerably and he threatened to appeal to the Senate and the American people at what he termed unfair treatment at the hands of the committee. The navy secretary's objection to the statement by Mr. Hale was it had not been prepared by a naval expert.

Hale Quotes Figures.

From the figures given me by the office of naval operations," said Senator Hale. "I have made the following deductions, which are taken entirely from the records. They cover battleships, cruisers and destroyers, active and in reserve in ordinary and out of commission. I find that as regards the condition in proper material condition battleships of the navy were 23 per cent. ready, the cruisers 56 per cent. and destroyers 9 per cent. making an average of 25 per cent. for all ships of the navy."

Sensor Hale, continuing, said three per cent. only of the battleships were fully manned, the average personnel being 57 per cent. The cruisers had the same proportion and destroyers were only 1 per cent. fully manned. The grand average of the crews on all ships was 57 per cent.

Sensor Pittman questioned the method by which Senator Hale arrived at these percentages. "Was the Arizona ready?" he asked, taking the individual ship as an illustration. "According to the statistics furnished by the Navy Department," said Senator Hale, "the Arizona needed sixty-three days work to prepare her for overseas fighting duty."

Daniels Ridicules Statement.

Secretary Daniels ridiculed this statement and said that the nature of the work to be done was something that would have to be determined before such construction should be placed upon the fighting status of the Arizona.

"It is all in the record," said Senator Hale, "and if you will be kind enough to see that the synopsis is properly corrected that will be doing the committee a favor."

Secretary Daniels protested against the insertion of these figures in the record. Senator Pittman coming to his rescue. The secretary asserted that "steam roller" methods were being resorted to by the committee to discredit him. Senator Pittman announced that he would protest to the Senate against what he characterized as dilatory methods on the part of the committee and the nature of the questions put to the secretary.

"The country is tired of this and both sides are wasting time and money reading long statements instead of confining themselves strictly to questions and answers regarding the matters at issue," said Senator Pittman.

"Your protest would be interesting," said Senator Hale, "but I doubt if you would get very far. Better progress would be made if Secretary Daniels would answer my questions instead of reading statements that already are matters of record."

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FRENCH CHEF SORE AT LABOR UNIONS

Claims Cooks Are Artists Not Laborers and Should be Allowed Free Entry Into Any Country.

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London, May 31.—"As France saved the world's soul at the Marne, so she will save the world's stomach; if only the world is willing to be saved."

"France alone is able to teach the world the art of cooking," said M. Escottier, the world's chef of chefs and culinary primatologist at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Just now, M. Escottier is especially incensed at American and English labor unions who wish to exclude French native chefs from their countries as "alien labor." Cooking, he protests indignantly, is not a trade, it is a fine art; and cooks are not laborers—they are artists.

"Labor Unions are the rich foes of good cooking," said M. Escottier as he talked with me today surrounded by sparkling pots and pans in the palatial kitchens of the Ritz. The creator of the French Melba and hundreds of others of the world's most delectable gastronomic delights continued:

"France is the land of good cooking because we know the value of variety for the palate. The Englishman produces but few things—cooked alike in water. The American produces much, but he is in such a hurry to eat he never has time to taste. 'The result among the Anglo-Saxons is gustatory anarchy and general indignation. America and England should insist upon the importation of French cooks. America particularly, because a new land is in a large measure free from culinary tradition and open to instruction. In a few American cities good cooking is understood; but the great mass of people know nothing whatever of it. They are willing to taste new dishes and appreciate them; which is perhaps not the case with the British. Congress, instead of keeping our chefs out, ought to subsidize them. 'It was an American who said the truest words ever spoken,' Escottier continued. 'They are, 'The quickest way to a man's heart is through his stomach.' That is why in America so many people die of heart disease. They get it from stomach trouble from bad cooking."

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"FURS AND FEATHERS" IN AIR SERVICE

Officers of the Royal Air Forces Must Wear Swords With Full Dress Uniform.

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By Hugh Dryden.

London, May 31.—Officers of the Royal Air Force are to wear swords, as a symbol and the recognized insignia of their rank.

This compares with the regulation that artillery officers must adorn their field boots with spurs. Also it means more expense for the unfortunate airman, who is rarely a moneyed man, and already has two or three patterns of resplendent and costly uniform to keep up.

Winston Churchill, Minister for War and Air, has explained to questioners in the House of Commons why flying men should carry obsolete weapons that are now only used in war by the cavalry. He said: "A sword forms part of the full dress uniform of Royal Air Force officers. Swords have already been worn by officers of the fighting services in this and other countries as part of the recognized insignia of their rank."

"Even civil officials of Government Departments and Ministers are accustomed on ceremonial occasions to wear swords. Wearing a sword implies an obligation to use it."

Capt. Wedgwood Benn asked, "Would it not be better to differentiate between the Air Service, which is a new service, and the older services in which swords are worn?"

"The matter was carefully considered," replied the Air Minister, "and it was thought that on the whole the retention of the sword as a symbol was desirable."

FROM LIQUOR TO CHERRIES.

Pooria, near the centre of Illinois, and also of the heaviest corn-growing region of this country, had the distinction of being the greatest distilling city in the world. High wines, spirits, alcohol and whiskey were its chief products, and during the height of this industry, its distillers paid the Government \$55,000,000 a year revenue taxes. But prohibition has brought about a wonderful change—not a wrecking of the old distilleries and retooling plants, as some persons thought would happen, but a transition from liquors (though considerable are still made) to food products; from "corn juice" to "dry" corn products for man and beast, and also starch and syrups, and, best of all, one entirely new industry has been developed.

In the midst of the distilling district of the city, in a building in which, until prohibition cast its shadow ahead, wines and other liquors were rectified and bottled, now vast quantities of cherries, peaches, apples and berries are turned into manufactured products; that is, "maraschino cherries," preserves, jams, peach and apple butter, candied cherries and other delicacies. Three hundred people, mostly women, are employed here in preparing and turning out these beautiful food products—for they are beautiful in their glass jars. Where formerly a few men labored to produce high wines, now and during the busy season produce sweets for the table.

Rollin E. Smith, in the current issue of The Northwestern Miller.

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