WEEK'S NEWS
Summarized for Very Busy Readers

Washington

The Washington administration's two battleship program for the next year in the naval appropriation bill was sustained in the house when the $60 battleship proposal was voted down, 91 to 186, and a motion to strike out the two battleship provision was rejected by a vote of 41 to 112.

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Announcement was made at Washington Division Secretary of State Bryan, as personally in behalf of the mediators that they and the representatives of the United States and Mexico would begin their conference at Niagara Falls, Canada, on May 18.

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The Hobson resolution providing for national prohibition by constitutional amendment was reported without recommendation by the house Judiciary at Washington.

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President Wilson has completed the roster of the federal reserve board which will supervise the operation of the banking system provided by the recently enacted currency law. The five selections are: Richard Crane of Boston, former secretary of state; Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago, merchant and banker; Paul Warburg of New York, banker; W. P. G. Harding of Birmingham, Ala., banker; Dr. A. C. Miller of San Francisco, authority on finance.

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President Wilson at Washington appointed William G. Rice and Lloyd Frederick Means members of the Alaskan engineering commission which will locate the Alaskan railroads to be built by the government.

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Foreign

Mystery surrounding the identity of the steamer which has been on fire in the west-bound transatlantic steamer lane south of fields island for 48 hours was solved when wireless messages from the Canard liner Francesca told of the burning of the freighter Columbian and the rescue of 12 members of her crew from a small boat. Nineteen others are missing.

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Two hundred and fifty Mohammedan Albanians, captured by the Epirote invaders at Hormova, were crucified by the orthodox church at Kodra. The Epirotes set fire to the church after words and allowed the bodies to burn.

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Three lives were lost and nearly a million dollars in property was swept away as a result of the floods on the South Canadian and Cimarron rivers in western and southern Oklahoma.

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Consul Hardten at Batavia reported to the state department at Washington that the condition of Mme. Nordica, the opera singer, who is ill there, is hopeless.

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Many persons were killed and maimed when a passenger train was derailed near Nedersenallin, Germany.

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The Pacific Mail steamer Siberia, reported to have been wrecked off the coast of Formosa, arrived at Manila. The captain reported that the Siberia had had an uneventful voyage from Nagasaki to Manila.

Domestic

The second trial of Charles Becker, once convicted and sentenced to death for plotting the murder of Gambler Herman Rosenthal, began before Justice Samuel Seabury in the criminal branch of the supreme court in New York.

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John P. Jelke of Chicago was sentenced to serve five years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kans., and fined $10,000 for conspiring to defraud the United States government on laws on colored oleomargarine. Seven associates or former employes of Jelke's manufacturer were fined $1,500 each.

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A general strike of all iron workers in the Kansas City (Mo.) district has begun in sympathy with strikers in opposition in eastern Kansas, western Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

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Reports from Jackson and Delaware counties in Iowa show a cyclone visited those sections, entailing a loss of $50,000 and injuring three persons. Farm property was heavily hit and the towns of Colesburg and Andrew were partially wrecked.

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While suffering from mental delusions Thomas Dorsey, forty-three, shot and killed his father, Hiram Dorsey, and then struck mortal terror in their enfeebled home in New York. The father was eighty-two years old.

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Frank Bowie, 2246 Wabash avenue, Chicago, was killed and his companion, Herbert Gilbert, Chicago, was injured when the motorcycle which both were riding skidded on a country road near Ontariaville, Ill.

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Rose and Irene Hoffman, daughters of Louis Hoffman, a cousin of Governor Percy W. Hoffman of Chicago, were killed and their mother seriously hurt when a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train hit their buggy. Rose was six years old and Irene three.

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The direct charge that an officer of the Colorado National Guard gave an order to "clean out" the Ludlow tent colony and burn the tents was made by the coroner's jury at Trinidad, Colo., investigating the killing of fifteen persons at the Ludlow colony.

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One man, a motorman, was killed, four passengers were fatally injured, and 32 others were seriously injured in a collision of street cars at Detroit, Mich.

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The Colorado legislature met in special session at Denver in response to the call issued last week by Governor Amonus, to consider matters connected with the great coal strike in the state. The Democratic caucus selected J. H. Slattery as speaker, by a vote of 32 to 12. This is regarded as a victory for Governor Amonus.

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That there are no differences in the Colorado coal strike which cannot be arbitrated and that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., cannot evade responsibility for refusing to arbitrate were the declarations on Saturday of Congressman M. D. Foster of Illinois, chairman of the house committee on mines and mining at Washington.

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A launch loaded with mine-planting equipment and manned by five soldiers was swamped in a heavy sea at the mouth of the Columbia river, near Fort Stevens, Ore. Corporal Klinger and Private Price of the Thirty-fourth company, Coast artillery, were drowned. The other three were saved.

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Orders to quadruple the force of federal cavalry operating in the Colorado strike regions were issued by the war department at Washington.

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Maj. Gen. W. W. Wotherspoon, chief of staff of the state of the army, has ordered all officers attending the war college at Washington to return to their commands.

Personal

It is reported at London on good authority that Sir Edgar Speyer is engaged to marry Lady Scott, the widow of Capt. Robert Falcon Scott, who died in the antarctic. Harrie was one of Edward VII.'s friends and the god father of his son Peter.

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Hazel Guy of Huntington, Ind., believed her fiance about to take another girl for a buggy ride and took matters in hand. When the fiance, John Harding, drove up to Miss Guy's home he was informed that she was dead.

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News in part reassuring and still shocking came from Nordica in a very sick woman, came to George W. Young, New York, who is in New York, from Batavia, Java.

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General Daniel E. Sickles, hero of Gettysburg, died at his home in New York, from heart disease. At his bedside was his son, Stanton, and his wife, from whom he was estranged for 29 years.

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Mexican War

A report was current in Vera Cruz that quarters had been held several days on a foreign cruiser for a high Mexican official and members of the federal capital, perhaps Huerta or General Blanquet, or both. There was a persistent rumor that Huerta was preparing to flee.

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Information came from Vera Cruz to the war department at Washington that the Mexican federal troops had mined the railroad from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, the destination of the latter destruction of the line with dynamite if the American forces should attempt a march on the capital.

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Shots were exchanged between a force of Mexicans and the American outposts at the waterworks at El Teleno, nine miles from Vera Cruz. The Mexicans threatened to "attack immediately unless the Americans surrendered their position at the water plant in ten minutes," but no general attack was made and the American troops failed to retire.

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General Carranza, chief of the rebels in Mexico, has formally declared that he bears hostilities against Gustavo Madero in the outcome of the efforts at mediation.

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Formal agreement on the part of Huerta, provisional president of Mexico, to suspend all hostilities pending negotiations was made known through Secretary of State Bryan at Washington. Bryan announced that General Carranza and General Villa would be pushing ahead for a general attack upon Tampico, but that the agreement hopes for peace between the warring Mexican factions.

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Refugees who arrived in Vera Cruz from the capital reported that there is a well-founded rumor in Mexico City that General Huerta sent his family out of the capital and that he is preparing to flee.

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Refugees in the United States arriving from Vera Cruz report that Mexico City has narrowly escaped massacre at Manzanillo and of insults to the American flag, but that they made their way to that port.

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The policy of the United States is to maintain a benevolent position at Vera Cruz without advancing its lines beyond the present position, General Funston in command of the American force has been directed to build strong works at the water works, but not to take any aggressive steps and to fire only when attacked.

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Another warning was received by the Brazilian minister from William H. Canada, American consul at Vera Cruz, urging all women and children Americans in the federal capital to leave without delay.

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Persistent reports continue to circulate at Vera Cruz that General Huerta intends to retire from the provisional presidency of Mexico on condition that he be assured a safe conduct to a port and placed on board a foreign warship.

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Rear Admiral Badger reported to the navy department at Washington that one unidentified dead sailor was added to casualties in the occupation of Vera Cruz. A revision of the list shows a total of 16 dead and 70 wounded.

HUERTA'S TROOPS TRAIN ARTILLERY ON VERA CRUZ

Gen. Funston Says Federals Are Guarding Road Leading to Mexico City.

HAS POWER TO EXTEND LINE

Washington Orders Gives U. S. Commander Full Control and He Extends Lines and Throws Up Heavy Fortifications.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 7.—A report reached here that a heavy battle was fought at Manzilan between federals and constitutionalists. The federal gunboat Topiltzingo was disabled and beached. Americans in the city took refuge on a ship.

Vera Cruz, May 7.—Reports that the San Francisco bridge and railway culvert eight miles west of the road to Mexico City were destroyed, continued. The Soledad bridge is still intact.

Washington, May 7.—Mexican federal soldiers were concentrating about 20 miles west of Vera Cruz, and have established their field artillery upon the pumping station at Vera Cruz and the guarding railroad from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, evidently in anticipation of an advance forward march by American soldiers.

This information was received from Brigadier General Funston in a message to the war department.

Secretary Daniels reported that under the authority given him by Secretary of War Garrison he ordered the lines to the west of Vera Cruz as far back as Soledad, but he added that reports about a mile beyond the pumping station at Vera Cruz and the works of sand bags and takes other precautions to protect.

Funston has discretionary powers to protect his position and will take every precaution to protect the lives of the American forces at Vera Cruz, Tampico and Progreso.

Reinforcements to Funston.

In view of the present situation that has developed through the communications which have been under General Maas army officials believe that Secretary of War Garrison will order a few days take steps to reinforce General Funston at the American Vera Cruz. The remainder of Funston's brigade will be sent from the mid-Texas expedition, in all probability will leave Texas City the latter part of this week. Funston feels assured of artillery because of the inability to get it through to Galveston. There will be sent to him within a few days and will be used in connection with the detachments now on picket duty outside of Vera Cruz.

General Funston reports that the food supplies at Vera Cruz are quite adequate and that little is coming to the city from the surrounding country. He states, however, that some food is being received from Tabasco and the outlying sections north of the city. The intercontinental railway has been torn up for a considerable distance.

To Parley With Carranza.

General Carranza refused an send a representative to the envoys of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, named them to decide to send their representative to him, according to a report in diplomatic circles.

It is stated that an attache of the Brazilian embassy, or the legations of Argentina or Chile here will be selected to parley for peace with Carranza.

Belief that further telegraphic communication with Carranza would be futile and conviction that the ultimate success of the mediation negotiations depends upon whether the rebel chief joins in the negotiations is said to have caused the ABC envoys to send a spokesman to him.

U. S. Consul Rooney Safe.

Senor Otiveta, Brazilian minister at Mexico City, notified the state department that United States Consul Rooney, who was reported to be held prisoner by the federals in San Luis Potosi, is safe in the city of Mexico and will leave tomorrow for Vera Cruz accompanied by his wife. Other Americans at San Luis Potosi were reported safe. The same report was made to the state department by Archbishop Mora y del Rio, coadjutor of Archbishop Mora y del Rio, coadjutor of Archbishop Mora y del Rio, coadjutor of