

STAFF OFFICERS AS COMMANDERS

Correspondence Regarding Question in the Navy is Laid Before Congress.

CONVERSE WITH BROWNSON.

Latter Says Contrary to Law for Medical Officer to Exercise Military Command Save in His Own Corps.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The speaker laid before the house of representatives today the response of Secy. of the Navy, Mr. Clegg, to the resolution introduced by Representative Gill calling for the correspondence relative to designation of staff officers to naval commands. The correspondence is voluminous and includes Admiral Brownson's letter of resignation and the two letters of the president.

There was also a mass of historical matter showing the army practice in the matter of hospital ship commands and including orders issued in the navy department by Secy. Bonaparte, with copious correspondence by bureau officers, all bearing upon this question.

An interesting paper among the latter is an endorsement by Admiral Converse, then chief of the navigation bureau, delivered June 14, 1904, upon a proposition that originated with the joint board of medical officers of the army and navy to place hospital ships in command of naval surgeons.

ADAM CONVERSE'S VIEW.

Admiral Converse recommended

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against the placing of hospital ships in commission in time of peace and also against the placing of medical officers in command, even with civilian crews. Admiral Converse held that it was necessary to discipline and efficiency that the officers and crew of such ships should be subjected to naval laws and regulations, and that the officers in command should be fitted by experience and training to navigate and command a vessel under all conditions of weather and unforeseen contingencies.

The new matter in the correspondence about which Congress particularly desired information consists of a long memorandum prepared by Admiral Brownson, then chief of the bureau, dated Nov. 18 last, whereby anticipating the admiral's resignation by nearly a month.

WHAT BROWNSON HOLDS.

Admiral Brownson holds that, whether hospital ships or not, such vessels as the Relief must accompany a fleet to fulfill their purposes, and to do so must be navigated and handled in the same seamanship manner which is required of all vessels to assure safety on the high seas. There is nothing in the training of a medical officer, the admiral contends, which fits him for such command. It requires just as skillful a navigator to pilot a hospital ship as it does to pilot a man-of-war—the difficulties are wholly independent of the internal arrangements of the vessel or the uses to which it may be put. To call it a hospital ship does not fully describe the ship. It would be more nearly correct to state "a hospital ship is a sea-going vessel having a large hospital on board."

Existing regulations give medical officers all necessary authority to conduct and care for their department on board such ship. Yet the surgeon-general, says Admiral Brownson, seems to believe that the navigation, safe conduct, and general administration of a sea-going vessel are secondary as regards the responsibility to command. Telegraph operators or cable engineers are not put in command of cable ships, nor postmasters in command of mail steamers.

Admiral Brownson next enters into an analysis of the statutory law bearing on this subject, quoting the acts of March 3, 1875, and of Aug. 5, 1854, and section 7 of the personnel act of March 2, 1899, all of which he declares are prohibitive of the full exercise of command by medical officers.

Admiral Brownson concludes his memorandum by summarizing his objections to the proposed order in the case of the Relief as follows:

1. It is directly contrary to law for the medical officer to exercise military command in any other than his own corps.

2. Divided responsibility leads to confusion and poor administration.

3. Experience, both with the Solace in the Spanish-American war, and with auxiliaries on the Asiatic station, show conclusively that the only organization for the fleet auxiliary is to have a full naval crew and officers.

4. A sea-going ship, to be efficient, must of necessity be commanded by a sea-going officer.

RUXLEY'S REPLY.

The last chapter in the correspondence, a new one also, is a reply by Surgeon General Ruxley to Admiral Brownson's memorandum, under date of Jan. 22. The surgeon general denies that he ever asked that medical officers be entrusted with the navigation of hospital ships. On the contrary, he had asked that the bureau of navigation select a sailing master and crew to navigate the ship, all orders to and from the sailing master to pass through the senior surgeons, who will be in command. The Relief, as an army hospital ship, was commanded by a medical officer, and there can be no question, he says, that medical officers are well qualified.

The surgeon general states that neutrality of the hospital ships demands that line officers and fighting crews should not be put aboard. He contends that a merchant master and merchant sailors are as efficient in pilotage and navigation as line officers and a fighting crew.

He cites the army transport service commanded by civilians as notably efficient in their administration. Naval

medical officers, he points out, met the same resistance from the line in their claim to command hospitals on shore, yet since 1894, when this question was settled in favor of medical officers, this sustaining of the bureau in regard to the command in the shore hospitals has been most satisfactory. Attention is called to the fact that the Solace destroyed her claim to neutrality on several occasions and even laid claim to prize money. In conclusion, the surgeon general says:

"It is necessary that the medical officers have authority in their own corps, and further that medical officers' authority be recognized in all matters of sanitation. Hospital ships should be run according to regulations laid down a year ago by the secretary of the navy and this should be done in time of peace and tried to the satisfaction of the department and the country, as that in time of war the medical officers may know where they stand in the care of the thousands who may be entrusted to their care."

WASHINGTON'S HEIRS.

Brazelton Branch Soon to Receive a Million Dollars from His Estate.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Waukegan, Ill., says: The Brazelton family of this city, heirs of George Washington, first president of the United States, will soon receive part of an estate of 40,000 acres valued at \$1,000,000, in the Clermont district, Ohio, according to a message received yesterday from Washington, I. C. There are three Brazelton heirs here—J. W. Brazelton, a banker; B. F. Brazelton, a physician, and R. L. Brazelton, a farmer. Georgia relatives will also receive a share in the estate. Washington, having no children, left the Ohio estate to his nephew, Gen. Nathaniel Greene, and his niece, Hannah Greene. Jacob Brazelton, grandfather of the Texas heirs, married Hannah Greene.

SLOT MACHINES.

And Music to Go from Five Thousand Saloons in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Music and slot machines will disappear next week from 5,000 Chicago saloons by order, not of the police, but of officials of the saloonkeepers' association. Close observation of the Sunday closing ordinance also has been commanded, and drawn shades and unlighted windows advised for Sunday.

At a directors' meeting of the Chicago Liquor Dealers' Protective association yesterday, the decision to banish music and slot machines came after an earnest plea of several officials. The activity of State Atty. Healy in the Sunday closing cases, and the work of the Ne License and Chicago Law and Order league were declared to precede a saloon, a "saloon" if close observation was not paid to the law.

SOPHOCLES' "ELECTRA."

Mrs. Beerbohm Tree and Mrs. Pat Campbell to Give it in New York.

New York, Jan. 24.—Supported by Mrs. Beerbohm Tree and a special cast, Mrs. Patrick Campbell will on Feb. 16, produce for the first time in America, Sophocles' "Electra." The English version of the play is a translation of a German version of the original Greek. Mrs. Tree has no part in the production, and the production of "Electra" in England, and readily agreed to come to America to play the part of Clytemnestra when approached by Liebler & Co., Mrs. Campbell's American managers. The production will be made in the Garden theater. Mrs. Tree sails from Liverpool tomorrow.

ED. A. MACDOWELL, AMERICA'S COMPOSER, DEAD.

New York, Jan. 23.—Edward Alexander MacDowell, who has been recognized as America's foremost composer, died at the Westminster hospital at 8 o'clock tonight, aged 46 years. Death was due to a nervous affection. In the spring of 1905, and while still in his prime, Mr. MacDowell suffered a nervous collapse, from which he failed to recover. During the past year his intimate associates realized that the end was not far off.

The composer spent the last summer months at his summer home, in Peterboro, N. H., returning on Nov. 1 to this city, where he had made his home during the winters since 1896, when he removed here from Boston. Mr. MacDowell had not been greatly benefited by his rest, and from the date of his return to town this winter he failed rapidly.

A movement for the raising of a MacDowell fund has been in progress for some time, and several thousands have been raised by subscription and by the giving of "MacDowell" concerts by various musical organizations in different parts of the country. The chief aim of the promoters, leading musicians and patrons of musical art, was to insure the comfort of the com-

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poser in his helplessness following his breakdown. It was proposed to establish at the MacDowell home in Peterboro a home for musicians, as a memorial to the composer.

NEVADA SENATE FAVORS STATE POLICE BILL.

Carson, Nev., Jan. 23.—The senate, in committee of the whole, today discussed the state police bill and unanimously recommended its passage. The bill was ordered enrolled. The measure calls for an appropriation of \$150,000.

The Nevada legislature met at 11 o'clock this morning. In the assembly, Fitzpatrick, who refused to vote on the measure asking the president to maintain troops in Goldfield, took the floor and asked that the assembly demand from the governor all communications on matters leading to the calling of troops.

A motion to adjourn had been put, and Speaker Skaggs ruled the matter out of order.

The assembly then adjourned until tomorrow at 11 o'clock. At 11:30 o'clock tomorrow the bill will come up in the senate for third reading and final passage. There were only two amendments made to the bill in the committee of the whole, one cutting the appropriation from \$250,000 to \$150,000, and the other requiring a six months' residence of any member before enlisting in the service. The bill will probably reach the assembly tomorrow afternoon. It is probable that Gov. Sparks will send a message to the legislature regarding an arbitration bill. The measure is already drawn. The judicial bill, giving Eschmald a separate judicial district and two judges, will be taken up as soon as the docket is cleared of the police bill. Another measure, providing for an issue of school bonds in the state, will cover the session's work, which will carry the session the full 20 days.

NO SUBMARINE FOR PACIFIC.

Washington, Jan. 23.—In response to a resolution introduced by Senator Anthony and passed by the senate, the secretary of the navy today transmitted to the senate a letter giving the estimate of the cost of submarine torpedo boats delivered at Puget Sound and Gray's Harbor, on the Pacific coast. He said that under a recent contract the navy had been offered 340-ton submarines for \$300,000, and 270-ton submarines for \$285,000. The navy department estimates for each boat on the Pacific coast would be \$378,000. In his letter the secretary of the navy stated that Pacific coast points were too far from the home

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ports of any invading enemy to require permanently stationed submarines, and that in any event he did not concur in a belief that any vessel of the navy should be built with the idea of giving it permanent station at any point.

STATE UNIVERSITIES.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Presidents of state universities of the United States closed their convention here last night, after adopting a resolution petitioning Congress for the creation of a national university at Washington, D. C., for the schooling of postgraduates.

The standardizing of the state universities was advocated, as also was the creating of experiment engineering stations, which is covered by bills now before the Sixtieth Congress.

At an executive session of the conference, Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, made an address in which he strongly asserted that it was unwise for private agencies to undertake to assist 39 or 40 states in maintaining higher institutions of learning.

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5 pounds Navy Beans.....	25c	3 pounds Ginger Snaps.....	25c
2 pounds Lima Beans.....	25c	2 pounds Fancy Cakes.....	25c
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Boys' Shirts, regular 25c to 50c, will close at.....	39c
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Men's Mufflers, regular \$1.50 to \$2.00, will close at.....	99c
Men's Golf Gloves, regular 50c to 75c, will close at.....	39c

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Men's Shirts, all styles, regular 75c, will close at.....	39c
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Sweaters, all sizes, regular \$2.00 to \$2.50, will close at.....	95c
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