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Editorial

Time To Look Facts in the Face

Two outstanding disclosures that comes as a result of the recent naval maneuvers and which should command serious thought from the American people are, first, that the Panama Canal cannot withstand assault; and, second, the statement of Rear Admiral Plunkett, Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, that if our battle fleet were ordered to the Philippines it would be able to get there but that it could not operate or get back home again unless some friendly nation sold to this government enough fuel to enable the ships to move.

This statement, the Admiral explained, is not a theory, but a condition demonstrated by events leading up to the battle of Manila when only the fact that a British coal-laden ship was purchased saved the day for Uncle Sam.

There is something wrong somewhere when this country must depend upon the friendship of any foreign nation for its naval operation. Friendship between nations hangs on a thread even thinner than that which binds the individual relationship. It is always taut and ready to snap. Indeed recent exhibitions demonstrating that the stern grim power behind the call of the dollar made a blind man see that even noblesse oblige is no more existant.

This background throws into bold relief our situation in reference to American merchant marine. If we must look forward to future wars then the demand for a powerful merchant marine is imperative to our safety. If on the other hand we may look forward to the elimination of war then our prosperity and development will be measured largely by our position on the seas.

It is a peculiar fact that America can find the money to finance other nations which in turn use our money to develop their shipping power, but that when it comes to the production of money for the development of American ships upon the sea the purse strings are pulled tight.

In the light of present events the words of Admiral Benson uttered when he was in charge of the United States Shipping Board are almost prophetic. Benson said that putting the American flag back upon the seas was dependent on the understanding of the farmer. His programme of enlightenment was rudely shattered, and in the whirligig of political scramble which followed his retirement, the spades were stuck deep into the ground which formed the foundation of American peace and safety. Perhaps it is not yet too late to save ourselves maritime extinction.

"And now are there any questions?" asked the presiding officer at a public village meeting after announcing what he intended to do. A man in the audience arose. "Mr. Chairman," he said, whereupon the presiding officer smashed him on the head with a chair. "Are there any more questions?" asked the presiding officer. Which is one way of conducting a political meeting.

We are told that 25% of the public school pupils in New York have defective vision. What about our government officials when they are looking at contracts?

Sing Sing reports that Anderson, convict prohibition leader, gets very thirsty breaking rock. Sing Sing of course is dry for the prisoners.

RIDGELY

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Thompson, of Ridgely, have issued cards of invitation to the marriage of their daughter, Myrtle Gertrude, to Mr. Alden Benjamin Parsons, fo Harrington. The wedding will take place at the Methodist Episcopal Church of Ridgely on Saturday, April 26, at 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Kraemer, who makes her home with her son, Father Kraemer, rector of the Catholic Church, fell and broke her arm one day this week.

Mrs. Carroll Saulsbury entertained at cards last Friday evening in honor of her guest, Mrs. Risdon Fountain, of Baltimore.

Mrs. James McCloud died at her home in Wilmington last Thursday night of heart trouble. Mrs. McCloud was a former resdient of Ridgely, and married a brother of Mrs. Harry Lane. She leaves to mourn her death, besides her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Robert Fisher, of Wilmington.

Miss Cordelia Green, of Wilmington, spent the week end with Mrs. Norman Wilson.

The two literary societies of the Ridgely High School gave an excellent program in the school auditorium on Tuesday evening. At the close of the entertainment a short business session was held by the patrons.

The Senior Class play will be presented at the High School Friday evening. This play is a four-act comedy drama, entitled, "Clarence." Mrs. Mary Wooters, the English teacher, has been training the class for this excellent drama, which promises an entertainment far above the usual order. The Senior Class for 1924 includes Bernard and Samuel King, Maude Laird, Ruth Shockley, Ida Betton, Henrietta Swann, Elizabeth Shoemaker, Ruth Mitchell, Wilson Cahall and Phares Reber.

Mr. Russell Swann, of Philadelphia, has been spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Swann.

Mr. E. H. Roe came from the South on Saturday to bring his wife to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank R. Flounders.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson represented the "Queen Esther" Society, and read a report of their work at the missionary convention at Middletown.

The Women's Community Club has decided to serve lunches at the athletic meet. Mrs. James P. Swing was appointed chairman for the adults' plot in the campaign for the "Buy a Foot of Land." Mrs. E. F. Pearsaul is chairman for the young people's plot, and Mrs. Lawrence Lynch and Mrs. L. M. Goodwin for the memorial plot. Two trees for community Christmas trees are to be donated by Miss Irene Neff.

Mrs. Herman Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mitchell were entertained lately at the home of Mr. Ben Greenley, near Burrsville.

Mrs. Eugene Cooper, of Wilmington, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Alice Wyatt, who has been ill for the past week.

Mrs. Paul Sewell has succeeded Miss Myrtle Thompson in the Bank of Ridgely.

Mr. Paul Holsinger has returned from a visit with friends in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Miss Dorothy Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lane, of Ridgely, was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas Cooper, of Philadelphia, on Saturday, April 5. The nuptials took place in Philadelphia.

Mr. Max Long, of Selbyville, was a recent visitor at the home of his brother, Mr. Frank Long.

Miss Mary Rebecca Saulsbury, after a ten-day vacation, has returned to Miss Sayward's School, Overbrook, Pa., where she is a student.

Rev. M. E. Wheatley's party on the way home from the Middletown convention visited Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover.

Father Kraemer and mother spent a few days in Wilmington lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Koeneman, of Philadelphia, have been visiting at the home of his father, Mr. August Koeneman.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hagadone, of Baltimore, have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Hagadone, who is critically ill at her home here.

Mr. Harry Wood and family have been visiting at the home of Mr. Frank Hobbs, Clayton.

Mrs. Joseph Carroll has returned from a visit with relatives in Newcastle and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Leonard Dean was a recent guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Sipple, Greensboro.

Mr. Earl Nichols and family and Miss Katherine Jones, of Chester, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Cherry.

Miss Elizabeth Harrington and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. West, of Baltimore, have been spending a few days with Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Brackett.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Holsinger and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seward motored to Aberdeen on Sunday in Mr. Holsinger's car to visit Mr. and Mrs. Seward's son and wife, Lieut. and Mrs. Mervyn Seward.

Mrs. William A. Lynch has returned from Easton hospital, but is still quite sick at her farm home, near town.

Miss Elsie Matthews, of Denton telephone service, is home for a vacation.

Miss Mildred Hollingsworth, of Easton, has been spending two weeks with Mrs. M. H. Thomas.

Mr. I. E. Mason was a recent Baltimore visitor.

Miss Ida E. Cade and brother, Mr. H. H. Cade, who have been spending the winter at Miami Beach, Fla., have returned and will spend the summer with relatives in Caroline.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenson and daughter, of Wilmington, were Sunday guests at the home of C. H. Pippin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eaton, of Centerville, and Charles Eaton, of Philadelphia, were guests of Mrs. Josephine Moore on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stufft and children and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Blackburn and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blackburn.

Mrs. Calvin Butler spent a few days in Wilmington last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Kenton left for Federalsburg this week where they both have accepted positions.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Irving Jones attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. S. S. Quinn, at Pocomoke City Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pike, of Plymouth, N. H., who have been spending the winter in Florida, and Miss Mamie Smith and brother, of Wilmington, spent last Wednesday at the home of Claude Rawlings, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Porter spent the week end with friends in Marcus Hook.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bates Wooters and son, of Clarksburg, W. Va., are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wooters.

Mrs. William Baynard of Wilmington, was a week end guest of Mrs. Annie Edwards.

Mrs. Eugene Rawley, of Dover, Del., and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Carter, of Denton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Raughley.

Mrs. W. Thomas Thornton and two children have returned home after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Gilbert Carrow, near Cheswald, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Cardy Curry, of Bridgeville, Del., spent the week end with the former's brother, Mr. James E. Curry, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Oliphant and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Oliphant, of Laurel, Del., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Burge.

Miss Anna Betson has returned to Washington, D. C., after a few days spent with her mother, Mrs. Anna V. Betson.

Mr. Charles Webber, of Marcus Hook, spent the week end with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nichols and Mrs. Georgia Butler spent Sunday with the latter's daughter, Mrs. G. Earl Nichols, at Worton.

Elmer Quillen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sylvester and children, Louise Quillen and Carlton Bilborough, of near town, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Quillen, near Millington.

Mrs. G. Earl Nichols and children, of Worton, are guests of her mother, Mrs. Georgia Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Raughley and son spent Sunday with relatives near Felton, Del.

Hyland VanSant, of Washington College, Chestertown, is home for the Easter Holidays.

Mrs. George H. Mitchell and children, of West Grove, Pa., have been spending a week with her father, Mr. M. L. Weaver. Miss Stephanie Ford, of Denton, was Mrs. Mitchell's guest on Sunday.

BURRSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleming Starkey had as their guests Saturday and Sunday Miss Emma Yagermann, Mrs. Mamie Richard and son, James, and Mr. and Mrs. William Lynch, all of Philadelphia.

Mr. W. Tilghman Collison and Mr. Harry Cheezum, of Collingsdale, Pa., spent Sunday with the latter's family here.

Miss Elizabeth Wine, of Denton, was a week end guest of friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Collison and little daughter, Ellen, of Hobbs, were guests Sunday of relatives here.

States Attorney and Mrs. Wesley E. Thawley and two boys were guests of his parents here on Sunday.

Rev. E. H. Wright preached to a large audience last Sunday morning at the M. E. Church.

The Mite Society of Union M. P. Church was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Raughley in Greensboro on Friday evening last.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bullock have invited the society to their home, near Brownsville, for May.

Mr. Henry Stafford visited his brother, W. Ray Stafford of Easton, who is suffering with septicaemia, caused by an injury while cranking a car.

Mrs. Josephine Todd had a calf born in her herd last Thursday with two heads on one neck, and when feeding it she would give two bottles of milk at the same time.

Mr. William Hardesty, of Seaford, is Mr. Lewis Slaughter's guest.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This is to give notice that the subscriber of Caroline county, has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Caroline county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of

JANE DOWNS,

late of Caroline county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are warned to exhibit the same to the subscriber, with the vouchers therefor legally authenticated, on or before the 15th day of November, 1924, or they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 16th day of April, 1924.

CALVERT C. MERRIKEN,
Administrator of Jane Downes, deceased. 17-3t

NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTION

Section 74 of Chapter 730 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland for 1914 provides, that one Commissioner of Denton shall be elected on the fourth Monday of April of each year, between the hours of two and five p. m. To vote at the election the voter must be a resident of the town of Denton and entitled to vote for members of the General Assembly of Maryland.

In conformity with this act notice is hereby given, that a Town Election for one Commissioner, to serve three years, will be held on Monday, the 28th day of April, 1924, from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Office of the Commissioners of Denton, number 152, Masonic Building.

ERNEST G. COOPER,
President of the Commissioners of Denton. 17-2t

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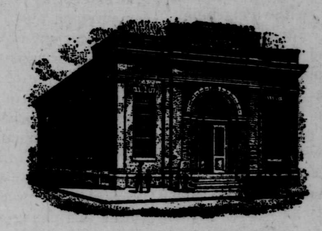
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