

FEARS OF WAR OVER MOROCCO GROW IN FRANCE

Immediate Break With
Germany Not Expected,
but Possibilities Grave.

KAISER'S AIM NETTLES

Holding French Hostage for
His Coming Fight with
Britain, Paris Thinks.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—The strained Franco-German situation appears to have somewhat increased owing to the disheartened tone of the press, which however, carefully avoids stimulating the war fever. Senator Clemenceau in the Aurore to-day says:

"No one expects war, but the diplomats at Algiers will leave behind them a European situation of extreme tension."

At Julet in the Echir remarks: "Germany calculates on our weakness or timidity. She holds us as a hostage for Germany's eventual conflict with Great Britain."

M. Jaures, the Socialist leader, makes the following prediction in the Humanite:

"The failure of the Conference will not mean immediate war, but it will inaugurate an intolerable state of tension and discord from which war may result at any moment."

The Matin seeks to calm the apprehensions of war by pointing out that the failure of the Conference will merely result in continuing the status quo in Morocco. This is the prevailing view in which the Government appears to participate.

But there is good reason to believe that France's hopes of maintaining the status quo are likely to meet with another serious check, as the highest German quarters intimate that Germany will resist the status quo on the ground that it would leave France installed in Morocco.

Having prevented France from getting the recognition of the powers as the future predominant power in Morocco, Germany's next move appears to be to terminate any privileged position which France heretofore has occupied in Morocco.

ALGERIAS, Spain, Feb. 22.—Although the Franco-German deadlock remains unbroken, the opinion of the delegates to the Moroccan conference delegates as to the results, the view to-day being rather that the situation is likely to be reached.

The American delegates also continue confident despite the French and British pessimism. The German delegates maintain that the French concessions have not been so important, as France continues to assert her special position in Morocco, whereas Germany contends for internationalization and the equality of all the powers.

Extraordinary activity reigns here. The delegates are exchanging constant visits. Some of the delegates express the view that some conciliatory move will be made directly from Berlin.

Ambassador White and Minister Gummere went this morning to Gibraltar, where the First Infantry is on board the American transports Klipatrick and McClellan on their way to Manila, and celebrated Washington's Birthday.

The American delegates returned here at noon to attend the afternoon session of the conference and resume their work toward reconciling the Franco-German differences.

JOHNSON KEPT IN IGNORANCE OF HIS RESPIRE

Negro Declared Innocent
Walks Floor Like a
Caged Animal.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Feb. 22.—The belief that he is going to be hanged to-morrow has made a nervous wreck of Rufus Johnson, the man convicted for the murder of Miss Florence Alanson. While he heard from the newsboys on the street yesterday afternoon that a reprieve had been granted, he does not seem to understand its meaning, and he was not enlightened by his death watch.

The reprieve, which was so hastily obtained yesterday afternoon from Gov. Stokes just as he was about to depart from Trenton on an extended absence, arrived at the jail this morning, having been brought here by Eddie Fox, executive clerk of the Governor.

It was placed in the hands of Sheriff Norcross, who gave strict orders that no one should inform Johnson of his new lease of life.

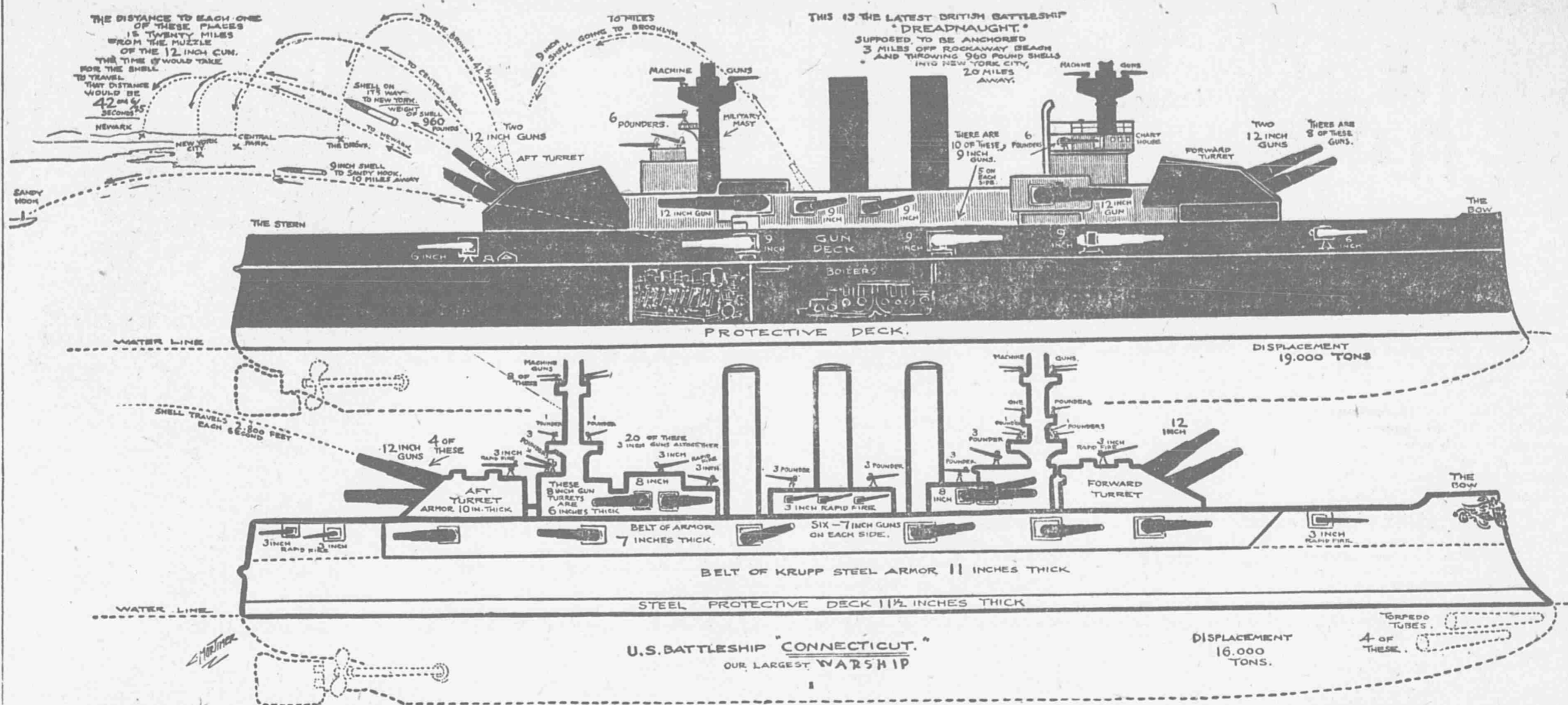
The Sheriff left town and before starting he said to Eddie Johnson, upon his return and break the news to him. Johnson is reported to be walking about his cell like an animal trying to find some avenue of escape. He is shaking and stutters a literary noise, indicating that his former bravado has received a shock.

GRABBED THIEF'S HAND.
Crook Was Just Pulling Valuable Out of Adelman's Pocket.

Abraham Schwartz, of No. 104 Second street, was to-day held in the Yorkville Court in \$1,000 bail on a charge of attempting to pick the pocket of Henry Adelman, a wealthy wine importer, of No. 2 East Fourteenth street, at Times Square last night.

Adelman caught Schwartz's wrist as he was withdrawing his hand from the wine importer's pocket.

ENGLAND'S MONSTER BATTLE-SHIP COMPARED WITH OUR GIANT CONNECTICUT



ARMAMENT OF THE TWO GREATEST BATTLE-SHIPS.

Connecticut.	Dreadnought.
12-inch guns 4	12-inch guns 8
8-inch guns 8	9.2-inch guns 10
7-inch guns 12	5.2-inch guns 10
3-inch guns 20	Torpedo tubes 2
21-inch submarine torpedo tubes 4	Field, machine and small caliber guns 30
Armor capable of resisting any 12-inch gun at 3,000 yards or more.	Armor capable of resisting any 12-inch gun at 3,500 yards or more.
Weight of metal at a discharge of main battery, about 5,400 pounds.	Weight of metal at a discharge of main battery 6,200 pounds.
Cost, \$6,000,000.	Cost, \$7,500,000.

England's Greatest Sea Fighter Is Somewhat Larger, but the Yankee Ship Has a Greater Zone of Action.

The Dreadnought, just launched in England, is the largest battle-ship afloat, and in actual fighting force the most powerful.

If she were to meet the Connecticut, the latest product of American naval architecture, the difference in weight of metal and bulk as well as speed might well be made up by the superior efficiency of the American ship, which has a larger zone of action, a superiority of ordnance and a greater armor, thus following the traditions of the American navy.

DREADNOUGHT THE LARGER, CONNECTICUT MORE ACTIVE.

Connecticut.	Dreadnought.
Length, 450 feet.	Length (about), 460 feet.
Height, keel to truck, 140 feet.	Height, keel to truck (about), 150 feet.
Draught, mean loading, 24 feet 6 inches.	Draught, mean loading, 26 feet 6 inches.
Beam amidships, 76 feet 8 inches.	Beam amidships (about), 78 feet.
Displacement, 16,000 tons.	Displacement, 19,000 tons.
Power, 16,000 horse.	Power, 17,000 horse.
Speed, 18 knots.	Speed, 20 knots.
Radius of activity on one coal-bing, 5,000 knots.	Radius of activity on one coal-bing, 3,500 knots.
Striking power of ram, 1,728,000-foot tons.	Striking power of ram, no estimate.

COAL MINERS' DEMANDS TO BE READY TO-DAY

Committee Gets Report
in Shape For Oper-
ators' Consideration.

President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, returned from Pittsburgh to-day and declared the newspaper accounts of interviews he gave in Pittsburgh yesterday entirely misleading.

"I never told anybody," he said, "that there would be a strike in some districts and not in others. I said in Pittsburgh what I said here, that I was not in a position to say anything concerning the situation for publication."

President Mitchell said that the miners' committee would consider further the demands it will make, and, it was hoped, would finish by this afternoon. As to these being presented to-morrow to the operators he could not say.

Mr. Mitchell will meet Harry A. Taylor, the largest soft coal operator in Illinois, this afternoon at the Waldorf-Astoria for a talk. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Taylor have long been friends.

It is understood that there is a possibility of a combination of the soft coal operators in Illinois and Ohio, represented here by Mr. Taylor, against the soft coal men in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania bituminous operators are friendly to Patrick Dolan, leader of the soft coal mine workers, who is against President Mitchell's plans whatever they are.

SLEUTHS CAPTURE "CROCCHI GANG"

Prisoners Said to Have Taken
\$50,000 from Wealthy
New York Italians.

Detective-Serg. Petrosino is confident to-day that he has at last rounded up the leader and four of the members of the famous "Croccchi Gang," who are charged with robbing wealthy Italians by the use of "knockout drops."

The alleged leader is Gregorio Delavio, of No. 240 East One Hundred and Ninth street, on whose person was found a large bottle of chloral hydrate, commonly known as "knockout drops."

The others are Giuseppe Di Concilio, of No. 118 Mulberry street, who carried a "limmy"; Michael Polino, of No. 120 Mulberry street; Raffaele Capadino, of No. 231 Mulberry street; and Giuseppe Clemente, of No. 128 Cherry street.

The men were posed up by detectives from Petroso's Italian bureau in the case about Mulberry Bend Park. According to the detectives, they belong to the Croccchi Gang, which takes its name from a famous Neapolitan bandit. The police accuse the "Croccchi" as they are called, of having obtained more than \$50,000 from wealthy Italians.

IRELAND NEEDS HOME RULE, AND THERE ARE OTHERS.

By Walter A. Sinclair.



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