Society

SACKVILLE

Sackville, Dec. 21—Miss Sprague, vice-principal of Mount Allison Ladies' College, left Wednesday for Fall River, Mass., where she will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Henry Nichol.

Miss Ruby Wade, who is studying law in Toronto, has returned home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. D. S. Fisher and little daughter, left Monday for Quebec, where they will spend Christmas at the home of the former.

Mrs. C. L. Gass spent a few days in Halifax, last week.

Mrs. H. E. Bigelow left this week for Windsor, where she will spend the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. Howartz.

Mrs. H. M. Wood was a visitor in Moncton on Tuesday.

Mrs. Herbert Read and two children of Stonehaven, N. B., and Miss Hemmeon of Boston, as visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Read.

Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Borden left this week for Bermuda, where they will spend Christmas.

Miss Gilker, who has been spending several weeks here with her sister, Mrs. Woodworth, left Saturday for Boston.

Reginald Dobson, who has been spending a vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dobson, left Monday for Sydney, where he will resume his duties in the Royal Bank.

Miss Sue Gordon and Miss Leah Borden left Wednesday for Boston, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Edwin Oulton of Dorchester, was in town on Saturday.

Sherman Dobson of Moncton, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cluny of Fall River, Mass., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Dec. 7. Mrs. Cluny was formerly Miss Mary Robson of Sackville.

Mrs. Kenneth Pickard entertained ta a delightful bridge of five tables on Tuesday afternoon for Miss Edith Hunton. The prize was won by Mrs. McKiel, and a dainty prize was also presented to the guest of honor. In the dining-room the prettily appointed tea table was presided over by Mrs. A. B. Copp and Mrs. G. M. Campbell, who had as assistants Miss Georgie Calkin, Miss Barbara Black and Miss Leslie Lowerison. Included among the guests were Miss Edith Hunton, Miss Dorothy Hunton, Mrs. A. B. Copp, Mrs. Mackenzie, Miss Lou Ford, Mrs. H. E. Fawcett, Mrs. W. T. Wood, Miss Tweedie, Mrs. Beer (Toronto), Mrs. Putnam, Mrs. Raleigh Trites, Mrs. Maurice Fisher, Mrs. Viets, Mrs. R. G. Henderson, Miss Ada Ford, Miss Cladie Smith, Mrs. McKiel, Miss Margaret Black, Miss Caroline Cahill.

Mr. C. W. Fawcett has returned from a trip to Winnipeg.

Miss Naas, who has had charge of the Millinery Department at Mr. C. W. Cahill's, left last week for her home in Halifax.

Mrs. Dr. J. O. Calkin left Sunday on a six weeks' trip to the Pacific Coast. She expects to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Brydon-Jack in the mountains at Glacier, B. C., and will afterwards proceed to Vancouver to visit her son, Mr. Cedric Ryan.

Rev. W. G. Watson, President of the N. B. and P. E. Island Conference, was in St. John for the week-end.

The Sackville High School Girls' basketball team, accompanied by their coach, Miss Buckley, went to Moncton Friday evening to play the Aberdeen High School team. The game took place in the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, and resulted in a win for the Moncton girls by the score of 8-7. The line-up of the Sackville team was as follows: Arline Blakney and Catherine Hammond, forwards; Doris Fawcett, Nina Weldon and Eva Steadman, defence; Pauline Carter, centre; Marjorie McNaughton, side centre.

T. D. Pickard of Windsor, N. S., was in town for the week-end.

Miss Josephine MacLatchy, daughter of Rev. E. B. MacLatchy, has been offered a very fine position in Winnipeg. Miss MacLatchey is now assistant editor of the Bureau of Psychological Research at the State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Rev. H. E. Thomas of St. John, who was in Halifax last week, attending a meeting of college representatives re college federation, was in Sackville on Wednesday.

Humphrey Pickard returned home from Windsor, N. S., on Saturday and will remain here until after Christmas.

James Smith, accompanied by his sisters, Mrs. William Campbell, Misses Al and Helen Smith left on Tuesday for Los Angeles, Cal., where they expect to spend the winter.

Mrs. F. H. Thompson of Lynn, Mass., who has been spending six weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Oulton, left on Friday for her home.

The annual Christmas sale of St. Paul's church club, which was held in the Parish Hall last Saturday afternoon, was a great success, the proceeds amounting to about $300. The hall presented a very attractive appearance, and the various tables were well patronized. Among those in charge of the tables were:

Fancy work table—Miss Bessie Carter, Mrs. Alex. Cameron, Mrs. F. A. Fisher.

Dollar table—Mrs. J. M. McIntyre.

Doll table—Miss Carrie Tower, Miss Joan Lawrence.

Christmas tree—Mrs. Walter Duncan, Miss Irene Daman.

Christmas wreaths—Mrs. Graham Miller.

Candy table—Mrs. C. G. Read, Miss Alice Hanson.

Tea tables—Mrs. Maurice Fisher, Miss Ivy Richardson, Mrs. Robert Duncan, Mrs. Angus Avard, Mrs. Frank Knapp, Mrs. Gordon Rainnie, Mrs. E. P. Smith, Mrs. Hare, Mrs. W. T. Wood, Miss Leslie Lowerison, Miss Ethel Teed, Miss Linnie Snowdon, Mrs. L. W. Daman, Miss Frances Tower and others.

The lovely dollies' wardrobe trunk, fitted with a trousseau, including even an ermine coat is to be drawn for Christmas evening.

The Fort Cumberland Chapter I.O. D.E., held a cooking sale in their tea rooms on Tuesday. The very pretty tables were presided over by Mrs. Thomas Evans, convenor, Mrs. E. B. Chandler, Mrs. J. W. Y. Smith, Mrs. F. C. Jones, Mrs. F. Condon, Mrs. S. L. Sommers, Mrs. G. P. Worsley and Mrs. Roy Sumner. Candy table, Mrs. Cecil Gilmore, Miss Rhoda Alcock, convenor, Miss Georgie Sherrard, Miss Gertrude Borden, Mrs. W. Biden, Miss Nora Shannon. The Xmas cake was won by Mrs. Crilley. The Mince Meat by Mrs. D. H. Williams. Box of Chocolates by Mrs. Lowe.

Mrs. Alex Crichton was hostess on Thursday to a delightful bridge of three tables. The guests being Mrs. Cecil Gilmore, Mrs. Hibbert Binney, Mrs. Harold Flemming, Mrs. Frank Dayton, Mrs. Noble Wilbur, Mrs. C. Robertson, Mrs. Holly Lounsbury, Miss Frances Dickson, Miss Grace Bell, Mrs. Dr. Britton, Miss Emma Price, Miss Bertha Ferguson. Prize-winners were: Mrs. Cecil Gilmore, Mrs. Frank Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Holly Lounsbury leave this week for Boston to spend some weeks with friends.

Mr. George Price is home from Montreal to spend the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. James Price.

Mr. Henry C. Friel is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Friel, Botsford street.

Miss Lilian Linkletter, who is a student at Mount Allison Ladies' College, is home for her vacation.

Mr. A. E. Tremblay left this week for Montreal to attend an executive meeting of the Rock City Tobacco Co., Ltd.

The Misses O'Leary, Richibucto, were in town this week.

Mrs. H. M. Wood, Sackville, and daughter, were visitors to Moncton this week.

The doll and bed lotteried by the Bonar Law Chapter I.O.D.E., was won by Miss Agnes Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Godfrey, who have resided in Moncton for the last few years, left this week to take up their residence in Ottawa.

Miss Harriet Hazen who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hazen has returned to her home in St. John.

Mr. A. E. McNutt was in Montreal, this week to attend a meeting of the skating fraternity.

Miss Margaret Thompson who is a student at the Posse School of Physical Education, Boston, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Thompson, Highfield street.

Mrs. David Stewart, Springhill, was a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chapman, this week.

Mrs. L. X. MacDonald, Sydney; Mrs. L. O. P. Walsh, Montreal, are visiting their mother, Mrs. John McManus.

Mrs. Edgar Barnes was the fortunate winner of the wardrobe trunk and accessories. Tickets on this were sold during St. Bernard's Christmas Fair.

ST. STEPHEN

St. Stephen, Dec. 202—Mr. and Mrs. John McLaggan left Thursday for Fredericton, where they will spend the winter with relatives.

Miss Bernice Stairs, R. N., leaves on Friday for her home in Southampton, N.B., for the Christmas season.

Miss Mary McKenna returns on Friday, from Montreal, where she is attending school, and will spend the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. P. McKenna, at her home on Union St.

Jack Dinsmore, McGill Dental college, arrived on Wednesday from Montreal for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Florence Heustis, who is attending the Pratt Art school in New York, arrived on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heustis at their home on Marks St.

Miss Lillian Phillips, R. N., will leave on Friday to spend the Christmas season at her home in Nova Scotia.

Miss Alice DeWolfe, of the teaching staff of Fairville, arrived on Friday night to spend the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Margaret DeWolfe.

Miss Ruth Burden left on Friday last for her home in Fredericton.

Miss Doris Upham, nurse-in-training Newton hospital, Newton, Mass., is one of the four members of her class to be chosen for a special course at Columbia University, New York. Her many friends in St. Stephen are glad to hear of her success.

Mrs. Inez Gillespie left on Thursday for Lynn, Mass., where she expects to spend the winter with relatives.

Mrs. Frank Ungar leaves this week for St. John to make an extended visit with Mrs. Corey Green.

Miss M. Olivia Maxwell, of the teaching staff, St. John High School, arrived at her home at Moore's Mills Friday night for the Christmas vacation.

Jack Waterson arrived Tuesday from Boston to spend the Christmas season with his mother, Mrs. A. J. Waterson at her home on Water St.

Gordon Heaney, student at Mt. Allison, is expected home on Friday to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Rev. J. and Mrs. Heaney at the Methodist Parsonage.

M. N. Cockburn, K.C., and Mrs. Cockburn, will leave Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cockburn at their home in St. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Deacon, of Montreal, arrived on Monday of this week to spend the Christmas season with his mother, Mrs. A. V. Deacon at her home on Marks St.

Miss Eleanor DeWolfe leaves on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Henderson and Stuart Henderson are expected from Campbellton to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henderson at their home on Veazey St.

Mrs. George Budd is recovering from her illness.

Hazen Dinsmore, McGill medical student, arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas at his home.

Lieut.-Col. J. Carleton and Mrs. Brown arrived on Saturday from London, England, and are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Todd. They are being most cordially welcomed by their many friends. Mr. Todd, who went to St. John to meet the steamer, returned with them on Saturday.

Miss Keith Kirkpatrick will leave on Friday for her home in Sussex, where she will spend the Christmas season.

Miss Estelle Murphy, R.N., of the C. M.H. staff, leaves on Saturday to spend Christmas at her home in St. John.

Mayor and Mrs. Clark and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. James Clark, Miss Esther and Miss Pauline motored to St. John on Saturday to attend the basket ball game, returning on Sunday.

Miss Arthuretta Branscombe, leaves on Friday for Codys to spend Christmas with relatives there.

James Lawson, Jr., returned this week from the Rothesay Collegiate school, to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Dr. J. D. and Mrs. Lawson at their home on Water St.

Miss Amy Sullivan arives on Friday from Ottawa to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Sullivan at their home on McColl St.

MONCTON

Moncton, Dec. 22—The Lt.-Col. Boyd Anderson Chapter held a Xmas sale Saturday last. All the articles for sale being one dollar. Those in charge of the tables were:

Fancy work—Mrs. Boyd Anderson, Mrs. Roy Capson, Mrs. Budd Taylor, Mrs. B. W. Smith, Miss Ruth Humphrey.

Candy—Mrs. C. W. McLatchey, Mrs. D. Allanach, Mrs. S. Henderson, Mrs. R. Webster, Mrs. R. Evans.

Dolls' table—Mrs. Irving Malcolm and Miss Sadie Manning.

Cooking—Mrs. Charles Trites, Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. T. Doyle.

A beautiful bridge set which was raffled was won by Mrs. Alex. Crichton.

A lunch cloth by Miss Kathleen Steeves.

A bridge cloth by Miss Latimer.

First Co-Ed



Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y., fourth oldest college in the country, has just admitted a girl student for the first time. Union's co-ed is Florence Folger, who is taking graduate courses in electrical engineering.

Youngest Speeder?



Little Mary Rose, above, of Los Angeles, shows little concern that a traffic cop handed her a summons for speeding. Thomas W. Kane was also held for allowing her to drive his car

Auction Bridge

ARTICLE NO. 5

Automatically Returning Your Partner's Lead

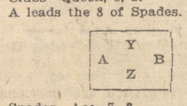
In a previous article I alluded to the usual mistake of teaching a beginner invariably to return his partner's lead "at first opportunity."

It is true that such a returned lead is usually correct, but the beginner should be taught, at the same time, when such a lead is out of place, that he may use discrimination in his play. He will not lose sight of the fact that his partner probably has control of the suit he led (unless thelead was obviously for "ruffing" purposes) but just when the head should be returned is a matter of great importance.

The following arguments against returning your partner's lead at first opportunity apply in the case of a suit declaration, and not against No Trumps, when the speedy clearing of your partner's suit is of great importance.

We will take, as an example the following hand played by Z, who has declared Hearts. The 8 of Spades has been led by A. Dummy playing low:—

Spades—Queen, 6, 4.
Hearts—7, 6, 2.
Diamonds—Ace, 10, 7, 4.
Clubs—Queen, 8, 2.
A leads the 8 of Spades.



Spades—Ace, 7, 2.
Hearts—Jack, 3.
Diamonds—King, Queen, 9, 3.
Clubs—10, 9, 7, 4.

If B, wishes to win the trick it will be necessary for him to play his Ace of Spades. Now if B, were an inexperienced player he would return the Spade lead at once. He sees, however, that if he does so the Queen of Spades will inevitably take a trick later—the lead of the 8 of Spades, with the number of Spades in sight, does not suggest that A is leading from a short suit, and with the entry in the Dummy of the Ace of Diamonds Z will have no difficulty in making the Queen of Spades later. If B., is the sound player that we are supposing him to be, he knows that the prospect of making tricks in the Dummy hand is more important to Z than A's King of Spades is to A—A and B are not going to score below the line, but Z is, and the Queen of Spades may give him the game.

In any case there is little risk that A's King of Spades will be wasted if another suit is opened at this stage—B therefore leads his King of Diamonds to force Y's Ace. If the Ace goes up, Z (with possibly no third Spades in his hand) may have some little difficulty in making the Queen of Spades, and will have to find another entry in the Dummy. If Z refuses to part with the Ace of Diamonds B will return the Spade lead, having shown his sequence in Diamonds, and hoping that A will be able to take a trick in Clubs later to save the game.

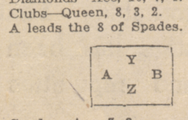
B loses nothing by this maneouvre, and is clearly intimating to his partner that he does not wish to return the Spade lead until he has attempted to remove Dummy's entry of the Ace of Diamonds. If B should return the Spade lead at the second trick, with the above cards in the Dummy, he would suggest that he had only two Spades himself, and that he wished to ruff the 3rd round of the suit.

Opening Trumps Up To The Dummy Hand

It very often happens that the suit your partner open happens to be a short suit in the Dummy hand. If the third player (B) takes the trick, and only one of the suit is left in the Dummy, it is just as disastrous to return the lead immediately to A, as when the suit is guarded in the Dummy. The Declarer will be in a position to trump, if necessary, in the Dummy hand, and get in an extra trick that way.

If the hand quoted above is revised slightly, the correct lead from B, upon taking the first trick in Spades with the Ace would be a small trump:

Spades—6, 4.
Hearts—7, 6, 2.
Diamonds—Ace, 10, 7, 4.
Clubs—Queen, 8, 3, 2.
A leads the 8 of Spades.



Spades—Ace, 7, 2.
Hearts—Jack, 4, 3.
Diamonds—King, Queen, 9, 8.
Clubs—10, 9, 7.

It is a strange thing that so many inexperienced players have an aversion to leading trumps up to the Dummy—they see Dummy before them threatening to ruff, but they refuse to protect themselves even if it costs them nothing. However, I must have the question of leading trumps against the Declarer to discuss more fully in a future article.

Answers to Correspondents

I am sorry but I cannot undertake to answer correspondence through the mail, so please do not enclose stamped envelopes.

No particular enthusiasm was expressed by correspondents concerning Bridge problems, so if there are many more who would like them published from time to time, please "write up."

Hopeful writes—"I am trying to learn to play Bridge and some friends are helping me. They tell me to finesse," and do not clearly explain what they mean, or at any rate it is not clear to me. Will you please help me, Mrs. Pimm?"

Answer—"A finesse is an attempt to take a trick with a card that is not the best of the suit, nor the best that the player holds of the suit. A good finesse is a trick gained if it is successful, and it is not a trick lost if it fails. An example of a simple finesse would be to lead to Ace, Queen of a suit—in Dummy we will say: If the King lies in the 2nd hand both Ace and Queen will make—if the King lies in the 4th hand the King will make in any case, so putting up the Queen does not lose a trick."

M. P. writes—"In answering a correspondent on November 25th, you state that Spades 2; Hearts 9, 8, 7; Diamonds Ace, King, Queen, 10; Clubs Ace, 10, 9, 8, 7; is not a sound two-suit No Trumper, on the grounds that there is not control of the two suits in the hand. On Page 65 of your book you quote Spades Ace, 2; Hearts 10, 4, 3; Diamonds Ace, King Queen, 10, 4; Clubs 9, 7, 6, as being sound two-suit No Trumper.

"I don't want to raise trouble, but are you not rather inconsistent? I am a great admirer of your book so I hope you will not think I am picking holes.

"How can you reconcile your two statements?"

Answer—"I think the two statements are quite reconcilable. In the hand I quote in my book only one stop is probably necessary in Spades because the Diamond suit is sufficiently long to run out if the cards are reasonably distributed. It is obvious that you are more likely to find the Jack unguarded in one of your opponents' hands if you hold five to the Ace, King, Queen, than if you hold four. Don't apologize for "picking holes"—I like it, and hope you will write again."

J. V. A., St. John—"The hand would not be played as though it were a Bridge problem (against any possible defence, with all four hands exposed to view)—in actual play when A is obliged to take the sixth trick with the Ace of Clubs, it is more probably that he would continue with his Spade suit, not knowing Z has Queen, 10, than that he would open the Diamond suit, seeing nine Diamonds between himself and Dummy.

"He naturally would avoid making a possible re-entry on the table for Clubs—if Z needed one. From A's point of view he is more likely to force Z's trumps by leading Spades than by opening a new suit guarded on the table—the second Spade has been discarded in Dummy on the third round of Hearts.

"Of course if the Diamond suit were touched Z could not make game."

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CHRISTMAS.

Once more we reach a finger post,
Upon life's broad highway
To keep a tryst with Father Time
Who comes with greetings gay.
Leave care and trouble to themselves
Let pleasure hold full sway.
Hark to the laughter and the song,
All hail to Christmas Day.

The old folks and the youngsters join
In play and merry jest,
Or in the singing of the songs
That old folks love the best,
Because the mem'ries that they bring
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That crowd the Christmas Day.

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THE PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

How the Institution Originated Which the Turks Are Threatening to Expel—Status of the Patriarch and the Scope of His Authority—The American Protest.

The protest of the American delegation at Lausanne against "the proposal to abolish or remove from Constantinople the institution of the patriarchate" has freshly called attention to the anamolous and difficult position held by the patriarch of Constantinople under Turkish rule. The patriarchate's cathedral church, with the patriarch's official residence adjoining is in the old Greek quarter called the Phanar, on the south shore of the Golden Horn. Visitors to the Turkish capital have long been impressed by the closed gate at the head of the steps leading to what should be the principal entrance. That entrance has ben closed since 1822, when the reigning patriarch was hanged in the gateway by the Turks, in revenge for the rising of the Greeks of European Greece against Turkish rule. This outrage at once caused a great expansion of the revolutionary movement with which it is generally agreed the patriarchate and the Phanariote Greeks had had little if any connection.

Until that time the patriarchs had as a rule got on fairly well with the Ottoman government, and indeed played an important part in the affairs of the empire. The Turks, having themselves a politico-religious organization, organized their empire on the same basis, working through the existing ecclesiastical institution. The unit was not the race or nation, but the religious group or "miliet", the Greek or Orthodox church being by far the most important. This had no single head corresponding to the Pope of the Catholic church, but under the Byzantine empire was divided into four patriarchates, those of Alexandria, Jerusalem, Antioch and Constantinople. The chief bishop in a province was called a patriarch or exarch, but by degrees the term patriarch was limited to the bishops of the four provinces mentioned, all equal in authority and dignity; in theory they still govern the church. The authority of the patriarch of Constantinople before the war extended over Europen Turkey and a large part of Asia Minor, and 86 bishops owed him allegiance.

In his protest in behalf of the American delegation, Ambassador Child emphasized the view that the patriarch was originally "confirmed by the wisdom, not of foreigners in Turkey, but of Turkey herself," and indeed historians agree that the grant was creditable both to Mohammed II and to the patriarch, Gennadius, who maintained not only official but friendly relations with the conqueror. The privileges conferred in the original grant were based on those which the patriarch had enjoyed under the Bazantine emperor, and were confirmed in later centuries in various official decrees, including the famous one called Gul Hane Hatt, in the early 19th century.

Among these privileges was the right of the patriarch to make direct representations to the sultan in regard to any violation of the right of the members of the church community. Thus through their church the Greeks ever since the fall of Constantinople have been able to speak with one voice, and this firm religious organization has done much to preserve the race and the nation.

To the movement for Greek independence the patriarchate was not at first very sympathetic. Its ideal was not the establishment of a Greek nation, but the restoration of the Eastern empire, which might conceivably, as Turkish power waned, have been brought under Greek rule and have provided a counterpoise to the Austrian empire, a solution favored by many in the 18th century. It was made impossible by the growth of nationalism, which affected not only the Greeks, but later the Serbs, Bulgars and other submerged nations and ultimately the Turks themselves. The Greek movement started not in Constantinople but in western Greece, and was of comparatively limited scope until the murder of the patriarch in 1822 stirred deep indignation and brought to the revolutionists expressions of sympathy from the world at large.

When the nationalist movement was fairly launched it of course got the support of the church, but unfortunately the effect of the spread of nationalism was to divide the orthodox church into clashing national propaganda. Following the system of "millet" or religion groups the Ottoman government made a practice of meeting a demand for autonomy which could no longer be resisted by setting up an autocephalous church instead of an autonomous state. This seemed to the Turks, who made little of race and much of religion, a natural procedure, but the results were baneful. On the one hand there have been bitter struggles between the Greek church and the Ottoman empire and on the other hand there has been intense hostility between the Greek church and the Bulgar exarchate and between the latter and the Serb autocephalous church.

It is largely due to this religious reinforcement of national propaganda that the evolution of the Near East has been marked with such savage fanaticism. A system of organization which sometimes worked fairly well under the loosely knit Ottoman empire became disastrous as soon as an effort was made to set up a national government in the western sense.

This is the root of the Turkish demand for the removal from Constantonople of the patriarchate. The charge of hostile political activity has not been presented in detail, and may arise in part from the plea made by the patriarch to the Paris peace conference for the annexation of Constantinople to Greece. That the relations between the patriarchate and the Turkish government can again be friendly after the present war is hardly to be expected. The Turkish argument at Lausanne seems to be that since Turkey is becoming a modern nation and separating church from state, the "millet" disappears and there is no longer a basis for the special privilegess conferred on the Orthodox church. If Constantinople was an ordinary city this argument would have great weight; what causes Christendom such concern is the unique place in church history held by the ancient Byzantine capital. The question will come up again this week and undoubtedly strong representations will be made to the Turkish delegates at Lausanne in regard to the disapproval with which Christian countries would regard the expulsion of the patriarchate from Constantinople.

SIMS DECLARES U. S. NAVY IS HAMSTRUNG IN PACIFIC OCEAN

New York, Dec. 21——"We are hamstrung in the Pacific and nailed down in the Atlantic," said Admiral William S. Sims, recently retired, at a meeting of prominent men called by the National Security League in the Union League Club today. He was criticising the small navy advocates, and pointing out that the situation of the United States navy, with is deficient personnel and lack of small craft, is already sufficiently precarious.

"The country is paying to maintain a navy to have it defeated in time of war," he said, comparing it to a football team of eleven men that being the comparative strength of personnel maintained by the United States and Great Britain under the 5-5-3 agreement. Incidentally, he said that Great Britain has all the ships "and more" allowed by the conference agreement.

That the country does not possess a navy as large as Great Britain's is not the fault of the congress, he said, because Congress is merely trying to give the people what it believes the people want, and the people want a small navy because they do not understand the elements of strategy and know how impossible it would be for the United States to defend either the Philippines or Guam against anyone who wished to take them.

"Our position in the Pacific today is unfortunate," he said. "Guam and the Philippines are undefended."

"Hawaii is the last stronghold of the United States in the Pacific," he said, "and Guam is 3,000 miles away. If the radius of battleships is 6,000 miles, it would be possible at present for the fleet to steam to Guam, make a gesture of disrespect and then come home. It could not stay and fight and could not be maintained there because there would be no supplies back of it.

"We have tried for 25 years to get Guam," said Admiral Sims. "By the expenditure of half the cost of a battleship it could be made a Gibraltar to extend the base of the Pacific fleet 3,000 miles further west. It can't be done because the people do not understand the necessity for it.

"We are hamstrung in the Pacific Anybody can spit on the Philippines and you can't stop them. They can take the Philippines any day. Anybody in the western Pacific who wants Guam can seize it. It could be taken by the troops of Japan.

"Did you notice that in the conference at Washington this country surrendered the right to fortify Guam and the Philippines. That seems an extraordinary thing. And the reason they gave in Washington was that it was impossible to get the people to realize the necessity of fortifying Gua mand the Phillippines. But Japan was going ahead fortifying her islands, so it seemed the best thing to do for both to stop. There we are hamstrung. If we got excited enough about it we could retake Guam, but it would be one of the biggest military expeditions ever put forward."

Admiral Sims referred to the 5-5-3 ratio, and said: :"Great Britain and Japan have now some ships and more allowed by the conference, and they are fully manned. Congress proposed cutting the personnel of the navy to 60,000, a little less than half of the 125,000 needed to man the ships under the agreement. They thought it would be agreeable to the people. The propaganda against that persuaded them, I think, to increase the personnel to 86,000, about 70 per cent. of the men needed to man the fleet. While Great Britain and the United States have an equal material strength in the ships allowed under the conference, our ships are only 76 per cent. manned, while those of Great Britain are 100 per cent."

The disparity was even greater than that, Admiral Sims said, as in ships of less than 10,000 tons, outside of the conference agreement, Great Britain was stronger than the United States. If a battleship fleet has not sufficient scouts it is practically blind, and "we have few scouting vessels." If it were equal in all other respects it would be inferior because of the size of the British merchant marine and the fact that she has fast transport ships in which our merchant marine is deficient.

"It is as impossible for a fleet to move without a merchant marine as it is for an army to move without ships" he said. "The fleet can go only so far as its supplies will take it and then come back."

"I don't want to say anything regarding any nation, including our own," said Admiral Sims, "but the fact is that nations in dealing with each other are not honest. If you have force you can tell the other fellow to sign on the dotted line. We will get no fairness in trade without force behind us. The navy is no good without the merchant marine and the merchant marine is no good without the navy."

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