

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

For President Coolidge. And Those That Pay. 2,000 Fighting Planes. For one Dreadnaught.

President Coolidge recalled Secretary Wilbur, of the navy, to Washington, to discuss with him "the relative value of battleships and flying machines in war."

This means, of course, that the President will LISTEN to others, and TAKE COUNSEL with himself. It means that, with all his work, he has found time for the serious problems of air defense, and does not intend to keep this country among the backward nations, as regards real preparation.

Facts alone will influence the President, and they are not lacking. For instance:

One battleship of dreadnaught class costs forty-five million dollars. For that sum the nation could build and mobilize TWO THOUSAND FIGHTING AIRPLANES. Does the President or any other sane man ask what chance a battleship would have against 2,000 fighting air machines dropping TNT from the clouds?

The French have come thru a real war, with invasion to the very gates of Paris, millions killed, other millions wounded. THEY know something about fighting. What has France done to prepare against danger across her border?

France has a first line of air defense, consisting of two thousand fighting air machines, with a reserve of two thousand more.

And that fighting French air fleet is what makes England, with all her lumbering battleships, cruisers, etc., "the world's greatest battle fleet," so pitifully polite to France. She will continue to be polite, until she can dominate in the air, as she used to dominate the sea.

The two thousand first line fighting planes that spell security for France, cost, in Europe, less than half the cost of one first class dreadnaught here. No wonder France insists that Germany shall build no fighting planes.

We continue spending millions on big guns and ammunition for practice. They also will soon be classed among museum curiosities, used to make a loud noise in the presidential, or tickle the vanity of some admiral returning to his ship.

A sixteen-inch gun costs as much as two fighting airships. It lasts only long enough to fire one hundred and twenty shots. Then it is burnt-out scrap iron. The life of a fighting plane, costing half as much as a single big gun, is equal to that of an ordinary forty-five million dreadnaught.

Mr. W. J. Davis, of San Diego, earnest advocate of air defense, says truly, "The nation foremost in the air will win the next war as the drop of the bomb, and before the world wakes up the next morning amid the fumes of phosphorus or of bombs of some other kind, if it does wake up at all, the war will have been won."

Battleships, besides being obsolete, are frightfully expensive, soon out of date, worthless in peace. Flying machines, enough of them to (Continued on Page Eight)

PROPOSITION NUMBER ONE

STATE OF NEW YORK

Office of the Secretary of State
Albany, September 15, 1924.

Pursuant to the provisions of section eighty of the Election Law, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of this State for approval on November fourth, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

JAMES A. HAMILTON,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 602

An act making provision for issuing bonds to the amount of not to exceed fifteen million dollars for the extension and improvement of existing state parks and the establishment of new state parks and parkways in order to create a comprehensive and unified state park system for the promotion of the recreation, instruction and health of the people, and providing for a submission of the same to the people to be voted upon at the General Election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

Section 1. There shall be issued in the manner and at the times hereinafter recited, bonds of the state in an amount not to exceed fifteen million dollars, which bonds shall be sold by the state and the proceeds thereof paid into the state treasury, and so much thereof as may be necessarily expended for the develop-

ment, improvement and extension of state parks within the State of New York, including the acquisition of lands, and for the establishment of a unified state park system as hereinafter provided. Such bonds when issued shall be exempt from taxation.

§ 2. The comptroller is hereby directed to cause to be prepared bonds of the state to an amount not to exceed fifteen million dollars (15,000,000), such bonds to bear interest at the rate of not in excess of five per centum per annum, which interest shall be payable semi-annually in the city of New York. Such bonds, or such portion thereof as may be issued, shall be serial bonds payable in equal annual installments, the first of which shall be payable one year after the date of issue and the last of which shall be payable at such time as may be hereafter prescribed by law, but not more than fifty years after the debt or fraction thereof shall have been contracted. Such bonds shall be sold for not less than par. The comptroller is hereby charged with the duty of selling such bonds to the highest bidder after advertising for a period of twenty consecutive days, Sundays excepted, in at least two daily newspapers printed in the city of New York, and one in the city of Albany. Advertisements shall contain a provision to the effect that the comptroller, in his discretion, may reject any or all bids made in pursuance of such advertisements, and, in the event of such rejection, the comptroller is authorized to readvertise for bids in the form and manner above described as many times as in his judgment may be necessary to effect a satisfactory sale. Said bonds shall be sold in such lots and at such times as may be required for the purpose of making partial or final payments in accordance with the provisions of this act. The principal and interest on such bonds as the same accrue shall be paid out of appropriations made therefor pursuant to law.

§ 3. The proceeds of such bonds, after appropriation or appropriations therefrom by the legislature, shall be applicable to the development, improvement and extension of state parks within the state of New York, including the acquisition of lands or waters or both for the extension or establishment thereof, and for surveys, examination of titles and other necessary expenses incidental to the acquisition of such lands, as follows, provided that no part of the sum set aside for the state forest preserve shall be used for any other purpose than for the acquisition of lands within the forest preserve counties, which lands if now owned by state under existing law, would be part of the forest preserve:

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| For the state forest preserve | \$5,000,000 |
| For the Palisades Interstate park | 3,500,000 |
| For the Allegany state park | 2,000,000 |
| For the New York state reservation at Niagara | 500,000 |
| For the Letchworth park | 500,000 |
| For the parks and parkways in the Finger lake region | 500,000 |
| For parkway connections between the Bronx river parkway and the bridge from Peekskill to Bear mountain in Westchester county | 1,000,000 |
| For the development of state park system on Long Island | 1,000,000 |
| For the development and extension of other state parks and the development of additional parks, including the further development of the state reservation at Saratoga Springs, the Taconic park and the park on the Tongue mountain peninsula at Lake George | 500,000 |

§ 4. The moneys for the state forest preserve shall be expended and lands acquired under the direction of the conservation commissioner, by and with the advice and consent of the commissioners of the land office. The moneys for the development, improvement and extension of the Palisades Interstate park shall be expended and the lands shall be acquired by the commissioners of the Palisades Interstate park under the provisions of chapter one hundred and seventy of the laws of nineteen hundred, as amended. The moneys for the extension and improvement of the Allegany state park shall be expended by the commissioners of the Allegany state park. The moneys for the extension and improvement of the New York state reservation at Niagara shall be expended by the commissioners of that reservation. The moneys for the Bronx parkway extensions and connections shall be expended by the Westchester county park commission as agent of the state, or otherwise as the legislature may determine. The moneys for the Long Island park system shall be expended by a commission constituted by the legislature, to be known as the Long Island state park commission. The moneys for the extension and improvement of the Letchworth park shall be expended by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society. The moneys for the extension and improvement of state parks in the Finger Lake region shall be expended by a commission to be constituted as the legislature may determine. The remaining moneys for other park extensions and for new parks, including the further development of the state reservation at Saratoga Springs and Lake George park, shall be expended under the direction of the conservation commissioner, or otherwise as the legislature may determine. The legislature may at any time hereafter provide that the moneys as to which it is hereinbefore provided that the expenditure shall be made under the direction of the respective commissioners, commissions or societies in this section specified, may be expended by any other state department, board, com-

mission or officer that it may designate. Except as in this section otherwise provided such lands may be acquired in such manner as the legislature may provide, which may be either by purchase, by condemnation or by entry and appropriation with submission to the court of claims or supreme court for the determination and award of damages for such entry and appropriation, or by one or more of such methods as the legislature may provide.

§ 5. The moneys appropriated for the acquisition of lands under this act shall be available for the payment of the purchase price where lands are acquired by contract or for payments of judgments and awards in case of purchase by condemnation. Moneys appropriated for the acquisition of forest preserve lands, and of lands in the Allegany state park shall also be available for the payment of judgments and awards in case of proceedings by entry and appropriation.

§ 6. The term "lands" as used in this act includes the improvements thereon. All lands acquired under the state park system contemplated by this act shall be for the use of all the people.

§ 7. This law shall not take effect until it shall at a general election have been submitted to the people and have received a majority of all the votes cast for and against it at such election; and the same shall be submitted to the people of this state at the general election to be held in November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four. The ballots to be furnished for the use of the voters upon the submission of this law shall be in the form prescribed by the election law and the proposition or question to be submitted shall be printed thereon in substantially the following form, namely:

"Shall chapter 602, of the Laws of 1924, entitled 'An act making provision for issuing bonds to the amount of not to exceed \$15,000,000 for the extension and improvement of existing state parks and the establishment of new state parks and parkways in order to create a comprehensive and unified state park system for the promotion of the recreation, instruction and health of the people, and providing for a submission of the same to the people to be voted upon at the general election to be held in the year 1924,' be approved?"

FORM OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSITION NUMBER ONE

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