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PREPARBDN LESS NOW A MATTER OF WORK, COFFIN'S OPINION

Authority On National Defense Tells of Difficulties to Be Overcome.

DISCUSS PRESIDENT'S PLAN

Representative Gardner Attacks It, Others Are in Favor—U. S. Would Require Many Years to Make Its Own Munitions.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Although the United States possesses a productive equipment in excess of that of any other two powers, it would take from five to 20 years to produce its own munitions for a great war as at present organized.

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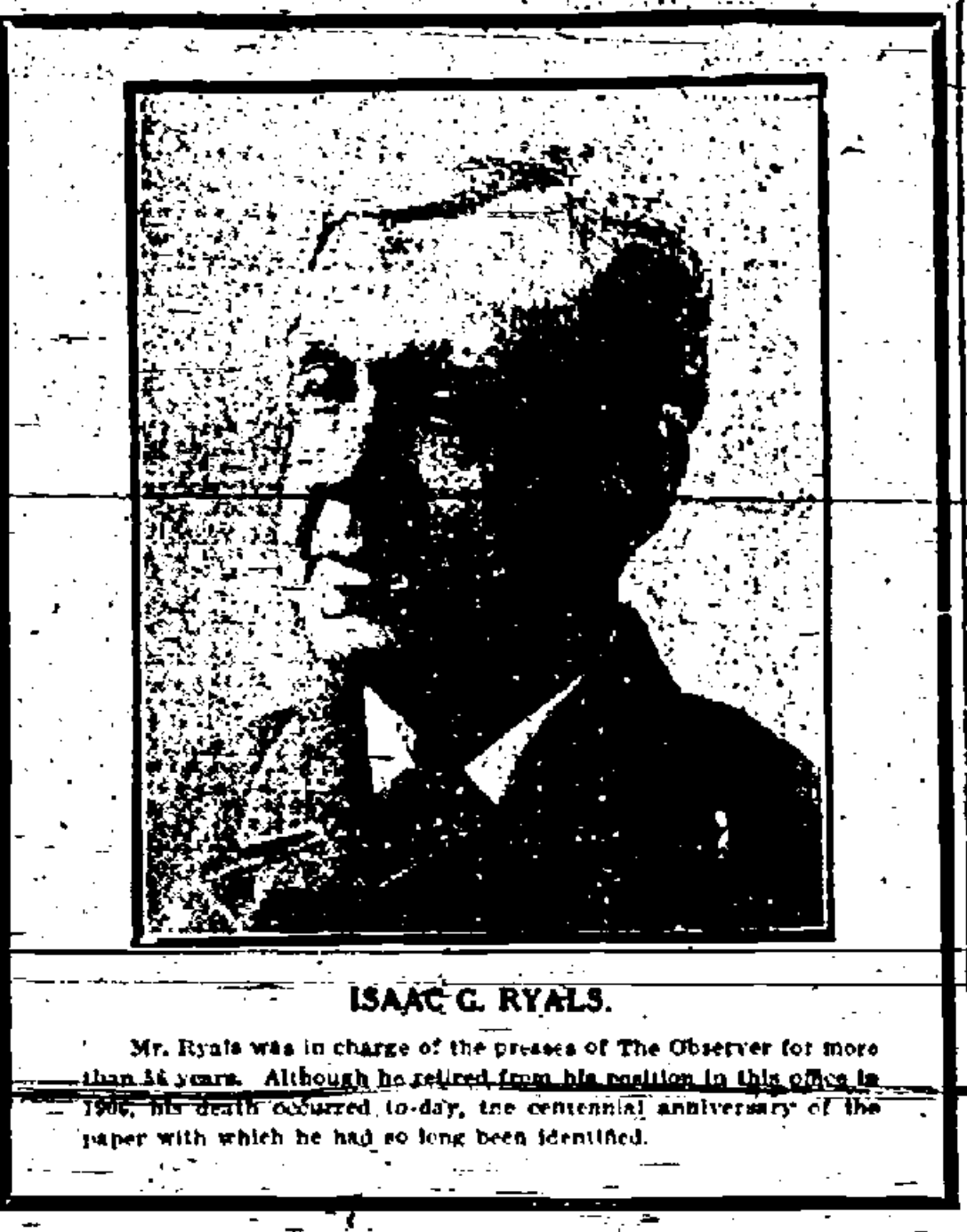
FEDERAL SHIPPING BOARD LOSES BAKER

Baltimore Man Resigns Following Suggestion of Secretary McAdoo as to Chairmanship.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The resignation of Bernard N. Baker of Baltimore as a member of the Federal Shipping Board was officially announced today.

Secretary McAdoo who had much to do with the passage of the shipping board law and the selection of the board issued this statement: "It is true that Bernard N. Baker has resigned from the shipping board and that the president has accepted his resignation."

"The board has the right under the law to select its own chairman but there is no reason why a suggestion from the administration should not receive consideration. I have had a warm regard always for Mr. Baker and I regret his hasty action."



ISAAC G. RYALS.

Mr. Ryals is in charge of the presses of The Observer for more than 14 years. Although he resigned from his position in this office in 1916, his death occurred today, the centennial anniversary of the paper with which he had so long been identified.

\$10,000 NECKLACE IS SOLD BY THIEVES FOR LESS THAN \$20

Other Rare Jewelry From Art Institute Brought Only Trifling Sums—Suspect Is Held.

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FIRE DESTROYS SEVERAL BUILDINGS IN PITTSBURG BUSINESS DISTRICT

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1,000 WOMEN DEAD IN EXPLOSION AT GERMAN ARSENAL

Blast Shatters Windows Within Radius of 12 Miles. Letter from Dresden States.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The Dresden arsenal has been blown up and 1,000 women and girls killed, according to a letter taken from a German soldier dated Dec. 30. The letter was written from Dresden and the writer said that all the windows within a radius of 12 miles were broken by the explosion.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS BACK WILSON PLAN

United Group of Deputies Call on Government to Approve World Peace Idea.

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THIS "PRESERVED FRUIT" IS GUARANTEED TO JAR

Time Really Contained High Explosive—Blast for Plot Against Russian Munitions Depot.

Stockholm, Jan. 27. Via London.—The afternoon edition of the authorities in the city of Stockholm reported that a party of four men for attempting to smuggle explosives across the border for the purpose of blowing up the Russian munitions depot at Skibottun.

RUSSIA INDORSSES PRESIDENT'S PLEA

Will Welcome All Suitable Measures Which Will Halt Recurrence of the World War.

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TEST LEWIS MACHINE GUN

American Powder Gives Better Results Than British on Trial.

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GUARDSMEN RUSH TO ASSISTANCE OF AMERICAN BOYS

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BRITISH LABOR MEN FOR WORLD PEACE

Approve President's Proposal—Opposed to Trade War After the War.

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