Naval Status Is to Get Hearing

Congress to Take Up Britten Bill: Gun Elevation Provided.

Washington, Dec. 20 .- Members of congress favoring a congressional investigation of the relative condition of the American navy were centering their hopes today on the Britten bill to appropriate \$101,400,000 for new construction as a vehicle for hear-ings before the house naval committee which would satisfy their aim in the investigation.

The bill was introduced by Repre sentative Britten, ranking republlean on the naval committee, coincident with the passage by the house late yesterday of the naval supply carrying nearly \$300,000,000 for activities already authorized.

Automatically reared to the naval committee, Representative Britten said the hearings which would be held on the measure would serve to develop information showing just where the American navy now stands with regard to the 5-5-3 ratio provision of the arms treaty.

In addition to the building of four scout cruisers costing \$11,100,000 each, among other items the bill would authorize the elevation of the turret guns on 13 battleships at an aggregate cost of \$6,500,000.

The gun elevation issue was again given the formal status of a pending legislative proposal coincident with announcement at the White House that the British overnment had conveyed a formal expression of its views as to treaty provisions affecting the proposal in a note now before

QUIET CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 20.-Christmas at the White House will be quiet this year because of the death within the last 12 months of the younger son of President and Mrs. Coolidge.
Plans for the observance of the

holiday season are most simple. John, son of the president, who is attend ing Amherst college, will arrive home Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns of Boston, the Coolidge family's closest friends, will come early in the week.

The choir of the First Congregational church, which the president and Mrs. Coolidge attend, will sing Christmas carols from the north portico on Christmas eve, as last year, and Mr. Coolidge at dusk will turn a switch, lighting the big national community Christmas tree, planted in Sherman park, south of the treasury.

COLORADO ROAD INTO NEW HANDS

Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.-The Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad at midnight last night formally passed into the hands of its new owners, the Missouri Pacific and the Western Pacific systems.

The change of control, involving the assuming of the presidency by J. E. Pycatt, also president of the Texas, New Orleans & Mexico railway, was marked by no physical changes. President Pyeatt announced yesterday that no changes in the operative management were contemplated for

VETS' HOSPITAL CONTRACT IS LET

Washington, Dec. 20.—The United States veterans' bureau today announced the awarding of contracts totaling nearly \$900,000 for the con-struction of a tuberculosis hospital at San Fernando, Cal.

The general contract was awarded to the Northern Pacific Construction company of Los Angeles at \$755,900. The heating contract to T. E. Thomas company, Ogden, Utah, \$58,221, and the electrical installation to Gans Bros., Los Angeles, \$66,730, it was an-

EACH MEMBER TO "BRING A GUEST"

Sixty-six men of Walter Head's Bible class of the First Presbyterian church who have been regular attendants throughout the year will each bring a guest to the class Sunday morning. Nelson H. Loomis is president of the class and John H. Beveridge, vice president.

Dr. A. F. Jonas will talk on the practice of medicine and surgery in the time of Christ at the meeting to be held December 28.

FOOD IS CHEAPER THAN YEAR AGO

Washington, Dec. 20.-The retail cost of food in the United States increased 1 per cent in November, as compared with October, while during the year period ending November 15 there was a decrease of 1 per cent. the Department of Labor announced today. For the 11-year period ending November 15 the increase in all articles of food combined was slightly more than 43 per cent.

ROBBERS SET TOWN ON FIRE

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 19 .- Bank robbers set fire to the town of Valley View early today after wrecking a state and national bank and carrying away two safes,

Ebert Wins Libel Suit.

London, Dec. 20 .- A verdict in favor of President Ebert of Germany in his suit for libel against Editor Rothardt of the Mitteldeutsche Zeitung, was rendered by the court at Madgeburg today, according to an agency from Amsterdam. The editor was sentenced to six months in prison.

Coolidge Plans Cruise. Washington, Dec. 20 .- Severa friends were invited by President and Mrs. Coolidge today to be guests of an afternoon and evening cruise d the Potomac on the Mayflower.

Lincoln Man National Vocational Officer



J. R. Jewell of Lincoln was elected vice president of the National society for Vocational Education, rehabilitation section, at the national conven

tion in Indianapolis. Jewell is state supervisor of the Civilian rehabilitation division of the department for vocational education in Nebraska of which C. A. Fulmer

This work has to do with training and re-establishment of persons disabled in civilian life. While the work of this division is new, during the last three years 125 persons dis. abled in industrial public accidents or better and fairer than otherwise in Nebraska have been returned to gainful occupations and are now self-supporting.

It must be disappointing to the would-be athlete to spend four years in college and have nothing to show for it but an education—Detroit News.

5.295 Rum Cars Seized in Year

Prohibition Enforcement Officers Arrest 68,161; 2 Agents Killed.

Washington, Dec. 20-Automobiles numbering 5,294 and valued at \$3,226. 339 were seized by prohibition authorities in the last fiscal year, the house was informed in a table inserted in the report on the treasury-postoffice appropriation bill by Assistant Prohibition Commissioner Jones. Boats and launches seized numbered 236, valued at \$279,198.

The total appraised value of property seized and destroyed under the prohibition laws was \$3,097,929 and that seized but not destroyed,

Two agents were killed on duty and 28 were injured. Persons arrested numbered 68,161. Missouri led all states in spirits seized, amounting to 939,582.39 wine gallons, and California first in the amount of wine confiscated, with

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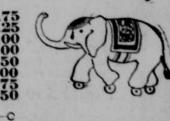


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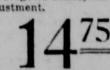
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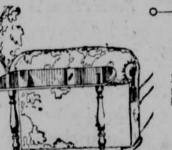
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