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"Unanswerable Indictment" Will Lie Against Responsible Ones Who Shrink from Cost of Nation's Vital Interests.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Secretary Garrison of the War department makes the following recommendations in his annual report to the president: That the federal army be immediately

recruited to its full war strength, meaning an addition of 25,000 men and 1,000 Immediate legislation to create an adequate reserve force and deal more

satisfactorily with enlistments; uniform Legislation to complete what congress bas begun toward putting aviation for military purposes on a substantial basis. Adoption of the best method for the

training of more civilians to become of-

ficers in case of necessity. No Fear of War.

The secretary disclaims apprehension of war, but observer that "every nation must have adequate force to protect itself from domestic insurrection, to enforce its laws and repel invasion." As to the matter of "expense," he says:

"I do not overlook this, but I think those who are charged with responsibility on behalf of the public should realize the unanswerable indictment that will lie against them if they shirk from incurring expense for what is vital to the nation.'

Thus recruiting the army, as the secretary recommends, would bring it to about 120,000 men, of whom 50,000 would be available as a mobile fighting force in the continental United States. The present mobile strength of 31,000, the secretary points out, soon will be cut in half by additions to the garrisons in the canal sone, Hawaii and the Phillippines. The report directly mentions the Europ-

Imperative Duty.

"It would be premature," it says, "to attempt now to draw the ultimate lessons from the war in Europe. It is an imperative duty, however, to heed so much of what it brings home to us as is incontrovertible and not to be changed by any event, leaving for later and more detailed and comprehensive consideration what its later developments and final conclusions may indicate."

In addition to strengthening the regular establishment, the secretary urges that steps be taken at once to create a more what the farmers wanted in the way of adequate reserve army. He dismisses as rural school legislation yesterday. The tory, the bree batteries of field artillery, impracticable all talk of immediate disarmament, and as groundless fears of investigation of rural school conditions militarism in America, and recommends made its report early in the morning, and military preparedness on the ground that it was nearly adjournment time in the "eternal vigilance is the price which must afternoon when the convention agreed on be paid in order to obtain the desirable all the details of what it would ask for. things of life and to defend them." Present War Strength.

United States is summarised by the re- ache and kept out of the convention hall

states totals 8,323 officers and 119,087 men. The enlisted men therefore required, in subject of increasing the course of study order to obtain the financial aid which in the country schools ic two years above the congress authorizes the secretary of the present common school course, Presi-

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Unsettled and colder. Temperatures at Omaba Yesterday



1914, 1913, 1912, 1911.

Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday... Lowest yesterday... Mean temperature... Precipitation

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State of Weather. eyenne, clear..

indicates trace of precipitation.

EMPEROR WILLIAM IN THE WAR—Emperor William of Germany been unsparingly active during the war, with the reason at the news comes from Berlin that he is mat the news comes from Berlin that he is laid up neumonia and nervous depression, resulting from ertion. The picture shows the emperor in the wing in person reports from his staff.



FARMERS AGREE ON AMERICAN GUNS TO RURAL SCHOOL LAWS RETURN MEX FIRE

proved by the Congress.

ACTION FOLLOWS LONG DEBATE THIS

ing Are Made-George Coupland the Only Candidate for Presidency.

It took one day of the work of the Nebraska Farmers' congress to decide on report of the special committee on the There was much parliamentary squabbling and hot debate. President George

The present full war strength of the Coupland was ill all day with a sick headas much as possible. J. B. Grinnell, third "The organized militia of the various vice president, presided most of the day. Once when the debate was warm on the war to extend under certain conditions, to dent Coupland, in spit cof his headache, attend twenty-four drills a year and five came into the hall and made a long plea days annually in the field. If all of the in favor of better rural school conditions national guard could be summoned in in order that the good, ambitious young the event of war and should all respond stock on the farm should be content to (an inconceivable result), and if they stay on the farm instead of being stead-(Continued on Page Four, Column Two.) ily drained off to the cities from year to year. Those who were not so much in favor of the movement tried to throttle (Continued on Page Four, Column Four.)

Five Thousand to Go to His Fiancee

A bequest of \$5.000 to Miss Emma Markman, to whom reference is made as his fiancee, is made by the will of the late

William D. Townsend. The will provides that the stire in which Mr. Townsend possessed a two-thirds interest, be sold by August 1, 1916, and that the \$5,000 bequest to Miss Markman be first paid. The remainder, it is pro- vestigation of marketing of Kansas vided, is to go in equal shares to his mother, his brothers, Harry C., of Omaha, today reported to congress that no "coland Addison C. of New York City, and his lusion to restrain competition or depress sister, Mrs. Bessie Bothwell. To his prices at Kansas City" was discovered, relatives Mr. Townsend also bequeathed and that Kansas farmers "as a general land owned by him in South Dakota and rule are getting all that their wheat is Florida.

Rural Schools of the State Ap- Shooting Into Arizona, U. S. Cannon to Reply.

> IS WILSON'S RESOLVE

President Discusses Matter with Cabinet and It Is Determined at Last to Protect Home People

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-If the contending Mexican forces opposite Naco, Ariz., do not cease firing into American terrisent to the international line by President Wilson and Secretary Garrison, will be ordered to return the fire.

States government, it became known tonight, after a full discussion of the question by President Wilson with his cabinet vesterday.

NEBRASKA NATIONAL BANKS

REPORT TO COMPTROLLER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- (Special Telegram.)-The abstract of the condition of the national banks of Nebrasks, exclu- machine guns and four torpedo tubes. sive of Omaha and Lincoln, at the close of business on October 31, as reported to the comptroller of the currency, shows the average reserve held is 15.58 per cent; loans on discounts, \$52,877,094; gold coin, \$1,357,559; lawful money reserve, \$3,316,089; individual deposits, \$48,349,489.

POWER MAGNATES SAY MEASURE UNWORKABLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. S .- Representameasure was unworkable as drawn. Oth- directly east of the Straits of Magellan. ers present announced their intention to offer amendments.

FINDS NO COLLUSION TO

DEPRESS WHEAT PRICES WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-On its inwreat, the Department of Agriculture

Operator Partly Denies Charge of Developing Feudalism

asked Commissioner Garretson of the fed- office. They get tons of it." eral commission on industrial relations "Get their religion, politics, literature of religion, its selection of literature, its cemetery?"

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 9 .- "Does your | zel, "but the miners can get what other ompany develop a species of feudalism?" literature they want through the post-

of E. M. Weitzel, manager of the fuel by parcel post?" suggested Garretson. department of the Colorado Fuel and Iron "You have suggested that the peace from company, when the latter resumed his industrial unrest in the southern Colorado testimony in the strike investigation to- district is like the peace of God-passes "Doesn't it supply its own brand all understanding-doesn't it smack of the

kind of education and school teachers?" No. 1 didn't say there was no unrest, "That would be true if the conditions protested Weitzel. "No man is satisfied. were as you state them," objected Welt- I am not extisfied; neither are you."

THREE GERMAN CRUISERS SUNK BY THE BRITISH

Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig Sent to Bottom in Atlantic Off Falkland Islands.

FIRST FLAGSHIP OF VON SPEE Sousin and on the villages of Verennes

Scene of Battle East of Straits of Magellan Off Tip of South

America.

TWO OTHER VESSELS PURSUED

Dresden and Nurnburg Make Of During Action and Being Chased by the English.

TWO COLLIERS ALSO CAPTURED

Trio Sent to Bottom with Those Escaping Pacific Fleet.

DESTROYED CRADDOCK'S CRAFT

Vice Admiral Frederick Sturder, in Command of Victorious Ves. sels, Reports Losses Slight.

LONDON, Dec. 9,-It was announced officially here today that that might arise to protect ourselves from the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gnelsenau and Leipzig had been fleet to protect American interests against sunk in the Atlantic, off the Falk- all possible combinations against us, or

land islands. The following announcement was isged by the official information bureau;

Sighted by British Fleet. At 7:30 a. m. on the 8th of December, the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nurnberg, Leipzig and Dresden were sighted near the Falkland Islands by a British squadron under Vice Admiral Frederick Stur-

"An action followed, in the course of which the Scharnhorst, flying the flag of and the Leipzig were sunk. The Dresden and Nurnberg made off during the action

and are being pursued.

"Some survivors have been resci from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig."

Composed Pacific Fleet. The Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig, with the cruisers Nurnberg and Dres den, composed the German Pacific fleet, which in the engagement with the British squadron under Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock off the coast of Chile on November 1 sank the British cruisers Monmouth and Goodhope with the loss of about 1,500 men. Since that Recent reports from Montevideo, Uruguay, were to the effect that the German fleet has been no authentic information of the whereabout of these vessels since the

battle with the British squadron. The Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are the largest ships of the German fleet. They were sister ships of 11,600 tons displacement, 450 feet on the water line and were rated at a mean speed of 2214 knots. Each carried a complement of 755 men and was armed with eight 8.2-inch guns, six 6-inch guns, twenty 24 pounders, four

Leipzig's Displacement.

The Leipzig had a displacement of 3,250 tons and carried 286 men. It was 341 feet long on the water line, had a beam of 43% feet and was rated at 23 knots. Its largest guns, of which it carried ten, were 4.1 inch. It also had ten one-pounders, four machine guns and two torpedo tubes. Admiral Count von Spre, commander of the German squadron, was aboard the Scharnhorst, which was his flagship.

The British official statement shows tives of several far western electric power that, as has been reported, the German companies, appearing today before the squadron made its way from the Pacific senate public lands committee to oppose to the Atlantic. The Falkland Islands, the administration water power site leas- near which the German ships were ing bill, declared at the outset that the sighted, lie off the tip of South America,

The National Capital

Wednesday, December 9, 1914.

The Senate.

Met at noon. Hearings begun before the lands comnittee on the land leasing bill.

Debating was begun on the immigration Many formal nominations of officehold-tion of Mr. Herrick's services to the half of the city, state, nation and the Senator Kenyon introduced a bill to reduce the number of men required for a federal grand jury.

The London safety at sea convention was referred to a sub-committee of the foreign relations committee for report, with a view to fits ratification. Senator Stone introduced the administration shipping bill.

The London safety at sea convention was favorably reported for confirmation. Adjourned at 2: If p. m. to noon Thursday. gress were received.

The House.

Met at noon. The secretary of the treasury submitted

BERLIN, Dec. 9 .- (By Wireless to Lon- | was gained in several places. On this or on.)-The official statement issued by the casion we took a number of prisoners. "The French suffered heavy losses in German army headquarters this afterthe battles reported yesterday to the "To the west of Rheims a fishery, alnorth of Nancy. Our leases were compara though flying the Red Cross flag, has tively small.

been bombarded and set on fire by our troops, as we have ascertained by means of photographs taken by our aviators, that

"In northern Poland out troops are in close touch with the Russians, who have come to a standstill in a strongly fortified position. East of the Warta the fighting for Lowicz continues.

"In southern Poland the Austro-Hunand Vouquers, in the eastern part of the garian troops are fighting side by side forest of Argonne, were repulsed with with our troops and have successfully re-"In the forest of Argonie, itself, ground | newed the attack."

U. S. NAVY COULDN'T The Day's **FACE THE GREATEST**

Germans Charge French Use

Red Cross Station to Mask Guns

Rear Admiral Fletcher Says America Unable to Cope with Strongest

Sea Power. NOT READY FOR EMERGENCY

behind the fishery was hidden a French

"French attacks in the district around

heavy battery.

heavy losses to the enemy.

Officer Says Nation Would Have to Enlarge Its Fleet Greatly to Protect Its In. terents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-Rear Admira Fletcher of the Atlantic fleet impressively told the house naval committee today that the United States is unprepared to cope with the most powerful navy in the world. He mentioned no country. "You can safely say," he testified, "that we are not prepared for the worst emergency the greatest force available."

"We would have to greatly enlarge our to control the ocean. We would have to take the offensive when we have a strong enough fleet."

"Are we strong enough," the admiral was asked, "to offer decided resistance against any nation at this time?" "Not at all," the admiral replied, "We would have to defend ourselves as best we could. We probably would be unable to keep on the sea or to protect our commerce.

"Are you maintaining the same standard Admiral Count Von Spee; the Gneisenau in the personnel of the navy as you al-

ways have?" "It has never been any higher than it is today," replied the admiral. "The ships "Two colliers also were captured. individually are in a high state of effi-The vice admirst reports that the clency, as high as they ever have been, individually are in a high state of effi-Recommendations Pertaining to the If Forces Across Border Do Not Quit British casualties are very few in num- and if there is any criticism at all it is because of lack of the usual opportunity have the ships take their drill exercises together, due to the fleet being busy in Mexico and the West Indies." Admiral Fletcher told the committee

HOUSE PASSES LOBECK BILL FOR SALARY LIFT

(Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- (Special Tele (ram.)-The house today passed the Labeck bill to increase the salary of the time British and Japanese squadrons Omaha collector of customs from \$2,500 have been searching for the German to \$3,500. Provision was also made that flect of which little has been heard the \$3,500 annual salary should include all of the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1914. The report on the bill pointed out was believed to have rounded the cape that it had been intended to give the This is the determination of the United and entered the South Atlantic, but there Omaha collector \$3,500 and that the lower figure was an error.

port, "Is to make this officer's salary the mines along the coast of Finland, which same as other similar customs collectors has resulted so far in the loss of three in districts of the same class." Secretary large Swedish steamers and the drowning McAdoo had advised the committee of the

Senator Hitchcock's office, to act as dele-

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND REPORTED AT LINCOLN

Subscriptions prevously reported \$1,965.18 School children District 30, Lancascondren District St. Lancas-ounty
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Rev. W. E. Ludwick, Seward, Neb.
A. R. Edmisten, Lincoin,
Rev. W. M. Elledge, Waeping
Water, Neb.

War News

It is reported unofficially from Berlin that Emperor William, whose iliness was announced yesterday, is suffering from pneumonia and nervous depression. The emperor is quoted in Berlin as having told his troops recently that victory would come to Germany because "our nerves are stronger than those of our ene-

The Russian War office states that a serious defeat has been inflicted on the Germans in one of the three war areas in the east. It is announced that in the region of Cracow, Galleia, the Germans were put to rout, their right wing being turned, and that they are still being pursued.

Although Russia nas not yet admitted the fall of Lodz, the official announcement contains the suggestion that the fighting in that vicinity has been less in its favor than is said to be the case in Galicia. It is stated that in the battle near Piotrkow, a Polish city , twenty-five miles southeast of Lodz, "we were only partially successful." To the north engagements are in progress to the east of the border of east Prussia

According to current reports in Rome, Germany does not look to Italy as a possible ally and is bending all its efforts to keep that nation out of the war.

Attacks by the allies and counter attacks by the Germans in the west apparently have not thus far made essential changes in the positions of the opposing armies. The Germans have resumed the offensive in Belgium with force. In the Argonne also hard fighting is in progress.

Sweden is Indignant at Sowing of Mines Along Finnish Coast recuperate.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 9 .- (Via London.)-The Swedish press is very in-"The effect of this bill," says the re- dignant over the planting of floating of upwards for forty men.

Navigation of Finning waters hitherto Mayor Dahlman today wired J. H. has been unimpeded and no warning of fanley, secretary to Congressman Lo- the laying of mines has been given. Capbeck, and H. W. Driscoll, a clerk in tains of Swedish steamers reaching here declare they saw German warships near gates to the River and Harbor congress. the Finnish coast Saturday and Sunday. Consequently the strewing of mines in these waters is credited to the Germans. Traffic in Finnish waters is to be disontinued until they have been swept for

NEBRASKA APPLE JUDGING TEAM WINS AT DES MOINES

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 9.-(Special Tel egram.)-The Nebraska Agricultural college team students won over Ames in the apple judging contest before the State Horticultural society today. Nebraska scored, out of a possit 11.30 and Iowa had 402.19.

Grand Cross of Legion of Honor is Bestowed on Herrick by Poincaire

French people while American ambas- state of Ohio. ated yesterday with a red ribbon, emblem- cation on his experiences in France, or to steamship Rochambeau, acting on wire-country.

day when the Rochambeau docked. The grand cross of the Legion of Honor

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.-The grand cross | cheered as Mr. and Mrs. Herrick walked of the Legion of Honor is on its way down the gangplank; and the cheering across the sea from the president of was taken up by hundreds of persons who France to Myron T. Herrick, in recogni- had gone to the pier to greet him on be

Mr. Herrick declined to talk for publiatic of the cross, by the captain of the discuss the political situation in this

Mr. Herrick is the only living American to wear the Grand Cross of the Legion of Hener. So far as is known no other American was ever thus decorated in reached the three-mile sea limit of the 112 years that have passed since the get rather unusual value in American sovereignty. Annoncement of order was created by Napoleon Bonathe bestowal of the honor was made to- parte in 1802. Bonaparte was then first place the old orders of knighthood which own personal interest to inves-The secretary of the treasury submitted his annual report.

Rear Admiral Fletcher and Brigadier General Scott testified before the military and naval committees on the preparedness of the national defenses.

Representative MacDonald introduced a pian to put the question of national defense to a referendum.

The Barbhart bill revising the government can bestow. There are, including Mr. Herrick, only forty-five living persons throughout the world who have been thus decorated.

A spectagular reception was given the retiring ambassador and his wife when the vessel docked. The passengers, nearly all natives of France, lined the rail and tree admirals of the French navy. Many Americans have been created officers and chevaliers of the Legion-of tigate. ices to France or at the various Paris A spectacular reception was given the expositions. The holders of the Grand

KAISER IS SICK AND HAS ORDERS TO TAKE IT EASY

THE WEATHER.

German Emperor, Suffering from Pneumonia and Nervous Depression, Sent Home by Doctors.

GERMAN LINE IS MOVING EAST

Pursuit of Retiring Muscovites Continues, According to Official Announcement from Berlin.

LULL IS EXPECTED SHORTLY

Losses Have Been Enormous on Both Sides and Troops Must Have Time to Recuperate.

RETIREMENT STRATEGIC

Britons Only Partly Accept Reasons Given for Retreat.

FIGHT IN WEST CONTINUES other Concentrated Attempt to Break Through Lines in Vicinity of Ypres.

BULLETIN. LONDON, Dec. 9 .- A Berlin telegram forwarded from Amsterdam by the correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company says that Emperor William still is ill. He remained in bed today, but was able to listen to reports from the German army headquarters in the field regarding the war situation.

LONDON, Dec. 9 .- Emperor William is suffering from pneumonia, which is combined with nervous depression due to overexertion, according to telegrams from Berlin forwarded by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. The message adds that the German emperor's doctors have

front. German Line Moves East. LONDON, Dec. 9 .- The center of the German line in Russian Poland having occupied Lodz, it is continuing to push on to the eastward after the retiring Russians, according to official announcement made in Berlin. Nevertheless, the strain on both sides has been terrific and the losses heavy, so that a lull probably soon will set in on this part of the eastern battle front while the troops

The Russians continue to assert that their retirement from Lodz was a strategical accessity rather than a defeat, but it will take future developments to show whether this claim is correct or not. Twice driven back from Warsaw, the Germans again are in a position to advance on the capital of Russian Poland, and even the British press, which minimizes the importance of the taking of Lodz, points out that it is on the trunk line railroad between Kalisa and Warsaw, which line is now held by the invaders probably to a point considerably to the egst of the occupied city.

Victory Within Grasp. Viewing the fighting in the vicinity of Lods in retrospect, it would appear that Germany had a crushing victory almost within its grasp and lost it by not being able to unite its force, which they could not hold.

In the western arena, while it would (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

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