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Importance of America's Future Naval Program

WASHINGTON .- Uncle Sam's future naval program is beginning to assume greater importance than ever because of the trend of events in the Pacific. Japan has gained a dominating position in the Orient and by virtue

of her exploitation of China is destined to become a power of such proportions and resources that she will be able at any time to challenge the control of the Pacific.

Japan is building a great navy as rapidly as her resources permit. At present her naval strength is estiin the construction of fast battle cruisers, which many naval authorities believe will be the determining factors in

future naval warfare. The Japanese naval program now under way will provide 73 crulsers of all classes, compared with 47 crulsers of all classes in the American navy.

With the Philippines unfortified at Japan's door, with the Hawailan islands insufficiently fortified in the middle of the Pacific and containing a preponderant Japanese population, and with Japan acquiring the German archipelagoes in between, many statesmen are of the opinion that the United States should not neglect to maintain a greater naval strength than Japan's in all types of craft as insurance against trouble in the Pacific.

Of course such views are not entertained by those who believe that the League of Nations is going to banish war forever.

It is noteworthy, however, that President Wilson deemed it important to send Admiral Rodman to the Pacific with an American fleet stronger in many respects than Japan's present available fleet.

Naval officials estimate that most of the ships authorized in the 1916 program will have been completed by next year and all of them by the summer of 1921. This will give the United States 41 first-class dreadnaughts, 21 battleships of the second class, six battle cruisers, ten scout cruisers, 400 destroyers, and 131 submarines.

Will "Gob" Also Be Put in Davy Jones' Locker?

O FFICIAL Washington is smiling over the episode of "Josephus and the Gob." Which is to say that out in San Francisco Secretary of the Navy Daniels fell afoul o' the word "gob." "It is a short, ugly word, and I don't like it," said the secretary. "It's not

worthy of the men of our splendid fleet," and thereupon the honorable secretary consigned gob to the same fate which has already befallen starboard, port, rum, whisky, grog and dress uniforms.

But"out at the Great Lakes naval training station near Chicago the gobs apparently don't agree with Josephus. From the commandant to the newest gob they agree that the navy, far from disliking "gob" regards it with affec-

tion, respect, love, worship, veneration, delight and some other minor emotions, none of which are in the least like those felt by Mr. Daniels. Anyway, here is the reply that comes from Chicago-which is the cause of Washington's smiles:

"This 'gob' is not a pretty word," the secretary said. "It is not only too absurd, but doesn't sound well-bred-And so, to me, it has occurred to knock it in the head."

CHICKENS INCREASE SAVINGS North Carolina Poultry Club Member Made Remarkable Record With Small Flock of Hens. (Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) A net return of \$2 a hen over a fourmonths' period is the remarkable record of a North Carolina poultry club member who, about the middle of January, mated 15 White Leghorn hens with a standard-bred male of the same variety. During the ensuing four months these 15 hens Intd 1,108 eggs,

NORTH PLATTE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

Of this number 50 were placed in the incubator, from which 41 chicks were hatched and all but five were raised. The owner marketed six cockerels for \$3.60. He now has on hand 30 pullets. mated at less than half that of the He sold 304 eggs for hatching purposes United States, but she is specializing for \$30.50, as well as 541/2 dozen mar

Club Boy Feeding His Flock.

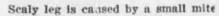
ket eggs for \$20.07, making a total income from his small flock of \$54.80. The cost of feeding the flock during this time was \$21.40, which leaves a net return of \$33.40.

This record is by no means exceptional, as, with the coming of the poultry club and with the development of enthusiasm among its members, egg producing as well as flock income returns, has greatly increased in every section.

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"He was a good friend of yours." know you are not. No one can de-"Yes, we commuted together for ceive me about oll stock. I am pernearly twenty years, night and mornfectly aware that not more than one ing. It seems strange to think of person in every thousand who invests | Pikesly sleeping there quietly and nevin that sort of truck ever even gets | er lifting a finger when the eight o'his money back. If it were of any ac- clock local blows for Green Hill stacount, my young friend, you would not tion, on its way to town."-Birmingbe peddling it around."-Kansas City ham Age-Herald. Star.

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"He changed our rum to liquids light"-they checked some bitter sobs-"He turned the 'starboard' into 'right' and still we held our jobs; But now, by gosh, we quit-we fight-stand fast, there-WE ARE GOBS."

To Understand Scenery Now Enjoyed Emotionally

THIS is the day of emotional enjoyment of national park scenery. Tomorrow I is to be the day of appreciative enjoyment of national park scenery. In other words, various factors in the national movement have united in a campaign of education of the people

so that they may double their enjoyment by having an understanding of the scenery they now enjoy only emotionally.

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over nature has spread her records so that anybody with understanding may read; they are accessible to all.

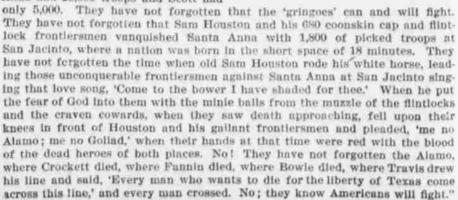
When the day of the understanding of scenery comes and the American tourist views with real appreciation the stream-made Grand Canyon abyas, the giant crater of a vanished volcano that holds Crater lake, the Yosemite valley, giacier-dug; the naked granite core of the Rockles in Rocky mountain, and the old, old ice-carved shales of many-colored Glacier, his enjoyment will be greater in proportion to his knowledge. For no man can take out from nature's beauty more than he puts in-which is to say that we enjoy according to our experience and capacity.

Why Mexicans Know Americans Can and Will Fight

 ${\boldsymbol S}$ OME of the members of congress from the border states are all "het up" over the Mexican situation and say some forcible things in debate. Representative Hudspeth of Texas, a Democrat, made a speech the other day and said among other things, in con-

nection with the Emerson resolution. which directs intervention :

"You may say it means war. I say it does not mean war. They have not forgotten, gentlemen, when Zachary Taylor went almost to the City of Mexico with 6,000 troops and whipped Santa Anna at Buena Vista. They have not forgotten when Gen. Winfield Scott visited Mexico and whipped Santa Anna at Chapultepec. Santa Anna had 25,000 troops and Scott had



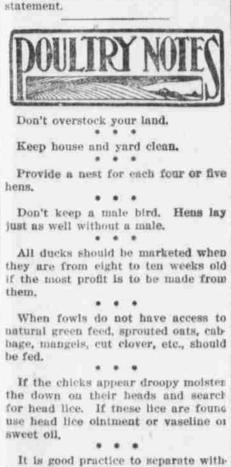
which burrows underneath the scales of the legs, where it feeds and lays its minute eggs. The legs become st sore at times that fowls are unable to acratch for food or set on the roost. The treatment consists of dipping

the legs in crude oil. If not convenient pure kerosene may be used. Dip early enough so that the oil will dry before the fowls go on the roost, and be careful that the oil does not get on the feathers, One treatment is usually sufficient, but if the old scales have not peeled off after 30 days it

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in reasonable limits the growing stock according to age. Smaller chicks should not be crowded from the feeding troughs nor harried by the stronger and older ones.

the heavy villain, "you've got to cut always glad to instruct her smaller down a little on that murder scene sister in the various plays she has with the bishop. You had the women learned at school. When it came to in the house hysterical last night. It teaching the tot to do one of the was too realistic!" dances, however, her patience was

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of fame.

"Johnny, you haven't studied your

"I can't help it," growled the vilsorely tried and finally she said to lain. "That guy borrowed four bits her: "Well, dear, that isn't the way from me last payday and won't come to do it; but you're cute anyway." across."-Richmond Times Dispatch.

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