Congressman Declares that the Navy is Building Warships for Cold Storage.

CREWS ARE AVAILABLE

Eighty Fighting Vessels Could Not He Pinced in Commission Should Emergency Arise Until Men Are Enlisted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- Representative Gardner was the principal witness oday before the house naval committee. He read a long statement in support of his proposal for investigation of the national defenses by a special commission.

"I am here to ask you to appropriate for the full number of new ships recomended by the general naval board for this year's construction," he said. "I am sorry to say that Secretary Dan-

iels in his recommendations to congress has cut the naval board's building program for this year almost exactly in two. "If you gentlemen had permitted me to resent as witnesses a few recently retired officers, in a single day the coun try would have learned of our demented policy of building warships for cold storage. Out of thirty completed warships, do you know that twelve of them are unavailable without a long delay on account of our refusal to pay for manning

Eight Vessels Without Crews.
If we had gone to war with the rest of the first-class powers early in August, do you realize that no less than nine of our battleships would not have been ready to fight? We have fifteen cruisers, twenty-two destroyers, eighteen torpedo boats, five submarines and perhaps a dozen miscellaneous fighting ships in cold men, and had no mine sweepers. storage with the battleships. Eighty fighting vessels of our modest navy are not available for battle in an emergency. "I charge that our navy is 18,000 men short and a further shortage of 40,000 men in in sight.

Far Below Board's Estimate. "The general board, which has actually made our war plans, estimates the enhisted force of the navy as between 30,000 coast. and 50,000 men short for war. If any attention had been paid to the general board's emphatic appeals for our national safety, instead of only twenty-seven battleships built and building and authorized. we should now have forty-seven battleships built, building and authorized, instead of sixty-eight destroyers we should now have 187 destroyers. If we heeded the advice of the general beard we should have a fleet of fast scouts today. How many do you think we actually have got? Just three, and these were authorized oven ten years ago.

"You know that we have fifty-six submarines in all, built and building, good, bad and indifferent. Now comes Secretary Daniels and in a few soothing words, recommends submarines to the pattry number of eight or so.

Too Few New 'Planes. "We have just a dozen aeroplanes in the navy. Last year the aeroplane board recommended an appropriation of \$1,300,000. Instead of that sum, according to Captain Bristol, we let the aviation service spend only \$350,000 or \$400,000. The general naval board in its current report says that we must spend \$5,000,000 on aircraft. Secretary Daniels recommends no regular specific appropriation at all, but he tells us about a volunteer aircraft force, Captain Bristol says that that volunteer

force doesn't amount to Hannah Cook. "Rang Admiral Strang battleships in commission now, or which will be in commission before the Nevada and the Oklahoma are completed, 'are may be considered obsolete for the battle Ileet.

"Some persons have quoted Rear Admiral Fletcher as saying the American navy ranks ahead of that of Germany. I have searched the admiral's evidence and find that he said nothing of the sort. don't believe that any well informed man believes our fleet to be superior to that of Germany. A year ago Rear Admiral C. F. Vreeland testified that we are third in the race, and moreover, that we are a pretty bad third, for he said that we should still be third in 1920, even if we adopted the building program of the general board."

Kaiser to Return to Front This Week

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18 .- (Via London.) According to the Telegraph, Emperor William, who has been detained in Berlin for some time because of illness, will return to the front this week. The emperor, the dispatch says, has just conferred the decoration of the Iron

Cross of the first class on Chancellor Vor Bethmann-Hollweg.

INSANITY TO BE DEFENSE ON DOUBLE MURDER CHARGE SHERIDAN, Wyo., Dec. 18 -- (Special.)-

William Planders of Crook county is on trial in district court, charged with murder in the first degree. The case was brought from Crook to Sheridan county on the grounds of prejudice at home. On the Morning of July 19, Flanders shot

and killed his wife and Sam Aultz, a neighbor. Aultz and some of his family were in one rig. and Mrs. Flanders and a son were in another. Both were driving to Hulett, about five miles from the Flanders and Aultz homes. A portion of the trip had been completed when the two rigs were fired upon from ambush by the roadside, the weapon used being a rifle. Both Auliz and Mrs. Flanders were instantly killed. The Flanders boy, who was riding with his mother, was also fired upon, but he escaped.

It was immediately learned that it was Flanders who did the shooting. He was promptly arrested and held for the double murder. But feeling against him has been so strong that both he and his attorneys thought best to take a change of venue, hence the hearing in this county.

Two days have been devoted to securing a jury and it was not completed until late Thursday afternoon, much difficulty being encountered in finding men to sit on the jury, owing to the wide publicity given the case in all the newspapers in Wyoming.

At the opening of the case Flanders' attorneys made a proposition to plead guilty to murder in the second degree, but the state refused to accept it. Alleged insantity will probably be the defense.

HYMENEAL

Harriet M. Barton and Charles E. Jones were married by Rev. Charles Savidge Thursday evening at 408 North Sixteenth street. The witnesses were J. E. Cramer and Mrs. Helen E. Hall,

House Cuts Off 20

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-The legisla ive, executive and judicial appropriation bill was passed by the house today, after oppropriation of \$2,385,000 for an agricultural census were stricken out, bringing its total down to about \$36,000,000.

By a record vote the house provided payment of actual traveling expenses to nembers in Heu of the present rate of 20 cents a mile. A similar proposal last session died in the senate.

NAVY YEARS BEHIND BEST EFFICIENCY

Would Take U. S. Half Decade to Make Fleet in Shape to Meet Foreign Ships.

REAR ADMIRAL FISKE TALKS

Deficient in Afreraft, Mines, Scout Cruisers, Torpedo Boat Destroyers, Submarines, Sweepers, Training.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-Five years would be required to put the United States navy in the highest state of efficiency to meet a hostile foreign fleet according to a statement today by Rear Admiral Fiske before the house naval

The admiral, who is chief of the bureau of operations, member of the general board and a former president of the naval institute, said the navy now was deficient in air craft, mines, scout cruisers, torpedo boat destrovers, submarines, and in number of trained officers and

Members of the committee were particularly interested in Admiral Fiske's views as to the possibility of foreign air craft dropping bombs upon American cities. Responding to questions, he expressed the opinion that an attacking fleet might begin sending its airships on bomb-dropping flights over New York from a range of 500 or 600 miles off the

One Navy More Efficient.

One foreign navy, which was not named, the admiral said, was more efficient than the American fleet in gunnery. This, he declared, however, was so only because the American marksmen had not been given opportunity for adequate practice. In speaking "for the highest state of efficiency," the officer explained that he had in mind the state of a certain unnamed power whose officers and men have inbred the spirit of a military nation.

"I doubt if in five years' time we could get the navy up to a state of the highest efficiency," he said. "That is to the efficiency that one of the navies of Euope now has. I have even heard some officers say it was doubtful if it were possible to bring it up at all to that highest efficiency."

The German raid yesterday on the British coast was referred to several times and the admiral suggested that if the British had five or six fast submarines in the vicinity of the attacks, the possibility of the bombardment would have been reduced. He said that if the German cruisers passed through English mines the explanation might be "that by the wonderful system of spies Germany has it may have been found out just where those mines were located."

He added though, that possibly the Asked about the Panama canal, the officer said no enemy could attack it so long as the American navy controlled equipped with a short range torpedo which the sea. With the fleet defeated, however, he thought there would be no security for this, "the most valuable part of our possessions."

"Couldn't you mine there as well as anywhere else and protect the mouth of the Panama canal?" he was asked. "X an."

"Could you prevent a hostile fleet from oming in the canal with those defenses there now?"

"I should say not." The fortifications alone, he explained, would not be sufficient, "because a hostile fleet could land men a few miles

away."

Under further questioning the admiral said the European war would bring changes that no one can prophesy, and that among the possibilities was an agreement between some of the foreign nations 'to let one another alone" on certain conditions which might involve the integrity of the Canal zone.

HUGH MURPHY RECOVERING IN SOUTH AFTER OPERATION

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 18 .- (Special Telegram.)-Hugh Murphy of Omaha reached the Arkansas Hot Springs today from Baltimore and plans making an extended stay at the Arlington hotel. He is getting over his recent illness and though confined to an invalid chair is able to spend most of the day time in the hotel rotounds.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-Pollution the great lakes and tributary rivers is ming a serious menace to health, acording to the annual report today of Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the punlio health service. He points out that about 16,000,000 passengers are carried each year over the great lakes and that nore than 1,600 vessels use these waters. "It becomes apparent, therefore," Dr. nance of the high typhold fever rate in the United States.

"The degree of pollution of the great takes and rivers contributory thereto is becoming a serious question. These large bodies of water constabily are becoming more polluted, thus lessening their value as a source of water supply. Practically

all of these vessels get the water used aboard for all purposes by pumping from the lake, It is recommended that water so taken

Investigation Not Complete. Dr. Blue details the work of the medical officers under him for the year in eradicating plague, investigating tuberculous n making special inquiries into epidemics of typhoid fever and other diseases.

Public health officers who examined conditions relative to the effect on persons who come into contact with migratory consumptives, found little reason to believe that such contact has proved injurious. He points out again that investigation by American officials does not bear out the claims made by Dr. F. F. Friedmann for a specific for tuberculouis Investigation of the Von Ruck treatment for the same disease, he announces, is

Speaking of typhold Dr. Blue says that although its prevalence in this country Blue declares, "that these inland vessels is being reduced and the rate is not more play an important role in the mainte- than one-half what it was thirty years ago, it is still higher than for some other advanced countries. The urgent need at present is for rural sanitation.

Study of the use of drogs in this country, where anti-narcotic legislation has made statistics available, Dr. Blue says, leads to the belief that the estimate of drug users has been high and that the

country probably do not number more than 140,000, while the number of cocaine users is probably 'very much lower.

Lumber Associations to All Join Together

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 -- Organization of all mber associations in the country into national body will be effected at a conference to be held here on February and 25, it was announced today.

This movement was 'decided upon yesterday at a conference attended by approximately 100 lumber men representng various associations in the lumber industry. The meeting was held under the auspices of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association.

The purpose of the February conference, it was said, will be to launch a co-operative advertising and publicity campaign in behalf of the industry.

Department Orders. Bepartment Orders.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Nobraska pensions granted:
Mary A. Kline, Nora, \$12; Armenia C. Start, Hastings, \$12.
Charles H. Branum has been appointed postmaster at Colony, Cook county, Wyoming, vice B. W. Sheppard.
Leon Leach has been appointed rural letter carrier at Lincoln, Neb.

CAROTHERS SENT TO NACO

Special Agent of State Department with Villa Off to Join Scott.

CARRANZISTAS WIN A BATTLE

Gutlerres Orders All Generals to Be Represented at Convention of Chiefs to Choose President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-George C. Carothers, special agent of the State department with General Villa, has been sent to Naco to join his efforts with those of Brigadier General Scott, who arrives there tomorrow, to stop firing from the contending Mexican factions into American territory Secretary Bryan has secured, through

the government of General Gutlerres, assurances that Governor Iturbide will have A dispatch to the Carranza agency

here reports the defeat of the Villa forces south of Tampico.

eports the departure of 15,000 Gutierrez pation of Puebla by Zapata troops. Gutierres has ordered all generals to be

represented at the forthcoming convention of chiefs which is to select a presi-

More Bullets Fired Across Border. NACO, Aris, Dec. 18.-Stray bullets from the Mexican side crossed the American line during the usual bombardment of the Maytorena trenches by the Carranga garrison of Naco, Sonora. Reports concerning the Bullets, their probable origin and the damage done are being systematically gathered by the army of-

Thirty-seven spent bullets were gathered by two officers last night just east of the American town. Four bullets struck houses and stores here. One entered the United States immigration ofices and two struck a store.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17 .- (Via El Paso Dec. 18.)-Details of the fall of the city of Puebla were received here today. It was said that after evacuating the place the Carranza forces made a stand to the north, where they were defeated, losing

many men-The Carranxa troops retreated in disorder towards the Interoceanic railroad, with the evident intention of making their way toward Vera Cruz. The retreating forces burned freight and passenger Consular Agent Canova at Mexico City trains. The oil tanks in the vicinity were emptied and set on fire. Generals Zapata, troops for the west coast and the occu- Arguemedo and Almason were in command of the Villa troops. They place their losses at fifty killed and wounded



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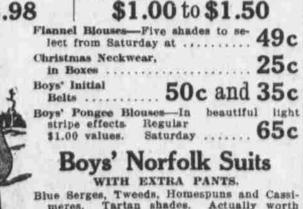
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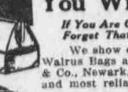
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