

### Big Improvement in Navy Gunnery Shown This Year

#### Secretary Daniels Commends Commanders for High Records Made During Battle and Target Practice.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Enthusiastic gunnery of the divided American battleship fleet in 1919 has creditably improved this year, according to Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who authorized publication of a letter to commanders of Atlantic and Pacific fleets, commending them on the 1920 target practice.

In his letter to Admiral Henry B. Wilson, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, Secretary Daniels said:

"An analysis of the results of gunnery and engineering exercises conducted by vessels of the navy during the year ending June 30, 1920, shows that the battleships, under your command and personal supervision, starting with a high percentage of newly recruited and untrained personnel, completed in a half year a full year's gunnery schedule except the torpedo defense and night practices, and reached a degree of efficiency in engineering which permitted the conduct of a remarkably creditable full power trial by all of the vessels.

#### Big Improvement Shown.

An accurate comparison of the results attained at all forms of gunnery practice by the battleships in 1919 and in 1919-1920, shows clearly the improvement from March 1919, when the comparative merit at short range battle practice was unsatisfactory, to June 1920, when the average performance of all battleships of the fleet, at the long range battle and division practices was much superior to the average performance of the same vessels in the preceding year, and showed a very high state of efficiency in the use of armament.

To Admiral Hugh Rodman, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, the secretary wrote:

"An analysis of the results of gunnery and engineering exercises conducted by vessels of the navy during the year ending June 30, 1920, shows a progressive improvement in gunnery and engineering efficiency from the beginning to the end of the year.

#### Expresses Appreciation.

The department considers that the successful conduct of full power trials by the three active battleships and by 24 destroyers of the Pacific fleet, the remarkably excellent performance of the U. S. S. New Mexico in engineering, and the general progress toward gunnery efficiency by all active vessels of the Pacific fleet, particularly the destroyers, in view of the difficult personnel situation, due chiefly to the skillful co-ordination of effort of yourself and your subordinates, and desire to express herewith appreciation of the progress made under adverse conditions.

The secretary of the navy also addressed a letter of commendation to Rear Admiral Edward W. Beale, commander of battleship division five of the Atlantic fleet, which made the best showing in gunnery, and to Capt. W. A. Moffett, U. S. S. Mississippi, Capt. H. Hough, U. S. S. Utah, Capt. N. E. Irwin, U. S. S. Oklahoma, and Commander J. H. Klein, U. S. S. Doyen, whose ships attained a notably high degree of efficiency in the 1920 practice.

#### California Land Open To Entry on December 3

Washington, Oct. 12.—Approximately 6,300 acres of homestead and desert land in the Eureka and Sacramento land districts of California will be opened to entry September 3, the interior department announced. The land is classed nonagricultural, mountain grazing land, and entry will be reserved to ex-soldiers, sailors and marines for 60 days after the opening as provided by law.

#### League Advocate to Follow Johnson on Speaking Tour

New York, Oct. 12.—Francis J. Heney of California, former progressive, now campaigning for Cox and Roosevelt and the league of nations, will follow Senator Hiram Johnson, California, on his eastern republican speaking tour, democratic national headquarters announced. Heney will speak wherever Johnson goes, a day or two or two later.

### Girl Drops \$50,000 Suit Against Bank; Mystery in Affair



JULIA NAPIER.

Julia Napier yesterday dismissed her \$50,000 damage suit against the American state bank and J. W. Hastings, D. W. Geiselman and D. C. filed in district court July 27, 1920. The motion for dismissal was made by Attorney Harry B. Fleharty, a friend of D. W. Geiselman, who is vice president of the bank. The suit grew out of a dispute between Miss Napier and officers of the bank regarding deposits which the girl said she had made for the All-American Chemical Co., 1210 South Sixteenth street.

M. P. McKinney, president of the company, said that he got every cent of his money back. The amount of money involved in the dispute was \$900, which McKinney said was refunded to him last Saturday. The means by which a settlement was made have not been disclosed. D. W. Geiselman said the American State bank did not pay a cent in settlement.

### Military Prisoners Try to Escape From U. S. Prison Barrack

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—Attempts of three military prisoners to escape on an improvised log raft from an army disciplinary barracks on Alcatraz island, in San Francisco bay, failed today when they were rescued at dawn by a ferryboat, nearly senseless from submersion and all night exposure. The raft broke up immediately after the men were taken from it. According to military officials, the prisoners saved their way out of the island cell house last night with a fine-toothed steel saw and, after launching their raft, eluded a swarm of police and government tugs throughout the night.

### Tenant Seeks to Collect Damage From Landlord

Chicago, Oct. 12.—The lowly worm, the long-suffering tenant, long gouged by the landlords, has finally turned, and is having his inning. A. G. McGurran, having beaten Mrs. Sarah Cassin, owner of a building in which he lives, when she brought an eviction suit, has turned the tables and brought suit himself. This time he asks \$10,000 damages because Mrs. Cassin refused to furnish heat during the recent cold weather. The health commissioner recently warned landlords that if any tenant died because of the lack of heat in the buildings and the case could be clearly established, the city would proceed against the landlord on a murder charge.

### Stacks of Oats Burn.

Superior, Neb., Oct. 12.—(Special Telegram)—L. Bosserman, living two miles east of Superior, lost four large stacks of oats when sparks from a threshing engine ignited the straw yesterday. Two of the stacks were partly insured.

### Jobs Very Scarce By First of Year

#### Contractor Says 100,000 Chicago Laborers Will Be Out Of Work by January 1.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Oct. 12.—"If you have a job hang on to it, and if you haven't one, get one in a hurry," is the advice being given by everybody who is looking ahead a little and can see the readjustment which is already under way.

"By January 1, there will be 100,000 workers in building trades and allied lines out of work in Chicago," said E. M. Craig, secretary of the Building Contractors' association, today. Simon O'Donnell, president of the building trades council, believes Mr. Craig's figures are a trifle high, but admits that each day sees more and more craftsmen out of work and no prospects of conditions improving.

"What are we going to do?" said Mr. O'Donnell. "We are ready and anxious to start the badly needed home building campaign. The contractors are equally anxious to see a beginning of the \$200,000 program and the bankers are willing to come in." "The fact is, everybody is afraid of the other fellow. The investor says he will not put his money into buildings at the present cost of materials and labor and will wait until prices of both come down. He is making a mistake. Wages will not come down and the cost of materials will not drop to any appreciable degree. It looks to me like a matter for the federal government to handle."

### U. P. Special Train Makes Speed Record Of 80 Miles an Hour

The private train of S. R. Guggenheim, president of the Nevada Northern railroad and recognized "copper king" of America, established a new speed record of 80 miles an hour last Sunday when an "S. O. S." was sent out demanding his immediate presence in New York at a conference involving millions of dollars.

Guggenheim was hurrying to New York from the west, the car he occupied being scheduled to make connection at Omaha with Rock Island train No. 14, due to leave here at 5 o'clock. The second section of Union Pacific train No. 16, to which his car was attached, was late and there was doubt as to whether the connection could be made. Under orders from the Union Pacific headquarters here the Guggenheim section left Grand Island at 2:33 p. m. Sunday, to reach Omaha before 5 o'clock. It arrived here at 4:48 p. m. The distance traveled was 144 railroad miles, which was covered in 135 minutes, including three stops.

### Divorce Court.

Divorce Petitions. Pearl B. Shannon against John Shannon, desertion. Ferdinand Meyer against Freda Meyer, desertion. Mae Smith against Charles Smith, cruelty. Louise Ella against Sam Ella, cruelty.

### Over the Political Fence

Congressman Albert W. Jeffers left Monday night on a western itinerary, under the direction of the national republican committee. In view of the fact that he is a candidate for re-election to congress in this district, there is added interest in his sudden leave-taking for the west.

The story is that he made a last week with representatives of the national committee who were with Senator Harding's party. The congressman introduced Senator Harding to the Omaha crowds and the general impression he made upon the Harding party resulted in his enlistment as a national speaker in behalf of the republican cause. After the Omaha meeting last Thursday night he had a conference with Senator Harding and Harry M. Daugherty, who is a member of the national campaign committee.

Monday morning the congressman received a telegram asking him to go to Colorado, Idaho and possibly Utah, in territory where there are senatorial fights. He will be gone 10 days. In the meantime his candidacy for re-election will be promoted here by John Shanahan, his secretary, and George M. Tunison, his law partner. Of the 12 republican candidates for the lower house of the legislature, Robert C. Druessow, George Deball, Harry A. Foster and Edward A. Smith have represented this district at Lincoln. The personnel of the entire republican legislative ticket is unusually strong and commands the confidence of the voters.

Governor S. R. McKelvie will speak in the ball room of Hotel Fontenelle Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Douglas County Republican club, Dana Van Dusen, president. The governor will discuss the republican state administration. A business meeting of the club will be held after the governor's address. This club will have a campaign working committee in every precinct of the county. Governor McKelvie postponed his Plattsmouth address which was scheduled for Wednesday evening that he might accept an invitation to speak in Omaha.

### Death of Kaiserin Was Expected; Coffin Ordered From Berlin

By KARL VON WIEGAND, Special Service Staff Correspondent. Berlin, Oct. 12.—The ex-Empress Augusta Victoria, wife of the former Kaiser Wilhelm II, was so close to death recently that a coffin for her was ordered in Berlin and an export license to ship it to Holland had been issued.

The information has just filtered into Germany from Holland. At the time her death was momentarily expected. Count von Platen, former lord high chamberlain of the kaiser's court, who still looks after the kaiser's personal affairs here, had procured a casket. But instead of receiving a message directing that the shipment be made, he received a telegram saying that the former empress had experienced a turn for the better and has been improving ever since.

### Reds in Very Dangerous Position on South Front

London, Oct. 12.—Conditions along the south Russian front have assumed a serious aspect for the bolsheviks, according to advices received here. Gen. Baron Wrangel's troops are continuing to advance north of Crimea and the Sea of Azov.

### Brief City News

Disappoints Lions.—The big surprise promised the members of the Lions club at its luncheon and business session at the Hotel Rome yesterday noon failed to materialize due to the failure of Enrico Caruso to appear.

Resigns from Force.—Following a 30-minute stormy session in the office of Inspector of Police Fattalo Monday, Louis Dietz, patrolman, 3558 South Fifteenth street, who was fined \$50 on alleged charges of intoxication last week, resigned from the department.

Garments Held for Rent.—Miss Hayward of 2316 Douglas street yesterday brought an action of replevin against her landlord, Blaine Putman, to recover personal garments worth \$75.66, which Putman alleges he is holding in lieu of room rent owed by Miss Hayward. Miss Hayward declares that her former husband should pay the bill. Engine Hits Auto.—An engine on the "Dodge street short line" hauling dirt in the excavation grading work on Dodge street collided with an automobile, driven by F. D. Hubbard, 1571 St. Marye avenue, when Hubbard attempted to drive across the track at Fifteenth and Dodge streets yesterday morning. Hubbard was arrested for violating traffic laws.

### Tiny Boy, Accident Victim, Fights Brave Battle for Recovery

Joseph, just Joseph is his name. Abandoned when a baby by his mother, the little child, now 4 years old, is in St. Joseph's hospital, a victim of a fractured skull, broken arms and minor injuries, the result of a fall from a high chair, his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith declare. Through all his suffering during the past eight months, he has smiled and had a staunch hope for a happy future in life. The sister and nurses at the hospital have waited upon him as their idol. He may never walk, due to injuries to his limbs, but he has been given such wonderful care that a ruddy complexion and a strong vitality have returned to him.

### Over 6,000 Rats Killed.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Oct. 12.—More than 6,000 rats have been killed here at an average cost of 3 cents. Boy Scout headquarters announced. Examination of the rats failed to show a single symptom of bubonic plague, it was said.

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to match, stamped on linen colored crash, embroidered in yarn.	to match, stamped on white needleweave, done in deft blue cross-stitch embroidery.
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Second Floor.

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A large assortment of slightly soiled collars including Real Irish, Fillet and Val. with net and hand embroidery combinations, are greatly reduced for Wednesday selling.

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Main Floor.

### Just Arrived! An Assortment of Boys' Skull Caps at 19c and 39c

Hundreds of boys in town have been waiting for these skull caps to come in, and on account of the large demand we would suggest that the boys are here early. Special for Wednesday, 19c and 39c.

Fourth Floor.

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