

Uncle Sam Will Rule the Ocean In Three Years

Decision of British Admiralty To Halt Building Program Means U. S. Navy Will Be Largest in World.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—The United States navy will be the most powerful in the world by 1923, when ships now under construction are completed, Secretary Daniels announced today. Ship for ship and gun for gun, Great Britain's fighting fleet now holds first rank, but with the recent decision by the British admiralty to undertake no new building program at present, it undoubtedly will soon drop to second place.

Three New Types

Three new types of ships for the United States navy which will round out the fleet and add tremendously to its effectiveness are now under construction. The first of them, the new battleships authorized in the 1916 building program will be the largest and most powerful in the world. Next come the fleet submarines, three of which are being built at the Portsmouth navy yard. These super-torpedo craft will have sufficient speed and cruising radius to enable them to accompany the fleet under all conditions. They have been designed after thorough investigation of the best types in foreign navies and are expected to include features entirely new to submarine construction. The last of the trio is the latest type of aircraft carrier, the Langley, which is being fitted with the most improved equipment for handling naval aircraft.

Huge Fighting Ships.

In addition to these new types of vessel, the necessary complement of scout cruisers and destroyers is also under construction. The new super-dreadnoughts, which are to form the "backbone of the fleet" are the South Dakota, Indiana, Montana, Newport, Iowa and Massachusetts types. They have a displacement of 43,200 tons, and will cost about \$21,000,000 each. Two of the monster ships are under construction at the Navy yard, New York; one at Navy yard, Mare Island, California; one at Navy yard, Norfolk, Va.; one at Newport News shipping yards, Newport, Va.; and one at the Bethlehem Shipbuilding works, Quincy, Mass.

Fifteen Hundred Men.

The principal characteristics of these battleships are: Length, 684 feet; breadth, 106 feet; draft, 33 feet; displacement, 43,200 tons; shaft horsepower, 60,000; speed, 20 knots; armament, 12 16-inch guns; 16 6-inch guns; 4 3-inch guns; 21-inch submerged torpedo tubes. All will be oil burners with electric drive. Their complements will include about 70 officers and 1,500 men. Four battleships of 32,600 tons displacement are also under construction. They are the Maryland, West Virginia, Colorado and Washington.

Big Undersea Boats.

The three fleet submarines are part of a group of nine authorized by the Act of 1916, for the other six are under consideration. The undersea boats will have a length of 300 feet and a displacement of 2,000 tons. The propelling machinery for surface operation consists of two main Diesel engines and two auxiliaries, driving electric generators. When operating submerged the vessels will be propelled by electric motors, taking current from storage batteries. The surface speed will exceed 20 knots per hour and the submerged speed will be about half that figure. The fuel oil capacity is sufficient to provide for a large radius of action.

Resist Pressure.

Three periscopes of the latest improved pattern will be provided and the vessels will be equipped with listening devices and latest type radio telegraph apparatus, both for surface and submerged work. Particular attention has been given in designing the vessel to insure adequate strength to resist pressure due to deep submergence and to prevent gas rupture by the explosion of depth charges.

New Real Estate Board Organized at Norfolk

A new real estate board was formed at Norfolk last week. P. H. Davis was elected president; A. E. Stubbs, vice president; C. C. Gow, secretary and treasurer.

Wolf Company Pays \$10,000 In Bonuses to Employees

The H. A. Wolf company gave bonuses to its employees amounting to \$10,000. This money was divided among 75 employees of the firm. Officers of the Wolf company say this is just double the bonus paid last Christmas. At that time, however, the number of employees was smaller.

To Tour United States.

Toronto, Dec. 25.—University of Toronto's senior inter-collegiate hockey team will leave here Sunday for a tour in the United States.

What 10 Silver Dollars Will Do



Miss Erna Reed of the Junior league demonstrates how \$10 will counterbalance a child's life in the effort to save 5,200 kiddies as Omaha's holiday gift to stricken Europe.

United States Only Light for Germany, Minister Declares

Frankfort, Germany, Dec. 25.—Dr. Walter Simon, the German foreign minister, in an article in the Frankfort Zeitung, says that the night which covers Germany, he sees only one ray of light and that "comes from the land of the Stars and Stripes."

United States Official Will Probe Sale of Still

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Henry Schoemaker of Platte Center has gone to Omaha to appear before the federal commissioner to answer a charge of having sold a still to John Rippen, in whose custody it was found and who confessed to having made nine gallons of "moonshine" whiskey with the apparatus.

Clearance Values Typical of This Store

Our policy has always been to surprise you with better values than we infer, rather than to disappoint you by the slightest degree by overexaggeration.



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Brief City News

Daughter Born

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Bullock, 2702 Ruggles street, on Christmas eve at the Frederick hospital.

Attend House Party

Miss Helen Clara Gallagher and Miss Benita C. McCann left Thursday night for Kearney, Neb., where they will attend a house party given by Mrs. Stanley Kellar.

Course of Lectures

A course of lectures on democratic ideals will be given by Dr. H. B. Alexander of the department of philosophy, Nebraska university, before the Omaha school teachers' forum, beginning the middle of January.

Two Couples Wed

Miss Dorothy Alt of Council Bluffs and Ernie McKee of Vallejo, Cal., and Miss Margaret Webb and William J. Hanafan, both of Council Bluffs, were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge, Christmas eve.

Haas Brothers

Entire Second Floor, Brown Block, 16th and Douglas.
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Closing the Year 1920 With a Storewide Clearance

In this extraordinary disposal of our winter stocks we even refrain from quoting prices, realizing that Omaha women fully appreciate that when Haas Brothers announce a sale, they have a right to expect better values than are obtainable elsewhere. No disappointments await you here.

Haas Brothers' Merchandising Achievements Have Proven the Sensation of 1920 and This Great Sale Will Be a Fitting Finale to This Exceptionally Successful Year.

Omaha's Most Comprehensive, Most Beautiful Assemblage of High Class Coats, Wraps, Suits, Frocks, Blouses, Skirts, Petticoats.

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Sisler Refuses Offer to Manage Browns, But Will Continue to Play

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—George Sisler, first baseman of the Browns and leading batsman of the American league, has refused an offer to manage the club but has signed a "long term" contract to continue playing with it, Bob Quinn, business manager, announced tonight.

World Afflicted by Five Great Plagues, Pope Says

Rome, Dec. 25.—"The world is afflicted by five great plagues," said Pope Benedict, in replying to the greetings of the sacred college, presented by Cardinal Vannutelli as Doyen, at the reception to the pontiff today.

Elks Entertain Kiddies.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The Elks will give a big Christmas tree program Friday for 90 needy children of the city. Twenty-five families are being placed on the charity lists.

"Old Man Bonus" Brings Gladness To Chicagoans

Added Compensation System Helps Hundreds of Employees to Meet Christmas Buying Problems.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Lensed Wire.
Chicago, Dec. 25.—"Old Man Bonus," who has been taking on much additional girth in the last three years, outdid all his previous performances this year in Chicago. Disguised as Santa Claus and wearing his annual performance over a period of two weeks before Christmas, he bestowed large amounts, estimated at between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000.

Practically all the banks, with a list of employees ranging from 50 to 1,500, paid an average of 10 per cent. Practically all the great mercantile establishments, manufacturing, and other concerns whose weekly payroll runs into many thousands of dollars, tacked on a fat bonus for faithful service during the year. Some bankers believe the total would be nearer \$12,000,000.

Southern Promoter After Zbyszko Match

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25.—Local wrestling fans are to have the privilege of witnessing a finish match between Martin Pletina and Stanislaus Zbyszko, who with Mahout ranked in the two greatest opponents of the late Frank Gotch, if the efforts of promoter D. W. Cheatham can bring this about. Upon the latter's authority it was discovered today that he has wired the managers of the two wrestlers at Chicago offering a \$25,000 purse for a best two falls in three match between the two men.

County Clerk Elected to Office in State Body

West Point, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—County Clerk Rudolph Brazda was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the County Clerks' State association. With his installation, Mr. Brazda will have occupied successively all the elective offices of that body. He is the only clerk who has ever held all three offices of the organization.

Denver Stock Show Opens January 15

Growth of Pure-Bred Hog Industry in West to Be Shown in Special Building.

Denver, Dec. 25.—The "pig" will be put in the parlor at the annual national western stock show in Denver this year.

Board Committee Appraises \$4,183,777 Worth of Property

The annual report of the appraisal committee of the Omaha real estate board, to be made next Wednesday by Chairman L. C. Sholes, will show that the committee this year has appraised \$4,183,777 worth of property in Omaha.

Carl Lutes Deserts Townsend Team for O. A. C. Cage Squad

Here's a good one. Basket ball fans are wondering what Carl Lutes will do when the Townsend gun company and the Omaha Athletic club meet in the Greater Omaha league.

Damage Suit Of Injured Man Set for Trial

Grain Inspector Asks \$25,000 Following Remarkable Recovery From Hurts Received in Fall.

The suit of Andrew Bjorkman, federal grain inspector for the middle-west grain elevators, against the Trans-Mississippi grain elevator, Council Bluffs, is assigned for trial at the January term of the district court.

Refuses Christmas Pardons 2,500 Watches in Geneva

Geneva, Dec. 25.—With the aim of inculcating punctuality in the state which she rules the begum of Bhopal in central India has ordered 2,500 watches from a Geneva firm. When the begum was here in 1911 she ordered 4,000 watches for the same purpose. Bhopal is the only state in the world whose ruler by law must be a woman. It has a population of 960,000.

Eighty-seven makes of passenger automobiles will be displayed at the 21st annual automobile show in New York City January 8 to 15, 1921.

Labor Secretary Says Law Wrong

Compensation Statute Partial In Scope, Declares State Official.

Lincoln, Dec. 25.—(Special)—Recent rulings of the supreme court covering compensation claims, though entirely within the law, do not meet with favor by Secretary Frank Kennedy of the Department of Labor.

Governor of California Refuses Christmas Pardons

Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 24.—For the first time in many years the governor of California failed to grant the customary quota of Christmas pardons and paroles to convicts in the state's prisons. While no statement was forthcoming from Gov. William D. Stephens or his secretaries as to the reason for breaking the precedent, it is understood that due to the crime wave in California, the governor considered it undesirable to issue pardons to even the most worthy prisoners.

In Greater New York a voluntary police motor truck reserve corps is forming whose object will be to assist and co-operate with the police department of the city by furnishing motor transportation when necessary in the event of strikes, riots, accidents and other unforeseen occurrences affecting the welfare of the general public.

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