### . 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.

By HARRY L. ROGERS.

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

Naval officials are much interested in reports of a strong movement in the house of commons to increase the British navy to a strength equal to that of the combined forces of America and Japan, but until there is some definite announcement at London of such a policy no recommendations will be made to congress. 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 superundersea 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 sub-marine construction. The last of the trio is the latest type of aircraft-carrier, the Langley, which is being fitted with the most improved equip-ment for handing 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 "backhone of the fleet," are the South Dakota, Indiana, Montana, North Carolina, Iowa and Massachusetts. They have a displacement of 43,200 tons, and will cost about \$21,000,000 each. Two of the monster ships are under con-struction at the Navy yard, New York; one at Navy yard, Mare Isworks, Quincy, Mass.

horsepower, 60,000; speed, 20 knots; armament, 12 16-inch guns; 16 6-inch guns; 4 3-inch guns; 2 21-inch submerged torpedo tubes. All will Uncle Sam. be oil burners with electric drive. pen's story 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 rathorized by the Act of 1916. Bids 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 gen-erators. 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 ca-pacity is sufficient to provide for a arge radius of action.

The armament includes torpedo tubes in bow and stern, with ample allowance of 21-inch torpedoes. There will be a five-inch gun mount-ed on deck, forward of the conning

Three periscopes of the latest im-proved patterns 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 of hull to resist pressure due to deep submergence and to provide against rupture by the explosion of depth

The air-craft-carrier Langley will be equipped with a flying deck of about 525 feet-in length, an arresting device for facilitating landing, and cataupults for projecting planes at the necessary speed for flight. Cranes will be provided for hoisting aircraft from the water and moving them to the various decks. There will also be an adequate machine shop for repairing damaged planes.

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.

C. D. Glover of Omaha, regional

director for real estate boards in this state, attended the organization meeting. It is the intention of the Nor-folk board to invite dealers in neigh-boring cities to affiliate with it.

Wolf Company Pays \$10,000

In Bonuses to Employes The H. A. Wolf company gave bonuses to its employes amounting to \$10,000. This money was divided among 75 employes 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 employes 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."
He expressed the belief that Senator Harding "will not delay the establishment of a peace basis between Germany and America," and tween Germany and America," and thinks that this, more tran anything else, would tend to revive the spirit and economic life of the nation.

Although the outlook is very dark, the foreign minister hopes that through gatience and before long, "the second that will be second the second that the second t "the people that walk in darkness will see a great light."

United States Official

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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. McCrann left Thursday night for Kearney, Nebi, where they will attend a house party given by Mrs. Stanley Kellar.

Course of Lectures—A course of

Stanley Kellar.

Course of Lectures—A course of lecturers 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.

Lowa Wedding Guests—Cornell college students who will attend the Hoadley-Hoel wedding. December 28.

Great Plagues, Pope Says

Two Couples Wed—Miss Dorothy Alt of Council Bluffs and Erne Mc-Kee of Vallejo, Cal., and Miss Mar-garet Webb and William J. Hanafan, both of Council Bluffs, were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge, Christ-

Labor Demand in Boston

works, Quincy, Mass.

Fifteen Hundred Men.

The principal characteristics of these battleships are: Length, 684 who confessed to having made nine feet; breadth, 106 feet; draft, 33 feet; length, 684 the apparatus Boston, Dec. 25.—Big declines in the demand for skilled and unskilled 43,200 tons; shait the apparatus.

Rippen paid \$300 in fines to the fice. Records show a decrease of 22 local court and considerably more, per cent in orders from employers

### 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

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 pontification.

The pope enumerated these as the negation of authority, hatred among brothers, thirst for pleasure, disgust for work and forgetfulness of the supernatural objects of life.

These evils can only be overcon Shows 42 Per Cent Drop with the aid of the gospel, said the pope, and therefore he never would cease to remind the people of it,

Elks Entertain Kiddies.

Telegram.)-The Elks will give a big Christmas tree program Friday for it is said, in his settlement with Uncle Sam. Schoemaker denies Ripper cent when compared with September, and 42 per cent when compared with the per cent when compared with the charity lists.

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Haas Brothers' Merchandising Achievements Have

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

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased 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 staging his annual performance over a period of two weeks before Christmas, he bestowed large amounts, estimated at between \$10,000.000 and

Practically all the banks, with a list of employes ranging from 50 to 1,500, paid an average of 10 per cent. Practically all the great mer-cantile establishments, manufactories, 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.

This vast amount, cut up into sums ranging from \$8 to \$10 to as many thousands, went far toward solving the Christmas buying probsolving the christmas are to be installed. A feature will be the mammoth fireplace which will provide ample heat for the stock if cold weather prevails. sums ranging from \$8 to \$10 to as many thousands, went far toward solving the Christmas buying problem. It also meant that the recipient would be able to meet payments on his mortgage, or his rent, or some other pressing need. For the smaller employe it meant a new suit of clothes, a pair of shoes, or that much unexpected many to

that much unexpected money to dispose of as he or she saw fit.

The bonus system has taken a firm grip upon Chicago. Employ-ers favor it, as it makes for better service, and goes far toward causing employes to remain in one service, employes to remain in one service, instead of jumping out upon the slightest provocation. An enterprise which pays a substantial bonus is able to have its pick of employes, and they are more loyal and dependable, according to the heads of concerns who have tried the system.

# Southern Promoter

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25. — Local wrestling fans are to have the privilege of witnessing a finish match between Martin Plestina and Stanis-laus Zbyszko, who with Mahmout ranked is 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 to-day that he has wired the managers of the two wrestlers at Chicago of-fering a \$25,000 purse for a best two falls in three match between the two

County Clerk Elected to

Office in State Body West Point, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Spe-cial.)—County Clerk Rudolph Brazda was recently ele-ted secretary-treas-urer of the County Clerks' State as-Brazda will have occupied successively all the elective offices of that body. He is the only clerk who has ever held all thre offices of the or-

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### "Old Man Bonus" - Denver Stock Show Damage Suit Brings Gladness Opens January 15

To Chicagoans 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 Den-

The stock show, drawing exhibi-tors and visitors from practically every state west of the Mississippi, will open January 15 and continue through January 22. A new building has been con-

tructed this year for the exclusive court. housing of swine, the pavilion being made necessary because of the growth of the pure bred hog industry throughout the Rocky Mountain region. Nearly as many hogs arrive in the Denver market now as any of the larger eastern market centers. and yet it was declared only a few years back that hogs could not be made profitable in the west, owing to a lack of "hardening" foodstuff such as cheap corn.

The new pavilion is built of brick and hollow tile, and the most scientific arrangement known for pens and water and feed troughs are to be

### Board Committee Appraises \$4.183,777 Worth of Property

The annual report of the appraisal ommittee of the Omaha real estate board, to be made next Wednesday by Chairman L. C. Sholes, will show that the committee this year has ap-praised \$4.183,777 worth of property n Omaha. The committee has appraised 133

enarate pieces of property.

These figures include appraisal of

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These figures include appraisal of the real estate owned by the Board of Education, amounting to \$2,244,-\$40. No fee was charged for the school board's appraisals.

Members of the committee are:

L. C. Sholes, chairman; W. G. Spain, P. W. Kunns, W. R. Adair, H. M. Christie, H. A. Wolf, C. B. Stuht, E. T. Heyden, P. J. Tebbens, A. H. Walsh and H. A. Tukey.

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

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.

Lutes, who is the chief supervisor of the Townsend team and in fact.

of the Townsend team and, in fact, responsible for that firm putting a team in the league this season, has signed to play with the Omaha Athletic club quintet.

# Of Injured Man

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

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

On September 8, this year, Bjorkman was dangerously hurt when, while discharging his duties, he fell a distance of 25 feet to a cement floor, inflicting what were believed to be spinal injuries sufficient to cripple him for life. Bjorkman has brought suit against the elevator company for \$25,000. It is undertand that the suit was of a friendly stood that the suit is of a friendly nature so far as the company is concerned, as the liability is covered by accident insurance. Unless the suit is compromised it will be

ried early in the January term. The case is declared in medical journals to be the most remarkable in the annals of American surgery. Although completely paralyzed at the time, Bjorkman had so nearly recovered within three months that he was able to resume his work. He was to receive his final na

turalization papers on September 12, but the only action taken at that time was the official endorsement across the top of the certificate: "Back broken September 8." On November 15 Bjorkman walked into the clerk's office of the district court the customary quota of Christmas the customary quota cil Bluffs surgeon.

President of Germany

Thanks Relief Workers Berlin, Dec. 25.—President Ebert has issued a proclamation of appreciation for the sympathy shown for needy Germans by foreigners and has especially thanked the Quakers and the American corporations which she rules the beginn of Electrical Control of the Contro other American organizations which have been feeding the children and

land and South America. In con-cluding, the message says that the German people, hard pressed and hungry, will not forget what has been done for them.

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Eighty-seven makes of passenger utomobiles will be displayed at the 1st annual automobile show in New ork City January 8 to 15, 1921. Practically every make of automo-bile which folds a place in the mo-toring world will be listed.

### Labor Secretary Says Law Wrong

Set for Trial Compensation Statute Partial In Scope, Declares State Official.

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

> of Labor.
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> According to Mr. Kennedy, the court is entirely right in its interpretation of the law, but the trouble is that the law is wrong. Under the law an alien coming to this country and working as a street sweeper i entitled to compensation if injured while a school teacher working for the school district cannot obtain damages in case of injury. He feels that the coming legislature should so amend the law that school teachers could recover compensation in case of injury while in the discharge of

their profession.

This it not the only law on the statute books which appears to be inconsistent. The law governing the surrounding of sanitary conditions in buildings where people are employed is rigidly enforced by the state in case of corporations or nidividuals, but the state for years allowed its employes in the state house to work under conditions for which the average employer would be severely punished, according to Mr. Kennedy.

Refuses Christmas Pardons Sacramentoo, Calif., Dec. 24.-For and completed his naturalization. He pardons and paroles to convicts in the next day for a visit to Kanthe state's prisons. While no state-sas and was able to resume his work ment was forthcoming from Gov. on December 1. His recovery was due to the remarkable surgical treat-due to the remarkable surgical treat-ment of Dr. Fred P. Bellinger, Coundue to the crime wave in California, the governor considered it unadvisa-ble to issue pardons to even the most worthy prisoners.

2,500 Watches in Geneva Geneva, Dec. 25.—With the aim of inculcating punctuality in the state which she rules the beginn of Phopal in central India has ordered 2,500 hungry students.

Herr Ebert expressed appreciation for the work done by the charitable organizations of Denmark, Norway, Finland, Holland, Sweden, Switzer-be a woman, It has a population of land and South America. In con-

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 neces-sary in the event of strikes, riots, accidents and other unforseen occurrences affecting the welfare of the

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