## DEFENSE PLANS OF NAVY LEAGUE **CALLED SELFISH**

Some Members in "Nickel Trust," Representative Tavenner Says

INTERLOCK IN U. S. STEEL

Navy Interested Through Admiral Brownson, Illinois Congressman Asserts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.-Allegations connecting the Navy League and its preparedness propaganda with the International Nickel Company and other corporations were made on the floor of the House today by Representative Tavenner. of Illinois. Representative Tayenner asserted that Colonel Robert M. Thompson. president of the Navy League, is chairman of the directorate of the Internailonal Nickel Company, and therefore had a selfish reason for urging preparedness Tavenner asked that the Government manufacture all munifions.

"The directorate of the United States steel Corporation interlocks with that of the International Nickel Company," said Representative Tavenner, "Colonel Thompson's company also interlocks with the Midva e Steel and Ordnance Comthe Midva e Sieri and Ordinance Com-pany. W. E. Corey being a director of international Nickel and president and director of the new Midvale corporation, organized for the war-order trade, and one of the hirgest war-trading firms in the United States. One of the under-lying concerns of the new Midvaic com-pany is the Reministion Arms Commun-which has a contract to manufacture which has a contract to manufacture 100,000 Enfield rifles for the British Gov-

"Seward Prosser, another director of International Nickel, is one of the con-ributors to the funds of the Navy League, which have been used to ban-quet secretaries of the navy and memquet secretaries of the navy and mem-bers of Congress, and carry on the claborate preparedness campaign.

"International Nickel also interlocks with the United States Navy Department through W. H. Brownson, retired rear admiral, who is on the Government paymil at the full pay of a rear admiral. This particular director of the nickel the maintains his home in Washington. where he is no doubt of more value to International Nickel through his contact with naval officials than he would be any place else.

Representative Tavenner, urging the mationalization of the manufacture of all unitions, said that his scheme offered a program upon which all save those rectly or indirectly interested in private war-trafficking concerns may unite. "War is unprofitable to all save the war trading munitions-mongers." Why not make war unprofitable even to them by taking all profit out of war and preparation for war.

Representative Tavenner represents the ols district which embraces the Rock bland arsenal

#### GEN. T. C. DU PONT AGAIN ON NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Announcement Stirs Republicans and Democrats in Delaware

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 15.-Anment that General T. Coleman du Pont b back in his place as a member of the Republican National Committee has considerably farred the politicians of both parties in this State. The general, while he was a member of the big powder company, practically deserted politics and presented his resignation to the State littee as a member of the National

It is generally accepted, however, that now that the general is out of the powder company he will take an active part in affairs in Delaware and else-Some say he is interested in the on of a Republican candidate for ent, but he has not indicated his choice, and so far has refused to discurs

### 12,000 MUMMERS TO MARCH

"Shooters'" Captains to Draw Tonight for Rank in Line presentatives of at least 25 mum-

mers' organizations will meet with the Councilmanic Committee at City Hall lowish; to draw for positions in the pa-rade on New Year's Day. rade on New Year's Day.

Efforts to have a parade in Wilmington have been entirely abandoned, and
the few malcontents within the ranks
the few malcontents of the majority. As have surrendered to the majority. As all the bona fide clubs have decided to march in the pageant approved by Councils, it is expected that there will be more than the pageant. be more than 12,000 "shooters" and nearly

The "shooters" have provided work for hundreds of girls, who are kept busy in the costumers' shops throughout the city. A score of men are also employed on the costumes, many of which are so large that they have to be assembled on the foors of dancing academies.

#### FACTORY GIRLS ESCAPE THROUGH WALL OF FIRE

to Safety From Blaze in Newark Shoe Plant

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 15.—Fire of un-discovered origin, that started in a shed meant for storing liquid rubberized ce-ment, destroyed the main four-story suiding of the Boyden Shoe Manufactur-ing Company, in South Canal street, to-tay.

Many girls, terrorized when they saw the mose pouring through the windows of a building, rushed down the fire espes and then slid down from the second ser through a wall of fiame. They esped injury. All personal effects of the ser more girls in the building at the mea were loat, as well as the belongings is men, who were at work when the are was discovered, shortly before 8 deck.

fices. Three alarms were turned in, and at 10 clock Chief Paul V. Moore said that are ald might be needed because of the press of the firms, that threatened a surstory annex of the company, on commercial street, and several other sawfactories in the vicinity. So rapid as the spread of the flames that the apicyes had barely time to get out of a building before it was filled with shoks.

ompany was working overtime and refused to make estimate of the



13 No. Thirteenth St.

New Laws to Meet Anti-American Plots

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The vast network of plot and counter-plot, charge and counter-charge that has entangled the United States since the beginning of the European war was before Congress today for untangling. The House Judiciary Committee today had under consideration: The framing of new neutrality

laws to meet the situation out-lined by President Wilson in his vigorous attack on foreign-born Americans in his message. The investigation and disposi-

tion of the impeachment charges made by Representative Frank

made by Representative Frank Buchanan against District Attor-ney H. Snowden Marshall, of New York.

The demand for new and ade-quate laws under which plots against American neutrality may be promptly and effectually punished has been submitted to the com-mittee. Recommendations for the necessary laws have been framed by the Department of Justice and the Department of State as a means of carrying on the vigorous compaign of the Administration recently organized against neutrality conspiracies.

## SERBIAN REFUGEES IN ALBANIA FACING FAMINE AND PLAGUE

Thousands of Women and Children Starving, American Investigators Report to Ambassador Page

#### FRANTIC APPEAL FOR AID

William W. Howard and George Lor-Eard, two Americans who have been illard, two Americans who have been investigating conditions in western Serbia and Albania, have reported to Am-bassador Thomas Nelson Page that the plight of the people is desperate.

"Thousands of women and children are starving to death." declared Mr. Loril-lard. "The towns are filled with ref-ures, who are without food and cloth-ing. The roads are lined with fugitives, who are homeless and fa. ine-stricken. Frantic appeals are coming in from Albania and Serbia. Recently a ship took 200 tons of flour to Albania, but Mr. Lorillard reported that this was "but a drop in the bucket" compared with what is needed.

"Help is urgently needed right away," telegraphed Mr. Howard to the United States Embassy.

"A tragedy the like of which the world has never seen is being enacted in Serbia and Albania, where tens of thousands of Serbian women and children have taken

Doctors and medical supplies are needed as well as food and clothing, for an epi-demic of disease is sweeping the armics of refugees and they are dying by the

An effort will be made to carry som of the fugitives out of Albania by ship but the steamship owners ask prohibitive prices for ship charters. Several Amer-ican vessels which are now in Italian ports may be utilized.

Mr. Howard has been in Durazzo in specting conditions in that region. He telegraphed that he would be unable to reach Scutari, where in addition to the war refugees there are thousands of Austrian war prisoners who are without proper food. Many have already died of starvation.

E. H. Gage, of Boston, and C. E. Buck, of Chicago, formerly members of the American committee for the relief of bla, who have fust are Balkans, confirm the tragic story of Mr. Howard and Mr. Lorillard.

"The population of both nations is in danger of extermination before the win-ter is over," said Mr. Gage.

## Seek Fraud Scheme Promoter

A search is being made today for the man who has been swindling persons of wealth on the plea of charity for mes-senger boys. His method was to telephone to his intended victim and ask for contributions to what he said was to be a benefit for the boys of the two tele-

a penent for the noys of the two tele-graph companies to be given before Christmas in a hall at 8th street below Bainbridge. If he got an affirmative re-sponse he would send a messenger boy to get the money, which usually ranged from \$10 to \$50. Th ecomplaint was made by Mrs. J. Fred Zimmerman, of the Bellevies-Strafford. Bellevue-Stratford.

"Pennsylvanian" 30 Years Old Today Today is the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Pennsylvanian, the daily newspaper at the University of Penn-sylvania. The first issue was published December 15, 1835, as a weekly. In 1831 it was changed to a daily. The first editorial board consisted of Edward M. Jetterial board consisted of Edward M. Merferys, editor-in-chief, now rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church: George Wharton Pepper, now a trustee of the University; G. Q. Horwitz, R. W. Hickman and J. S. Adams, members of the barand Dr. William C. Posey and Prof. Lightner Witmer, of the University.

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## CHAMBERLAIN SEES U. S. ARMY OF 5,000,000

Compulsory Service Is Urged by Chairman of the Senate Military Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.-A United States army of \$000,000 men in two years was forecast today by Chairman Cham-ber'ain, of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, in a statement urging com-pulsory service.

After going over his plans with army officers the Senator estimated that 2.318,-581 men between 18 and 21 would be trained under it the first year, and that the increase of those coming into the ormy from cadet classes would more than double it the second year. There after the increase provably would be in proportion to the increase in population. "Compulsors service is an idea we must "Compulsors service is an idea we must ome to," said Senator Chumberlain, "It nothing less than downright murder

for the nation to continue a plan which may at any day send untrained troops atomst the skilled veterans of other "The people must be educated to see that this plan, or some plan like it, has the merits of keeping them in civil life most of the year, and yet gives them valuable military service. A French officer who served on the Marne and Swiss officers who have studied their own and this system have told me it would give a vast number of men who under skilled officers could quickly give a good account of themselves.

"I believe that in time the system."

"I believe that in time the system would lead to the abolition of the regular army altogether. We would have simply skilled officers and a vast number fairly prepared men. The Swiss have no standing army."
"The men themselves would be greatly

"The men themselves would be greatly benefited by the exercises and training. I believe the plan would prolong the life of the average American many years. And with so short a time of service each year there would be no danger of arousing 'the militaristic spirit' so called."

The estimate of 3,000,000 in two years is based on the theory that 50 per cent. of the eligible male population would be able under some plea to get excused from service.
Senator Chamberlain plans to give ad-

ditional financial aid to schools and col-"Contrary to the traditions of America and entirely impracticable," said Chairman Hay, of the House Milliary Affairs Committee, discussing Senator Chamberlain's plan.
"This is not only contrary to the senti-

"This is not only contrary to the sentiment of native-born Americans, but even those who have come to this country have done so with the idea of avoiding what the Senator here proposes. I do not believe there are 25 votes for it in the House. If I thought there was the slightest danger of its success I should take the lead in a fight against it. But neither in the House nor in the Senate can it success?

#### ART ALLIANCE MAY BUILD ON RITTENHOUSE SQUARE

Property Is Purchased at 1823-25 Walnut Street

The Philadelphia Art Alliance, an organization formed recently to promote activities in music, drama, painting and sculpture, is expected to erect large headmarters on Rittenhouse Square. alliance has purchased property at 1823-25 Walnut street, which it expects to de-vote to the use of various artistic move-

ments.

Prominent women are members of the Organization Comittee and the board of directors. Among them are Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson, Mrs. William Yorke Stevenson, Miss Violet Oakley, Mrs. Felix E. Schelling and Mrs. Leopold Stokowski. The new building will be of fine architectural design and will add to the beauty of the square if the plans of some beauty of the square if the plans of some of the members are carried out.

#### \$18,000,000 DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTED BY DU PONT CO.

Of This Sum \$12,000,000 Goes to Wilmington and Nearby

WILMINGTON, Dec. 15.—Checks for the 30 per cent. quarterly duPont divi-dend, declared on November 24, were sent out in the first mail this morning. The total amount of the dividend is \$15,000,000, and of this amount \$12,000,000 goes to Wilmingtonians and people living within a few miles of Wilmington.

This is the biggest amount of money ever distributed in Wilmington just previous to Christmas.

## PENNSYLVANIANS GET BERTHS IN THE HOUSE

Costello Goes on Harbors Committee, Moore on Ways and Means-Other Assignments

Four Not on the Job Which Pays \$20.54 a Day

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Philadelphia representatives, who were present in the House when it was called to order today were:

J. HAMPTON MOORE. PETER E. COSTELLO. GEORGE P. DARROW. The absentees: WILLIAM S. VARE. GEORGE S. GRAHAM. GEORGE W. EDMONDS. JOHN R. K. SCOTT.

Each member of Congress re-ceives \$20.54 a day from the Federal Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Pennsylvania Republican Congressmen were given good assignments on the House committees, announced yesterday. Peter E. Costello, of Philadelphia, was placed on the Rivers and Harbors Committee, where Philadelphia in the last session was represented by his predecessor, Michael Donolog.

J. Hampton Moore returned to the Ways and Means Committee, where he now holds the third place on the minority side. Representative William S. Vare west reappointed on the Appropriations Committee, where he is fifth in rank. Ex-Speaker Cannon was named on this committee, and Representative Nicholas Longworth returns to the Ways and Means.

Representative George S. Graham, of Philadelphia, returns to the Judiciary and Representative George W. Edmonds to the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

The assignments of the Pennsylvania Republicans are as follows: George P. Darrow, Philadelphia, District of Columbia. olumbia. George W. Edmonds, Philadelphia. Claims. John R. Farr. Scranton, Naval Affairs. Benjamin K. Focht. Lewisburg, District of Adumbia, Malion M. Gariand, Pittsburgh, Expendi-ures in the Treasury Department, George S. Graham, Philadelphia, Judiciary, William W. Griest, Lancasier, Postoffices

d Postronis labert D. Heaton, Ashland, Accounts, labert F. Hopwood, Uniontown, Expendi-res in the Postoffice Department, Revision Law and War Claims, Abraham L. Kelster, Scottdale, Banking and

Daniel F. Lafean, York, Postoffices and betroads, Louis T. McFadden, Canton, Banking and H. Miller, Mercer, Indian Affairs, mpton Moore, Philadelphia, Ways and Taylor North, Punxsutawney, Education, erritories
Stephen G. Porter, Pittsburgh, Expenditures
a the Department of Justice, Foreign Affairs,
Charles H. Rowland, Philipsburg, Roads,
Joan R. K. Scott, Philadelphia, Census, inuserial Arte and Expositions,
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terned at Guam. Thirty-five carloads of food sup-plies for Belgian relief received in New York from South and West.

## FREE GARDENING LECTURES

Dr. John M. MacFarlane, professor of

Dr. J. M. MacFarlane Will Deliver Series of Addresses

botany and director of the botanical gardens at the University of Pennsylvania, has arranged a series of free lectures on gardening, which will be held Wednesday evenings at Botanical Hall. Hamilton walk above 37th street. The lectures are the result of numerous re-quests from suburbanites and amateur gardeners of this city, who desire to gain gardeners of this city, who desire to gain more knowledge of gardening in general. The lecture tonight will be on "Grafts and Grafting." The eight other lectures will be given weekly, as follows, beginning January 5: "Hybrids and Hybridization," "The Grape Vine," "The Natural History and Culture of Orchids," "The Heath Family," "Iris, Gladiolus and Canna," "Blackbertles and Fluwer." "Mackbertles and Fluwer." "Mackbertles and Fluwer."

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West Chester Sees Big Meteor WEST CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 15.—The most brilliant meteor noted in this section for years passed over this borough last evening at 5:46 o'clock, and was viewed in its flight by a large number of people who were on the streets at the time. It appeared as a huge ball of fire, and as it flew it alowly emitted a long train of sparks. Pedestrians on Gay street say it also sent forth a loud hissing sound and passed extremely low.

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