

DENBY BIDES TIME IN NAVAL REPORT

Secretary Omits Any References to Proposed Scrapping of American Ships

ECONOMY NEED NOTED

By the Associated Press
Washington, Dec. 12.—Secretary Denby, in his first annual report, made public yesterday, announces that he has "no recommendation to make at this time relative to the naval establishment."

A proposed future policy for the navy is embodied in the American proposal to the Arms Conference, but Mr. Denby omits any reference to this. His only statement as regards the Conference is a recognition of "the arduous and excellent work" performed by the Navy General Board and individual naval officials in the preparation of information preliminary to it.

The naval budget for the next fiscal year already has been submitted to Congress. It is based upon the old policy of "no second to none" and contemplates continuation of the construction of nine battleships and six battlecruisers, which would be scrapped under the American proposal for the limitation of world naval forces.

The total of the budget, \$431,754,000, is \$264,000,000 less than the original estimate. Mr. Denby's report discloses the reductions having been made as a result of conferences on naval officials and budget officers.

In this connection, Mr. Denby says the department "is fully alive to the demand of the country for economy, and

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The naval Secretary's report as well as those of the various bureau chiefs which accompany it is devoted to a review of the work of the navy during the last year. Some space is given to peacetime activities, the Secretary declaring that naval patrol detachments in Asiatic and Near Eastern waters "are constantly involved in preventing strife and protecting persons and interests in case strife begins."

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