

OR MAKING COUNTRY SAFE.

Secretary of the Navy Suggests Plan in Annual Report.

PORTY BATTLESHIPS NEEDED.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer Would Also Have Other Fighting and Auxiliary Vessels as Well as Dreadnaughts to Insure Peace—Efficient Force Makes Treaties Binding.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer in his annual report declares that "a total of twenty battleships, with a proportional number of other fighting and auxiliary vessels, is the least that will place our country on a safe basis in its relation to other world powers."

While at least two other powers have ambitious building plans, he says, it is believed that if we maintain an efficient fleet of this size we will be safe from attack and that our country will be free to work out its destiny in peace and without hindrance. The recommendation for a continuing policy which will give us the fleet desired, he goes on to say, "is made with a due regard for the almost worldwide movement for the settlement of international disputes by arbitration. History of all times shows the futility and danger of trusting to the good will and fair dealing or even the most solemnly binding treaties between nations for the protection of national sovereignty rights and interests, and without doubt the time is ripe when a comparatively unarmed and helpless nation may be reasonably safe from attack by ambitious, well-armed powers, especially in a commercial age such as the present. To avoid war and insure peace we should be prepared for war."

The short life of a warship, approximately twenty years, has caused the secretary to ask for appropriations for more battleships this year, not to increase the size of the navy, but to maintain it at its existing strength. He declares that two more battleships are absolutely necessary, and would welcome a new vessel of the battleship-cruiser type such as Great Britain, Germany and Japan are building.

Panama Canal a Naval Base. Taking up the changes that will be necessitated by the opening of the Panama canal in 1913, the secretary says:

The Panama canal, which for all practical purposes will become a part of our coast line and is destined to become the most important strategical point in the western hemisphere, makes Caribbean naval base with adequate docking and repair facilities absolutely necessary. The best location for this station is Guantanamo bay, Cuba, which we now hold. Assuming that we will continue to maintain an efficient fleet, this base not only will enable us to control the Caribbean with its lines of approach to the canal, but with a torpedo base at Key West will render the gulf of Mexico immune to attack.

The Panama canal will in effect be a naval base, since the docking and repair facilities to be provided there for commercial vessels will meet our requirements in time of war."

Wants an Efficient Reserve. Secretary Meyer urges legislation providing for a large naval reserve. "To be efficient," he says, "modern navies must have crews of highly trained men, and it would be suicidal to send ships into action with untrained crews. Owing to the cost of modern warfare, and there will be no opportunity to recruit and train men after the beginning of hostilities."

He asks for a new grading of rank that the ranking admiral of our fleet will be on an equality with the heads of foreign fleets. In the question of the use of aeroplanes in war he says: The primary object which has dominated the work so far is the eventual use of the aeroplane from ships of the navy as an aid in scouting, in reconnaissance of an enemy's mine fields or defenses and in communicating between ships or between ships and land bases or between the fleet and a co-operating force on shore."

HEROIC TEST FOR INFANTRY.

For Company March From San Francisco to New York.

A heroic test to show what may be expected by having an infantry company at war strength march with an automobile truck from San Francisco to New York is one of the suggestions in the report of A. W. Brewster, acting instructor general. This report is what is designed to be a criticism of any test found in the army in the year past. The marching ability varied from post to post, and an effort will be made to bring it to a higher standard. The maneuvers in Texas are reviewed with the conclusion the concentration was a benefit. It is recommended that the division be mobilized with its full complement of officers and men present and with staff trains and equipment complete.

Former Dean of Congress Dead. Chemist Day Sperry, former dean of congress and a founder of the Republican party, died recently at New

GIFT SUGGESTION.



EARRINGS OF PEARL AND JET.

You will be sure to please the modish girl of 1911 if you give her as a Christmas gift a pair of pearl or jet earrings. There are many styles in these dangling earrings, some large and round, others that fit close to the ear, but the most striking effects reach almost to the shoulders.

The illustration shows the latest styles in pearl and jet earrings, and any of them would make a safe selection for a gift.

Stunning Evening Frock.

Evening gowns for holiday wear will soon be required, and the cut furnishes inspiration for a mighty stunning costume. The small pointed train which hangs from a rather high waist line in the back is of rose satin; also the skirt hem is of the same material.



COSTUME OF EMBROIDERED CHIFFON.

Above the satin hemming is a charming design of lotus blossoms on white chiffon, which makes the gown. The tiny, close fitting sleeves are of black chiffon, which gives the touch of black the French dressmaker considers necessary in an evening costume.

Last Minute Hints.

Look over the gifts you have bought as they come from the stores to see that everything purchased has been delivered and that nothing is broken.

Make sure you have plenty of stationery for the letters of thanks that are to follow Christmas.

Have a few extra Christmas cards handy for those who come to mind at the last minute.

Get packages all wrapped and tied several days before the great event. It's exhausting work.

Keep the spirit of Christmas burning bright and let it go in every letter and card you write.

Remember that snowy paper, scarlet ribbon and a sprig of holly enhance the charm of even the simplest gift.

Have plenty of excelsior ready for wrapping breakables.

Take your packages to the postoffice to be weighed for postage as far in advance of Christmas as possible. You don't have to send them then, but you avoid having to stand in line a half hour or so on the days immediately preceding Christmas.

When wrapping your packages tie your scissors fast to you; otherwise there is a constant search for them in the general melee.

Sofa Pillow Hint.

The cover of a sofa pillow can be made to fit well by the following little trick: After sewing up three sides, but before turning the cover right side out, tack the two finished corners of the case securely to two corners of the pillow. Turn the case over the pillow. Sew up the fourth side for an inch or two at each end. Tack these two corners to the corresponding corners of the cushion. Finish as usual. This keeps the pillow from pulling and sagging away from the cover.—Woman's World.

TIMELY HINTS FOR FARMERS

Plenty of Paint Pays.

A liberal use of paint means a great deal to the farmer. In the first place, it improves the appearance of the buildings. No one, not even the owner, enjoys looking at farm buildings that are weather beaten and paintless. They cannot be pleasing to the eye, and if the farmer wishes to sell the prospective buyer passes by because of the unsightly appearance of the buildings.

Then, too, plenty of paint is the only thing that will preserve the parts of the building exposed to the weather. There is no economy in letting buildings stand year after year without any paint. Better buy paint than lumber. Besides, it is more trouble to repair than it is to paint. As soon as paint begins to fall away and the naked lumber appears in places it is time for a new application.

It is very important that one be careful as to the quality of the paint. Adulterated paint may be cheap at the outset, but not in the end. There is positively no wear to it, and it costs just as much in time and labor to spread it. Paint should be liberally spread. It will not pay to botch the job. Careful buying and careful application will insure good wear and neat looking buildings.—Iowa Homestead.

Grinding the Grain.

A great many dairymen think it is all nonsense to grind grain, but their opinion is probably influenced by the fact that it takes time and trouble and is therefore somewhat expensive. Men who conduct their dairying on the principle of knowing what they are about and not guessing at things believe that it does pay. It not only adds to the digestibility of the grain to grind it, but it makes it more palatable. Ground corn is much sweeter to the taste than unground, and animals relish tasty feed.

Unbroken corn is surrounded by a layer of cellulose, and this is not easily digested unless thoroughly masticated. If a cow does not grind her corn thoroughly the value of much of the grain will be lost.

Dr. Jordan, who has made many experiments in the feeding of dairy cattle, estimated that the digestibility of corn is increased from 3 1/2 to 14 per cent by grinding.

Dairy Notes.

The best of feed will not make a good cow out of a poor one, but indifferent feed is sure to make a poor cow out of a good one.

One way to set a good example for the young farmers in your neighborhood is to keep pure bred dairy cattle and keep them right.

The milk vessel should be smooth on the inside. There should be no crevices or cracks that are difficult to clean.

STOP THE WASTE OF LIQUID MANURE.

Valuable Plant Food May Be Saved by Absorbents.

Winter is with us, which means the stabling of the cows. How many cow owners are making any attempt at saving the liquid manure? To save this valuable plant food element does not require a concrete manure pit. The use of absorbents in the stable will save practically all of it, provided that the manure is hauled out and spread upon the land every day.

Don't think that absorbents are going to be of any great value if the manure is pitched out of the window and left to stand in a pile under the eaves of the barn or where the rains can reach it and carry away the liquids. Cow yards don't need enriching. Fields upon which crops are grown do. The least one can do is to have a covered manure pit—anything to stop the everlasting waste of liquid manure. Why all the emphasis upon this point? Reason:

The liquid elements of nature contain more available plant food than the solids. The farmer who takes good care of manure gets twice as much good out of it as the farmer who throws it out of the window and lets it lie in the open until plowing time in the spring. Think this over. It's worth while.—Farm Progress.

The Farm Workshop.

Every farm should have some kind of a workshop, and, if possible, it should be made comfortable enough so that it can be used on cold winter days. There are many odd jobs that can be attended to during the winter which will not be if there is no place where the work can be done in comfort. A light, sunny corner of the barn might do, though a separate building or part of a building where a little fire could be kept in severe weather would pay. Not only do most men enjoy tinkering with tools, but the boys enjoy it also, and it may be made an important part of their education.

Fowls Need Pure Water.

The fowls must have plenty of pure water if they are expected to thrive. Impure water is the cause of many diseased and unhealthy fowls.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Farmers and Mechanics Bank,

OF HONESDALE, WAYNE COUNTY, PA. at the close of business, Nov. 6, 1911.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Reserve fund, Cash, specie and notes, and Capital Stock paid in.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE WAYNE COUNTY SAVINGS BANK

OF HONESDALE, WAYNE CO., PA. at the close of business, Nov. 6, 1911.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Reserve fund, Cash, specie and notes, and Capital Stock paid in.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE HONESDALE NATIONAL BANK

OF HONESDALE, WAYNE COUNTY, PA. At the close of business, Dec. 5, 1911.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, and Capital Stock paid in.

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS OF THE MILANVILLE BRIDGE CO.

The bondholders of the Milanville Bridge Company will take notice that in pursuance of a resolution duly adopted by the Company, and in accordance with the provisions of the mortgage dated January 2, 1905, given by the Milanville Bridge Co. to Homer Greene, trustee, one thousand dollars of the bonds secured by said mortgage have been drawn for redemption. On presentation of said bonds to Homer Greene, Trustee, at his office in Honesdale, Pa., they will be paid at their par value, together with interest thereon to January 1, 1912; and after which date interest thereupon will cease. The numbers of the bonds so drawn are as follows: 64, 243, 32, 153, 218, 242, 30, 112, 276, 33, 36, 114, 37, 245, 300, 87, 251, 227, 290, 298, 138, 11, 229, 126, 240, 100, 188, 142, 160, 281, 16, 62, 187, 246, 272, 164, 89, 169, 12, 173.

CHAS. E. BEACH, Secretary of the Milanville Bridge Company. Nov. 14, 1911. 92e014w

SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of process issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Wayne county, and State of Pennsylvania, and to me directed and delivered, I have levied on and will expose to public sale, at the Court House in Honesdale, on FRIDAY, DEC. 22, AT 2 P. M.

All the defendant's right, title, and interest in the following described property—viz: All that southern 1/2 part of a certain piece or parcel of land, situate in Preston township, Wayne county, Pa., beginning at a heap of stones on the line of land surveyed to John Chambers; thence by the same and land surveyed by Daniel Bauman, north 63 degrees east 107 perches to a beach corner; thence by lots Nos. 42-37 of the allotment of the Bond tract, north 27 degrees West 320 perches to stones the corner; thence by lot No. 29 on said allotment, south 63 degrees west 107 perches to stones corner and thence by lots No. 39 and 40 of said allotment, south 27 degrees east 320 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 314 acres more or less, being the same land that Thomas Cadwalader and wife by their deed dated the 7th day of December, 1830, said deed being recorded in Deed Book No. 7 at page 256, granted and conveyed to Bernard and Cornelius Reilly, and the said Bernard and Cornelius Reilly divided the said land property by the said Bernard Reilly taking the southern half or 160 rods by 107 rods of the said tract and the said Cornelius Reilly taking the north half or 160 rods by 107 rods of the said tract.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Preston township, Wayne county, Pa., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stones corner in the line of other lands of the said Bernard Reilly; thence by Lots Nos. 43-44 of the allotment of the Cadwaladers in Preston township, south 27 degrees east 186 rods to a post set for a corner; thence by Lot No. 23 of said allotment, south 84 1/2 degrees west 180 1/2 rods to a stones corner thence by land of N. L. Kennedy, north 5 1/2 degrees west 158 1/2

McCarty, Attorney. TAKE NOTICE—All bids and costs must be paid on day of sale or deeds will not be acknowledged. M. LEE BRAMAN, Sheriff. Honesdale, Nov. 22, 1911.

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Table with columns for A.M., P.M., and stations including Albany, Binghamton, Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, and Scranton.