

WANTS MORE SHIPS

Secretary of Navy Daniels Issues First Report.

FAVORS BIG BUILDING PROGRAM

Recommends Construction of Ten Dreadnoughts, Eight Destroyers and Three Submarines—Comments on the Reduction of Armament For Army and Navy.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, has made public his first annual report, one of the chief features of which is the announcement of his "building program" for the navy and his recommendation of the authorization by the present congress of the construction of two dreadnoughts, eight destroyers and three submarines. He admits that it will be observed that this is not a large program, but says that "it is a progressive one" and meets the demands to go forward in the continuation of "an adequate and well proportioned navy."

Mr. Daniels says that we now have under construction six battleships of the largest and most approved type and adds:

"With the authorization of two of the largest battleships ever constructed before the close of the present administration, the United States will have enough ships to have always a credible and capable fleet in both the Pacific and the Atlantic oceans. These, together with the smaller ships under construction, will make the American navy one of strength and power, ready for the protection of American shores and American interests.

"A steady building program of advancement from year to year will be necessary to give us 'an adequate navy,' the goal of American needs and desires.

Those Who Can't Be Pleased.
"Those who bid against us stand still as to construction and will not approve this conservative program," the secretary continues. "Those who wish to hasten more rapidly in construction will not give it their approval.

"It has been recommended, after mature consideration, as a middle course of wisdom. It is a condition and not a theory that confronts us. The revenues of the country do not permit so large an expansion in naval building as the department might desire to enter upon at this time."

As to the reduction in armament the report says:
"I trust that this country will take the initiative and that steps will be taken by a conference of all the powers to discuss reduction of the heavy cost of the army and navy."

Secretary Daniels says that "the time has come when the department should be freed from excessive prices charged by private manufacturers of armor plate, guns and gun forgings, powder, torpedoes and other supplies and munitions," and recommends that appropriations be made for an armor plate factory, the powder factory and the torpedo works.

"The ability to make part of the powder used has effected some reduction," he declares, "but the department is still forced to buy too large a quantity from the powder trust at an exorbitant figure."

In urging a sufficient appropriation to begin the construction of a government armor plant to relieve a situation which, he says, "is intolerable and at total variance with the principle of economy in spending government money," Mr. Daniels says that it was sufficient to mention that only three firms in this country can manufacture armor plate "and that these firms have put in bids for armor plate seldom varying over a few dollars and in many instances being identical to the cent."

"It is evident that without an armor plant of its own," the secretary adds, "the government in time of war or impending war would be entirely at the mercy of these three manufacturers and obliged to pay practically whatever prices they asked."

DIVES TO HIS DEATH.

Fearing Sanitarium, John Churchill, Inventor, Takes Fatal Plunge.

New York, Dec. 1.—Fearing that he would be returned to the King's Park sanitarium, where he had been for two years, John Churchill, an inventor, thirty-four years old, committed suicide by leaping out of the window of the home of his brother at 129 St. John's place, Brooklyn.

Churchill had patented a number of inventions, but had concentrated his mind on making an absolutely non-refillable bottle. So hard had he labored on the invention that his mind is said to have become affected, and two years ago he was sent to the sanitarium where he was kept in confinement.

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FACES FINAL CRISIS

Huerta Tottering, Is the Report From Capital.

TAMPICO MENACED BY REBELS

Capture of Mazatlan, on West Coast, Leaves Salina Cruz the Only Port Through Which Arms From Japan May Be Landed.

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—There is strong feeling here that General Huerta is close to his last stand. The government has been forced to admit the fall of important northern strongholds, and it was also admitted that the rebels had done such damage to the railroad and telegraph lines that concerted movements of federal troops are barely possible.

It is believed that the government has received word that Guaymas has fallen as well as Mazatlan, the other important western port. If this is true the government will have hard work getting to the capital the big shipment of arms and ammunition reported to be on the way from Japan.

If Guaymas has fallen the only important Pacific port remaining in the hands of the federals is Salina Cruz.

The rebels have further disorganized the federal campaign by the seizure of all the vast oil property of the Cowdray syndicate in the Tuxpan district. The only way fuel oil can be shipped from the port for the use of the National railways is by water.

The Constitutionalist under General Candido Aguilar have threatened to destroy the oil wells if the company continues to ship oil for the use of the railways. The company is reported to have yielded to the demands that they will supply no more oil to the National railways, that no appeal will be made to the Huerta government for protection and that the taxes will be paid to the rebel chiefs.

The National railways use only oil for fuel, and the cutting off of the supply means that any considerable military movement in that district must be abandoned by the government.

Tampico in Danger.

Tampico is said to be in grave danger of capture. It is reported that a big body of rebels in the oil district left Nixteucatl presumably to cut the railroad from San Luis Potosi, having already destroyed the Tampico-Monterrey road. This would completely isolate Tampico from any land approach of the federals.

It was reported that General Huerta had obtained a loan of 7,000,000 pesos from some unidentified source. The belief here is that if the report is true the loan will serve only to delay the financial crisis a few weeks more at best.

General Blanquet has assured General Huerta that the war department debt of 22,000,000 pesos would be paid, but where these funds are coming from has not been revealed. Instead of being paid with cash on Saturday, as is customary, the employees of the National railways received checks to be cashed today. The obligations of the National railways must be met this month, which causes much concern in government circles. The government finds it more difficult daily to raise funds.

FATAL SCALDS FROM ENGINE.

Engineer on Colorado Train Pinned Under It Against Mountain.

Denver, Dec. 1.—James Duffey, engineer of a passenger train bound here on the Colorado and Southern railway, was scalded to death when his engine ran into the side of a snow covered mountain opposite Blackhawk, near Central City. The fireman, Charles A. Russell, was hurled through the cab window and landed seventy-five yards down the mountain side. His right ear was torn off.

Duffey was pinned under the engine for two hours before rescuers could reach him, but they were helpless until a ditch had been dug through the snow and frozen earth, through which he was taken out.

Both the engine and the smoking car were overturned. The express messenger, Francis Noonan, was buried under the car, but escaped injury. The passenger cars remained on the track. No passengers were injured.

HUSBAND SLAYER TO PRISON.

Mrs. Wasserleben Fails In Appeal Against Alabama Conviction.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 1.—After a legal fight lasting nearly two years against her conviction Mrs. Virginia Theresa Wasserleben, found guilty of the murder of her husband, Frederick Wasserleben, a police officer, in December, 1911, and sentenced to life imprisonment, was taken to the state convict farm to begin her sentence. She professed to believe that "spirits" would save her.

Her mother, Mrs. Mary T. Godan, a cripple, is also serving a life term for the murder, which was committed to obtain life insurance to the amount of \$7,500.

GOULDSBORO.

Gouldsboro, Nov. 29.—Flags are being rapidly placed in all the school rooms in this section. Last Saturday evening the P. O. S. of A. at Tobyhanna presented all the schools in the township, including three high schools, with not only a large flag for their pole, but with a flag for each room and introduced the flag salute at the opening exercises. Prof. J. A. Kunkle, principal of the Tobyhanna schools, acted as chairman of the ceremonies. Ira LaBar, district attorney of Monroe county, gave a very fine address, that was greatly appreciated. Mrs. G. A. Kerling, the department patriotic instructor of the W. R. C., talked on patriotic work in the schools. The school had very fine exercises and closed by repeating the flag salute in unison. Flags have been ordered by Miss Clara Foley, teacher of the Lehigh Glen school, Miss Spicher, teacher of the Fayette school, Miss Grace Crooks for the Lehigh school, Miss Ruth Thomas of Daleville, and Miss Propst of Hazard Home school. All of these and several others are to be presented in the year. Chaplain T. D. Swartz, W. R. C., of Moscow, is to present four large bunting flags to the Moscow school in the near future. The Corps recently presented the Gouldsboro schools with flags. While many of the schools have flags on the poles outside of the school buildings, a great many, especially in the small district schools, have not had the flags in the school rooms. The patriotic societies throughout are endeavoring to have a flag placed in every school room in the United States and the flag salute repeated at the opening exercises every morning. Flags are also being placed in many Sunday school rooms.

Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Miss Grace Elizabeth Bowle, of Easton, to Harry Wilmer Markel, of Greensburg. The ceremony occurred at the home of the bride at noon Wednesday, Nov. 25. The bride was attended by her sister, Alpha Bowle and the groom by his brother, A. wedding dinner and reception was held immediately afterwards. The bridal party departed for an extended trip through the South. The bride, who lived here for several years with her grandmother, Mrs. Etna Staples, has many friends here who wish her a long and happy married life. The groom, a graduate of Lafayette College, 1910, is principal of the high school at Boliver, where they will make their home. Mrs. Staples, who was at Easton to attend the wedding, has returned home.

Dorothy Mae O'Boyle, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Boyle, and Fred Hager Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rhodes, were recently married at Binghamton, N. Y. The Ish Ki Bible class gave the bride a variety shower. Many pretty and useful gifts were received. The following were present: Misses Mabel and Lillian Hawke, Mabel and Annie Flower, Minnie Courtney, Annie Kintzer, Florence Gruver, Mildred Sebring, Messrs. Dennis Shay, George Sebring, Howard Flower, Arthur and Russel O'Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Boyle, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rhodes. The young couple are very popular and are receiving the hearty congratulations of their many friends.

Rev. Clarence R. Hickok, pastor of the Court street M. E. church, Scranton, will preach in the M. E. church Tuesday, Dec. 4th, and administer the Holy Sacrament.

A large number from here attended the lecture given by Rev. Waman, of Philadelphia, at the Daleville M. P. church Thursday evening.

Gouldsboro Lodge, No. 298, I. O. O. F., had as their guest Wednesday evening the Grand Master of the State, Fred C. Hanyen, of Scranton. Mrs. S. S. Hager is spending some time with her son, Mr. Hager, at Rozelle, N. J.

The next regular meeting of Chaplain T. D. Swartz, R. R. C., will be held Wednesday, Dec. 3, at which time the election of officers will be held for the coming year.

Mrs. Hager of South Sterling who has been spending several weeks here with her daughter, Margaret, returned home the last of the week. Her daughter is now here. Margaret underwent an operation at the State hospital a couple of months ago for appendicitis and has since been at the home of Ernest Eadler, where she has been critically ill. She is slowly gaining.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gracer Saturday, Nov. 22, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Grover Johnson of Sunnyside on Saturday, Nov. 22, a son.

Cards have been received here announcing the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Latham of Philadelphia.

SEELYVILLE.

Mrs. Schott of Lackawaxen, was a guest of her son George several days of last week.

Charles Brown, of Scranton, spent a few days of this week with his uncle, George Ordnung, and other relatives.

Susa Moser is spending this week in Brooklyn, N. Y., as the guest of her cousin, Edith Ulrich.

Elizabeth Moser spent a few days of last week with friends at Forest City.

Marie Martwick is spending a few days of this week with relatives at Scranton and Clark's Summit.

Mrs. William Swartz of South Canaan spent Saturday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Shuman.

dale is home suffering from a fractured wrist. She is much improved at this writing.

George Evans and wife left here on Friday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. John Johns at Pittston.

Henry Owens of Carbondale, spent the week end with relatives and friends here.

WAYMART.

Waymart, Nov. 29.—A Thanksgiving entertainment was given by the pupils of the Dwyer school, Canaan township, on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 25. The program was as follows:

- Nine Little Pumpkin Faces.....
- Exercise by Nine Pupils.....
- The Reason Why..... Robt. Gilpin
- The Thanksgiving Turkey..... Sara J. Snedeker
- Thanksgiving Fun..... Austin Lautenschlager
- The Turkey's Soliloquy..... Beatrice Gilpin
- Thanksgiving Dinner..... Lizzie Snedeker
- November..... Joseph Snedeker
- A Thanksgiving Wish..... Freddie Lautenschlager
- At Grandma's..... Anton Lautenschlager
- The Story of the Pilgrims (reading)..... Sara J. Snedeker
- Thanksgiving Albert Lautenschlager
- A Mutual Mistake..... Robert Gilpin
- The Cat's Thanksgiving Soliloquy..... Beatrice Gilpin
- Thanksgiving Day..... Austin Lautenschlager
- The Kitten's Thanksgiving..... Lizzie Snedeker

The last number on the program was a laughable one. A large paper turkey was pinned to the curtain and each pupil given a paper turkey head to put in place, the pupils to be blindfolded while doing this. Many patrons and friends of teacher and pupils attended.

PLEASANT MOUNT.

Pleasant Mount, Nov. 29.—On Wednesday evening, Nov. 26, at 6 o'clock, at the parochial residence, occurred the marriage of Miss Teresa F., daughter of Garrett Kierman, to Irving W. Bunnell, a business man, both of Herrick Center. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. J. Crogan, pastor of St. James' church. The bride was handsomely attired in a blue coat suit with a white picture hat. The bridesmaid, Miss Mary Kierman, a sister of the bride, wore a blue coat with hat to match. The groom was attended by Mr. William O'Hara of Pleasant Mount. After the ceremony the bridal party was driven to the home of the bride, where a reception was held for the immediate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Bunnell left on the 10 o'clock train for their honeymoon. They have a host of friends who extend their heartiest congratulations and wish them a happy wedded life.

COMPLIMENTARY.

"I tell my wife all I know."
"Yes, she told my wife that you hardly say a thing to her."—Answers.

'I Did Not Know You Could Buy Such Nice Things In a Hardware Store.'

That's what one of our lady customers said after she examined our big line of useful holiday gifts, and she might have truthfully added that our kind of holiday goods are always doubly appreciated because they are not only fine in appearance but always useful and a constant pleasure to the recipient.

Just a Few Suggestions:

- Rogers new pattern knives and forks, 21 dwts. silver, \$4.50 per set.
- Gloves and mittens in Christmas boxes, \$.25 to \$3.00 pr.
- Electric flashlights, always acceptable, \$1.00 to \$3.50 each.
- Aluminum ware for the kitchen, \$.25 to \$5.00 each.
- Driving Lamps and Lanterns, for those who need them, \$.75 to \$3.50 each.
- Keen Kutter Shears and Pocket Knives, \$.25 to \$1.50 each.
- Horse Blankets and Robes make real gifts, \$1.50 to \$15.00 each.

Watch This Space for More Suggestions

MURRAY CO.
Home of Useful Christmas Gifts. Honesdale, Pa.

SIKO.
S'iko, Dec. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ridd spent Thanksgiving at Port Jervis as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Bolckcom.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Pintler on Nov. 29.

The Pleasant Valley W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Lizzie Eldred, Carley Brook, on Thursday afternoon, December 4.

\$1,000,000 TO BOOST PARTY.

Prohibitionists Plan to Elect Ten Congressmen Next Year.

Columbus, Nov. 29.—Plans to raise a fund of \$1,000,000 for the Presidential campaign of 1916 and to elect 10 members of Congress next year have been outlined by a "Concentration Committee" of Prohibition party leaders.

The "Concentration Committee" will decide later what 10 districts of the United States they will select as battle ground in the effort to obtain representation in Congress for the party.

—Shop early and help the clerk in the stores.

WHAT IS IMPURE AIR?

The Smithsonian Institution has recently published a revolutionary memoir by Prof. Leonard Hill and several collaborators, entitled "The Influence of the Atmosphere on Our Health and Comfort in Confined and Crowded Places." A main purpose of the memoir is to show that the chemical quality of the air in crowded and stuffy rooms has nothing to do with its ill effects, and that, apart from the influence of infecting bacteria, the ventilation problem is essentially one of the temperature, relative humidity and movement of the air. The ordinary tests of air for carbon dioxide are declared to be worthless. The percentage of carbon dioxide in the worst ventilated room does not rise above 0.5 or, at most, 1 per cent., whereas the normal concentration of carbon dioxide in the lungs is from 5 to 6 per cent. of an atmosphere. The writers adduce a great number of experiments and observations to prove that percentages regarded as deleterious or deadly by hygienists are quite harmless. They claim that it is also a fallacy to assume that a diminished amount of oxygen is harmful. At noted health resorts in the Alps the barometer stands at such a height that the concentration of oxygen is far less than in the most ill-ventilated room. One unfortunate result of this fallacy is that the laws regarding ventilation of mines insist on a high percentage of oxygen, and thereby increase the danger of mine explosions. Finally, the widespread belief in the presence of an organic poison in expired air is equally erroneous. The smells of crowded rooms and the like are no indication that the air is deleterious. "The deaths in the Black Hole of Calcutta, the depression, headache, etc., in close rooms, are alike due to heat stagnation; the victims of the Black Hole died of heat-stroke."—Scientific American.

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