Number of Officers Totally Inadequate.

CONDITION IS DANGEROUS

Too Few Commanders Are Provided by Laws.

CONVERSE REVIEWS SITUATION

Chief of Navigation Urges Congress Confer Rank of Vice-Admiral Upon Two Officers-Battleship Declared Mainstay of Fleet.

ned and warrant officers By act of Congress approved March 3 1899, the officers constituting the engiof the Navy. A system of voluntary retirement was provided for by which a certain number of vacancies in the higher grades are insured each year, thus facilitating promotion. A force of 100 warrant machinists (afterward increased to 150 to perform engineer duty was appropriated for and increases authorized in the medical, pay and marine

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.-How badly off the Navy is for officers, and how seriously this condition may affect the Navy and the Nation, is told in the annual report of Rear-Admiral George A. Converse, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, approved by Secretary Morton Experience, especially in gunsays, has shown that it is necessary to increase the number of officers assigned to a ship, so that the stimate made in 1902 of the number of officers needed for ships in commission inadequate. It provides for only bout one-half as many officers as ships of the same class carry in the British, French and German navies. Admiral Converse recommends that the number Lieutenants be increased from 350 to 600 and that the number of Lieutenant-Commanders be increased from 200

"It is especially destrable," the Admiral says, "that every battleship and other powerful vessel requiring the greatest skill and experience for proper efficiency should have her full quota of officers of suitable rank; yet many of our battleships have Lieutenants as navigators. Practically all have Lieutenants as ordnance officers, and several battleships have Ensigns and even Midshipmen as watch and division officers

"This very unsatisfactory and even dangerous condition is due to the many urgent demands for officers, the existing inadequacy of numbers often making it impossible to detail officers of appropriate rank. The increasing numbers of Midshipmen graduating from the Naval Academy in the meantime will partially relieve the situation in the lower grades, but more Lieutenantmanders and Lieutenants are need-

American Captains the More Aged. lustrate how much older the Captains of the American Navy are than those of foreign navies, the report says youngest American Commander on the day he attained that rank was olde: than the average age of Japanese and Priest Briefly Discusses the Condition about the same as the average English and German Captains. He had passed the compulsory retirement age for Japanese Captains and was within 15 months of the compulsory retirement age for German and English officers. No specific remedy for this is offered, because Admiral Converse feels if the decays the conversion of the Winnesses Catholic priest who recently made serious charges concerning the treatment of the Winnesses Catholic priest who recently made serious charges concerning the treatment of the Winnesses Catholic priest who recently made serious charges concerning the treatment of the Winnesses Catholic priest who recently made serious charges of the Winnesses Catholic priest who recently made serious charges of the Winnesses Captains. and German Captains. He had passed need be recognized by higher authority satisfactory means may soon be devised. He remarks, however, "that until a measure is adopted for the compulsory" retirement of Commanders and Captains that do not main promotions at certain ages, the flower of promotion and the

Authorization by Congress of two Vice-Admirals is urgently recommended in order that our flag officers may not be beneath foreign officers holding inferior cammands.

will not be satisfactory."

"It is manifestly undesirable," says the Admiral, "for our flag officers to be beneath all others in matters of precedence international affairs with which they have to do as representatives of the It is therefore recommended that the rank of Vice-Admiral be conferred upon the officers detailed as Commanders-in-Chief of the North Atlantic and Asiatic fleets, and that the law reviving this grade provide that 'no officer shall hold the rank of Vice-Admiral in either the active or retired list, except "To investigate Grounding of Shipswhile exercising such command until he shall have command affoat as Vice-Admiral for two years, or else as a flag officer for three years altogether, at least those years as a "Vice-Admiral," and that officers may not, as they retire, be promoted to the grade of Vice-Ad-

Attention is called to the indispensability of cruisers, the report saying:

"We require a cruiser squadron in the North Atlantic South Atlantic and the Caribbean and also on the European station, all these being ready on the apfleet wherever needed. In the Pacific our force should consist of a large squadcruisers, and on the Asiatic station the battleships should be supplemented with a full squadron of cruisers.

Battleship is Mainstay of Navy.

Regarding the paramount efficiency of battleships and the part played by them in the Far Eastern war, Admiral Converse says:

"Although a hundred and more for"Although a hundred and more for-

from a torpedo vessel causing the loss of a single battlesbip. Those which have been sunk owed their destruction to sub-marine mines anchored or broken adrift, torpedo vessels not contributing to the result except in the confusion and sense of greater danger due to their presence. It is evident that in the final summary of losses the achievements of torpedo ves-sels will count less than was at first It cannot be claimed, therefore, that there has been so far any-thing to discredit the battleship as a

type; nor is any such outcome to be ex-pected from this war, whatever may be the casualties among battleships. To wage successful warfare with a naval force requires now, as it has required in all ages, a type of vessel which shall combine in the most effective man-ner the qualities of offense, mobility, de-fense endurance, self-maintenance. Buch

vessels are battleships and they consti-

tute the main strength and reliance of

Barly in the report Admiral Converse calls attention to the need of a general staff or board, "an advisory body which whall not be under the control of any bureau, but responsible directly to the

FASTEST CRUISER AFLOAT.

Pennsylvania Also Attains Record With Least Consumption of Fuel.

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—The armored cruiser Pennsylvania, in her official trip off the New England Coast today, made off the New Engiand Coast today, made the highest speed with the smallest relative expenditure of fuel of any arm-oreg vessel so far built for the United States Navy. Her contract called for 22 knots and her average speed for the four hours trial was 22.43 knots per hour, while her coal consumption was 2.2 pounds horsepower per hour. The day was perfect for the trial, a moderate breeze at the start failing to a flat caim at the finish while the sea

a fiat calm at the finish, while the sea oughout was very smooth.

Ithough the Pennsylvania started wly, being nearly a quarter of a

knot below her requirement over the first two legs of the course, she gathered headway as she went on, and over one leg of five miles of the 44 to the turn averaged 22.55 knots an hour.

After making a remarkably quick turn at the upper end of the course, she started back, and only once in the seven legs to the finish did the speed fall below 2.1 knots, while at one time, for 6.3 knots it was 2.2 for 6.3 knots, it was 23.2.

for 6.3 knots, it was 23.2.

There was much interest in comparing her effort today with that of her consort, the Colorado, which preceded her from the Cramp's yard only a menth before. While the latter made a 6.6-knot spurt at a rate of 23.224 per hour, her average for the entire course of 88 miles was 23.26 knots, compared with the Pennsylvania's 22.43 knots per hour.

according to Edwin S. Cramp, was due to the rigid discipline in the fireroom and the excellence of the boilers. The bremen distributed the coal regularly firemen distributed the coal regularly and evenly, with the result that the boliers stemmed freely. At no time was there an attempt made to race the boat, although Mr. Cramp stated at the end of the trip that he was confident the Pennsylvania could have made an average of 23 knots.

The engines developed a horsepower of over 28,999, while the propellers averaged 128 revolutions per minute.

INVESTIGATE BEEF TRUST.

Special Agent of Government Will Now Visit Cattleraisers.

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KANSAS CITY, Nov. 22.—T. A. Carroll, a special agent of the Department of Commerce and Labor, has been in Kansas City for a week quietly investigating the alleged beef trust. He called on the packers and took their lists and visited butchers, who were called upon to furnish receipted bills and other information that might be of use in a trial for violating the anti-trust laws. Mr. Carroll left the city today, but will return after t the city today, but will return after has conferred with some extensive

Another agent of the Department of Commerce and Labor spent some weeks in Kansas City and among the cattle-raisers last Summer. The presence of Mr. Carroll would seem to indicate that the Because of the important part played by torpedo craft in the war in the Far tion of so important a case, although the East, it is deemed advisable that the larger vessels of this type be commanded by Lieutenant-Commanders. To ileach by the Central to the Commanders of the anti-trust law. It is alleged that no change has been made in their method of conducting business.

SCHELL MEETS ROOSEVELT.

of the Winnebago Indians.

water suggested that one way to eradicate the evils from which the Indians on the Winnebago reservation were suffering was for the Legislature of Nebraska to was for the Legislature of Nebraska to establish a zone of prohibition about the reservation, and thus keep out the saloons which were to be found everywhere on the borders of the reservation. It was prob-able, he thought, the Nebraska Legisla-ture might exact such a law at its next ages of officers in the different grades

Father Schell talked briefly with the President about the conditions surround-ing the Winnebago Indians, but did not take up with him fulls the subject of his charges. It is understood that later he will submit a statement which will be investigated by the Indian Bureau.

Peace Assured in Nicaragua.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 .- Peace in Northern Nicaragua is assured by the recent decision of the Nicaraguan and Costa Ricara governments to submit their boundary dispute to the King of Spain for arbitration, says Mr. Merry, the American minister to Costa Rica, in a report received at the State De-partment today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—A court of inquiry, composed of Rear Admiral Henry Glass, Commanders T. S. Phelps and B. P. Tilley, has been appointed to investi-gate the recent grounding of the monitor Wyoming, Commander V. L. Cotton com-manding. These officers will proceed from this city to Seattle Friday.

Congressmen Arrive at Colon. COLON, Nov. B .- The United States Government transport Sumner, having on board 11 members of the House committee on internate and foreign commerce, ar-rived here today.

Fish Commission Steamer at Callao. LIMA, Peru, Nov. 21.—The American Fish Commission steamer Albatron ar-Fish Commission steam

Indian Population of Canada.

Roosevelt Has Not Offered Him Alaska Judgeship.

GOTHAM LAWYER IS PICKED

President is Giving No Heed to Political Recommendations, and Is Now Awaiting Word From Man of His Own Choosing.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ington, Nov. 22.—Political pressure is being brought to bear on President Rooseto succeed Judge Brown in Alaska, but all such recommendations have been set aside. The President has offered the posttion to some New York lawyer, of his own selection, a man whose identity has not been disclosed. It is understood he has no political backing. This lawyer has not yet acknowledged the President's offer. When it became known that the place

and that the President had made him this tender to show his confidence in him. There is no foundation for this report. NEW WAY TO AMEND TARIFF.

Shaw Advocates Extension of Draw

had been offered in New York it was ru-

mored that Judge Parker was the man,

back Instead of Revision. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 23.-Secretary of the Treas-

ury shaw, one of the foremost "stand-patters" in the Republican party, in disssing tariff revision, brings out an idea not previously touched upon. Secretary Shaw is willing to admit that there might well be slight modifications of the present law, but he thinks the changes should be confined almost entirely to an extension of the drawback system. It is his opinion that the present system is too rigid and keeps out of the United States many materials which might find their way into American factories if a more liberal drawback were allowed.

While the extension of the drawback would no doubt open up an opportunity for fraud, Secretary shaw says not enough fraud would be perpetrated to do any particular damage, while the benefits in the way of increased work in American factories would more than compensate for losses resulting from the evasions of tariff

Secretary Shaw says that if the Repub lican advocates of tariff revision should be brought together, it would be found that they they desire an amendo not more than 20 tariff schedules, 'He declares there is no demand for general revision, but merely for a lower rate on a

Rural Carriers for Oregon City. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washcointed today as follows:

Oregon City-Charles A. Andrus, reguar, Charles Croner, substitute, route 4: David F. Whiteman, regular, William T. Smith, substitute, route 5.

Rural route No. 2 was doday ordered established January 2 at Cornellus, Washington County, Ot., serving 468 people and

New Washington Postmasters. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washagton, Nov. 23.-Washington postmasters ere appointed today as follows: Port Stanley, San Juan County, Sebas tian Downie, vice P. I. Whitman, resigned; Tolt, King County, Sarah E. Davis, vice James W. Davis, dead.

AMERICA ASKS CUBA TO ACT. Feared Yellow Fever Will Result.

Santiago in Bad Sanitary Condition. WASHINGTON, Nov 21.—The State De-partment has directed the American charge at Havana to call the attention of the Cuban government to the frightful sanitary conditions in Santiago and other manitary conditions in Santiago and other places in Cuba, and to express the hope that prompt and thorough relief will be forthcoming. A recent report received here shows the serious condition of the streets in Santiago. It is stated that there is practically no drainage, and that water is allowed to stand in the streets for days at a time.

Catarrh

Invites Consumption It weakens the delicate lung tissues,

deranges the digestive organs, and breaks down the general health. It often causes headache and dizzi-

ness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, and affects the voice. Being a constitutional disease it re-

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Hood's Sarsaperilla promises to cure and keeps the premise.

Punta Sal. This case did not amount to anything on account of the energetic measures taken by the sanitary department of the government."

Consul-General Zayas said that his government was considerably disturbed over the widespread reports in this country that yellow fever had broken out on the Island. Such reports, he said, had a tendency to keep away tourists and hamper the trade between this country and Cuba. Mr. Zayas said the present Cuban government is carrying out the strict sanitary procedures and practices that were installed during the occupation of the island by the United States.

Legation Not Yet Advised.

HAVANA, Nov. 22.—No instructions have thus far reached the American Legation here from the Government at Washington to call the attention of the Cuban authorities to the unsanitary conditions at Santiago and elsewhere in Cuba, and to urge prompt and thorough remedy of those conditions, as reported in a dispatch from Washington today.

MORE ARRESTS FOR CONTEMPT

Court Also Holds Up Denver Election Returns Contest to Be Made.

DENVER, Nov. 23.—The Supreme Court today ordered the Denver election commission not to certify to the returns of this county to the State Canvassing Board until further orders. This is to give opportunity for argument in the Supreme Court on the matter of throwing out certain Democratic precincts in which the Republicans allege fraud was committed.

Chairman Frederick A. Williams, of the Republican City Committee, secured today a writ of mandamus instructing the elections commission to permit him to make a copy of the polibooks for the purpose of a contest of the county ticket.

Eight additional arrests were ordered today by the Supreme Court of special officers on charges of contempt in violating the injunction of the court on election day.

day.

The names of the persons arrested are:
John B. Hubbard, Police Captain John
Dooley, Joseph Walsh, John Rowan, Eugene C. Cummings, John C. Kitsen, John
Lenhoff and Charles B. Mufford. All but
the two last named succeeded in furnishing the required bond of \$1000 this afternoon. The Supreme Court today made a
rulling against the local District and County Courts taking any further action to ty Courts taking any further action in the Dehver County election cases. The order was the outgrowth of the mandamus issued by County Judge Lindsey today, which was set aside by the Supreme Court. The latter court holds that

one more arrest was made on warrants sworn to before United States Commissioner Capron yesterday, that of a man named Slatkin. He gave the required bond of \$2500. Another warrant for a woman who is ill in St. Anthony's Hospital has not yet been served.

LABOR HOLDS BIG RALLY. Federation Delegates Have to Address Overflow Meeting.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 22.—Three hundred and seventy-five delegates of the American Federation of Labor were entertained at a reception today by the Labor Council and Chamber of Commerce of

Valleyo.

Admiral McCalla and staff were present at the reception and luncheon. The Admiral made a short address. After the lunch, the delegates went over to the

lunch, the delegates went over to the navy-yard and were shown all points of interest. The Mare Island station band gave an open-hir concert. The delegates then returned to this city.

Tonight a great mass meeting was held at the Alhambra Theater in the City of San Francisco. So largo was the attendance that it was necessary to hold overflow meetings. The principal speakers were: Samuel Gompers. James Duncan, Thomas I. Kidd, J. D. Keefe, W. D. Spencer and Fraternal Delegates William Abraham, M. P., James Wignall and J. A. Fleet, the first two representing the toilers of Great Britain, the third the Dominion of Canada.

William Abraham, M. P. Sames William A. William Abraham, M. P. Sames William Abraham, M. on of Canada. William Abraham was the first speaker

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smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other edorous vegetables. Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently

sate cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it dis-

infects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

water is allowed to stand in the streets for days at a time.

It was said tonight that the communication of the State Department to the Cuban government regarding the fright similary conditions at Santiago and elsewhere is most emphatic in character and is intended to impress the Cuban government with the desire of this Government for an immediate remedying of this condition.

Officials Deny Yellow Fever Exists.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The officials of the Cuban government today officially denied the reports published in this country that there is yellow fever in Cuba. The denial was given out through the Cuban Consul-General in this city, who issued the following statement:

"I have received today a cable from the Cuban government, in which it is denied that there are four cases of yellow fever in Cuba. There is only one case at the present time, and that was imported. This case was reported in Santiago province, on a little island called the breath, mouth and throat; I also be-lieve the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drugstores, and al-though in some sense a patent prepara-tion, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."



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"THE AMERICAN HOME"

The Thanksgiving spirit is abroad in the land. At no period in the history of our grand Republic has a greater reason been man-THANKSGIVING ifest for the earnest observance of this distinctly American holiday than now. Today conditions warrant the statement that the American people and our nation have more to be thankful for than ever before. The United States is at peace with all nations abroad and in harmony at home; and, while this is not unusual, it is worthy of note. The influence of the Nation for universal peace, for social, educational, religious and industrial progress and betterment, is more active than ever; and as a world power the United States has risen to a leadership, whose strength lies in justice and equity to every nation and individual. Back of all this is reposed the force that moves and directs and controls it all—the American people. The quadrennial elections have passed in quiet saneness, and the outlook for a continuance of prosperity was never quite so satisfying as now. Differences between capital and labor in the main are in the way of peaceful settlement through modern arbitration. The horrors of war are started to pass away at The Hague—and under the directing power of America's grand young man—the President. Crops are abundant, employment is plenty. Surely there is great, grand reason for THANKSGIVING And this, Portland's largest, foremost store, joins in glad acclaim, for never has prosperity smiled as now, never has growth been so rapid and so healthful, never before has good storekeeping been so possible and so thorough. To our great public we extend earnest thanks today for the liberal support of the past; we pledge ourselves to strive to merit its continuance. And now, "may good digestion wait on appetite and health or both" today. Here's to your family, and our great store family, and the whole great American family, "May prosperity ever follow us." active than ever; and as a world power the United States has risen to a leadership, whose strength

WHILE THE STORE IS CLOSED

You'll find among the city's attractions today FOOTBALL.—U. of O. vs. M. A. A. C., Multnemah field, 2:30 P. M., rain or shine. Game for the champicaship c' Pacific Northwest.

"'Led Astray,'' at OOLUMBIA THEATER, by the famous Columbia Stock Co.; Edgar Baume and Cathrine Counties in the leads. Matines and evening. MARQUAM GRAND-Haverly's Famous Minstrels, matinee and evening.

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The Panama Canal Contest Vote

St. Mary's School Wins the Model With the Enormous Vote of 279,037

High School came 2d, with .. 261,274 Park School 3d, with 118,146 Harrison School 4th with 114,360 The grand total of votes cast is

909,152. Yesterday the votes came pouring like a mighty flood. A small army of counters was kept busy until 9 P. M. when the above result became known. We desire to extend our sincere thanks to our great public for the interest manifested; our earnest congratulations are extended the winners and also those who made so gallant a race to the very end. A large scattering vote was cast for other schools throughout the city. 250,887 votes were cast yesterday.

The Composition Award

A committee consisting of Mrs. M. C. Jackson, Ellen G. Barber and L. W. Sitton examined the compositions placed in competition for the \$25 in each offered by this firm for the best four essays handed in, subject "The Panama Canal." The handed in, subject "The Panama Canal." prizes were awarded as follows:

First, \$10 in gold—ELMER YOUNG, 242 Clackamas street, Portland High School. Second, \$7.50-CLARENCE SPRAGUE, 187 North Twenty-first street, Couch School.

Third-ALMA FIGGINS, 249 Cherry Street, High School, \$5.00 in gold. Fourth-GERALDINE KIRK, St. Mary's Academy, \$2.50.

Academy, \$2.50.

Thanksgiving congratulations, young friends; may the happiest days of your past be the darkest of your future. To those who were unsuccessful in winning cash priges we extend congratulations also for the splendid essays offered. They were all worthy of special commendation. We doubt if any city of Portland's size in the United States could produce so many essays of such real merit as those offered in this competition by the pupils of our schools. Teschors and pupils alike should feel proud of such a showing—WE ARE.

To the Judgea, Mosdames Jackson, Sitton and Barber, we extend carnest thanks for their kind assistance in the pursiling task of selecting winners from such a host of real merit. A happy Thanksgiving to you all, good folk.

OLDS, WORTMAN & KING.

He took for his theme "The Free Labor Society of the British Islanda," which, he explained, was operated on similar lines to the Citizens' Alliances and Manufacturers' Association of this country. He said he could give the chearing assurance to the friends of labor in the United States that the society in Empland was on the wane. Only recently, according to the speaker, an appeal for aid on behalf of the free labor society was sent out on the plan that unless financial aid was furthcoming the organization must cease to exist.

He was followed by Fraternal Dolegate James Wignail, also of England, who con-

Welch, burned to the ground shortly before moon today, at a loss of \$1900. Ories of a baby in the front part of the house called attention to the fre-which was so far under way that nothing but the lives of the inmates were saved.

Beulah Clears at Astoria. ASTORIA, Or. Nov. 12 — (Special.)— The schooner Seutah cleared at the Custom-House today with a cargo of \$80,000 feet of lumber, loaded at the Tongue Point Lumber Company's mill.