

## MEYER KNOCKS OFF NAVY BARNACLES

Sweeping Change Will  
Come December 1.

## CLIP BUREAU CHIEFS' WINGS

Makes Them Subordinate to  
Four Responsible Aides.

## ADMIRAL COWLES TO GO

Two Bureaus Will Be Abolished if  
Congress Consents—Fighting  
Men of Navy to Have More  
Voice in Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Heeding the cry for reform in naval affairs, Secretary Meyer on Wednesday will inaugurate the most sweeping changes in the Navy Department since the establishment of the bureau system in 1842. Himself an ex-director of banks and manufacturing companies, he hopes to put the department on a business basis beyond the dream of his predecessors. The keynote of his reforms is the subordination of the bureau chief. Summarized, essential changes to be expected by the Meyer plan are:

The selection of four responsible advisers on subjects within the four groups into which duties of the department fall, to be known as the aide for material, the aide for personnel, the aide for operations of the fleet and the aide for inspections.

### Two Groups of Bureaus.

The grouping of the bureaus into two divisions of material and personnel, according to the nature of their duties.

The establishment of a division of operations of the fleet.

The establishment of a modern, efficient, cost-keeping system in the Navy Department and at navy-yards.

The separation of navy-yard work into two divisions of hulls and machinery.

The abolition of the bureaus of construction and equipment.

Henceforth officers who fight the ships are to have more influence in the Navy Department. Chosen men from among them are to be the official eyes and ears of the Secretary, laden with full responsibility for their reports, but will not be his hands. The Secretary will retain his administrative and executive power for his own exercise and that of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

All reforms go into effect December 1, except the abolition of the bureau of equipment, which Congress alone can do.

### Heads of New Divisions.

The aide for operations of the fleet will be Rear-Admiral Richard Wainwright, commander of the third division of the Atlantic fleet. The aide for personnel will be Rear-Admiral W. P. Potter, now chief of the Bureau of Navigation. The aide for material will be Rear-Admiral William Swift, commandant of the Boston Navy-yard. The aide for inspection will be Captain Aaron Ward, recently Supervisor of the New York Harbor, who will become a Rear-Admiral January 3. Captain Reginald E. Nicholson, a member of the Board of Inspection and Survey, will be made chief of the Bureau of Navigation, vice Potter.

### Brings Order From Confusion.

When Mr. Meyer assumed office, he found some confusion in the department and in the navy-yards, due to changes instituted by Secretary Newberry a few weeks before the close of his administration. Steps were taken to ascertain how far it was desirable to follow reforms outlined by Mr. Newberry. The Sperry board was created to report how the various conflicting orders and regulations could best be reconciled. Then came the Lentz board, which was asked to make recommendations concerning the consolidation of the Bureau of Steam Engineering with other bureaus, a step undertaken by Mr. Newberry. Finally Mr. Meyer appointed the Swift board to consider reports of the other boards and to make recommendations for the improvement of business methods of the department. With these reports as a basis, Mr. Meyer has evolved his plan of reform.

The Secretary found that the bureaus of the Department were independent of one another and that he must decide all differences between them. The aides are to advise him on these points.

### Will Fix Responsibility.

"If the Secretary seeks advice from individual officers in whom he has confidence, but who have no definite relation to the organization of the Navy Department," said Mr. Meyer today in explaining his reforms, "he gets advice that may be good but that is not responsible. Such recourse to individuals, moreover, gives no assurance of continuity of policy nor of responsibility."

According to the Meyer plan, the board of construction becomes useless and, therefore, will be abolished. This board was created principally to supervise ship designs and to decide questions in dispute between the bureaus when their duties overlapped or when one wished to obtain more space or weight for its purposes in a ship design.

Under the new plan the operating

## CHRISTY'S WIFE NOW SEEKS TO MAKE UP

ARTIST'S SPOUSE WON'T LIVE IN  
ZANESVILLE.

Mrs. Howard Chandler Christy Willing to Do Anything Except  
Reside in Ohio.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—"If Howard wants to make up, all he has to do is to take me in his arms and I will forgive everything and forget all our troubles," said Mrs. Howard Chandler Christy, wife of the artist, as she discussed the Christy family differences today.

She expressed this willingness when informed that Mr. Christy had said in Zanesville, Ohio, where he is contesting the habeas corpus proceedings brought by his wife to recover their 19-year-old daughter, Natalie, that she must take the first steps toward a reconciliation.

Mrs. Christy added that she was willing to do almost anything to effect a reconciliation, except go to Zanesville to live.

"I did not want any court proceedings," Mrs. Christy continued, "and the only reason I brought them was to get Natalie. I want our little girl, but I want Howard more. We can all be happy together again here in the East."

"If Howard will only see things in this light we can have a happy Christmas together."

## STOP ACCIDENTS, IS PLEA

Los Angeles Prelate Declares Amer-  
icans Take Too Many Risks.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29.—"Too much liberty is being taken with the lives given us," said Rev. P. J. O'Reilly, rector of St. Patrick's Parish, today, at the funeral of five members of the Jacobs family, who met death Thanksgiving eve in a collision between a trolley car and the automobile in which they were riding.

"We are becoming careless and reckless," he continued. "When I say this, I refer particularly to the railways of Los Angeles, that have guaranteed to protect the lives of the people."

"It is time for the people to stand up and defend themselves. We must demand protection to insure safety for our lives."

Father O'Reilly said this was the ninth funeral service he had performed for members of his congregation who had been victims of streetcar accidents.

## SUSPICION SAVES FAMILY

Poisoned Turkey Sent to San Fran-  
cisco Man at Thanksgiving.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—An attempt to poison the family of Adolph Ottinger, a retired railroad ticket broker, by means of a poisoned turkey sent to his home on Thanksgiving day, became known today when the police stated that they were searching for the would-be poisoner. The turkey was left in the kitchen of the Ottinger home during the temporary absence of the Chinese cook.

Thinking it was the gift of some friend, Mr. Ottinger ordered the cook to place it in the pantry until one already being prepared for the table was eaten. The following day it was noticed that the turkey had assumed a peculiar color. Becoming suspicious, Ottinger carried it to a chemist, who found enough arsenic in the dressing to kill an army of men.

## FIVE PICKED UP FROM GIG

Members of Marietta's Deck Crew  
Rescued by Des Moines.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Five of the members of the deck crew of the gunboat Marietta, who were adrift in a gig off Port Limon, Costa Rica, were picked up by a rescue party of the Des Moines today, according to a dispatch received at the Navy Department. The men had made their way to the shore at Coleta Point, about 20 miles from Port Limon. The gig was not recovered.

## CHILD SLEUTH REWARDED

Boy Chalks Down Number of Auto-  
mobile Which Injures Man.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Seven-year-old Arthur Lewis' quick wit in noting the number of an automobile driven by a reckless driver earned him a gold medal today.

The medal was presented by the Highways Protective Association, which appreciated the lad's alertness in spying out the number and writing it down on the sidewalk with a piece of chalk.

The child's action caused the arrest of the chauffeur of the car, who had knocked down and seriously injured a man.

## SWITCHMEN MAY STRIKE

Railroads of Northwest Must Make  
Answer Today.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 29.—Unless the railroads of the Northwest make a satisfactory proposition, the switchmen will go on strike tomorrow night, affecting railroad yards along all Northern routes between here and the North Pacific Coast.

Martha A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Charles P. Neill, United States Labor Commissioner, were in session with railroad officials today until midnight.

It is believed the officials have decided on an offer to be presented tomorrow morning.

## STORM BREWS ON BOND ISSUE PLAN

New Danger Besets Ir-  
rigation Work.

## CARTER WANTS TO WIN GLORY

Campaign to Raise Funds  
Starts in Spokane.

## BALLINGER, BORAH UNITE

Result of Last Summer's Conference  
of Secretary and Senator Means  
Good for West if Spite  
Be Eliminated.

## OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, Nov. 29.—A new danger besets the irrigation bond issue proposition. Petty jealousy has entered upon the scene, and while it may be wiped out under the persuasive influence of President Taft, who is deeply concerned in this question, it still offers opportunities for all kinds of damage if allowed to go to seed.

The bond issue scheme was conceived in the minds of Senator Borah and Secretary Ballinger, apparently simultaneously. Both had become impressed with the necessity for raising additional funds with which to hasten the completion of projects now under way; both recognized that good management required that these projects be finished with expedition, and both saw that the reclamation fund alone would not permit of the carrying out of such a programme.

### Campaign Starts in Spokane.

Secretary Ballinger and Senator Borah met at Spokane during the summer and talked over the situation. The result of their conference was made known, and the campaign for a bond issue was then and there begun. As between these two men there is not the slightest jealousy; each accords to the other more than his share of the credit, and perhaps fairness would demand that each be given equal credit for the idea.

In time President Taft, after studying the irrigation situation, endorsed the Ballinger-Borah bond issue plan, and frequently advocated it in his Western speeches. He will recommend it to Congress in his forthcoming or some special message, and will bring the full influence of the administration to bear to secure its adoption.

Meantime Senator Carter, of Montana, chairman of the irrigation committee, has been struggling with some rather difficult mental problems, and has finally evolved a substitute for the Ballinger-Borah bonding scheme. He proposes, instead of bonds, that Congress shall authorize the issuance of interest-bearing warrants or certificates. In other words, he favors a general plan for raising additional money with which to rush work on Government projects, but instead of a bonding plan, which is identified with others, he would have a warrant or certificate plan which

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## PARIS SAYS PEER SLEW STEINHEIL

WIFE'S MOTHER GULPED HER  
TEETH, DIED, IS RUMOR.

Gossip of Capital, Not Printed, Lays  
Murder to Russian Nobleman  
Who Later Ended Life.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Gossip in Paris, according to a story brought to New York today, mentions a Russian nobleman, who subsequently committed suicide, as the slayer of Jacques Steinheil, whose wife recently was acquitted of the crime and is now supposed to be in England.

According to the story, this nobleman was trapped in the Steinheil mansion by the husband, and in a fight which followed, Steinheil was killed. Mme. Steinheil's mother, in the meantime, the novel suggestion continues, ran into the room and died either from fright or from strangulation after swallowing her false teeth.

These unconfirmed reports concerning this case which so stirred Paris came here today with the arrival of the steamship Kronland. Alfred Partridge Klotz, an American artist, who has been commissioned to paint a portrait of Cardinal Gibbons, said, as did other passengers, that this version of the crime was being freely discussed, although not printed in the French capital.

## SALOONKEEPER IS CHARGED

Illinois Man Caught Giving Liquor to  
Children.

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 29.—Cliff Chamberlain, a saloonkeeper, was arrested here today for selling liquor to a habitual drunkard and his two boys, aged 4 and 8, respectively.

The complaint was made by Mrs. George Eastman, who says the sales were made last Saturday. After Eastman was intoxicated, the saloonkeeper, the woman charges, sold liquor to the boys. An older brother called to try to induce his father and two boys to return home, but was met with a rebuke, and a fight ensued between the two younger boys, while the father and bartender looked on with merriment.

## GOVERNOR STILL MAROONED

Bridges, Washed Out, Isolate Ore-  
gon's Executive at Gardiner.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Nothing further has been heard from Governor Benson, who is held up at Gardiner, a little town in Winchester Bay in Southern Oregon, by the washing out of several small bridges, and as the storm continues with increased severity, it is thought he will be compelled to remain there indefinitely.

It is probable that if the roads are not made passable within a few days the Governor will try to reach Marshfield by stage and come to Portland by steamer. Gardiner is about 40 miles from Marshfield.

## DYNAMITE HARMLESS, PLEA

Attorney Gives 102 Reasons for New  
Trial for Mrs. Read.

DENVER, Nov. 29.—That the temperance on November 9, 1908, made the dynamite held by Mrs. Allen F. Read in her attempt to extort \$100,000 from Mrs. Genevieve Phipps as harmless as a sponge, is one of the arguments made by Attorney Waterman today in his petition for a new trial for Mrs. Read.

## STORM ISOLATES NORTHWEST CITIES

Five Bridges Gone Near  
Bellingham.

## OTHER SPANS ARE SWAYING

Broken Dikes Threaten to Sub-  
merge Skagit Delta.

## WIRE COMMUNICATION OUT

But One Train Leaves City in Day.

Five Miles of Northern Pacific  
Track Under Water—Grays  
Harbor Cut Off From World.

## MANY CITIES OF NORTHWEST

CUT OFF BY RAIL AND WIRE  
FROM REST OF WORLD.

Chesham—Lowlands flooded. Dam at Pe Ell goes out. Branch-line traffic stopped.

Tacoma—Rainfall for month 14.40 inches, within .08 inch of record of December, 1907. Main lines clear, but branch lines all closed. Puyallup River threatens valley.

Elmira—Northern Pacific bridge shifts 18 inches, stopping traffic. Loss of power dam feared. Union Pacific grade washed out for long stretches and bridges gone.

Montesano—No trains in or out. Over 900 feet of track gone. No telegraphic communication.

Grays Harbor—Entire district cut off from rail and wire communication with rest of world.

## BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 29.—Five

steel bridges, two railway and three wagon, across the Nooksack River, have been carried away within the past 24 hours, entailing \$100,000 loss.

Railway bridges are in danger, as are three highway bridges. The Bellingham Bay & British Columbia bridge at Everett is said to be undermined and away in the current. When it goes out, it will carry a wagon bridge, located 20 feet down the river, with it.

### Jam Will Take Two Bridges.

A jam is forming against the Great Northern Railway bridge at Ferndale, and both railway and county bridges are likely to go out. During the past 48 hours the rainfall has been 2.57 inches.

Railway traffic is almost completely blocked by slides and washouts. Bellingham has had but one train today, that from the south, at noon. The Northern Pacific and the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia are completely tied up.

More than five miles of the Northern Pacific track is under water and the bridge across the Nooksack is gone. The Skagit branch of the Great Northern is out of commission. Minkler, Ham-

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## GIRL ABOUT TOWED CHINESE, RELENTS

SUPS WEDDING WINE AS SHE  
WRITES HER REFUSAL.

Too Many People Bitterly Criticised  
Woman, So Love Grew Cold,  
She Says.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—"I regret that this affair has gone so far before I take the step that I feel is absolutely necessary under the circumstances, and which I have no doubt will be painful to you if you love me as you say you do. I have decided that our wedding, which was to have occurred this evening, must be indefinitely postponed."

This was Helen Tobyn's note to Mark Ten Sule, Seattle's richest Chinaman, whom she was to wed tonight. In the parlor of her home at 718 Tenth avenue this evening, pretty, dark-eyed Helen Tobyn sat sipping wine, just poured from a newly opened bottle of a case of 10 sent to her house for the wedding. In her bedchamber was a handsome white satin gown, trimmed in pale blue velvet, her trousseau. She had just sent the note on dainty paper, neatly folded, by messenger to Mark Ten Sule. Her face was flushed and the red gown which she wore added to her beauty.

"This is the wine we should have drunk at my wedding this evening," she said, "but there was so much criticism, such bitter criticism, that it was more than I could bear. Just think, my mother and my sister said that they could have nothing to do with me if the ceremony was performed. My friends would call me up every few minutes and urge that I reconsider my proposed marriage. Several of the ministers of the city refused to marry us," said Miss Tobyn, "and I gave up in despair. He was good and kind, but so many people criticized his intentions to me that my love has grown cold. I really don't love him, and it will not be hard to give him up."

## VETERAN SORRY HE QUIT

Civil War Soldier Goes After CH-  
izenship Again.

DENVER, Nov. 29.—May a man for the second time obtain naturalization papers in this country after having returned to the land of nativity and become a subject there?

That is the question which now confronts the Federal authorities in Denver. David J. Ellsworth, born in Canada, came to the United States in 1862, served with honor throughout the Civil War, was naturalized in Denver in 1876, and for many years did a pension.

Hearing of the possibilities of wealth in Canada, Ellsworth went to Alberta in 1902 and obtained title to a valuable farm, but before doing so, again became a subject of Great Britain. He prospered and now wants to spend his declining years in Colorado and has applied again for papers.

## COUNT TALKS TO JOHN D.

Undismissed by Recent Violent Re-  
pulses, He Carries His Plea.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 29.—Count P. A. DeVries was successful today in his effort to see John D. Rockefeller in reference to draining the Zuyder Zee and opening up its bed to truck farming. The Count desired to interest Mr. Rockefeller to the extent of financing the proposition.

On recent attempts to reach Forest Hill, the home of Mr. Rockefeller, it is said the Count was repulsed, and on one occasion it was reported that shots were fired at his automobile.

Today the Count talked with Mr. Rockefeller while following him around the golf links. The Count left for New York tonight, after assuring friends that he "had interested Mr. Rockefeller."

## STAGE INVITES ALMA BELL

California Slayer of Sweetheart Is  
Offered \$250 a Week.

AUBURN, Cal., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Alma Bell was in town today. She consulted with her attorney about a proposition from the Archie Levy Amusement Association, of San Francisco, for a ten-weeks' engagement at \$250 a week. If she accepts her mother will go with her.

"I want to accept," said Alma, "because it is probably the only chance I have of paying the debts incurred by the trial."

While in town Alma went to a millinery store and bought a hat. It was a black one, and there was a small white feather in it. She ordered the milliner to replace it with a black feather, as she was in mourning.

## TEXAS HAS HEAVY SNOW

Rock Island Train Reported Snow-  
bound in Oklahoma.

WOODWARD, Okla., Nov. 29.—Communication with Guymon, Beaver and other towns of the Panhandle of Oklahoma have been cut off and the extent of today's storm cannot be learned. Dispatches from Amarillo state that six inches of snow fell over the panhandle of Texas today and that a blizzard is raging that may cause great loss of livestock.

A Rock Island train is reported snow-bound in Northwestern Oklahoma. Rain has been falling throughout that section for 12 hours.

## ETHEL BARRYMORE MOTHER

Son Is Born to Popular Actress at  
August Belmont Home.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Mrs. Russell Colt, known to the theater-going public as Ethel Barrymore, became the mother of a son today at the home of August Belmont, where the Colts are guests.

## STATE PROCLAIMS LOUDLY FOR LIQUOR

Alabama Gives Majority  
of Over 16,000.

## SENTIMENT IS WIDESPREAD

But Three Counties Known to  
Want Prohibition.

## MAN VOTES "DRY" AND DIES

At Polling Place Minister Rebukes  
Girl for Trying to Pin White Rib-  
bon on Him and Gives Se-  
vere Slap at Suffrage.

## BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 29.—All

indications point to a majority of between 16,000 and 20,000 in Alabama against the prohibition constitutional amendment today.

Chairman J. Lee Long, who has been in charge of the fight against the amendment, claims that the majority against the amendment will be fully 20,000. Early returns indicated a landslide against the amendment, and succeeding bulletins fully bore out the early indications.

### Few Counties Go "Dry."

Jefferson County, in which is Birmingham, the largest city in the state, gave a majority of more than 1000 against the amendment. Mobile, Montgomery and Cullman counties showed the largest majorities on the victorious side, and apparently the amendment carried in only three counties, Talladega, Macon and Sumter, with Lee in doubt.

Today's election cannot be regarded as a straight anti-prohibition victory. Its association with the administration of Governor Comer and his reported ability to name a successor to the governorship in Judge S. N. Kley, author of the prohibition bills, have figured prominently in the result.

### Sentiment Is Widespread.

A significant feature of the result is the fact that sentiment against the amendment is so widespread. Rural precincts, small towns and big cities for

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YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 62.1 degrees; minimum, 30.2 degrees. TODAY'S—Clear; light breeze from west.

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