ONE-HOUR DEFENSE IS DECLARED LIMIT

House Flooded With Oratory, Pro and Con, by Assertion of Unpreparedness.

PRESIDENT IS CRITICISED

Notoriety Seeking Charged to ex Members of Cabinet and Agitation Is Laid to Ammunition Makers by Some

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, precipitated military discussion on the House floor today with a speech criti-House floor today with a speech criticising the Administration for "laying the cold hand of death" on his proposal for special investigation of military and navial conditions. He assailed the rules committee for refusal to grant him a hearing and the naval and military committees for failure to summon before them ex-Cabinet officials and other witnesses he wanted examined. Attacking President Wilson's statements in his annual message, Mr. Gardner said: "If war were to break out today it would be found our coast defenses have not sufficient ammunition for an hour's fighting."

Fitzgernld Promises Statement.

This speech loosed a flood of oratory upon the House. Representative Fitz-gerald, of New York, replied briefly and promised to make a complete statement later which would make "notoriety-seeking ex-secretaries" less anxious to discuss the National defense. Representative Dies, of Texas, ridiculed the thought of impending danger of attack on this country from any source.

Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, charged the "war propaganda" to the manufacturers of war material. Representative Prouty, of Iowa, pleaded for international disarmament, arbitration and an international police. He

tion and an international police. He declared a force of trained squirrel-shooters could prevent the landing of a heatile force on American soil.

Gardner Dissects Army. Mr. Gardner spoke of the President's derence to defense by the citizenry,

"Does the President realize that there are only 120,000 militiamen in this whole Nation? Does he understand Christmas Tree Blaze. this whole Nation? Does he understand
that 23,000 of them did not even show
up last year for annual inspection?
Does he know that 31,000 did not appear at the annual encampment? Is
he aware that 53,000, or nearly half of
this citizenry, never appeared at the
rifle range during the whole course of
last year?

TEACHERS ACT HEROICALLY

"Where is this citizenry to get the weapons of war? According to the last report of the Chief of Staff, we are short 316 field guns and 1,322,384 rounds of ammunition necessary to equip our militia in time of war. Last year General Wood asked for enough guns and ammunition to bring the United States up to the standard of Bulgaria. That modest demand was gently but firmly rejected. Bulgaria. That modest de gently but firmly rejected.

Ammunition Would Last Only 1 Hour.

Twill not say that we have only enough field artillery ammunition to last for a single day, but I will say that such is the statement which has been made to me by one of the highest officers in the United States Army. I dent, however, hesitate to assert that if war were to break out today, it would be found that our coast defense montral would into for an hour's lighting. The Chief of Staff tells us that the ammunition for has hour's lighting. The Chief of Staff tells us that the ammunition for an hour's lighting. The Chief of Staff tells us that the ammunition for an hour's lighting. The Chief of Staff tells us that the ammunition for an hour's lighting. The Chief of Staff tells us that the ammunition for an hour's lighting. The Chief of Staff tells us that the ammunition for an hour's lighting. The Chief of Staff tells us that the ammunition for an hour's lighting. The Chief of Staff tells us that the ammunition for an hour's lighting. The Chief of Staff tells us that the ammunition for an hour's lighting. The Chief of Staff tells us that the ammunition for an hour's lighting. The Chief of Staff tells us that the ammunition for an hour's lighting. The Chief of Staff tells us that the last tell tells are the contral tells and the part of the coast defense and men for our Casry, that we lack are also them to put out the floor and rolled them in the floor and rolled them in the children were no fatalities. I was looking for my hour the coast defense and men for our coast defense mothers and officially the stage. Only a few children were rolled then in my long coat and with my hand beat out the fire on the stage. Only a few children were no fatalities. I was looking for my hour the coast defense and men for our casry that we lack men for our coast defense and men for our casry that we lack men f

and Lewiston Sugar Companies, controlling three plants in Utah and one in Idaho.

The announcement was made by Charles W. Nibley, presiding bishop of the Mormon church, and by Le Roy Eccles, general manager of the two companies. Stockholders of the corporation will meet on December 19 to perfect a consolidation of the corporation and the capital stock will probably be fixed at \$7,500,000. Before this year the American Sugar Refining Members of the School Board say

ABSENT BRITONS ORGANIZE League of Subjects Outside Domin-

ions May Provide Warship.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—An organization called the "Patriotic League of Britons Overseas," composed of British sub-jects residing outside British dominion, has been formed under the patronage of King George. Its central committee is headed by Lord Selborne and its members include Lord Curaon of Kedleston, Lord Milner, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, Sir Mortimer Durand and other prominent persons.

cial.)—Patrons of the Franklin, Co-lumbian and Central schools held a meeting last night at the Franklin school and organized a Parent-Teacher Association. N. W. Merrifield, a local real estate man, but who taught school woman Saves 20 Children.

Mrs. Walter M. Cook, 436 East Eighteath street, was one of the many mothers in the audience who showed great presence of mind. She carried great, and Miss Elizabeth Knight, secretary. Eighty-two have become members.

Mrs. Eva Vincent, Actress, Dead.

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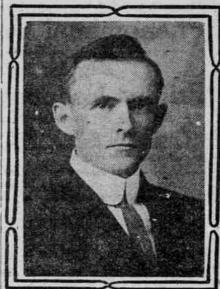
Mrs. Cook sat near the door with her daughter. When the fire started she carried her own child down two flights of steps. Then she ran back to get her other daughter, Margaret, and her protege, Edna Gill.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Eva Vincent, formerly a widely known actress, died tonight at Bellevue Hospital from bronchial pneumonia. She was 65 years old and had been on the stage for 30 to her home. The child was burned on

IRVINGTON SCHOOL PUPILS BURNED IN CHRISTMAS-TREE FIRE AND PRINCIPAL-AND VISITOR Trading Stamps Add to Profit WHO HELPED PREVENT PANIC.







Christmas Tree Blaze.

Flash From Electric Wiring, Apparently, Spreads Sheet of Flame to Tinseled Tree and Costumes.

Investigation Is Sought.

ably be fixed at \$7,500,000. Before this year the American Sugar Refining Company had 50 per cent interest in the Utah plants.

Members of the School Board say that the lights were installed without consulting them. As a result of the fire, Superintendent Alderman says he fire, Superintendent Alderman says he fire, Superintendent Alderman says he fire. will prohibit installation of light wires without permission of the school electricians. Only principals of schools, he says, will be allowed to install wires hereafter.

"We used an extension cord to light

the tree," said Mr. Brown. The janitors use them there every day. I don't know what the cause was, but believe it to have been a defective electric light bulb."

Mosessohn Wants Investigation.

occurrence was unavoidable. There was no one in particular to blame."
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to her home. The child was burned on Rach year \$1,000,000 worth of horses die the lips, hands and neck. Mrs. Cook in New York.



-Zelda Mosessohn, One of Those Mos —Zelda Mosessohn, One of Those Most Severely Burned on Face, Neck and Arms (Photo by Bushaell). 2—Basil Burke. 3—Bernice Manning. 4—Jack B. Scabrook. 5—Mrs. Walter M. Cook, Who Helped Prevent Panic and Cared for Injured Children. 6—Harvey Dick. To Extreme Left, at Bottom—Elmer Brown, Principal of School, Who With Miss Elia Williams, One of the Teachers, Did Heroic Work in Pre-venting a Panic, and Smothering the Flames.

says that a number of the women fainted in the panic. Mrs. Sidney B. Vincent stood beside Mrs. L. C. Phillips and, with the other mothers, watched their little children

Mrs. W. J. Hofmann said:

GENERAL BERTRAND REPEATS SHERIDAN'S FEAT.

Buttle Between Two Forces of Belgians Stopped When Commander Sings Popular Song.

HAVRE, Nov. 17 .- (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A quick com-mand from General Bertrand at Haecht Charles Beresford, Sir Mortimer Durand and other prominent persons.

The primary object of the organization is to provide a warship for the
nation. It is hoped that after the war
the league will become permanent,
with the idea of providing voluntary
financial assistance for the defense of
the empire.

Parents and Tenchers Organize.

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should be investigated thoroughly.

'I think the whole affair should be
thoroughly investigated,' he said. 'It
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"Friends," he shouted, "you've mistaken the road; the enemy are in the other direction!"

Electrified by their leader's words, it he soldiers wheeled shout and charged the German troops with renewed vigor. On another occasion the General is declared to have stopped an attack of two Belgian companies on each other by rushing between their lines and singing a popular ditty. Until they heard the General's voice the soldiers did not realize that they were firing on their own countrymen.

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The General is 57 years old. He was a Second-Lieutenant at 26 years, and became a Major-General last March.



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SUFFERING NOW INTENSE

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SUGAR INTERESTS BOUGHT

Utah Capitalists and Mormons Take
Over American Refining Holdings.

OGDEN, Utah, Dec. 10.—Utah capitalists, including the David Eccles interests and leading officers of the Mormon church, have cought sill of the holdings of the American Sugar Refining Company in both the Amaigamated and Lewiston Sugar Companies, controlling three plants in Utah and one in Idaho.

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Mrs. W. J. Hofmann said:

"The coolness of the principal was indeed praiseworthy. There was very little panic. Of course some lost their heads, but the example of Mr. Brown and the teachers soon helped to quiet everyone."

Other witnesses also praised the teachers and Mrs. Vincent for their presence of mind and action in the crisis.

ROUT BECONES ATTACK

Het them float off, in hope that they might be rescued by someone, and the challenge of the principal was indeed praised to the state Department say tens of thousands of destitute persons are waiting for relief and that the approaching cold weather will inevitably increase their sufferings. One account of the scenes attending the flood said:

"A family of 11 persons, women and men, young and old, tied together by a rope, died unseparated. Some persons hung onto the talls of oxen and died, while their hands tightly clasped the tails. All houses were destroyed. No pen could depict the distressing conditions of the pitiable natives."

Michigan Society Meets Monday.

The Michigan Society of Oregon will neet in the Masonic Temple Monday meet in the Masonic Temple Monday night at 8 o'clock. Cards, dancing, re-freshments and a social hour, includ-ing the first appearance of the newly organized Michigan Society Orchestra, will follow a short business session.

Tacomon Is Found Dead.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 10 .- (Spe cial.)—At noon today the body of U. G. Wynkoop, a well-known Tacoma traveling man, was found in his room at the Hotel St. Helens in Chehalis. A

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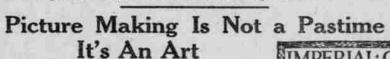
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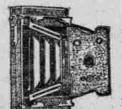
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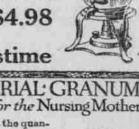


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