Defenses, However, Are Short More Than 20,000 Men to Man Fortifications.

MORE BIG GUNS ADVISED

Regular Army Numbers 105,993; Vacancies 1786-Nearly 130,000 in Militia, Which Needs 21,-571 More in Organization,

WASHINGTON Dec. 11.-War Department bureau reports made public tenight disclose the following facts about the Army of the United States and its coast defenses:

The system of coast defenses is "the formidable in the world," but is short 529 officers and 10,828 men of the regular establishment and 271 of-finers and 3891 men of the National Guard to man all forts and mine defenses. Congress has appropriated \$175,000,000 to establish the present system but at present batteries which cost \$41,000,000 are without trained personnel to man them.

Batteries of 16-inch, 50-caliber guns are recommended as the primary arms ment of all major forts in order that enemy ships may be kept at great dis-Mobile howitzer batteries of 16inch, 17-inch or even larger guns are urged to supplement the permanent forts, the howitzers to be fired from railroad cars or motor trucks.

The full strength of the army on June 30 last was 100,592 officers and less 62,103 of whom were in the United States, 14,540 of this number being on duty on or near the Mexican border. Wacandles in the enlisted force were reduced from 3572 in 1514 to 1755, the year having seen 45,512 recruited, of whom mearly 30 per cent were born in the United States.

On October 1 the full strength of the organized militia was 5755 officers and 126,532 mee, just 21,571 below required enlisted strength of the organizations. Inspecting officers estimate it would require from 10 to 12 months to put the militia in the field in the Federal service. 45,313 Recruited in Year.

service.
There were 33,313 students enrolled in 36 schools having military courses and graduates from these schools since 1905 numbered 35,430.

Half 10-Inch Shells Hit. The coast artilizery established scores of 50 per cent hits with 10-inch guns, and 12 per cent hits with 11-inch guns at 1000-yard ranges, as against 15 per cent and 45 per cent, respectively, in 1012; at 10,000 yards the scores were 16 per cent, with the 10s and 19 per cent with the 15s, as against 13 and 16 per cent in 1012.

The army death rate was 4.40, com-

per cent in 1912.

The army death rate was 4.46, compared with 5.15 the year before. There were only seven cases of typhoid fever cut of a total mean arrength of personnel of 98,645. A new low record was set for tuberculosis at 3,50 for all troops, the rate in the continental United States beng 2.82.

## WORK ON RIVER ADVISED

War Department Ignores Engineer's Report on Mississippi.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. - Centinname of the 10-year project for a per-manent air-foot channel in the Mis-souri River from its mouth to Kansas City, despite an adverse report of the district engineer in charge, was recnanded to Congress today by the

ar Department.
The board of engineers overruled the district engineer. Who recommended that the project be medified to provide only for removal of snags, on the ground that commerce did not war-

for improving the Arkansas River so that it will embrace only removal of can claimants; \$50,000 to British claim songs from the mouth to the Guark and \$114,000 would be required at \$12,000 annually, was recommended for interest and expenses in connection

## AGREEMENT IS REPUDIATED

Commissioner Says Colville Reserve Will Not Open July 1.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington Dec. 17.—Indian Commissioner Sells unday flatly repudiated the agreement recently made between Secretary Lane and Senator Poindeater and other members of the Washington delegation, with reference to epening the south baif of the Colville Indian Reservation to entry July 1, 1816. Commissioner Sells said today the reservation would not be noted at that time, but that If all the claimants, both in this not be nomed at that time, but that

Twelve Suspended From Lawrence College at Appleton. Wis.

Lawrence College students have been present prospectly in the steel business of the term and la more were purchases by belligerent governments.

"The Senator from Pennsylvania." placed on probation as the result of what was almost a riot in Brokaw Hall, the boys' formitory, last night. Beturning from a vaudeville house, acts with yells, the boys went to Bro-baw Hall to finish their first inter-was due entirely to the Democratic

Traternity celebration of the year.

They tore down the doors, bent the, hinger, rolled beer bottles downstairs and had a general "rough house."

## Klamath Falls Club Elects.

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Klamath Falls Or. Dec. 17.—
(Special)—At last night's meeting of the Commercial Club directors H. Policy of the Commercial Club directors H. Policy of the Commercial Club directors H. Policy of the Democratic party, rather than a marked production, with larger output and better service by domestic industry he mentioned as requisites to taking advantable to the successful working out of its free trade policy.

The treasury deficit, which is blamed on the European war, he said.

"would in my opinion, be a thousand."

Only One "BROMO QUINTNE."

WOUNDED FRENCH SOLDIERS IN PARIS HOSPITAL ARE RESCUED AS FIRE DESTROYS BUILDING.



otograph From Underwood & Underwood, N. Y. SCENE BEFORE BURNING PRENCH AUXILIARY HOSPITAL.

What appeared to be a disastrous fire broke out in an annex of the Bon Marche, Paris, and spread rapidly a part of the building which was being utilized as an auxiliary hospital for wounded soldiers. Fortunately the wounded soldiers who were in the building were rescued, though with the greatest difficulty. Fortunately the 90

> times in the history of the American republic, compared to which the depression under Cleveland's second ad-

> ministration and under the Wilson-Gorman law would have been insignifi-

> Republicans who joined in the debate included Senator Lodge, Smoot,

Gronna, Gallinger and Works, Sena

PROBE OF BRYAN SUGGESTED

Gardner Would Inquire Into Peace

Propaganda Profits.

NATION PROFITS PERMANENTLY BY

WAR ORDER IMPETUS.

Equipment Enlarged as Never Before, Says Mr. Roberts.

While the initial impetus to busi-

ators Simmons and Underwood.

White Star Agrees to Settle All Claims for \$664,000.

Attorneys Signify Willingness to Accept Settlement of Claims That Total \$2,500,000 as Result of Sinking of Liner.

rant a permanent channel. The project involves expenditures of \$25,000,000, cor involves expenditures expenditures of \$25,000,000, cor involves expenditures expenditures expenditures expenditures expenditures expenditures expenditures expen

Of this amount, approximately \$500.

with the numerous suits.
Forty-four attorneys, representing that number of persons out of more than 80 who have filed claims against the line, have signified their willingness to accept the settlement terms, according to George W. Betts, Jr., one of the line's attorneys,

position grew out of the ac-

Sells said today the reservation would call said today the reservation would not be opened at that time, but that he would complete allotments by that date. The opening, he insists shall not to the proposition, the White date. The opening, he insists shall not to the proposition regarding the Colville reservation, which he intends to recommend.

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The agreement, which calls for the money to be deposited in a New York bank, is now being circulated among

"ROUGH HOUSE" BOYS GO bank, is now being circulated among those having claims and must be acted on by December 20 to become operative.

### CONGRESS TAKES RECESS Continued From First Page.

APPLETON, Wis, Dec. 17 .- Twelve for re-election last year. He said the "The Senator from Pennsylvania," was almost a rist in Brokaw Hall, said Senator Underwood in reply, has for some years.

In some years, in the country is accumulating capitation existed between the two versions, in the said after seeing the official text, in the search broke up the depression which followed the terror tal and is enlarging its productive but the meaning in a broad sense was apparent. Administration, but that the present prosperity alone is due to the war."

Democrats Helped by War. Revenues were greater in the first year of the present tariff law, he add- States relatively a more important fac-

"would in my opinion, be a thousand times worse were it not for the war in been invested in Europe that is equipped with its own producing plant for making opinions. Lead for signature the only cause which has saved the

# fiscal policy of the party now in power from the most signatic collapse ever witnessed in a civilized country. I believe if we had not had the war in Europe we would have the blackest

Wreck on Baltimore & Ohio

44 OF 60 SUING LIKE PLAN tors Thomas and Gore supported Sen- THREE CARS TELESCOPED Vienna Organ Praises Moderation

Kindling Wood and Engine Hurled Down Embankment. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Speeches for and against extensive military pre-One of Injured Gravely Hurt. paredness programmes were made in the House today by two Republicans. Gardner of Massachusetts and Mondell

of Wyoming.

Mr. Gardner said he had not decided which preparedness plan he would support, but that as a member of the ways CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 17 .- Five perand means committee he would vote an appropriation for one of them.

Referring to the proposed investigations of organizations for and against preparedness. Mr. Gardner declared the committee on rules, to do its full duty, should investigate William Jennings Bryan, among others, to determine whether he was making meney out of his propagands.

Reading from President Wilson's recent address to Congress and one he made s year ago, Mr. Mondell remarked that the executive's views had changed that the executive's views had changed from the gagaramme new hefore us had been presented a year ago it would have been condemned in unmeasured terms.

The accident occurred about 5 colors for the reason the importance of the injured lived in Philadelphia and Chester or in nearby to make itself economically dependent on the New World by wasting its strength. But it will show tiself superior in the gagaramme new hefore us had been presented a year ago it would have been condemned in unmeasured terms.

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Concerning the American attitude that Austria-Hungary should base its instructions to submarine commanders on the American notes to the German on the American notes to the German on the American notes to the German on the American notes to the American notes to the American government could not use it on the principle that ignorance is no excuse before the law, sinte in this case the American Government is not the judge but the plaintiff. owns.

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"Had it been presented up to now by any Republican it would have been called outrageous by all persons calling themselves Democrats and many Re-publicans as and." publicans as well."

Nor, say the editorials, is the American Government justified in looking upon Austria-Hungary as Germany's vassal state.

Some of the papers express the belief that the American main was better. but the plaintiff.

### REPLY TO GO PROMPTLY Capital Accumulating and Productive

(Continued From First Page.) demands made b the United States had been acceded to.

Messing is Made Clear.

Some of the papers express the odder that the American note was hastily drafted, and that its equity aspects were not thoroughly considered before the note was transmitted.

WORCESTER, Mass. Dec. if.—The prosperity which has come to the United States since the war began was It was explained that the reply suggested further communication on the discussed tonight by George E. Rob-erts, of New York, formerly director of the United States Mint, in an ad-dress before the Clark University con-ference on the "Problems and Lessons of the War."

While the initial impetus to busisubject and more specific information in support of the charges made by the United States.

Official translation, Mr. Lansing said made the meaning of the Austro-Hungarian government perfectly clear. The ness came from war orders. Mr. Roberts said, "the country generally has developed a spirit of confidence and ambition which had not been apparent for some years. Secretary had previously declared the the Ancona says:
unofficial version to be vague. Slight
changes caused by variations in transthe sponds in tone to the American Presisponds in tone to the American Presichanges caused by variations in trans-

dent's note and fund to more to the test than diplomatic usage necessitates. There will be no cause for complaint about this in Washington, where the custom to make the style of notes corresponds to the spirit of American The country is accumulating capter that and is enlarging its productive but the meaning in a broad sense was equipment faster than ever before, he continued. "Moreover, as a country's relative position in world affairs is defactory and unacceptable to the Americatory and unacceptable to the Americatory and unacceptable to the Americanous country." neutrality. factory and unacceptable to the American Government and increases the gravity of the situation between the two nations, it was declared.

Details Not to Be Discussed.

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facts asked for, though it would not,
under any consideration, enter into an
extended discussion of details. The
United States expects its demands to
be compiled with promptly, and such
apparent procrastination as officials
consider Austria-Hungary exhibited in
answering the original inquiry for information, submitted soon after the Ancona disaster, will not be allowed to
pass without action.

Prince Hobeniche, one of the attaches In regard to the second note, Secre-tary Lansing and officials were reti-Prince Hohenlohe, one of the attaches sires intercourse as a well mannered

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\$1.29 Choice from Ostrich Ruffs. All colors. In values to \$2.50. AT \$1.98 Choice from Ostrich Ruffs. In colors. In values to \$3.75.

LOT NINE-At 39¢-Choice from Chiffon and Maline Ruffs. In values to 75c.

of the Austrian Embassy, called at Secretary Lansing's office today and started such speculation by leaving what appeared to be a communication. Later two learned that the Prince had left several dispatches in cipher, which he desired to transmit to his government. Code messages of this character are redesired to transmit to his government. Code messages of this character are required to pass through the State Department before they can be sent by wireless. The message it was said contained reports of informal conferences Baron Zwiedinck, charge of the Embassy, has had with Secretary Lansing, as well as an interpretation of public opinion here in regard to the Ancona negotiations.

cede to the standpoint of the Vienna note.

"As an alternative it will have to learn that Austria-Hungary does not let itself be handled as a Central American state, which one can bluff into timorous subordination with rude, big words," the Gazette adds. "Then the conflict will be at hand and nobody but the Washington Government will have deliberately desired it."

The Boersen Zeitung says:

"The Vienna note is not really an answer, but a demand that the United States define its position in a manner customary among states, when this is done, Vienna will not hold back with an answer and one cannot doubt what

garian government's reply to the Amer-ican Government's note concerning the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona is sinking of the Italian liner Ancona is astonished if the American Government characterized by moderation The reply does not reply to the Austrian note by was published today. The comment of the Neue Freie Presse probably is the most caustic of any of the newspapers.

"Baron Burian" says this newspaper, "has answered the uncouth note of the United States with careful reserve. In the newspaper of the uncouth note of the United States with careful reserve. In the newspaper of the court, it was said, would affect several cases which have been subjects of contests in the immigration department.

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LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Oscar II, bearing the Ford peace family, was released by the British authorities and sailed from Kirkwall for Christiania

# BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes ington, Dec. 17.—The Senate today confirmed the following appointments: William A. White, Receiver of the proves it. 25c at all druggists.

# POWERS' SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS



50c Trains on Track 29c On Sale After 4

Saturday 50c trains consisting of engine, tender and passenger coach complete with circular track and the most entertaining toy we know of. This entertaining toy is nicely painted and there is a strong separate carton. One

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German Says Burian's Reply Cor-

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