



## AMERICAN NAVY IS PUT THIRD ON LIST

### Admiral Says France Is Close Fourth.

## BOARD FAVORS QUICK WORK

### Navy Equal to Any by 1925 Is Present Policy.

## ARMOR SUPPLY LIMITED

### Maximum Output Said to Be Sufficient for Only Eight or Nine Big Ships a Year—Present Fleet Is Not Criticized.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The object of the building policy formulated in 1913 by the Navy General Board, it was disclosed today before the House naval committee, was to keep the United States ahead of Germany in the race for naval supremacy. The statement was made by Rear-Admiral Charles J. Badger, a member of the general board, who explained that the policy had contemplated a fleet of 48 first-line battleships by 1919 to accomplish its purpose.

## POLICE BALL IS SUCCESS

### Nearly 1000 Tickets Sold for Benefit of Disabled Officers.

With a large crowd in attendance, the ball given in Cotton Hall last night under the auspices of the Police Beneficiary Association proved an unqualified success. The profits of the affair will be devoted to the relief of officers injured in the performance of their duty or disqualified for work by sickness. Nearly 1000 tickets were sold. The police orchestra of 14 pieces gave a concert between 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock. The whole police band was deemed too large for playing in the hall. All the arrangements were in charge of a committee of 48 patrolmen, headed by Captain Circle and six sergeants.

## STARVING COYOTES GO WILD

### Animals Invade Yards and Give Fight in Baker District.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Coyotes, unable to obtain food in the open, are invading towns and ranches, causing great fear among ranchers. One coyote invaded the yard of Frank Pearce at Pleasant Valley and fought the dogs. Mrs. Pearce ran to separate them and the coyote chased her into the house. She slammed the door shut just before he reached it. Another coyote entered the barnyard where Sam Risor, living near Pleasant Valley, was feeding cattle, and attacked his dogs. Risor and the dogs drove the animal away after a fight.

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### WARSHIPS BRING GREAT NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT.

### Vessels Presumably Sent to Protect Shipping Under Flag of Tokio Government.

COPENHAGEN, via London, Feb. 22.—German newspapers print dispatches from Italy saying that a Japanese fleet has arrived safely in the Mediterranean Sea, together with a great number of air craft.

Two Japanese steamers have been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean, the liner Yasuka Maru and the freighter Konkoku Maru. On January 31 announcement was made at Tokyo by the Jiji Shimpo that a squadron of Japanese warships was to be dispatched to the Suez Canal, presumably for the purpose of protecting Japanese shipping. The armored cruisers Kasuga, Tokiwa and Chitose were mentioned as having been assigned to this service.

## ROSLYN HAS \$100,000 FIRE

### Department Store of Northwestern Improvement Company Damaged.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 22.—Approximately \$100,000 loss was caused by a fire starting in some refuse, swept in front of the ash pits of a boiler in the big department store of the Northwestern Improvement Company at Roslyn, a coal mining town, according to advices received here. It was necessary to blow in the side of the building with dynamite to get at the blaze. Help was called from Cle Elum, C. W. Swain, manager of the store, was overcome by smoke. In the building were the real and personal tax rolls of Kittitas County. These records and those of the company were rescued. Many fuse caps and much oil was stored in the building, but an explosion was averted.

## OTHER MEASURES REJECTED

### Department of Justice to Offer Amendments.

### TAXES REGARDED AS LIEN

### Provision That Would Have Confirmed Uncompleted Sales to C. A. Smith May Be Eliminated in Final Draft.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 22.—The Administration favors the passage of the Chamberlain land grant bill, amended to meet the views of the Attorney-General. It is opposed to every other pending land grant bill. This was developed at today's hearing before the House public lands committee, when C. J. Smyth, Government counsel in the land grant case, explained the stand of the Attorney-General and Justice, and Chairman Ferris volunteered the statement that Secretary Lane favored the Chamberlain plan and was in accord with the Attorney-General.

## CHAMBERLAIN LAND BILL IS IN FAVOR

### Views of Administration Made Clear.

### Responsibility for General Trade Policy to Be Placed on Shoulders of One Man.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The government, through the Marquis of Lansdowne, announced in the House of Lords tonight that it had decided to turn over all matters connected with the blockade of Germany to one man who would rank as a full-fledged Cabinet Minister. It is understood that the new post will go to Lord Robert Cecil, who, since the formation of the coalition government, has been Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs. He will retain this post, joining the Cabinet as Blockade Minister.

## BRITISH BLOCKADE MINISTER CREATED

### Cabinet Official to Have Full Charge of Question.

The new Minister will be charged with the administration of the order in council regulating the blockade, as well as responsibility for the general policy and practice of the government with respect to trade passing to or from neutral countries. Lord Robert Cecil is a lawyer of wide experience and a young man, as members of the British Cabinet go. In the Foreign Office he has been intimately concerned with blockade operations, particularly in their relation to the complicated matters touching belligerent and neutral rights. His elevation to the cabinet will give the Unionists another representative in the coalition cabinet.

## ROSEBURG CHINESE HACKED TO DEATH

### Two Mysterious Night Visitors Sought.

### Friend of O'Leary's Body

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—With his head horribly cut and battered and his throat severed from ear to ear, the body of Lee Faut, an aged Chinese laundry worker of this city, was found late today in his humble quarters almost in the heart of the business district. A friend who discovered the body notified the officers.

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