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### CHANGES IN NAVY

REAR ADMIRAL O'NEIL  
RETIRED FOR AGE LIMIT.

Had a Splendid Record in Action and  
the Field of Science and Technique  
But Had No Academic or Collegiate  
Training—His Successor is a Grad-  
uate of Annapolis and an Authority  
on Torpedoes—The Short Way to  
Boston.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Two  
important naval bureau changes were  
made today consequent upon the re-  
tirement for age of Rear Admiral  
Charles O'Neil, who has for seven  
years been chief of the naval bureau  
of ordnance. Admiral O'Neil's suc-  
cessor as chief of the bureau of or-  
dnance is Rear Admiral George A.  
Converse, who in turn is succeeded  
as chief of the bureau of equipment  
by Captain Henry N. Manney, until  
now on duty at the naval war col-  
lege.

Rear Admiral O'Neil retires from  
active service with a notable record  
as a sailor and a sea fighter. He is  
practically the last of the men who  
rose from the lower grade in the  
navy to the highest and became in-  
ternational authorities by only the  
force of their practical knowledge  
gained by hard knocks "before the  
mast." He went to sea first as a  
mere boy, his father being one of the  
oldest sea captains of Boston. On  
young O'Neil's second cruise he was  
shipwrecked in the East Indies and  
was adrift five days in a small boat  
with a few companions.

When the civil war broke out Rear  
Admiral O'Neil was one of the first  
to volunteer in the navy. He was  
appointed a master's mate and was  
in this rank on the famous Cumberland  
when she was sunk by the Merrimac.  
For his action in this incident  
and his rescue of Lieutenant  
Morris he was promoted to be an ac-  
tive master in the navy and saw ac-  
tive service in many ships and fights  
during the war.

His subsequent career as a junior  
officer took him all over the world  
in various duties, and in 1870 he was  
stationed in Boston as aide to Rear  
Admiral Paulding, the last port cap-  
tain of that harbor. He was ord-

nance officer at New York and  
Charleston and twice superintendent  
of the naval ordnance factory in  
Washington. In 1897 he was elevat-  
ed to the rank of captain, and a short  
time after he was appointed to suc-  
ceed Rear Admiral Sampson as chief  
of the ordnance bureau. He com-  
manded the American ships at Blue-  
fields, Nicaragua, during the troubles  
there just previous to his appoint-  
ment as ordnance chief. He also  
commanded the cruiser Marblehead  
at the exercises marking the opening  
of the Kiel canal.

Rear Admiral O'Neil, like Admiral  
Melville, who for years was chief of  
the bureau of steam engineering and  
acquired a world-wide reputation in  
that position, never spent a day at a  
technical school. He studied theory  
during his spare time and with the  
aid of his practical knowledge he  
has produced the most powerful  
naval guns in the world. Because of  
his wide knowledge of ordnance, the  
department is loath to part with him,  
and though he has reached the limit  
for active service, it has been decid-  
ed to send him abroad in the near  
future to study foreign armor plate  
and the manner of its production in  
order to see whether there is any-  
thing for the American navy to learn  
in that line.

Rear Admiral George A. Converse,  
who succeeds Rear Admiral O'Neil  
as chief of the bureau of ordnance, is  
also regarded as one of the most  
thorough officers in the service. He  
is a native of Vermont and graduat-  
ed from the naval academy. He  
commanded the cruiser Montgomery  
in the Spanish war, and was until  
recently in command of the battle-  
ship Illinois. He is considered one  
of the best authorities on naval tor-  
pedoes.

The appointment of Captain Henry  
N. Manney to succeed Rear Admiral  
Converse as chief of the bureau of  
equipment has a particularly interest-  
ing feature. Among officers here  
the appointment is credited to the  
president's admiration for his cour-  
age in taking the battleship Massa-  
chusetts, of which he was in com-  
mand, through Hell Gate about two  
years ago, a feat which called forth  
much admiration at the time. The  
battleship was bound for Boston.  
Captain Manney might have gone the  
long way round, but he declared that  
if it was war he would go through  
Hell Gate, and saw no reason why he  
should not go through in time of  
peace. He made the dangerous pas-  
sage triumphantly. President Roose-  
velt considered the action a splendid  
example for younger officers. Cap-  
tain Manney has had 21 years of sea  
service and is considered well qual-  
ified for his new post.

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### REFERENDUM VOTE

ONE WILL BE TAKEN ON THE  
MINERS' WAGE QUESTION.

Involves a Decision About Proposed  
Great Strike in Nine States, Where  
Two Hundred Thousand Men Are  
Employed—Fight Precipitated by a  
Demand That the Miners Accept a  
Five Per Cent Reduction of Wages.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 15.—  
Whether the great strike threatened  
in the soft coal fields is to become a  
reality is being decided today by the  
referendum vote being taken by the  
miners' local unions throughout the  
states involved in the dispute. The  
vote of the locals will be counted  
Thursday at the national headquar-  
ters here, where the returns are now  
anxiously awaited.

At the final conference last week  
the operators offered the miners a  
5 per cent reduction as a compromise  
and it is this proposition that is be-  
ing voted on. If it is rejected a gen-  
eral strike will be precipitated April  
1, when the present scale agreement  
expires. President Mitchell has  
strongly urged the miners to accept  
the compromise in order to avoid a  
strike that would mean incalculable  
loss to the unions. Views are ex-  
pressed by the national officers today  
indicate that hope exists among  
them that the miners will accept the  
compromise. The sentiment in the  
East is believed to be distinctly fa-  
vorable, but doubt is expressed as to  
what action will be taken by the  
Western miners.

The miners involved number nearly  
200,000 and include all those in In-  
diana, Illinois, Ohio, Western Penn-  
sylvania, Maryland, Michigan, West-  
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and West Virginia.

### Colds Cause Pneumonia.

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very greatly depressed, there seems  
to be a gradual improvement in the  
tone of the market. Cattlemen have  
been very greatly discouraged but in-  
dications are that with the advent of  
spring, conditions will resume a more  
normal basis and the outlook is for  
decidedly better prices. Many cat-  
tle were forced on the market last  
fall because of the high price of feed  
and with the advent of spring this  
class of cattle will be held on grass.  
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situation are inclined to be very blu-  
sh in their views.—Rural Spirit.

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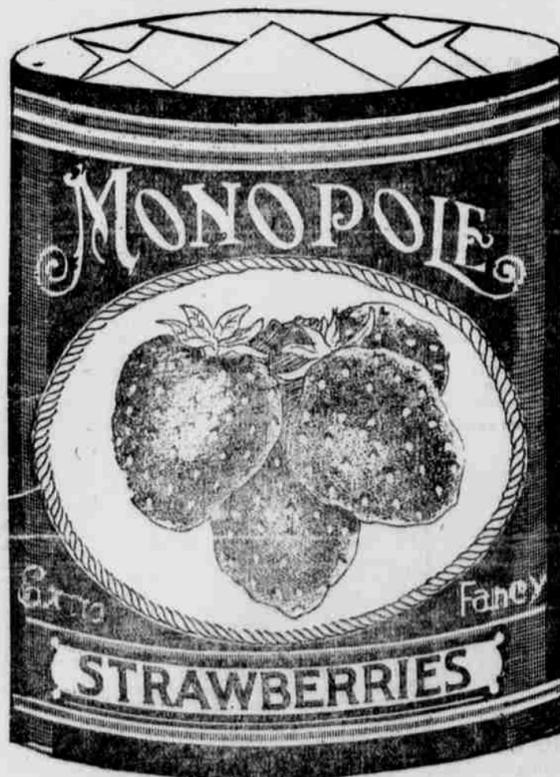
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