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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-
ern Kentucky, Central Pennsylvania
and West Virginia.

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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
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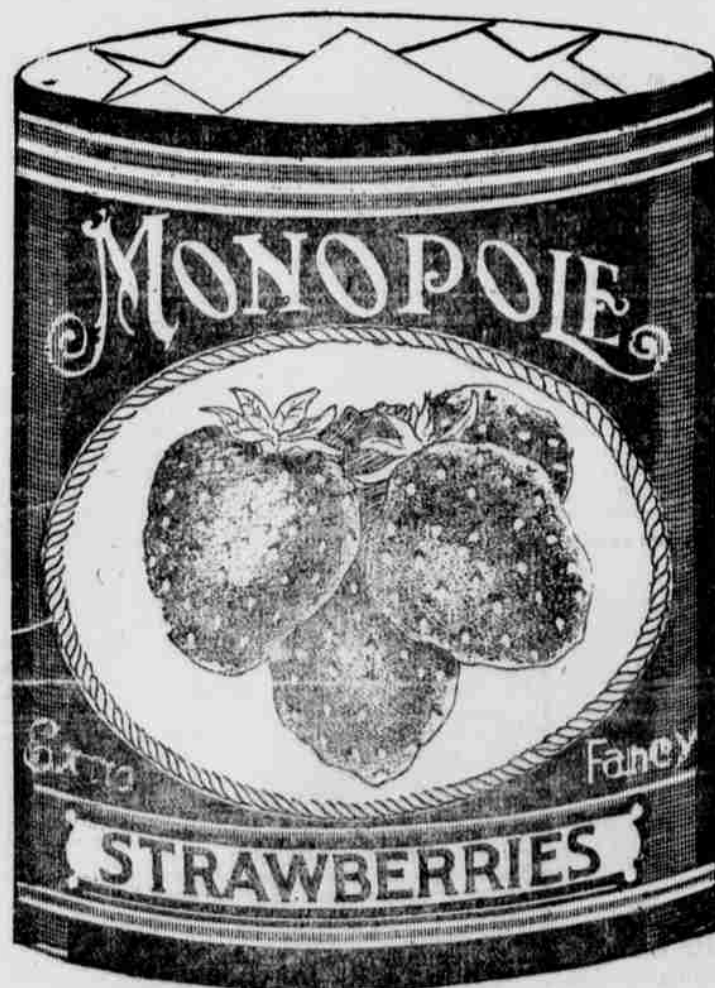
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