

### U. S. BATTLESHIPS HELD IN GOOD SHAPE

Only Short Time Needed to Prepare For Service

### STEADY PROGRESS MADE

Radio and Communication Problem Important, Says Robinson in Annual Report

(Correspondence of the Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The engineering condition of the battleships of the United States fleet has reached such a "satisfactory stage," says the annual report of the navy bureau of engineering that latest reports "indicated but one ship of the battle fleet needed more than five days to prepare for extended service."

The report, covering the fiscal year of 1925, is the last to be submitted by Rear Admiral J. K. Robinson, as chief of the bureau, at the end of a four years' term.

Steady progress made during the four year period as well as to the twelve months ending last June 30 was mentioned, the report declaring, "the past year had seen the accomplishment of many improvements, which have progressed throughout the last four years in pursuance of a set policy."

**Technical Discussion Given**  
Many technical matters were discussed, including radio and sound problems, concerning which the report said:

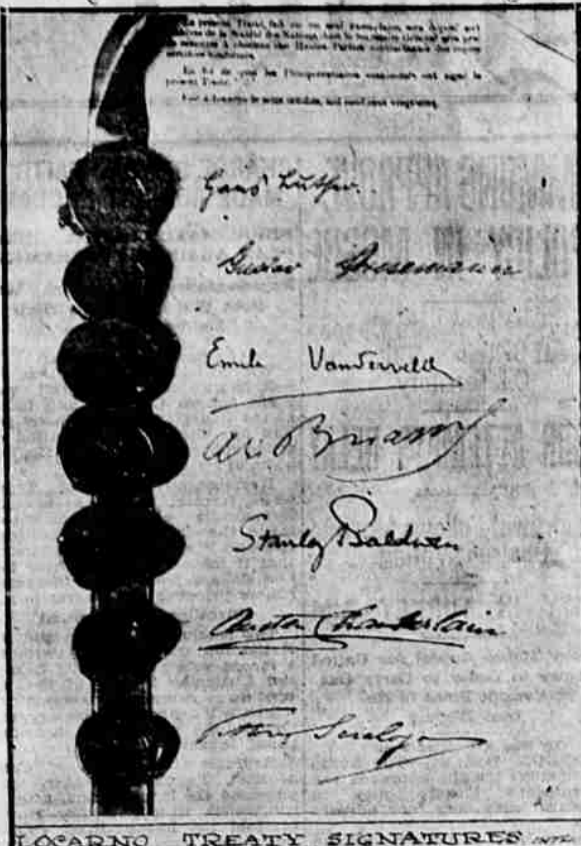
"The navy is taking an advanced position in the application of high radio frequencies to the naval communication problem, and in this research it is being aided extensively by radio scientists and radio amateurs of the United States, as well as by scientists and amateurs in foreign countries."

#### Efficient Radio Needed

"The problem of radio and underwater sound communication is an increasingly important factor in the bureau's efforts to maintain and improve the fleet's equipment. The necessity for efficient radio and sound communication in strategy, tactics, fire control, navigation, and administration of the fleet is thoroughly appreciated by the bureau. The increasing use of aircraft in the fleet has demonstrated that radio communication is a most important factor with this modern weapon of naval warfare."

The bureau's efforts have been concentrated on the development of suitable equipment, with the view of installing in the fleet apparatus capable of meeting the modern requirements. The bureau has consistently co-operated with

### Signatures Make Treaty Vital



Here are the seven signatures to the Treaty of Locarno, signed in the British Foreign Office in London, which aims to keep world neighbors at peace. Delegates for Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland and Germany attached their signatures.

the service afloat in solving the ever-increasing problems of fleet communications. These problems have resulted in changes of design of instruments, and the new developments have been given a test in service on fleet units, and new and better equipment has continually resulted."

**Snoqualmie Pass Closed**  
(By The Associated Press) SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—Final closing of Snoqualmie pass until spring was announced here

### HEFFRON HEADS R. A. M.

#### ROYAL ARCH ELECTION HELD LAST NIGHT

Officers Installed by Dr. R. T. Burnett, Past High Priest of Local Chapter

Fredrick C. Heffron was elected high priest of Eugene chapter No. 19, Royal Arch Masons, at a stated communication of that York rite organization in the Masonic lodge rooms last night.

Other officers elected were: C. A. Swartz, king; W. K. Striker, scribe; Emory D. Lake, captain of the host; Darwin Hirstow, treasurer; and George W. Norris, secretary.

The elective officers were installed also last night, this ceremony being conducted by Past High Priest, R. T. Burnett.

Appointive officers were not named. These will be selected later by the high priest and other officers, it was announced last night.

Eugene lodge, No. 11, A. F. and A. M. the "Blue Lodge" will hold installation ceremonies Wednesday evening at a special communication. Refreshments will be served.

**Baby Swallows Coin**  
(By The Associated Press) LONGVIEW, Wash., Dec. 21.—Alice, eight-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Barnes, Longview, swallowed a ten-cent

piece today. The coin lodged just below the vocal box and it was necessary to open the trachea to remove it.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD

GIRLS OF WILSON SCHOOL ENJOY MUSIC

Music, Christmas carols and a Christmas tree featured a party held at the Woodrow Wilson Junior high school building last night by girls of the eighth and ninth grade food department.

Santa Claus distributed gifts to each of the girls, after which refreshments were served and those present went home pronouncing the event a success.

Mrs. Edith Hillman, Miss Dorothy E. Hadley and S. D. Eaton were among those who attended.

The program of entertainment was contributed by the following named persons: Helene Robinson, piano solo; Beulah Hayes, Elmore Burke, Orly Wilson and Willetta Shunway, song; "The Japanese Girl Song," Betty and Clara Kercher, violin solo; Frances Johnson, Marion Chapman and Beulah Hayes, a Dutch song and dance; Mary Garrison, Beulah Hayes and Jessie Steele, Christmas carols; Clover Landon and Doris Wilson, violin duet accompanied on the piano by Frieda Koster, and on the bells by Lorena Hornshuh. The title of the selection was "The Star of the East."

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### STORM BLOCKS TRAFFIC

#### HEAVY RAINFALL CAUSE OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH

(By The Associated Press) ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 21.—Four and 25 inches of rain falling here in the last 60 hours blocked the three main highways leading out of the city, caused a slide which blocked one of the city's streets; overflowed sewers in numerous districts and indirectly resulted in the death of one woman. The United States weather observatory at North Head reported 3.26 inches of rain in the 24-hour period between 5 p. m. Sunday morning until 5 p. m. today, a record for that period in the some 25 years the station has been in existence there.

The Lower Columbia, Nehalem, and Rosevelt highways were blocked by mud slides and debris dumped by the high waters. The lower Columbia highway was cleared this morning and the Rosevelt will be cleared tonight but it will be closed for days before county engineers can hold over a large pile of debris washed out on the Schuylkill highway about 15 miles from this city.

Mrs. Randolph Basil of the Lewis and Clark district was instantly killed late Sunday night when a car driven by her husband shot off the Olney road near this city and went down a steep embankment. Basil sustained several broken ribs. He claimed he was blinded by the driving rain and failed to see a curve in the road.

### S. P. TRAIN IS DERAILED

#### LANDSLIDE NEAR ROCKAWAY CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

(By The Associated Press) ROCKAWAY, Ore., Dec. 21.—The engine and tender of the Southern Pacific local freight bound from Tillamook to Wheeler were swept from the rails today by a 75-foot landslide two miles east of Rockaway.

The tracks ahead was clear as the train approached it, but it was presumed that the jar of the train in passing loosened the earth. M. F. Thompson, conductor, Engineer Burgoine, brakeman Carter and Fireman Kral were all in the engine cab at the time of the crash and plunged headlong out of the cab windows down the steep embankment. Brakeman Carter was thrown into the waters of the bay, but rescue work on the part of Conductor Thompson saved him. None was injured.

### SHORTEST DAY PASSED

#### NO LOSS OF SLEEP OVER FACT IS NOTED

Yesterday was the shortest day of the year, by the tiniest part of a second, according to the almanac. Only astronomers and keepers of tide tables were concerned over the fact and it made no difference in the usual customs of people residing in Eugene—at least nothing was reported to indicate otherwise.

The sun, according to tables, rose from the East at precisely two minutes and 52 seconds before six o'clock, and set in the west about three-tenths of a second earlier than it did the day before. Consequently, sleep, measured in terms of hours, was not materially disturbed by such a finely drawn line as three-tenths of a second, and none reported the loss of rest.

From this morning the days will be getting longer.

**River Overflows Banks**  
(By The Associated Press) SEASIDE, Ore., Dec. 21.—Overflowing its banks south of here the Nocomium river yesterday covered the Roosevelt highway, making travel impossible. It will probably be several days before the highway is again opened for although waters have receded, logs are scattered about on the highway for a distance of a mile or more.

**A Rest From Resting**  
A cessation of governmental inactivities for a brief space at 11 o'clock tomorrow, in observance of Armistice day, was recommended to the country today by President Coolidge.—Hartford Times.



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