

U. S. NAVY SECOND

Tonnage of War Vessels Exceeded Only by England.

GERMANY SOON TAKE OUR PLACE

Kaiser Has More Battleships Under Construction—Will Be Second Power on High Seas.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Measured by actual naval tonnage in service, the United States ranks second among the nations of the world; Great Britain alone surpasses this country. But if to the tonnage in service is added to tonnage of warships authorized and in course of construction, the United States is compelled to yield second place to Germany. In other words, Germany has in course of construction more large battleships than has the United States. The relative order of warship tonnage of the great nations today is as follows:

Great Britain	1,758,350
United States	682,785
Germany	609,700
France	605,920
Japan	396,368
Russia	259,263
Italy	216,038
Austria	114,897

It will be noted that Japan is far inferior to the United States in its naval strength, standing fifth on the list. It will also be noted from the following table, showing the total naval tonnage of the great nations, as would be the case, were vessels building now completed, that Japan retains her relative position on the list, with even less tonnage than the United States. Assuming vessels under construction were all completed, the navies of the world would show the following tonnage:

Great Britain	2,005,873
Germany	820,692
United States	785,637
France	769,906
Japan	489,704
Russia	412,250
Italy	257,818
Austria	167,297

These figures are interesting in several respects. Germany, for instance, which long stood fourth on the list of naval powers, has rapidly passed both the United States and France. Japan, on the other hand, supposed to have been making great strides in the development of her navy, is not building as fast as the United States. During the past year she increased her naval tonnage less than 50,000, and it is seen from the statistics above that her increase, according to her present programme, will not be equal to that of the United States. The tonnage of the American navy today exceeds that of Japan by about 286,000; with the present programme of both nations completed, the United States will lead by 296,000.

TAX REGULATIONS MADE

Income From Corporations Expected to Be \$25,000,000.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Corporation tax regulations are now complete and ready for the printer. It has been a great task to meet all the complexities of the law and expected attacks upon it by the corporations. Latest estimates indicate a net revenue from the corporation tax of approximately \$25,000,000 annually, and 122,000 corporations probably will have to pay the tax.

In a far southwestern state it has been found that not more than 10 per cent of many thousands of corporations ever have actually done business. Improper registration in many cases is expected, but the series of penalties under the law will apply to all, even to those who fail to get the forms and regulations. The mailing of the forms and blanks to every corporation listed in the various districts is not required by law, and is merely to assist the corporations. Those not registered should apply immediately to collectors.

All returns are required to be in the collector's hands by March 1, then sent to the internal revenue bureau here, where the tax will be assessed and the taxing corporations notified by June 1, the tax to be paid by July 1.

Wild Man Is Captured.

Ukiah, Cal., Nov. 27.—Eunice Badoni, known in this section as "The Wild Man of Hopland," was captured last night by Constable Orr, of Cloverdale, and Game Warden Lee and Miller, who brought him to this city. Badoni has lived in a cave near Ojinsky station since last May, and had not spoken to any one for many months. During this time he has lived on sheep he has killed and food taken from cabins in the neighborhood. Badoni was found by the officers sunning himself on top of Squaw rock, and was captured before he could offer any resistance.

Hail Hits Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Nov. 27.—Hailstones as large as walnuts fell in various portions of this city late today for ten minutes. A sheet storm followed a sudden fall in the temperature, the falling sheet remaining on the ground some time, affording an unusual sight for Southern Californians.

TAFT O. K. S. BALLINGER.

Secretary of Interior Files Strong and Comprehensive Report.

Washington, Nov. 30.—If congress carries out all the recommendations made by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in his annual report to the President, practical and fair-minded advocates of conservation of natural resources will have nothing to ask beyond a strict enforcement of the law. The secretary's report, made public today, has been read and approved by President Taft, and therefore may be regarded as voicing his own views and opinions upon the various subjects dealt with, and to that extent is an indication of the recommendations which the President himself will submit to congress when it convenes next Monday.

Secretary Ballinger's report is in no degree sensational. It is a plain, forceful recital of conditions as they exist. In it the many weaknesses of the public land laws are pointed out, and practical remedies are suggested. The report gives evidence of great study of the various problems discussed, and indicates the minuteness with which the new secretary of the interior has gone into the details of the work of his department.

From first to last the report is free from comment on bureaus not under the jurisdiction of the secretary of the interior. There is no reference to friction with the forest service, but at places, reading between the lines, can be found indications of the secretary's desire that congress shall absolutely define the powers of the secretary of the interior, so that in future there will be no excuse whatever for officials of another department undertaking to dictate questions of policy and administration to his branch of the government service.

Because of the prominence given to the question of water powers through newspapers and magazines of late, Secretary Ballinger's views on that subject perhaps overshadow all other features of his report. In discussing power sites the secretary presents a complete plan of legislation, which is offered as a suggestion for the guidance of congress, and not with the idea that his recommendations will be followed explicitly. Rather, the plan is presented as a basis for discussion, and incidentally it may be said it is the first definite plan of power-site legislation yet presented by any government official.

LAST STAND NEAR.

Nicaragua Insurgents Ready for Death Struggle With Zelaya.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Nicaraguan insurgents are now engaged in what is expected to be the final grapple with the Zelayan forces, according to unofficial advices tonight reaching Salvador Castriello, representative of the Nicaraguan insurrectionary forces here.

The advices indicate that fighting is in progress at Rama and Greytown, and that a general assault on Managua, the capital, will follow. Arms and ammunition landed early this week from the Norwegian steamer Ustein are believed to be in the hands of the insurrectionists, and prompt use of them by Estrada's forces is expected.

Senator Castriello pointed out tonight that it would require less than three days to transport the munitions of war from Bluefields, where the Ustein landed them, to Rama, and that as soon as his compatriots were supplied, immediate conflict with the government troops was contemplated.

Ex-Slave Dies, Aged 115.

Pensacola, Fla., Nov. 26.—John C. Calhoun, colored, aged 115 years, died in Pensacola last night, and the death certificate as sworn to and filed in the office of the city clerk gives the date of the negro's birth as 1794. Calhoun, bearing the name of the American statesman, resided in Pensacola for 40 years, and until less than 14 years ago made his living by daily labor in the sawmill. In reminiscence moments the old negro would tell stories of the life of his master, John C. Calhoun, and refer to the great statesman with familiarity. He was born in slavery.

Gunboat Princeton Leaves.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 30.—The gunboat Princeton, Commander C. H. Hayes, sailed from the Puget sound navy-yard this morning for Nicaragua, where she will join the gunboat Vicksburg, which is now at Corinto. The Princeton, which has been undergoing repairs at the navy-yard, will stop at San Francisco to take on ammunition and stores. Commander Hayes expects to reach Nicaragua within three weeks.

Lumber Jumps Skyward.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 30.—Rough lumber advanced \$1 per 1000 all over northwestern Canada Saturday. Mills are calling in traveling salesmen because of the rush of orders. Export mills in British Columbia report a largely increased business in the United States, this being one cause for the advance. Another advance will take place before spring.

Cotton Crop Total Out.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 30.—The Times-Democrat, in presenting its correspondents' final report on the cotton crop of 1909, states that the consensus of opinion points to a total of 10,825,000 bales.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

ARTILLERY SHOOTS WELL.

Target Moving Eight Knots Is Hit Three Out of Four by Company.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Reports of excellent shooting at long range by coast artillery companies continue to reach the war department. A remarkable record was made by the 115th company at Fort Rosecrans, Cal., on October 20. Four shots were fired from a battery of two 10-inch guns at a target 30 feet high by 60 feet long, which was moving at the rate of eight miles an hour at a distance of about five miles from the battery firing. All four shots were fired in an interval of one minute and 20 seconds and passed through a rectangle nine feet high by 42 feet wide. Only three hits were scored on the target, as one of the shots passed four yards to the left of it.

The 52d company, at Fort Robman, Mass., on October 30, fired four shots from an eight-inch battery at a 30x60-foot material target, which was moving at the rate of five miles an hour at a distance of about four miles from the firing battery. All four shots were hits and the first shot cut the raft of the material target in two.

FAVORS PRIVATE CAPITAL.

Senate Committee Would Nullify Irrigation Law.

Washington, Nov. 27.—In advance of the report of the senate committee on irrigation comes the statement that the majority will favor emasculation of the national irrigation law, so as to give to private capital the privilege of developing all possible reclamation projects. A minority of the committee, among them Senator Chamberlain, is expected to oppose any such plan. Private business interests are said to be back of this movement, which Ballinger endorsed in a speech before the National Irrigation congress at Spokane in August.

The plan involves indorsement of the proposed \$30,000,000 bond issue, to complete projects now under way, with the gradual withdrawal of the government from all localities where private parties desire to execute reclamation projects. Intimations already received point to a bitter warfare over such a proposal. It is believed most people in the irrigable regions desire that the government should carry on the reclamation work.

Moving Pictures to Teach Farming.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The federal department of agriculture has sent an agent to Ithaca to get a series of motion pictures of the poultry farm conducted by the New York state college of agriculture. The pictures were made for educational purposes, and next winter farming audiences in many states will see the Cornell hens strutting about the poultry yard, students lugging straw to the hen houses, disinfecting the pens, filling the feed hoppers in the poultry range, filling the lamps in the incubators, and in general doing all of the work that goes on in a well managed, scientific poultry yard.

Marines Awaiting Orders.

Washington, Nov. 24.—That the critical situation between this country and Nicaragua has reached the acute stage was evidenced tonight when Secretary of State Knox sent for his colleagues in the state department and for the acting secretary of the navy and his aides to meet in conference at his home. For nearly three hours the statesmen went over the situation. The result of the deliberations was not made public, but it was not denied that more warships are to be ordered south at once.

Dedicate Tablet to Gridley.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 27.—Many prominent representatives of the United States navy came to Annapolis today to take part in ceremonies attending the dedication of a tablet in Bancroft hall of the United States Naval academy in memory of Captain Charles V. Gridley, who commanded Admiral Dewey's flagship at the battle of Manila Bay and to whom the admiral gave the famous order: "When you are ready, Gridley, fire." The tablet is of golden bronze, 3½x2½ feet.

District of Columbia May Vote.

Washington, Nov. 30.—President Taft has decided that Washington and the District of Columbia shall have, in common with the rest of the country, a democratic form of government—if he can bring it about. With this end in view, it is his purpose to recommend to congress radical changes in the government which will give the residents of the district a right to vote.

Reparation Not Expected.

Managua, Nicaragua, Nov. 25.—Not having notification on the subject, the Nicaraguan government expressed doubt that demand for reparation would be made by the United States on account of the execution of the two Americans, Grace and Cannon, for the reason, it is pointed out, that the action of Nicaragua was according to law.

Cable for Assistant Secretary.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Benjamin S. Cable, a Chicago attorney, will succeed Ormsby McHarg as assistant secretary of commerce and labor, according to a statement made today by Senator Calhoun of Illinois.

MORE BONDS IN SIGHT.

New Tariff Law Not Up to Expectations as Revenue Maker.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Treasury officials are only fairly well satisfied with the way the new tariff law is working from a revenue standpoint. Up to today the receipts from customs for the present fiscal year amount in round numbers to \$139,000,000. This is nearly \$29,000,000 more than was collected for the same period last year, under the Dingley law. The receipts this month, however, show a falling off. In October they were \$29,000,000 and this month they were only \$24,000,000 in the aggregate. The total receipts from all sources last month were \$57,000,000, while this month they are only \$44,000,000, with two more days' returns to be heard from.

On the other hand, disbursements show a decided decrease. Whereas, last month they reached \$59,000,000, they have this month been only \$52,000,000. The working balance in the treasury has been reduced to \$26,266,983, compared with \$30,701,824 on this date in October.

Unless the revenues from customs and other sources increase or other means of cutting down expenditures are discovered, this working balance will steadily decline and soon reach a point where it will be necessary to issue Panama bonds in order to replenish the funds of the treasury.

Over \$96,000,000 of the funds of the treasury have been used on the Panama canal and it will require a bond sale to reimburse the treasury.

BIG BOND ISSUE FAVORED.

\$30,000,000 for Irrigation in West Urged by Borah.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Senator Borah today submitted to Secretary Ballinger the outline of a bill he has prepared, authorizing the issuance of bonds to facilitate the construction of government irrigation projects.

Borah and Ballinger are agreed that such legislation should authorize bonds aggregating \$30,000,000 to be issued by the treasury department as needed. These bonds to be paid out of the reclamation fund and are not to be a charge upon the federal treasury.

As soon as General Lawler, of the interior department, returns to Washington, he, Ballinger and Borah will work out the details of this bill, which will then be presented to congress. Both Senator Borah and Secretary Ballinger are hopeful that congress will authorize the bond issue.

Wood Backs Up Dr. Oaler.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Ocalerization of army officers to a radical degree was recommended to the War Department today by General Leonard Wood, in command of the Department of the East. He wants an elimination law enacted so that officers above the grade of captain will attain given grades on an average of at least ten years younger than at present. "Our present system," said General Wood, "results generally in the best years of a man's life being spent in a subordinate position." He recommended the re-establishment of the army canteen.

Deschutes Power Held.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Secretary Ballinger today withdrew from entry 3262 acres of land along the upper Deschutes River for protection of power sites.

The withdrawal is ordered providing Congress enacts legislation for the control or disposal of the lands.

The land withdrawn is the waterway in connection with which charge has been made that in granting rights of way to the Hill and Harriman railroads through the Deschutes Canyon, Ballinger had rendered construction of a power plant in the canyon impossible.

MacVeagh Gives Out News.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The elimination from the customs service of Acting Deputy Surveyor James Vail, the abolition of that office in the New York customs house, the dismissal of 104 men and demotion of 123 other men at New York from March 4 up to last night, together with about a score of other changes included in Collector Loeb's statement today from New York, were announced by Secretary MacVeagh tonight.

Taft Snubs Suffragette.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of a Liberal member of Parliament and noted as the most beautiful suffragette, tried to see President Taft today. She failed. Mrs. Snowden left the White House announcing that she would endeavor again tomorrow to run the gauntlet that had shut her off.

Americans Had Full Trial.

Washington, Nov. 24.—A statement was issued by the Nicaraguan legation here this afternoon that information had been received from the Nicaraguan government to the effect that Cannon and Grace had been given a full hearing before a military court martial previous to their execution.

Work on Gunboats Hurried.

Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 25.—Naval rush orders were received here today in connection with the outfitting of the gunboats Paducah and Dubuque, both of which have been preparing to return to their stations in the Caribbean Sea.

COAST EXTENSION SANCTIONED.

Construction of 1500 Miles of Roadway Will Soon Be Under Way.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 29.—The directors of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company have decided that it will soon become necessary to extend that road to the Pacific coast in order that it may continue to be a strong competitor of the St. Paul and the Burlington roads. With this end in view the company is preparing to issue approximately \$30,000,000 worth of new stock, which is in the ratio of one to four of outstanding stock.

This proposition has already been submitted to the proper authorities of the several states which require state authority for the issuance of the new railroad securities. This authority has not yet been given by any one of the three states to which the proposition has been submitted, which fact may account for the denial which the officials of the company make regarding the proposed stock issue.

It is also known, although not admitted by the company's officials, that an approval has been given for construction of at least 1500 miles of road to be completed within the next two or three years. It is known through western senators that the company has completed and approved surveys of lines to three important Pacific coast points—namely, Portland, Seattle and San Francisco.

In connection with the proposed issue of new stock, it is remembered that the St. Paul's first move toward the Pacific coast extension was the issuing of exactly the same amount of new stock.

RIVER SAFE FROM NIGHT ATTACK.

Moving Target Functured in Gloom 12 Out of 16 Times.

Fort Stevens, Or., Nov. 29.—The efficiency of artillery practice at night was tested thoroughly last night by the Thirty-third company, commanded by Captain Willis, of the Coast Artillery corps. This is the first year that night firing at a moving target has been tried in the United States army, and the first time it has been tried at Fort Stevens. Three preliminary shots were fired for the purpose of testing firing conditions. Immediately afterward 16 record shots were fired, 12 of which tore through the target. This result is thought to be the best attained since night practice has been in vogue in the United States army.

The target fired at was a rectangular canvas figure six feet by twelve. It proved a dim object to fire at, with only the uncertain gleam of a searchlight following its rapid movement through the water.

Government boats and searchlights from both sides of the river guarded against the possibility of commercial vessels entering the field of fire during the practice. Many spectators saw the display, which demonstrated the effectiveness of the Columbia river defense.

W. A. CLARK IS ANTI-TRUST.

Prefers, Himself, to Work as Individual, Says ex-Senator.

New York, Nov. 27.—"Too much coming in, and not enough going out; European consumption of copper is not keeping pace with American production," said ex-Senator William A. Clark today, as he stepped from the gangway of the inbound steamer Mauritania. "It is true, copper is selling too low, but overproduction is responsible. The normal price should be 15 cents; 13-cent copper is too cheap."

Informed of the recent decision against the Standard Oil company, Senator Clark said:

"I'm not surprised. I never believed in large corporate aggregations of capital, and for myself I have always preferred to work as an individual."

Women May Be Smugglers.

Boston, Nov. 29.—In the arrest here today, at the request of the federal officials of New York, of Miss Mary S. Moore and Miss Isabella Holland, of this city, dealers in women's underwear, the government authorities believe they have materially assisted in the investigation of illegal importations from France. The women were charged jointly with Robert Schwartz, Philip A. Phillipson and Thomas Murphy, who were arrested two months ago, with conspiracy to defraud the government by evading duty. The women were held in default of \$8000 bail.

Oil Head Up for Perjury.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 29.—Henry Clay Pierce, of Kansas, oil magnate, will be tried here Wednesday for alleged false swearing. The case was continued last August, and relates to an affidavit filed by Mr. Pierce when the Rogers-Pierce company entered the state in 1900, after having been ousted for violation of the anti-trust laws. Attorneys for the state conferred today and declared that no continuance would be asked or granted by either side.

Mrs. Roosevelt Is Home.

New York, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and her daughter, Miss Ethel, returned today from Europe on the Koenig Albert. Mrs. Roosevelt's stepdaughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson and Collector of the Port William Loeb, Jr., met them at the pier.

Hunter "Finishes" Owm.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 29.—While hunting today, Wesley McBride, aged 16, according to his own version of the affair, accidentally shot his companion, Harry Long, aged 15, in the jaw, and then fired two shots into his head to "make a good job of it."