which spent most of the pight at the the young electrician was standing bebulletin-board were gathering again, side his deak. Then he glanced at him At no time had the place been entire- sidewise inquiringly. ly deserted. Several men had never been out of eyeshot of the bulleting. One of them, a shock-headed youth in overalls and wearing the cap of a government electrician, sat on the stone curbing by the entrance to the power station, smoking a small black pipe, seemingly more occupied with meditation than observation,

men who were now gathbeard, were coal miners a the shafts. Here and o more than auggested ine crowd stood, the build-... being partially hid in a grove of

The groups of miners and electriclans were almost allent. They seemed to have exhausted comment and surto take place of conjecture,

#### On the Verge of War.

In Washington the federal news editor apparently had worn out himself account of the all-night session of Con- you locked up for attempting desergress. As daylight came, the service wabbled, and what had been a connected, well-austained story of congresssional proceedings had slumped to a series of jerky bulletins of which the last had come a half-hour before, read-

Williams still has the floor. He is

To the men starting for the shafts, this carried no news which they had no known before they had gone away, a few hours earlier, to get such sleep and rest as they could.

While they stood watching, another bulletin came:

"Congress has taken an hour's recess for breakfast. No action." The coal miners in the crowd read this, and then started for work. Soon

#### Young Inventor Busy.

"Mr. Shod," said the younger man, I want a two weeks' leave of absence. The elder then looked squarely at him but did not reply, merely brushing back his hair in an abstracted, preoccupied manner. The young man, waited for an answer without repeating his petition.

"Go back to work," said Shod, finally, eeming to dismiss the request as pretricians. The vastness posterous. He had started to speak tion from which they calmly, but his manner changed, and to brought his flat down on the desk as he added charply:

"Atsins, you make me think your crazy. Haven't you read the bulletins? Look here-a message from the chief, ly. We expect you to run double capacity from the instant war is declared. mise, and to be waiting for the tangible Leave of absence! Man, go back to work."

Atsins became confused and awkwardly abashed; but he persisted, nevertheless, urging great necessity. "If you even ask again," cried Shod, and his staff in keeping up a detailed becoming thoroughly angry, "I'll have

#### Daring Plan Explained.

He wheeled around in his chair, and busied himself with the wires leading off the keyboard on his desk. Atsins hesitated an instant, and then suddenly lost his awkwardness and became alert making no headway against the major-ity. War seems inevitable."

He bent over his senio", speaking rapid-ity, energetically, and sharply. He drew om the inner pocket of his blouse a print, spreading it before Shod. The anger of the older man gave way to astonishment. He was held spellbound by the younger's vehement explanation, until finally Atsins ceased talking, folded up his print, returned it to his pocket, and stood waiting. Shod contemplated him silently

several moments. Then he said: "You have a chance. It is too great there were left only a few scattered a chance to lose. It might be our sal-

In all this unprepared country, no one appreciated so thoroughly the impending danger as did Montrus, the unortunate commander-in-chief of the

scholastic, his figure spare and bent, his hair and eyes gray, and his face

the only inactive figure in the War Department-when one of his aides enered the room.

nal followed by some code which is eing transcribed."

"Curtis says he is effectually hidden, and can send electrigraphs if we can ake them."

'We have, but he warns us not to try often. I suppose his position is

"Tell him to send what he can," answered Montrus. "I'll go into the tower to take it."

A hundred yards farther us the Poomac, stood a gigantic tower, the exact longitude and latitude of which was lay in her provisions accordingly, with carried directly to the summit by a lift.

While the aides adjusted the films and reflector of the electro-photographer, Montrus stood at the railing lookng out over the peaceful river scene! and drumming his fingers on the wood-

"I think it is coming," said one of of the aides finally; and the general and care. Payments are arranged at stepped over to adjust about his head the hood which shut all light from

At first this remained in black and inky darkness. Then came little waves of dim light which rippled across its surface. These ripples became strong-respecting independence and its breezy, er; indistinct shapes, unrecognizable open-air surroundings, is healthful and and mystic, seemed to rise out of its exhiberating, while the constant stream depths. They cleared away, and there of passengers and tourists, both old and grew up in their place the forms of a new, tends to the formation of pleasant city's roofs and towers, which stood acquaintances, at all seasons of travel. ment and then seemed to drop further board the Norwegian mail steamers is

White, fleecy clouds came between the eye and the city's roofs, the lat-ter growing less and less distinct. clouds, but finally a far-off flock of specks, which came nearer and nearer

over the river scene again.

marked at last, quietly, but in great "Every one ready. twenty-four hours from the time those awful fools in Congress declare war, those hundred torpedo ships will be Tell Curtis we've seen enough."

and in moodiness took his post by the nides came in again,

side," he announced, "and insists on seeing you. We have done everything to get rid of him but throw him off the grounds. The man stopped and waited expect

"Tell him-" said Montrus angrily, but stopped. "Let him in," he con-

## Young Inventor to the Rescue.

with the shock-headed electrician who had spent the night before by the bulletin-board. His embarrassment was great, but his earnestness equalled it. The former showed in his awkward posture and twitching fingers; the latsought the general's eyes.

the prints. Montrus cast one careless and second interested glance at the plans He drew up a chair and studied them there had been a much applauded the moodiness giving away to keen ap preciation. Then he pushed them

"You seem to have something," h said. "Some other time-, if there's earliest statesmen. The nation had anything left of this country, some other time I'll look at them. But not

## Death to Distant Fleet.

ly. "Now's the time, don't you see? Mrs. Longworth. Huge potatoes were That will direct a million volts—two also sent from South Dakota, where million volts—accurately, to any distance, at any object. Man, if it works, so large that one potato will feed six If it will do it-don't you see?" Montrus stared at the shock-headed

leaned forward. "Will the ships at Kiel ever leave their moorings if it works?" he asked, miring farmers. two men looked at each other, and, as

on his desk, and men entered from different doors,

itself no thought of the inevitable speaking rapidly, "to Sending Station product of incompetence urged into action by rashness.

speaking rapidly, "to Sending Station 10, the largest. Let him direct any changes he desires. Tell Susquehanna to give us ten times the usual power

from now until notified otherwise." The men started to obey, and Atsins to follow his guides, when Montrus stepped to him, holding out his hands.
"I hope you succeed," he said.
"I—I can't fall," stammered the

young man.

(To be continued.) ACTIVE NORWEGIAN WOMEN.

Occupy Good Positions as Stewards on Coasting Steamers.

Bright young women in Norway find a rational and congenial employment in a vocation which has not been invaded by their sex in this country. The many steamers that plow the Norwegian fjords and Scandinavian estuaries and rivers employ young women to "He is at Kiel. We got his sig- for the personal comfort of travelers on board. Their official designation is that of "auxiliary ship's officer." That their occupation is a pleasant one is proved by the numerous applications at steamboat offices from young Danish, Swedish and Norwegian ladies anxious to secure such positions. This life on the inland lakes and rivers, is stated in fact to be immensely popu lar with the strong and energetic girls involved necessitate a girl's having a head on her shoulders goes without saying, and many of the applicants are daughters of either naval or profes sional men, such as lawyers and doctors.

> It is the duty of the "auxiliary ship's officer," to ascertain from the purser of the ship how many passengers are booked on the outgoing voyage and to an eye to ample supplies, at the same of waste. She is further responsible for the tastefully laid table and for such additional house-linen as may be required in the cabins during the voyage. Plate, china and even kitchen utensils are generally her own property, so that she must necessarily pos sess business ability in her selection so much per head and the lady steward nets the profits over and above the actual expenses, and beyond this may derend upon complimentary contributions from the traveler, which being a cus tomary thing, may be offered and ac cepted without offense.

Such an occupation with its self-

Another post filled by women on that of "postal official." Two of these young ladies always travel together, their sole duty consisting in carrying the mall bags to and from the points There was a sweep of a dark object of embarkation and arrival. During athwart the clouds. It crossed the en- the voyage, the time of these girls is tire reflector, blotting it out in black- practically their own, and they generness again, but light followed almost ally may be seen employing it in proinstantly. Again nothing but the white ducing those much-admired "Hosfilds foernings"-the beautiful Norwegian embroideries to be met with in such until they stood out each distinctly and rich profusion throughout the Scandin separately, clear-cut in outline and avian lands. These "post ladies," how identity. There they stood. work to jeopardize their official position as government employes; for long Montrus almost held his breath as he before the landing stage is reached ran his eyes over them. For ten minutes he studied. Then he drew the standing as it were, at attention. By hood from his head, and looked out reason of the precious burdens they bear, they are the first to leave the boat.

# Miss Roosevelt's Turnips.

The first instalment of wedding gifts which reached Miss Alice Roosevelt was turnips, the largest known in the art With that he went back to his office, of farming. These mammoth affairs and in moodiness took his post by the "Colonel Sellers' Fruit", were shipped window again. Nothing he could plan to Miss Roosevelt by a tiller of the soil could avert the calamity he had seen in Kansas, who said that the proud in readiness. Presently one of the farmers of this country should not be outdone by the jewelers, and that they have worked hard to produce the best possible growths this winter with

## ONLY ONE OF IT'S KIND



Magadooche St.

laimed Atsins, quickly and vehement- which to stock the cellar of the future persons. Pumpkins came likewise from South Dakota, each large enough to fur. nish pies for the family for one winter. Atsins held himself in check and If the Longworth couple do not live on the fat of the land for at least one season, it has not been the fault of the ad-

## Hard to Believe.

A city man was showing a country cousin through the Metropolitan Museum. "See that bunch of old Egyptian oins over there, Reub?" he said, pointing it one of the showcases; "well, every one "Take this young man. Mr. — ?"

"Not a name," said Atsins, "Just in idea."

of those coins is over three thousand years old." "Quit ver kiddin'," retorted the countryman. "Why, it's only 1906



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groups; but the shock-headed electri-fration. I'll inform the chief." cian still sat on the curb and smoked his black pipe.

## Mail by Airship.

A speck developed in the eastern sky and drew nearer, enlarging rapidly. Then the Washington mail came into sight, and landed at the arcoplane station near the entrance to the power station. A mail clerk came down the elevator after the sacks had been thrown into the chute. He was questioned eagerly by the men still standing about the bulletin board, but had nothing of news later than that which the bulletins had given them. As he stood talking, another message

was flashed on the board: "Williams says that opposition to the majority will cease. War will be declared before night."

t the shock-headed youth arose from the curbstone, walked he igh the gates and on into Total us of the power station.

# .... Central Power Station.

District, supplying not only Washing- succeeded in disillusioning itself. It now. I can't now." ton, but New York with electricity for all purposes of light, heat, and power, was the largest of the government power areas into which the country lar demand for war, and least prepared was divided. Its coal mines were of the greatest extent, its power station gigantic, and its employees an army. New York with its millions, and Wash ington with its institutions, secured all power from the wires charged by the dynamos of the Susquehanna District.

The shock-headed electrician kept his rapid stride through the grounds until of conflicts made costly because underhe came to a one-story brick building marked over its doorway, with the word "Administration." It was surrounded by beds of sweet-peas, which a gardner then was watering. The young man went up the graveled walk without looking to right or left, pushed open the door, went the length of the inner hall, turned to the right, and knocked at a closed wor.

A middle-aged, gray-haired, spectacled man sat at a desk in the center tion in general knew this, but allowed "Take this idea," continued Montrus, now.

He reached over toward the keyboard ut Atsins put out a restraining hand and held him, shaking his head in

vigorous protest. "Well, I guess you are right there, the older man said: "do as you think best."

Catches Airship for Capital. again with rapid stride went through he grounds. On looking at his watch, e broke into a run heading for the aeroplane station. By quick sprinting ne reached the lift just as it was making its last trip up to connect with the fast Washington mail ship. It touched as he came out on the platform, and he was aboard just in time. 11.

In the early history of the nation maxim: "In time of pcace, prepare for war." The people had never deviated away. from their policy of applauding and ignoring this wisdom of one of their The Susquehanna Coal and Power never lost its complacency-had never imagined itself peaceful, but in reality it was quickest to resent an injury, fancied or real, surest to raise a poputo carry it on.

# Nation in a Trance

With the self-deceiving theory that they were not a militant people, they ad continued to delude themselves in the '-lief that war for them was next to impossible. Their history, a record taken without preparation, did not serve to destroy this illusion-it was part of the national life.

Now popular outery was foreing an other war. At any moment, Congress, which had been in the throes of debate for three days, might open hestilities

with a declaration. Across the Atlantic, as the military men of the nation knew, a martial peo-He was told to erter, and did so, ple were holding themselves in straint, confident in their ability founded on thorough preparation. The na-

mall military forces. Commander in Despair. He had been dean of the Department of electricity in the national university, when transferred to the military service, having, prior to this been an nstructor in one of the national military schools. In appearance he was

in-lowled. He was alone in his office, looking out of the window across the Potomac

"Curtis had been located," said the

Another aide came in.

"Where is he?" asked Montrus eager

Scouting the Upper Air. "He says he is out of the path of their scouts, and thinks he is safely of Northern Europe. That the duties posted. He must be above them." "Can you reach him?"

precarious at best."

burned in the memory of every operative in the secret service. To this, an eye to amplie supplies, at the same Montus and his aides hastened, being of waste. She is further responsible

the eyes looking at the reflector. Looking Across the Ocean.

and further down into the reflector.

Aerial Torpedo Boats.

"A hundred, I should say," he re-

"A government electrician is out-

luded, sullenly.

The aide went out and came back Atsins turned away instantly, and ter, in the direct look with which he

"Well," exclaimed Montrus, sharply "I have a concentrator—I want you to look at it—I thought—," he began excitedly, but ended brokenly in the face of a cold stare from Montrus.
"Here it is," he concluded, unfolding

"But you don't understand," ex-

boy in a daze.

drawing in his breath sharply. Montrus stared, he saw also in his mental vision those hundred dark shapes on the face of the reflector. Then he pressed a series of buttons

an idea."