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## HELIUM GAS FOR **BALLOONS URGED** BY NAVY LEADER

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 13.-Hope that congress will see the possibilities of helium-non explosive balloon gas-not as a war time measure but for purposes of peace, was ex-

pressed by Commander Allen G. Ol- government has now done some- board. The report has been prepared son, in charge of the helium plant thing to atone for the unfortunate by employes of the cld board and operated near Fort Worth by the error made in June, 1916, when many of the policies referred to are United States navy. The limitation of Lieutenants Herduin and Millant not the policies of the present board armament program should not influ- were summarily executed without or have been modified to a consider-

ence helium production, he said, because of its peace time possibilities.

. The plant here, which is one of two in the United States, was shut down at midnight November 30, pending further appropriation by congress to maintain it. The other plant, located at Petrolia, Texas, has been closed since July 1, 1921, the end of the last fiscal year.

## Influence Asked

Representatives in congress have been asked to aid in influencing that body to increase the appropriation for maintaining the Fort Worth plant. Commander Olson expects the plant to be shut down only for a short time, he said, until congress can make suitable provision after it convenes December 5. Several hundred thousand dollars will be necessary for the operation of the plant on a full time basis, he said.

Established in 1918, the helium plant here has been engaged chiefly in experimental work while producing the gas. While the cost of extracting the helium from the natural gas of the petroleum fields of Texas has been expensive, Commander Olson said, the Fort Worth plant gradunity has been lowering the cost of production.

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portrait statue in wood, painted red. of a dead man. The man carries a rod and a staff, indicating, it was said at the University, the ancient method of punishing offenders.

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office but a little more than two weeks of the total period covered by this report, hence this report covers PARIS. Dec. 13 .- The French none of the activities of the present

per cent of the tonnage.

Congress:

up was 987, representing about 48

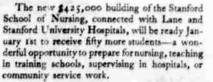
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