

FORTS WILL FIRE ON DUTCH SHIPS

First Unfriendly Move on Part
Of Holland Signal for Ven-
ezuelan Attack.

GUNBOATS ARE PURCHASED

PRESIDENT CASTRO NEGOTIATED
FOR THEM FROM GERMANY—
PRESIDENT ATTACKED IN HIS
OWN COUNTRY.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. 9.—The three Dutch cruisers now making a demonstration off the Venezuelan coast were re-enforced Tuesday by the battle ship Jacob Van Heemskerk.

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NATIONS AS RIVALS

Action in Building Large Na-
tives Decreed by Church
Council.

SESSIONS HAVE ADJOURNED

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—The first Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America, organized to further the movement of unity of action among the protestant denominations in the interest of spreading the gospel, adjourned Tuesday to meet in December, 1912, at a place to be selected by the executive council of the organization. Strong resolutions were adopted at the final session in opposition to increased armament by the nations of the earth.

A feature of the session was an address by Prof. Henry Wade Rogers, of Yale University, who said the time was at hand for obligatory arbitration of disputes between the nations. He deplored the unchristian attitude of the United States and its "moral drift" with the nations of Europe in building the largest, swiftest and deadliest battleships.

Resolutions were also adopted condemning the divorce evil and commanding organizations that have taken up the subject of better divorce laws. The council also passed a resolution calling upon school authorities to give children more time during the week for religious instructions in their homes and churches.

WOULD PREVENT PUMPING OF GAS

Madison County Farmers to
Appeal to Legislature.

Users of natural gas in this city may be affected by the action of farmers in Madison county, who are circulating a petition to be presented to their representative in the state legislature. The petition would have a law enacted to prevent the pumping of natural gas from any wells of the state. The Richmond Natural Gas company obtains its supply from the field in Henry county and practically every bit of the gas is pumped. The proposed bill would make it not only unlawful to pump gas but to use any unnatural means to increase the flow.

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No Rule to Prevent Chimney Fires, Says Fire Chief Ed Miller

People Should Use Precaution, He Says, and Investigate the Nature of the Blaze Before Turning in Alarms.

"There is no fixed rule that could be stated for preventing chimney flue fires except by keeping the soot burned out," said Ed Miller, chief of the fire department last night. He had been asked to offer a rule for the benefit of the public in preventing chimney fires. This class of conflagrations, which in the most cases is not at all dangerous, has been the source of half a dozen or more calls for the department in the past week. Upon arrival there is nothing for the department to do but stand around while the soot burns out and then return to headquarters. The expense of these runs is not in the slight damage done once in awhile, but in the cost to the city of its fire department maintenance.

Miller says there can be no rule stated, because none would apply in probably more than one case. "It is just like with fires that are fires, there are no two that are to be at-

tacked exactly in the same way" said the chief. "However," he continued, "if a little care would be taken a great deal of good would be accomplished. It's the story of an ounce of prevention being worth a pound of cure. There is practically no danger from the majority of flue fires. You see the soot collects in the chimney and when a spark falls it is ignited.

It burns with a flash, similar to powder and the only danger come in sparks from the chimney falling on the roof. It is not hard to extinguish these without calling the department.

If you have a good chimney it is best just to let the soot burn, whenever it wants to. If the heat passes through the bricks and scorches the wallpaper that is no sign the house is going to be on fire."

The chief advises persons to investigate before turning in alarms of fire, as often it is found there is no work for the department after it has been called.

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FATHER IS UNCLE

PREPARE FOR WAR

Serious Charges Registered
Against Jacob Swafford,
An Ohio Man.

HEARING THIS AFTERNOON

BILL ASKED OF CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 9.—Jacob Swafford, 55, bachelor, of Comers township, this county, is in jail at Eaton, on a grave charge, brought against him by his niece, Nellie Swafford, 25. The woman had been keeping house for her uncle the last three years. Last September, she went to Hamilton, O., and applied for admission to the Helping Hand Society of that place. She was taken in and later became a mother. It is said she charged her uncle with being responsible for her condition.

The Rev. Wm. H. Mason, superintendent of the Humane society of Butler county, filed an affidavit against Swafford. The Swafford woman has been married, but she and her husband have not lived together for several years. She now has three children.

Swafford will be given a preliminary hearing before Squire L. T. Stephens this afternoon at one o'clock. Swafford was arrested by Sheriff Hoffman

in Sommers township late

Washington, Dec. 9.—An emergency volunteer army measure was advocated Tuesday by President Roosevelt in a special message sent to Congress and the draft of the bill accompanying the message was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Cullum. The president says the bill is intended to strengthen the present law, which was placed on the statute book "piecemeal and hurriedly, partly on the eve of the war with Spain and partly after hostilities had actually commenced." After declaring the present law to be faulty and wholly inadequate to speedy and proper organization of a volunteer force, the president says the bill proposed, which was drawn under supervision of the Chief of Staff of the Army, has the hearty approval of the war department. The message says further:

"It is designed to afford the complete machinery by which, should we be confronted with a foreign war, the executive power could proceed at once to transform enthusiastic and patriotic citizens into efficient and organized soldiers. Happily there is at present, no cloud upon our horizon, but that very fact affords us the best opportunity to proceed with deliberation and care in the preparation of laws adequate and indispensable for our possible war needs."

The proposed bill is elastic. Under its provisions a force of 2,000,000 men could be raised as well as one of 50,000.

CLAIMS GUINNESS

WOMAN IS NOT DEAD

Attorney Worden Appears for

Insurance Company.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 9.—Tuesday at the annual meeting of the American National Red Cross society, Mr. Taft was unanimously re-elected president of that organization, and he afterward told the members that it would give him great pleasure to continue as its head.

He accepted the office only after he had been assured by the Nominating Committee that it had secured from the Judge Advocate General of the army the opinion that it would be entirely legal for him to retain the presidency of the Red Cross at the same time he is acting as the nation's Chief Executive.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Proposals for supplies for the use of the Eastern Indiana Hospital for the Insane for the month of January, 1909, will be received by the Board of Trustees at the Hospital before 3 P. M. Monday, December 14, 1908. Specifications may be seen at the Second National Bank, or at the Hospital.

By order of the Board.
S. E. SMITH, Med. Supt.
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TURKEY NEGOTIATES

FOR ARMY SUPPLIES

German Factories Kept Busy

Making Guns.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—The Turkish government is negotiating for the purchase of \$1,875,000 worth of shrapnel and infantry ammunition with a German company at Dusseldorf.

The small arm factories of Berlin are unusually busy with the manufacture of army rifles.

It is reported that Bulgaria has notified the Powers of her willingness to indemnify Turkey in the sum of \$16,500,000 for the damages sustained by the Bulgarian declaration of independence.

Breaking into houses where funerals have just taken place and plundering them is spoken of by the Berliner Tageblatt as the latest trick of the thieves of that city. While this may be a new form of criminality in Berlin, says the writer, it is really only an imitation of an incident described in Dion Cassius as having taken place 2,500 years before Christ.

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Two pairs for 25c
Men's 4-Ply Linen Collars at 10c

Men's Fine Silk Ties at 25c
Men's Fine Dress Pants at \$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98 & \$3.50
Men's Blue, Black, Grey or Fancy Brown Overcoats at \$4.98, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00
Men's Telescope Hats in black or brown, worth \$3.00, at \$1.50
Navy Brown Telescope Hats at 98c to \$1.25

Ladies' Fancy Waistings, all new colors, at 10c, 12½c, 15c
Ladies' 15c Fleeced Back, in Grey Checks and Blue figured, at 10c
Ladies' Fleeced Fast Black Hose at 10c 3 pairs for 25c
Ladies' Fancy Hose, 15c; 2 pairs, 25c
Ladies' Fascinators in Black or White, at 25c, 50c, 75c, 98c
Fancy Baby Caps at 25c, 50c, and 75c

Even Scottish Barmmaids Are Abashed at Carrie's Talk

Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 9.—Carrie Nation raided several public houses here last night. At the first saloon she admonished the bartenders who told her to leave. Some physical force had to be used to get her out. Large crowds collected and followed the barmaid woman as she entered the different "pubs."

Entering a fashionable "pub," where barmmaids are employed, she addressed them especially on the shame of womenhood of their business and urged them to quit what she called their hellish life. The barmaid appeared

to be much abashed. Eventually the manager politely insisted that Mrs. Nation withdraw.

Thereupon Carrie left the high road for the poorer quarters, passing little baredfoot children on the head on the way.

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