

SECRETARY ASKS TWO BATTLESHIPS

He Also Makes Substantial Reductions in His Estimates for Next Year.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The results of a personal investigation by Secretary George von L. Meyer of many of the navy yards and naval stations are apparent in recommendations for the abolition of some and the development of others, as set out in the secretary's annual report, just made public.

Secretary Meyer recommends giving up the naval stations at New Orleans, Pensacola, San Juan, Port Royal, New London, Sackett's Harbor, Culebra and Cavite. He finds that the average

yearly cost of maintaining these stations for the last five years has been \$1,672,675, while little useful work has been performed therein.

Key West alone of the gulf naval stations should be maintained; not as a first class station, but for the supply and quick repair of small gunboats and torpedo craft operating in the Caribbean sea, says the secretary.

Following the established policy in the matter of annual naval construction, the secretary recommends the authorization of two battleships, one collier, one gunboat, one river gunboat, two seagoing tugs, two submarines and one submarine tender.

Secretary Meyer recommends that Robert E. Peary be given a commission by legislation as rear admiral of the corps of civil engineers, to date from April 6, 1909, the date of his discovery of the pole, and that he be retired as of that date with highest retired pay of that grade.

The secretary asks \$7,630,000 for provisions for the navy, which is an increase of \$158,929 over the appropriation for the current year. Provis-

ions for the marine corps are estimated at \$520,000, an increase of \$96,457 for this year.

While increases have been made in the estimates for the pay of the navy and marine corps and under the head of ordnance and other war equipment, the decreases exacted in other directions bring the total down sufficiently to affect a saving of \$5,000,000.

The total amount which will be submitted to congress for the navy department under the naval, legislative, and sundry civil bills for next year will be \$127,067,329, as compared with \$132,378,980 for this year.

FATE OF A FRENCH TOWN IS IN DOUBT

(American News Service)

Paris, Dec. 5.—The fate of the town of Avenis, of 4,000 souls, situated in the Loire river valley, is today unknown. All communication has been cut off from Avenis and the last word from there was that the waters were sweeping through the low sections of the city, carrying destruction in their path. The Loire is still rising today. Dams have been swept away, dikes demolished and the country on both sides of the stream for many miles inundated.

FRANKLIN FERRIS TO BE GIVEN PLUM

(American News Service)

Washington, Dec. 5.—It was learned on good authority that Franklin Ferris of St. Louis will be appointed a member of the court of commerce by President Taft.

RAINS DELAY WORK ON THE BIG DITCH

(American News Service)

Colon, Dec. 5.—Vessels which were driven in here by high winds today brought word that a great storm is raging on the Pacific. Torrential rainstorms are causing delay upon the work of the Panama canal and land-slides are feared.

A CENSUS REPORT ANNOUNCED TODAY

(American News Service)

Washington, Dec. 5.—The population of Kentucky is 289,905, a gain of six and six-tenths percent; Mississippi has 1,797,114, a gain of 15 per cent. Mississippi is entitled to one new congressman while Kentucky gets none.

IS GIVEN LICENSE

George Theurer, a saloonist on Ft. Wayne avenue, was given a license for the ensuing year by the board of county commissioners on Monday morning.

PREMIUM LIST OUT

For the Richmond Pet Stock Show.

The premium list of the Greater Richmond Poultry and Pet Stock association exhibit, which opens on Wednesday for four days in the Leeds room on Main street, was issued today. It contains the by laws of the association, names of officers, and a list of premiums, five silver cups, and a large number of special prizes offered by merchants of Richmond. Besides chickens, prizes are offered for ducks, turkeys, pigeons, pheasants, quail and dogs.

ASKS FOR RECEIVER

Director of Insurance Company Sues.

(American News Service)

Louisville, Dec. 5.—W. B. Brown of Gwassa, Ala., filed suit in the federal court today asking for a receiver for the Citizens' National Life Insurance Company. The suit already had been filed in the state courts by Brown, who is a director. He alleges many subscriptions to capital stock are fictitious and that capital paid in has been misapplied.

The Poverty of Riches.
"Say, Flatbroke, go and touch up your friend for a five spot."
"Him! Nothing stirring. He's a millionaire."
"All the better."
"Nonsense. A millionaire is the only man in the world who can afford to come downtown with nothing but lunch money and car fare in his clothes."—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

"COMPLICATION OF DISEASES."
How often one hears this expression. It means a condition in which no one disease fully develops, but symptoms of various disorders are present. Poisoned, impure blood would explain the cause in nine out of ten such cases. It matters not if the blood be poisoned by inoculation, or by the failure of one or more of the important glands of the body to perform their duties, a powerful alterative or blood purifier, is necessary to cleanse it, and in so doing removes the cause. Dr. A. B. Simpson's Vegetable Compound is the most thorough and powerful alterative or blood purifier ever known, a fact which is firmly established, and supported by testimony of hundreds of grateful people. It is harmless as it is effective, and sold at one dollar a bottle at all drug stores.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By RALPH NEAL

The lockers for the students have been completed and set up. They will be assigned Tuesday so every person will have his own locker. It is a big improvement because the students have had no place for their wraps until now.

The faculty will meet tonight to tell about their trips and see if they can improve the school any. There were many interesting trips taken last Friday.

Mr. Neff, the treasurer of the state board of control, will make a financial report to the board today. Receipts for the year were \$1,177.15, including the money handed over by the former treasurer. The expenditures for the year were \$688.52, leaving a balance of \$488.63 in the treasury.

Mr. Thompson's lecture Wednesday night will be a very interesting event, and has created much interest among the students. After the lecture a lunch will be served in the art rooms.

HEINZE IS WINNER IN SUPREME COURT

(American News Service)

Washington, Dec. 5.—Supreme court today reversed the decision of the circuit court of New York in the case of the United States against Augustus Heinze convicted of misapplying funds of the Mercantile National bank of New York. The case is remanded.

Her Poem.

He—I hear you read a poem at your commencement. She—No; I wrote it.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

IN POLICE COURT

Jonathan Mendenhall, Charles Reddinghaus and William Decker were fined \$1 and costs for public intoxication this morning.

ILL WITH CROUP

The little child of Otto Lacey and wife of Webster is seriously ill with the croup. Wayne township trustee James Howarth its grandfather, is at the bedside.

A SMALL WRECK ON C. & O. NEAR HERE

When the air brakes on a south bound C. & O. freight failed to operate this morning the train crashed into the rear of a cut of cars and demolished a caboose. Traffic was delayed for some time. There were no men in the car when the accident happened. A brakeman ran ahead to flag the freight train but it was unable to stop.

DISTRESS FROM A SICK, UPSET STOMACH, GAS, SOURNESS OR INDIGESTION VANISHES.

A little Diapepsin will make you feel fine in five minutes.

Take your sour, out-of-order stomach—or maybe you call it indigestion, Dyspepsia, Gastritis or Catarrh of Stomach; it doesn't matter—take your stomach trouble right with you to your pharmacist and ask him to open a 5-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin and let you eat one 22-grain Tri-angle and see if within five minutes there is left any trace of your former misery.

The correct name for your trouble is Food Fermentation—food souring; the digestive organs become weak, there is lack of gastric juice; your food is only half digested, and you become affected with loss of appetite, pressure and fullness after eating, vomiting, nausea, heartburn, griping in bowels, tenderness in the pit of stomach, bad taste in mouth, constipation, pain in limbs, sleeplessness, belching of gas, biliousness, sick headache, nervousness, dizziness or many other similar symptoms.

If your appetite is fickle, and nothing tempts you, or you belch gas or if you feel bloated after eating, or your food lies like a lump of lead on your stomach, you can make up your mind that at the bottom of all this there is but one cause—fermentation of undigested food.

Prove to yourself in five minutes that your stomach is as good as any; that there is nothing really wrong. Stop this fermentation and begin eating what you want without fear of discomfort or misery.

Almost instant relief is waiting for you. It is merely a matter of how soon you take a little Diapepsin.

THE FLAVOUR'S

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