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American Makers Failed to Produce Satisfactory Shells.

PREPAREDNESS IN PERIL

"Imperative to Build Projectile Factory and Give Contract to Foreign Bidder."

Washington, Jan. 21.—Secretary Daniels issued a statement today explaining and defending his action in The statement is in reply to published omment upon the contract which, Mr. Daniels says, "convinced me that cise statement of the experiences eign navies at a reasonable price derstand what has been going on."

Referring to a report in certain American trade journals that the British Government had urged Hadfields to seek this contract for the purpose of creating a panic in the American steel market and a resultant reduction the export price of American steel, the Secretary says that "is patent ab surdity" as such an order would have no appreciable effect upon the mar-

Mr. Daniels says the Bethlehem Steel Company, which "has been fill-ing the papers with advertisements criticising the department," admitted in one of those publications that Peril to Preparedness

"Until it is able to fill its contracts," nies in this and in other matters as quest will be held. most unfortunate, and were there no Doctor Porter met Miss de Jong, relief through competition either by he said, last year during the Panamathe Government or by other more Pacific Exposition patriotic firms, I would feel that they several exhibits. preparedness in peril. of the most patient negotiations and appeals to the patriotism of the little oup of steel manufacturers which group of steel manufactures of this a thing. Finally, when he was about have a practical monopoly of this a thing. Finally, when he was about to leave, he said, Miss de Jong shot the Government to build a projectile factory and give a contract to a foreign bidder."

The statement reviews the department's dealings with American shellmakers during the last few years to show that bids from the British corf cern previously had been instrumental in compelling a reduction in price for projectiles furnished to this Gov-The financial loss to Government in that connection has been important, it says, and adds;

Not Keeping Pace.
"What has not been made clear, however, is the failure of the companies manufacturing projectiles with no spur of competition to drive them on to keep pace with the improvements in the quality of armor-pierc ing shells that were being made A difference in the price of shells can be expressed in dollars and Inferiority of weapons of defense when the fate of the battle may easily depend upon this single element, cannot possibly be expressed by amount of money, however

Mr. Daniels declares that the argument used by those who oppose the construction of a Navy projectile plant which contends that the result will be to crush American industry, is without value.

'I have never had in mind," says he, "a Navy plant of greater capacity, working one shift of men, than one third of the total amount required by the Navy. The two-thirds left for the private manufacturers with our The two-thirds left for commission will be greater than the whole amount of a few years ago. Only in case of an utter failure on the part of the private manufacturers to keep their product abreast of the times or quote prices in any way reasonable. would it be necessary for the Navy by working three shifts instead of for the Navy one, to manufacture enough material

to cover our entire needs." SWEDISH STEAMER SIGNALED DISTRESS

Boston, Jan. 21.-Wireless signals of distress from the Swedish steamer, Scandinavic, three times repeated and the last call very faint, were picked up early Friday by the British freighter, Start Point, her officers report upon the steamer's arrival from Liverpool today. As the Scandinavic's call gave no position and as the Start Point was battling with a gale, it was explained, no attempt was made reach the distressed vessel.

Scandinavic from Galveston and Norfolk for Christiania and Gothenburg, is believed to be the vessel whose wireless calls for help, sent from a position near Cape Race, N. F., picked up by the tank steamer John D. Archbold, and reported yes-

BOMB FOUND UNDER MANHATTAN ELEVATED

New York, Jan. 21 .- A crude bomb. a tin can containing several pounds of powder, bolts and slugs, was found today under the stairway leading to the Manhattan street elevated station porter, saw it.

the police.

Necessity of Raising \$150,000,-000 More Will Be Discussed

New York, Jan. 21.-The American Commission for Relief in Belgium is NOT preparing for at least another year's work and the necessity of raising apbe discussed by the officers of the commission here this week, according to Herbert C. Hoover, chairman, who arrived here today from Liver-

Mr. Hoover said that he would remain in the United States about a week to take up with his colleagues ish munitions company, contracts for cuss the deportation of Belgians by the Germans saying it was a subject a large number of Navy armorphic ing projectiles at a price about \$200 position. He added, however, that position there are now apparently 11,000,000 there are now apparently France dependent upon the commis-

What plans he will present to his of the department in obtaining shells colleagues, Mr. Hoover would not say, equal in quality to those used by forsome means would be found wherenecessary to enable the public to un- by the work of the commission would not suffer through a lessening of the certain interest of America and other neutrals in the work.

WELL KNOWN WOMAN PAINTER KILLS SELF

had failed to make satisfactory shells died early today from a self-inflicted the naval forces of a belligerent on a contract awarded two years ago. bullet wound in the head. The poperal to Preparedness.

| Description of the naval forces of a belligerent to preparedness of the naval forces of a belligerent to preparedness. completed their investigation of the he adds, "it does not become the case and examination of Dr. William Bethlehem Company to criticise the S. Porter, a well-known physician of Bethlehem Company to criticise the S. Porter, a well-known physician of men has been held in abeyance, but Navy Department for awarding con-Oakland, who was in Miss de Jong's the belief is growing that the Govmanufacturers who can stulio when she shot herself. After ernment will take advantage of the make shells that meet the tests. I several hours of questioning, he was situation created by the bringing into regard the attitude of these compa- permitted to go to his home. An in- a German port of the prize ship Yar-

other more Pacific Exposition, at which she had

were putting our entire program of Dr. Porter said he was to sit for preparedness in peril. The department wishes to give all of its orders to keep the engagement and called at nish shells that meet navy require- declares, Miss de Jong began discuss ments. Nothing but the utter failure ing suicide, all the while holding a small revolver. For three hours, the physician said he tried to persuade herself in the temple.

The police said tonight that they found in the studio not only complete corroboration of Dr. Porter's story, but evidence that Miss de Jong had carefully set the stage for her death.

RAILROAD BONDS ARE NOW SUPPLANTED

Real Estate Mortgage Loans Now Largest Investments of Insurance Companies.

New York, Jan. 21.-Real estate mortgage loans on farm and city property have supplanted railroad onds as the largest single class of investments held by life insurance companies, according to a report made public here tonight by the Association of Line Insurance President.

The report shows that in the 10-year period from 1904 to 1914 real state mortgage loans increased from 27.37 per cent of the assets of American companies to 34.46 per cent. Railroad bonds have decreased from 30.16 per cent of the life insurance assets in 1904 to 26 per cent in 1914. An actual amount, however, the holdings of life insurance companies in railroad bonds increased during the decade by 67.32 per cent.

GIGANTIC SWINDLE IS UNCOVERED IN FRANCE

Paris, Jan. 21.-An alleged swindle Henri de Broglie-Revel. M. Simeoni cable destiny in this country. was accused in 1912 of swindling the country and no other, he said, is the German Prince Friedrich Carl Zu Hohenlehe-Oehringen out of 500,000 francs. court, but Simeoni was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for fraudulent bankruptcy. Afterward he founded the Comptoir des Valeurs Indulent dustrielle, which was a stock-broking Prince Henri de Broglie-Revel bank. was placed at the head of the institution as its president; Simeoni taking the title of manager.

SERIOUSLY BURNED WHEN SKIRT CATCHES ON FIRE

Special to The Observer Fock Hill, S. C., Jan. 21 .- Mrs. William Wright, wife of William Wright, a well-known barber of this city, lies in a critical condition as a result of burns received late Saturday. Mrs. Wright was standing in front of an open fire when her skirt began to She was severely burned beblaze. fore the flames were extinguished. Medical assistance was called but the burns are so deep that the physiclans state there is but a slight chance | Blowing Rock. for recovery.

SUM OF \$200,000 PAID FOR CHINESE IMAGE

New York, Jan. 21.-A stone image Goddess of of Kwan-Yin, Chinese of the subway. The fuse was burning when Francis Jones, a subway Poiret, of Paris, by a firm of Fifth ment of the Kingdom of Poland orter, saw it.

Avenue art dealers, for a sum said to "which, in accordance with international law and on territory liberated pail of water and then in his haste learned tonight. Poiret has declared from occupation by the Russian milito escape fell down the stairway. He the image was his original model for tary, already has begun its work for was injured so severely he had to be the style known in this country as the welfare and happiness of the taken to a hospital. The bomb was "the debutante slouch." The image Polish Nation," were adopted here totaken to the combustibles bureau by is seven feet tall and weighs more day by the Polish National defense

at Meeting in New York This Official Statement Is Cabled to State Department.

YET MADE PUBLIC

proximately \$150,000,000 more will Berlin Officials Regard This Opportunity to Settle Armed Merchantmen's Status.

Berlin, Jan. 21.-Via London.-A summary of the German Admiralty questions pertaining to the work of official statement on the detention as awarding to Hadfields, Limited, a Brit- the organization. He declined to dis- prisoners of war of neutral sailors aboard armed merchantmen captured a large number of Navy armor-pierc- he could not discuss in view of his by German naval forces, which that cabled to the State Department at Washington by Ambassador Gerard last evening. This is the only information yet available regarding this development in naval procedure.

German official circles profes to regard the case as affording an oportunity for negotiations looking to the settlement between America and Germany of the status of armed merchantmen. Since the men in question are safe and the case is not complicated by the less of life, optimism over an amicable adjustment is expressed here. Since the issuing of the German memorandum on armed mer-Oakland Physician Held by the chantmen earlier in the war, German authorities have held that a ship Police Has Been Given His intended for defense or offense, lo its status as a private commercial craft and becomes a warship. Sailors taking service on such a ship, these San Francisco, Jan. 21.-Miss Betty authorities contend, lose their neutral de Jong, a painter of wide reputation, status, just as if they had enlisted in

held The problem of armed merchantrowdale with the crew held as prisoners of war, to bring the question to a head.

OTHER LEGISLATION MIGHT BE AFFECTED

to American manufacturers whenever the studio to so inform the artist. If Eight-Hour Law Should Be proval" of such pictures was disclosed they quote reasonable prices and fur- Soon after his arrival, the physician Held Unconstitutional, Says Adamson.

> Boston, Jan. 21.—Belief that the Supreme Court, if it should declare the Adamson eight-hour law unconstitutional, would find it necessar also to declare unconstitutional similar legislation, such as the 16-hour law for railroad men and the 13-hour law for towboat employes, was expressed in an address before the Boston Central Labor Union today by Representative William C. Adamson of Georgia, father of the Adamson

bill. "If the bill regulating the shipment of the goods interstate in violation of the child labor law is constitutional, then there will be nothing to prevent Congress from enacting a law to pre vent shipment of goods by men who have been forced to work for more than eight hours," he continued. "Congress did not take sides in the fight that existed between the railroads and their employes, but we did step in to prevent the disrupting of interstate commerce by the impending strike, something we had a perfect right to do."

PROCLAIMS AMERICA 'JERUSALEM OF FUTURE'

Richmond, Va., Jan. 21.—Allegi-ance to the "faith that has preserved Israeal through 20 centuries of ad-" active participation in the high duties of citizenship and faithfulness to the democratic ideals upon which this Government rests, were the notes stressed in the addresse that marked the opening session here tonight for the forty-third annual convention of Grand Lodge No. 5, In- GERMANY ANNOUNCES dependent Order of B'Nai B'Rith. Simon Wolf, of Washington, estimated by different newspapers as principal speaker, entered an indirect amounting from three to ten million protest against the Zionist movement, francs, was disclosed yesterday in the pleading for an unhyphenated Ameriarrest of Philippe Simeoni and Prince can Jewry committed to an irrevo-

Jerusalem of the future. The case was settled out of CALDWELL COUNTY TO VOTE ON BONDS FOR GOOD ROADS

Special to The Observer. Lenoir, Jan. 21.—Under an act passed by the Legislature now in session, the citizens of Caldwell County, will vote on a \$250,000 bond issue for the purposes of improving the roads of the county. The election will be held the second Tuesday in

Reports from every section of the county, tends to confirm the belief that the bond issue will carry by a

safe majority. In event the bond issue carries, the Lenoir and Blowing Rock turnpike will either be taken over by the county, or another road will be built to Blowing Rock. This will eliminate the two toll gates on the turnpike and thus not only give a great impetus to trade in Lenoir from Watauga County, but will be a great boon to Summer tourists motoring to

PRESIDENT ASKED TO RECOGNIZE POLAND

New York, Jan. 21.—Resolutions calling upon President Wilson to take immediate steps for the recognition

BRITISH AND TURKS IN HEAVY FIGHTING

Both London and Constantinople
Claim Successes — Hand-toHand Encounter in Rumania.

The British and Turks in Mes-opotamia have been engaged in vigorous fighting along the Tigris River in the vicinity of Kut-el-Amara. Both the London and Constantinople War Offices make claims of successes for their troops in this region.

The British official communication announces that northeast of Kut-el-Amara, the British troops have driven the Turks from a small strip of land they were holding on the right bank of the Tigris, and that King George's men are now in control of an entire trench section on a front of 2,500 yards to a depth of 1,100 yards. It adds that the right bank of the river also has been cleared of Turks downstream from Kut-el-Amara and that southwest of the town further progress has been made.

Constantinople says east of Kut-el-Amara the British launched three attacks against the Ottoman positions, but that none of them was successful, and that the attackers suffered heavy casual-

In the capture or Nanesti, on the Sereth River in Rumania, hard fighting of a hand-to-hand character took place in the streets. In withdrawing from the village, German batteries raked the Russians as they made their way across the bridges over the Sereth, inflicting heavy losses on With the fall of Nanesti, 555 men and one officer were captured by the Germans.

On the other battle fronts, only minor operations have been carried out. The big guns are everywhere active. On the line in France, near Loos, the British in a daylight raid blew up German dugouts, causing many casualties among the occupants.

The artillery duels have again become violent in the Verdun section.

NUDE IN THE MOVIES IS PLACED UNDER BAN

treatment as prisoners of war, it is Danger of Over-Production of Sex Problem Plays Also Recognized by Censors.

New York, Jan. 21.-The nude in motion picture art has come under the ban of the National Board of Review, it was announced here tonight. All producing companies, members of the National Association have agreed, it was said, not to permit the production in their studio of photoplays using such a figure. Action was taken after "widespread disap-

country Danger of over-production of sex problem plays also has been recognized by the board of review, it was announced. The producers' branch of the association has voted, therefore, "that any attempt on the part of any unscrupulous manufacturer to use the motion picture for indecent or impurposes must be dealt with summarily, and every support offered to the law enforcing authorities in the suppression of such pic-

tures. A statement issued by the board of review added, however, that "discusion of sex problems, which are being conducted throughout the Nation, beong to a distinctly different category, and deserve dramatic treatment on

the screen as well as on the stage." "The motion picture aims to present, dramatically and seriously. even in its dangerous relationships," the statement said. "It must be permitted to portray life as it is lived in the various strata of society. It must not be condemned, therefore, when it shows the bad in order to emphasize the good."

CZAR ISSUES RESCRIPT TO HIS NEW PREMIER

London, Jan. 21.-An Imperial Rescript has been addressed by Emeror Nicholas to the new Russian Premier, Prince Golotzine, calling him among other things, to see that the Government devote its first attention to the question of supplies for the armies of Russia and concentrate itself on the development on a large scale of the measures recently taken

POLICY OF REPRISAL

London, Jan. 21.-A Reuter dis oatch from Berlin says the German Government announces it will make reprisals against France in the ter of prisoners. It is explained that France, having failed to reply within he specified time to Germany's demand for the removal of German orisoners from the French fire zone Germany will place French prisoners German fire zone until France fulfills the German demand.

JO-JO SAYS



sch colder; cold wave Tuesday.

Among Those Designated by Funston for Withdrawal.

NOW AWAITS FACILITIES

As Soon as These Can Be Provided by Railroads, Movement Will Begin.

Washington, Jan. 21.-More than 25,000 National Guardsmen, now on mon knowledge, the note continues the Mexican border, have been designated by Major General Funston for return home and muster out of the Federal service, under the order issued yesterday by the War Depart-

ment these organizations will be started homeward as soon as transportation facilities can be provided. Their departure will leave between 45,000 and 50,000 men of the guard in the Federal service doing

border patrol. War Department officials continue to withhold comment on reports that the movement of General Pershing's regulars out of Mexico soon will be under way, and the statement announcing the guardsmen designated for relief does not connect these orders with the withdrawal plans in any way. The understanding has been, however, that with the return of the expedition in Mexico, and readjustment of the border patrol, all of the State troops gradually would be sent home.

The department's statement said: "General Funston has selected these organizations chiefly in accordance with the rule of returning first those troops longest in service on the To some extent, however, this rule could not be followed without unequal weakening of the border guard, and the departures from it are so explained. The total strength of the organizations selected is 25,243." The guardsmen designated for return and muster out include:

North Carolina-First Infantry. South Carolina-Troop A, cavalry; company A, engineers; field hospital company. ee-Ambulance company

No. 1; field hospital, No. 1. Virginia-Second Infantry WILL RECOVER, IF NO

Army Aviator Rescued From Desert Removed to Yuma Hospital.

Wellton, Ariz, Jan. 21.-Lieut. Con Harry G. Bishop, second of the Army aviators to be rescued from the Sonora desert, who was brought here today by an Army ambulance from the foot of the Gila Mountains, 60 miles south of Wellton, will recover unless complications set in, according to Surgeon Major Orville G. Brown, commander of the Government's relief expedition. Colonel Bishop was taken to Yuma, Ariz., and placed in

a hospital. Colonel Bishop and Lieut. W. A Robertson were lost following an atairplane flight from San tempted Diego to Calexico, Cal., January 10. After nine days search by Mexican troops, American Army aviators and hundreds of civilians. Robertson found a party of searchers and directed them to where Bishop had fallen ex-hausted on January 17.

Robertson has returned to his sta-Bishop's condition was such it was impossible for him to detail his experiences.

SIX N. C. COUNTIES HAVE **VAST WOOD PULP SUPPLY**

Special to The Observer. Fayetteville, Jan. 21:-Cumberland and the five counties adjoing it, can supply the raw material for a paper using 40,000 cords of wood an nually, for 438 years, according to the announced result of a survey made by the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce in these six counties-Cumberland, Hoke, Harnett, Sampson, Bladen and Robeson. These figures show the supply of long and short leaf pine and gum in this territory suitable for pulp making, as disclosed by the investigation.

The survey also covers the electric power, both developed and undevel-oped, which could be brought to a paper mill here, as well the transportation facilities by rail and water. It makes a strong showing for Fay etteville, and proves conclusively, say the Chamber of Commerce officers, that this is the best point in the State for a wood-pulp paper mill.

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH HOTEL TO BE IMPROVED

Wilmington, Jan. 21.-Announce ment is made that \$15,000 is to be spent in the improvement of the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, before the opening of next season. Chief among the improvements will be the enlargement of the already spacious dining room. The portions of the porches, both front and rear adjacent to the dining room, will be enclosed and made into a part of the large hall. It will be made exceptionally attractive by enclosing the sides, in glass, thus affording an excellent view of the ocean and sound New bath houses for women and men will be erected at the hotel. New baths will also be added to many

BAND OF VILLISTAS MEETS WITH DEFEAT

Chihuahua City, Mexico, Jan. 21 .-Via El Paso Junction.—Francisco Murguia received a dispatch today from Gen. J. Hernandez, commanding Rain, followed by clearing and the de facto forces in the Parral district, saying his forces had defeated a band of Villa followers at Rancho El A woman with a secret is just about Aguaje, near Parral, killing a number

Like All the Others, Turkey "Was Obliged to Take Up Arms for Defense of Liberty and Indeence."

> Berlin, Jan. 21.-Via Sayville.-A summary of the note handed by the 'LEAK' PROBE TRANSFERRED Turkish Government to neutrals in relation to the Entente answer to the peace proposals of the Central Powers was given out today by the Over-

seas News Agency, as follows: "This note points out that the Central Powers, especially Turkey, not desiring Entente territory, had no reason whatever to begin the war. Entente, however, as a matter of comcovets territory of the Central Powers Thus it continues France wishes Syria and Alsace-Lorraine; Italy desires southwestern Austrian provinces; Russia wants Constantinople and the Straits, and a large part of An-atolia, and England wants Mesopo-

tamia and Arabia. "Equally known, the note adds, are the intrigues of the Entente conducted in an effort to hamper Turkey's evolution and realize the plan for the partition of Turkey, in spite of the principle of nationalities which, as a matter of fact, is the subject of indifference to the Entente immediately its own interests are at stake. The proclamation of a British protectorate over Egypt, where the population is alien to the English race; the annexation of Cyprus, where there were no English; the occupation of Tripoli by the Italians, where the Italians were simply intruders; the visionary dream to give to Russia Constantinople and the Marmora basin, where an overwhelming majority of the population is Turkish and Mohammedan—all of these are pointed to as violations of the principle of nationality.

"Turkey," says the note, "thus was obliged to take up arms for the defense of territorial integrity, liberty and independence, and she now is persuaded that this object had been attained, the hostile Powers being at this time as far from the realization of their plans as ever. For this very it is concluded, they nervreason, ously decline the sincere proposition of the Central Powers and deliberately take upon themselves the re-sponsibility for the continuation of bloodshed."

SWITZERLAND STIRRED BY GERMAN ORDER

COMPLICATIONS ARISE Remonstrances to Berlin Against and some of the Republicans of both Importation Prohibition Will Be Made.

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 21-The German measure prohibiting all importations, news of which was re-ceived here unexpectedly, caused considerable comment throughout Switzerland. The Government will make remonstrances to Berlin as the entire economic situation of the country is affected by this species of blockade.

A Berlin dispatch by way of London, January 17, said the Bundesrate had adopted a measure prohibiting the importation of all commodities except by permission of the Imperial Chancellor. The purpose, the dispatch said, was to restrict imports of indispensable commodities thus reducing the unfavorable trade balance and preventing a further rise in ex-change rates. There previously had been prohibition of importations of various articles classed as luxuries.

WEATHER BUREAU ISSUES

Storm Is Moving Rapidly Eastnied by Cold Wave.

Washington, Jan. 21 .- Storm warnngs were displayed tonight from Cape Hatteras to Eastport, Me., with warning from the Weather Bureau for ships to remain in port. Strong gales along the coast were forecast for tomorrow. The storm is moving rapidly eastward from Colorado and will be accompanied by a cold wave tomorrow in the South Atlantic States and Tennessee.

The storms' influence has been widespread, precipitation occurring generally over the United States today. Rain is forecast for tomorrow in the Middle and South Atlantic States with clearing weather throughout the South Tuesday.

RUSSIA TO MAKE BIG PURCHASES HERE

New York, Jan. 21.-Purchase in the United States of refrigerating equipment to the value of \$30,000,000 to conserve and develop along eco-nomic lines the fresh beef and dairy ndustry of Russia, has been authorized by the Russian-American conservation and industrial stock pany, backed by the Russian Government, according to J. H. Gullak, of Moscow, who arrived here today on the steamship Bergensfjord from Ber-

INDUSTRIAL REPORT ON FRANCE IS MADE

New York, Jan. 21.—The American industrial Commission to France made public today the first installment of an extensive report it is to make to the American Manufacturers Export Association dealing with the condition which probably will confront the industries of France at the close of the war.

sion was invited to France by the French Trade Commission. which visited the United States in 1915. SUGAR SHORTAGE. Paris, Jan. 21.—Sugar cards are to be instituted in France for the pur-

The American Industrial Commis-

pose of diminishing the sea transport, reducing purchases abroad and avoid the export of gold. The Government also has decided that after February 1, all confectionery establishments and first engineers of merchant as eager to keep it to herself as a of the Villa followers, including must close Tuesday and Wednesday sels must be citizens, as must be two-man with a plugged dime. Biblanto Contreras. of each week except holidays. of each week except holidays.

In An Effort to Make an Extra Session Unnecessary.

Leaders Believe This Will Enable Members to Center Interest in Clogged Program.

Washington, Jan. 21.-With the peace note "leak" investigation transferred to New York, Administration leaders in Congress believe the attention of members generally now can be concentrated upon the clogged

legislative program. House and Senate leaders are just as anxious as President Wilson over the press of important business remaining on the calendar. is made of the fact that all of them earnestly desire to avoid an extra session, if it possibly can be done. Tomorrow, responding to the President's personal appeal for action on mportant legislation, the steering

committee will meet and endeavor to rrange a program for the remainder of the session and for longer day and possible night sessions. A caucus of Democratic Senators will be called later in the week to ratify the suggestions. Democratic leaders agree that some railroad labor legislation should be enacted and this subject may be given the right-of-way. The

Senate Interstate Commerce Committee is expected to meet early in the week and Senator Newlands, disappointed at the refusal of the mittee to recommend a strike prevention measure, will endeavor to maneuver the President's bill into position for reconsideration. another vote is had on the subject, opponents of the bill think the committee will not change its attitude. Hearings For Labor.

Before the House Interstate Commerce Committee the hearing of labor organization heads on the rail-

road legislative proposals of Repre-sentative Adamson will continue. Notwithstanding the President's insist-ence on legislation restricting the right of labor to strike, prosp its enactment grows less probable as the time for adjournment approaches. With this stumbling block out of the way, nearly all Democratic leaders could be avoided, and if the railroad program does fail, there are few who believe that the President would de-

mand an extra session to consider such legislation alone. In addition to the press of legislaive business, there is a spirited contest just now among Democratic ators over the majority leaderships to be relinquished by Senator Kern March 4. When the new Senate meets in extraordinary session immediately after adjournment to pass upon the President's Cabinet, the selection of a new leader probably will be pressed. A real contest between Southern and Western Democrats has been simmering for several weeks, Senator Walsh of Montana, is the candidate of the Westerners for the leadership Martin, choice of the Southerners, and at this ime the outcome is uncertain.

Revenue Legislation. Revenue legislation soon will be before the House for action. The revenue program, shaped by the Ways and Means Committee Democrats, who will report to the House after a perfunctory submission of the new COLD WAVE WARNING bill to the Republican minority the committee, provided for \$289,-000,000 in bond issues to meet pre-paredness and other expenses and for ward, and Will Be Accompa- the raising of \$236,000,000 by an eight per cent tax on excess profits of busi-ness and by an increase of approximately fifty per cent in the inherit-

ance tax rates. The House will have another fight early this week over the river and harbor appropriation bill. That harbor appropriation bill. measure is the pending business be fore the House, and always provokes bitter controversy.

The appropriation measures are getting under headway. The fortifications bill is almost ready to report. and hearings have been concluded on the Army, Navy and Military Acad-emy bills and their framing in executive sessions is in progress. The banking and currency committee is considering proposed administrati amendments to strengthen the Federal reserve system. Bills to prohibit the liquor traffic in Alaska and in Hawaii are about

to be reported from the territories committee of the House. WILL CHRISTEN NEW SUPER-DREADNAUGHT

Meridian, Miss., Jan. 21.—Miss Camille McBeath, who will christen the superdreadnaught Mississippi at the launching ceremonies to be held next Thursday at Newport News, left for that city today, accompanied by her father, J. M. McBeath, National Democratic committeeman from Missis-sippi, and Miss Zella Smith, selected as a maid of honor. Miss Annie Whitehall, also of Meridian, another maid of honor, will join the party at Spartanburg, S. C.
A party of State officials, including Bilbo, will leave in a few

days to attend the ceremonies. FIRST CONSIDERATION FOR NATIVE MEXICANS

Queretaro, Mex., Jan. 21 .- The con stitutional assembly today approved an article of the Constitution providing that Mexicans shall be given preference over foreign-born zens in regard to all classes of cassions and for those posts in the Government employ, the holders

which must be citizens.

The article provides that in time peace no foreigner shall serve Army or on the police force. the Navy, it is necessary to be a Me ican by birth, and all captains, pile