FOR BRITAIN'S DEFENSE. NAVAL CRITICS ANSWERED

ADMIRALS HAVE SPOKEN OUT.

a Banquet of the Alumni of the West of the United States Naval Acadamy, Letters Are Read From Admiral Dewey and Rear-Admirals Schley, Evans and Capps Hearting Condemping the Navr's Record Condemning the Navy's Recent Oritics—Admiral Schley Wholly Out of Sympathy With Those Who Find Nothing Good in What Exists —Majority of Navy's Criticisms Unfair, Unfrue and Unpatriotic. Chicago, Nov. 23 .- Critics of the

of minor defects were publicly an- with which Germany could land an swered at a banquet to-night of the United States Naval Academy alumnit would be forced, he said to submit of the West. Six rear admirals sat to most humiliating demands. at the banquet board at the Auditorium Hotel, and letters scathing re-

cent critics and praising the navy immediate attention. There should were read from Admiral George be an army so strong in numbers and Dewey, Rear-Admiral Schley and efficient in quality that the most for-Rear-Admiral R. D. Evans.

Rear Admiral Capps declared that land. the vessels of this country were fully er continued, that vessels capable of abreast of the times. Each of the following opinions was written in response to a request.

part "Of the battleships designed dur-

ing the past five years I have spoken, and shall continue to speak, in the highest terms. The South Carolina and Michigan, the North Dakota and that class, are, in my opinion, equal near East have brought home to in value to any battleship of their most careless observer that nothing displacement in any navy, and this is, most careless observer that not believe, the general naval verdict could save that country which is upon their power and efficiency.

"The fleet of battieships now going around the world are of the olde: type and some of them have lived out half the life, as commonly estimated, of a battleship of the first lin-The vessels which have recently been received with such marked consideration in South America, New Zealand, Australia, Japan and China, are the equals of foreign vessels of their date of design and completion and often to increase that power. It is calcutheir superiors. There is probably lated that there are \$0,000 Germans nowhere in the world to-day a fleet of sixteen battleships of greater fight-

CRITICISM.

Admiral Winfield S. Schley's letter said in part "I am wholly out of sympathy with

what exists, or whose policy appears ditions, was fettered in home waters to be destructive rather than conbe destructive rather than constructive.

"I take exception to much of the dent to the time and type when those vessels were constructed and they are common to a large percentage of the quences. war vessels of every other power. But the inference sought to be established that our ships are inferior in their classes to those in foreign navies is unfair, untrue and unpatriotic."

NAVY'S TRAINED EFFICIENCY. Rear-Admiral Capps said:

"I requested an opinion from only one other, and this officer is one who has served as a commander-in-chief of modern fleets for a longer period than any American naval officer now living. He is an officer of whom the President of the United States expressed himse'f in the following terms in a letter, referring to a publication soon to appear: 'Your career has been one that has reflected honor upon the entire American people, and Roosevelt at 6:45 o'clock to-night reit covered a period which saw changes ceived at the White House from the as great as those which divided the hands of Gordon Leech, the last boy period of the rowing galleys which runner in the relay run from New fought at Lepanto from the period York to Washington, the silver tube of the great sailing ship of the line containing a message to the President that formed the fleets of Blake and from Richard C. Morse, of the inter-Nelson, of Tromp and DeRuyter and national Y. M. C. A. The President

Field Marshai Lord Roberts, While Disclaiming Fear of Invasion From An Outside Power, in a Sensational Speech Expresses Conviction That England's Lack of Military Force May Yet Be Cause For Loss of British Supremacy at Sca.

London, Nov. 23.-Speaking in the House of Lords to-night Field Marshal Lord Roberts expressed the conviction that the lack of a military force sufficient to make hopeless the attempt of an invasion would, in all probability, be the cause of the loss Chicago, Nov. 23.-Critics of the of Great Britain's supremacy at sea.

> fear of Germany; but he declared that the defense of the islands required

midable of foreign nations hesitate to make a landing in Eng-

He has ascertained, the accommodating 200,000 men always were available in the northern ports of Germany, and that as a result of Admiral Dewey's letter said in the new German service law, 200,000 men could be collected in the districts of the nearest port without any trouble

ening.

"It would be folly," declared Lord Roberts, "to shut our eyes to these possibilities, however much peace is desired. The startling events in the the prepared to protect itself. If Great Britain continues to neglect the most

ordinary precautions, she may some day find herself in the hands of the invader and forced to submit to the condition. most humiliating This danger is daily becoming more threat-Within a decade Germany has created the greatest sea power that ever existed except Great Britain's and at the present moment it is for-midable. Measures are being taken in employment in Great Britain.

are trained soldiers and if a German ing strength." force once landed on these shores EXCEPTION TAKEN TO ADVERSE they would be ready to help." The main temptation to the invasion

of Great Britain was the want of a home army which ought to consist of a million men. The English navy, these critics who find nothing good in said Lord Roberts, under present con to render an invasion hopeless.

Lord Roberts' speech created a sen adverse criticism to-day, because the sation. The East of tuch statements fact is withheld that many of the in the present high-strong condition Europe's nerves, saying he feared there might be regrettable conse Lord Roberts' resolution to the

fect that "the defense of the inlands necessitates the immediate attention of the government to make provis-ion for such a strong and efficient army that the most formidable foreign nation will hesitate before makattempt at landing," ing an was adopted by a vote of 74 to 32.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES MESSAGE. Last of Boy Runners From New York

to Washington Delivers to President Tube Containing Message to Chief Executive From International Y. M. C. A.—President Gives Youth One of His Photographs.

Washington, Nov. 23 --- President Sufferin. While still one of the was scated in his private office in the held in favor for the table, for the youngest officers in the navy in the executive offices when Leech was plumpest of quail could be bought for

BULL BATS ON TOAST. MORE CAREFUL THAN, MEN

New Yorker Served With This Dell-cacy Up in Good Old Iredell County. nty. New York Sun. "I stopped at a little hotel in Iredel county, North Carolina, when-1 was

making a trip through the Tar Heel State. said a New Yorker, "and amony the things the walter announced they were serving that day was bat on toast. "Now, that was something that might well startle any one who had

been used to associate bats with any-thing but a delicacy for the table. and I turned my startled gaze on him and exclaimed: 'What's that?'"

"The waiter repeated it and almost very one at the table stared at ma as if I was a curiosity. 1 was feeling very uncomfortable when a good natured native at the end of the table spoke up: 'Reckon yo' a stranger 'round

hyuh, Cunnel. They ain't the mouse bats yo' got in yo' mind, suh. They'se bull bats. They mighty fine eatin', suh

"I braced up, gave an order for bat on toast. Now I had eaten of the wood dove they number among the game birds down there, and up to the time I tasted that bat on toast I thought wood dove cooked in the style of Capt. Bill Tooley, of Beaufort county was about the best thing Tar Heel folk had set before me, but the bat was better. I admitted it on the spot

"It was simply the common night the North. Why they call ft a bat in North Carolina I don't know, but that is the name these birds go by-longwinged bats and bull bats. "I believe that they have at last

ucceeded in convincing the Legislature of that State that this bird is one of the greatest destroyers of pests that flies, and that the indiscriminate killing of it should no longer be permitted, and that the sport of bat shooting is now illegal in North Carolina. When I was thire, however t was popular and had been for tim out of mind.

"Here in the North there never has been a time when we would not have held in questionable esteem the man who would shoot these birds in wannness, and thought still less him if we knew he was going to eat hem, but even a Northern man have thought better of it all if he had gone South and tried it once himself. never knew a Northerner at home who had the heart to shoot a night hawk, but I have known more than one of them in the South to become

enthusiastic shooters of bats. Bat shooting was in season from the time the birds began flocking to the South in the fall from their summering and nesting in the North. As they were shot only on the wingand who ever saw one of them anywhere else to be shot at?--and us their constant and sudden 'turning, twisting, doubling and zigzagging in the air required great skill to make a creditable bag, the sport was much more exciting than field or cover shooting. A man who could select his bat and wing it as it darted about in its erratic flight was well fitted to be the winning contestant at a prize trap shoot with the most capricious of the old-time blue rock pigeons as targets, and they were about as hard to hit as a flash of lightning.

"The sudden appearance and disappearance of the night hawks in the North has always been a matter curious comment. In North Carolina they come in just the same way, remain exactly two weeks to the day. and then disappear as mysteriously as they came. Consequently the bat shooting season was short, but it was lively while it lasted. The bats sold readily in market for from a dollar to a dolar and a quarter a dozen. This Negro Tenant Breakers was evidence of how highly they were Special to The Observer.

One of the First Dulles of City Ad-ministration is to Provide Adequato System of Sewera, the Importance of Which is Not Pully Realized by Average Citizen. There is nothing in our modern civilization that has accomplished more to preserve and prolong the life of man than the thorough realization of the importance of adequate zev-orage systems in our eities. It is a question that commands but slight at-tention from the average citizen, al-though in the large citizen, al-though in the large citizen, al-though in the large citizen and Pickers Revolving dollars are spent for this purpose and millions of lives are saved Flat Cards through this means. Municipalities understand the vital Railway Heads importance of this great question, and it is given every attention. It is an easy matter to bring material into a and city-it will enter naturally through

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Goes a Long Way

About six years ago I had my leg

to break out into three terrible sores.

I had been visiting in the country,

and it looked like they came from

the channels of commerce; but the matter of getting the refuse and waste out of a city is not so easy; and the same thing is true of the average human being.

Unfortunately the ordinary city administration is more careful in this matter than its citizens. It provides a sewerage system, and watches it carefully to see that it is kept in order for removing the waste from the city; but man is not so particular in the matter of elimination, which some learned student of man and medicine has cirrectly pronounced the most important function of th human system, and the impairment hawk we see in its swift and erratic, of the health is the inevitable result. flight at the close of summer days in With a little care the human syst m of elimination can be made to perform its duties, as Nature has provided the means of keeping the body in perfect order. The valuable medici-nal properties of Nature's plants and herbs are embodied in the prepara-tion known as Dillingham's Plant Juice, a remedy that has proved itself an invaluable aid to digestion and the correction of disorders of the liver and kidneys, the two important or-

gans in the system of elimination.

INJURED BY EXPLOSION.

Kinston Youth's Bomb Goes Off in His Hand and He Will . Probably Lose That Limb. Special to The Observer

Kinston, Nov. 23 .- A distressing accident occurred at the home of Captain Sturgeon on East street this morning atell o'clock, in which Mayo Sturgeon, the 16-year-old son of Captan Sturgeon, had his hand terribly torn and lacerated by the premature explosion of an improvised bomb ha

of

and

had just made. The "bomb" exploded hand while he was in the act in his throwing it from the house and three fingers were torn completely off his hand otherwise injured so badly that he will probably jose the

entire hand. The youth had constructed a "bomb" from a short piece of water and I have never had a symptom of

pipe and powder, with a fuse inserted. The fuse he lighted and started to

throw the "infernal machine" out into the yard when it went off sooner than he expected and while in his hand. The explosion was most ter-rific and it is really a wonder that more serious harm did not result.

Negroes Have Serious Trouble at

egroes Have Serious Trouble at Voting Froilc. pecial to The Observer. Spring Hope, Nov/ 23.—At a voting rolic near here Saturday night three thoroughout the civilized world who Special to The Observer. frolic near here Saturday night three frolic near here Saturday hight thtee negroes by name of Sills attacked a negroes by name of Richardson with rocks and pistols and as a result Rich-ardson will die. He was shot in sev-eral places. Two of the Sills are in tatt negroes by name of Sills attacked a thoroughout the civilized world who ers. York man

without dependents who will never Negro Tenant Breakers Farmer's Leg.

marry. Why should he insure? (1)

ready money to settle the estate: (3)

Spring Hope, Nov. 23.-Wesley Finch, a prominent farmer of the channel for the investment of sur 60 cents a dozen." Stanhope section of Nash county, had a difficulty yesterday with a negro tenant, Bob Anderson. Finch sufferplus funds: (2)' Because it supplies

N. B-Pollowing schedule figures pub lished only as information, and are not suaranteed. Sept. 7th, 180: 1:20 a. m., No. 30, daily, for Washington and points North, Pullman drawing room sleepers to New York. Day coacher to Washington.

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and it looked me they became eating sores, and my they became eating sores, and my they became eating sores, and my condition was distressing. My whole leg below the knee felt all the time as if burning ashes had been poured on it, and the only relief I could get day or night was by lying down, much a super the sore and sores at Mooresville for Asheville.

day or night was by lying down, with my leg propped up. While I was suffering more than I can desscribe, some one sent me one of Mrs. Joe Person's pamphlets. I sent at once and bought one-half dozen bottles of her Remedy and some of the Wash. By the time I took it my leg was cured. That was six years ago, and I have never had a symptom of the trouble since. MRS. M. A. BRAY. Cunningham, Person Co., N. C. May 32, 1908.
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AMERICAN FLEET HAS NO SUPERIOR. "Of course, there is no doubt as to whom the President referred to in the the contents of the message would be foregoing. I will read the letter from made public to-morrow. Rear-Admiral Evans: The run from Baltimore to Wash-

After an experience with our fleet light was exciting, the fleet messen-ch few men have had, I an gers endeavoring to excel each other which few which lew men have had, 1 a.h gers endeavoring to excel each other convinced that our ships, taken as a in swiftness, whole, are equal to, or superior to. The message left New York Friday those built by any other country. Of afternoon at 4 o'clock and reached course, our first snips are not the Baltimore late Saturday night. It re-equals of the last foreign ships, and mained in Baltimore until after 3 no sane man would expect them to o'clock this afternoon when the run be: but data for dute of design they was resumed be; but, data for date of design, they was resumed. where the great superiority of ours

is beyond question. As fighting ma-chines, our designs of the last few years show great advantage over anything proposed abread. I have made it my business to study the recent criticisms of our navy published in various magazines and papers, and 1 have no words with which to tell you how unjust, inisieading and silly they are.

Sensational Report That Panama Dam Has Sunk.

Panama, Nov. 23 .- Sensational reto the effect that what is known as the south toe of the Gatun dam of the Panama canal had sunk. Some time ago rumor had it that an underground lake had been found there at a depth of 216 feet. The dam at Gatun already has been built about forty feet above sea level

engineer of the Panama canal commision, telephoned the Associated Press that a slide had occurred at Gatun but that it was of no great im-portance, being similar to others that have taken place during the rainy in at several points along the ca-

depth of more than five feet, and the lock sites also are flooded. The pumping station was used to keep the lock

SEVEN YEARS OF PROOF.

SEVEN VEARS OF PROOF. "I have had seven years of proof that be diving New Discovery is the best mediance to take for coughs and colds and for every discessed condition of throat disst of rings," mays W. V. Henry, of Panama, Mo. The world has had thirty-bet years of proof that Dr. King's New the ooids, is grippe, asthma, hay fever, transhills, hemoryhage of the lings, and a antipy singes of consumption. Its time, a any sprevents the development for shuges of consumption. Its time, for any sprevents the development for shuges provents the development for any sprevents the development for a

youngest officers in the navy in the assault at Fort Fisher at the close of the civil war you won with signal gallantry the honorable wounds that you yet bear; and you ended your career as the rear admiral who took on its first and most important stage of the great battle fleet which is at this moment engaged in making the lengest voyage ever undertaken by Sanford Express. hours and 10 minutes. The Prest-dent, after a brief conversation with

Collision

Vienna Nov. 23 .- The German and Italian students attending the University of Vienna came into serious collision in the universiti precincts today and before the police drove the demonstrants away revolvers had been freely used and fifteen students were seriously wounded. The trouble was occasioned by an

Italian demonstration in favor of the establishment of an Italian University at Trech, the German speaking students objecting and promptly organized a counter demonstration. The opposing factions totalled 1,200 men. The fighting started with fists, sticks and stones, but the feeling quickly grew more bitter and revolvers ap-The peared and shots were fired. Itailans were driven from the building and gathered in the street out-At this stage the police apside. Theutenant Colonel Goethals, chief peared and promptly dispersed the rioters with their swords. Sixty ar-

Ridder Files Report With New York

rests were made.

Secretary of State. Albany, N. Y., Nov. 23 .- Herman Ridder, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, filed with the For the past 20 days it has been Secretary of State to-day his report raining continually throughout the republic. The Chagres river is flooded national campaign, which total \$620,-and all the railroad tracks at Gatun 644.77. The disbursements were are under water. The floor of the \$619,110.06, leaving a balance in the pumping station is submerged to a treasurer's hands of \$1,534.71. The names of those who contributed \$100 and over were made public

during the progress of the campaign. There were over 74,000 contributors

South Carolina's Official Vote.

Lee County Court House Nearly Comed a broken leg and his clothes were cut in six places by the negro. Finch's pleted.

The walls of the court house are

about finished and the workmen will next be busy putting on the roofing. Then will follow the work on the in-terior. Mr. Gully, who is superin-tending the work, tells The Express that the court house will probably be finished by the 15th of January. There will hardly be another term of court held in the county before the court house is completed. There will be little work done on the jail until the court house is nearer completion.

And Not Much of That-There. Houston Post.

Berryman's Washington Star cartoon shows North Carolina as a shop-

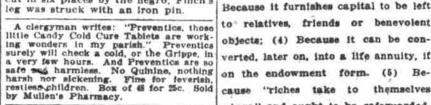
per in the capital city. North Caro-lina never buys anything in Washington except whiskey. Don't Wait For Anything.

Houston Post.

We are awaiting the return of Mayor Rice before deciding whether to include North Carolina in our itinerary.

Sorrow Ploughs deep when we re-

gret. There is no regret when you have in the home a bottle of Gowan's Preparation which prevents and Cures all aliments where inflammation is the seat of the trouble, External. 25c; 59c; \$1.00. All druggists. Croup, Pneumonia-you know what it is-be prepared.



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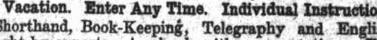
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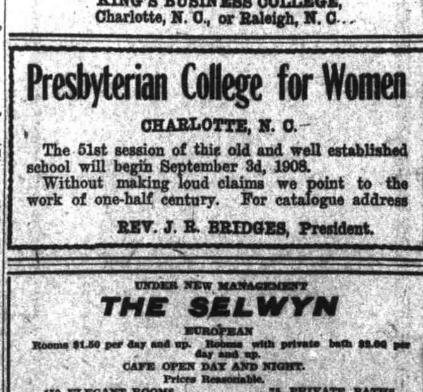
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