

NEEDS MEN SAYS ROOSEVELT

Assistant to Navy Chief Tells of Great Strides Made During the Past Year

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The navy is "from 50,000 to 60,000 men short of its needs, an aid-down in the confidential war plans of the war college," according to Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Department, who testified today at the House naval committee's hearings on the naval appropriation bill.

Mr. Roosevelt explained that many additional men would be needed for purposes other than manning ships now in commission. Asked why serviceable vessels were laid up in reserve, he said no nation kept all of its ships constantly in commission. Mr. Roosevelt explained a table worked out some months ago by the Navy Department, according to an established formula, showing the strength in armored fighting craft of various navies in "points." It placed the three leading powers as follows: England . . . 7,768 Germany . . . 3,818 United States . . . 3,562

Better ships and equipment for the navy were urged by Mr. Roosevelt as the most practical way of building up a reserve. He said the navy now could command about 7,600 millitamen in emergency.

The navy, Mr. Roosevelt assured the committee, went steadily forward during the past year. It improved its personnel and added submarines and torpedo boats, he said, and now has better ships and more ammunition than ever before.

"Are we any less prepared than ever before?" asked Representative Gray. "I am unable to answer that question, as I do not know definitely the present condition of certain other powers," replied the witness.

"Have you any reason to believe we are any less prepared?" "Yes, comparatively, because certain other nations have been making preparation in various ways, drilling, organizing and so on, for some months, all being directed to actual prosecution of war."

"From confidential reports I have received," he added, "certain other nations have very greatly increased their submarine strength."

Rear Admiral Pink, aide to operations, will testify tomorrow and Rep. Gardner, of Mass., will be given a hearing.

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Rev. R. W. Patton Again Inspires Hearers With Message

ADMIRING CONSTITUENTS CALL ON GOVERNOR FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

In addition to being deluged with requests for pardons from those desiring to be pardoned from their confinement in the State, Gov. E. B. Ross is being called upon by his constituents to give them presents for Christmas.

Mr. Locke Craig and John H. George Herndon and John Herndon Caspary are among the admirers of the Governor's Christmas presents.

My dear friend I will write you a few lines to let you know how much I love you. I am unable to work and think I would ask you for a small favor if you will please send me a little money to get me a little Christmas present. I would like to have a watch or a pair of shoes or a coat. I would like to have a coat. I would like to have a coat. I would like to have a coat.

From your friend, Alex Burnett.

BRITISH FLEET BADLY DAMAGED

According to information received by the German embassy from Chile the battle off the Falkland Islands lasted from nine o'clock in the morning until seven in the evening. On the British side the Invincible, Inflexible, Canopus, Carnarvon, Cornwall, Kent, Glasgow and Bristol were engaged. Many German officers and men were saved but lack of boats prevented the number from being larger.

CRUISER TACOMA ORDERED TO COLON TO PROTECT CANAL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Secretary Daniels tonight ordered the cruiser Tacoma to proceed from San Domingo to Colon to guard against violation of the neutrality of the Panama Canal.

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GERMANS SAY APPARENTLY ENGLAND LOST SHIP IN LATE BATTLE OFF FALKLANDS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Dispatches to the German embassy today from the German minister at Santiago, Chile, announced that the British fleet which sank the cruiser Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig off the coast of Chile, had been badly damaged and that one British ship apparently was sunk.

CITY CHRISTMAS TREE CERTAINTY

Supervisor Lashman, of Playgrounds, Promoting Plans For the Event

Championed by the playground commission, the Merchants' Association and the Chamber of Commerce, the municipal Christmas tree, the first for the city of Raleigh and one of the largest in the South, is a practical certainty.

WAR OFFICE REPORTS

London, Dec. 16.—(11:45 p. m.)—The official bureau today tonight issued the following statement from the war office regarding the German raid:

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DR. E. H. SLOOP INJURED. Crossmore Man Falls From High Tower While Working in Sleep. (Special to The News and Observer.) Davidson, Dec. 16.—Relatives and friends of Dr. Eustas H. Sloop, of Crossmore, are sorry to hear of a very painful and possibly serious accident he met with several nights ago at his home. It seems that he at times walks in his sleep, and getting up unconsciously, several nights ago, he stumbled against the wall or railing of an open iron sleeping porch that on one side is some fifteen feet from the ground. He fell from this elevation, sustaining a painful hurt in his back and breaking both bones of one wrist.

RED CROSS SEALS GO ON THE REVERSE SIDE. Red Cross Seals should, in accordance with Order No. 5,929 of the Post-office Department, be affixed to the reverse side of domestic mail matter, and not on the address side of any letters or packages which are going through the mail. They may be placed anywhere on matter going by express. As many seals may be used on the back of a letter or package as may be desired. Care should be exercised in sending merchandise through the mails, not to place seals over the strings with which the package is tied, since this seals the package against inspection and subjects it to first-class postage rates. Users of Red Cross Seals are cautioned against their indiscriminate use on foreign mail. Red Cross Seals in normal times may be used on the reverse side of all matters sent to Austria, Germany, Great Britain and most of the British colonies, except India and Australia, Guatemala, Uruguay and Portugal. It is not permitted to use Red Cross Seals to admit mail bearing postoffice stamps. Certain European countries will return to the sender any mail bearing Red Cross Seals on the address side. Mail addressed to any of the belligerent countries in Europe should not bear the Red Cross Seal. Red Cross Seals may be used on the face of checks, on bills, on legal documents and on any commercial paper. These Christmas Seals are not good for postage. They will not carry any mail matter, but any kind of mail matter will carry them.

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