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Washington, Dec. 5.-What officials regard as popular exaggeration of admitted defects in the American navy's "Yours very truly." retary Daniels embodying a special the efficiency man. report from Rear Admiral Strauss chief of the bureau of ordnance. Specifically the statement was prepared to prove misleading a declaration that "of long range torpedoes there are only 58 in the navy," quoted from a speech by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, who is urging the administration to support his resolution for an investigation of the nation's military preparedness.

While the recent discussion of the subject has dealt only with the equipment of battleships and cruisers. Admiral Strauss took occasion to point out that long range torpedoes are neither required nor desired for submarines. He recalled that the British armored cruisers Aboukir. Cressy and Hogue were torpedoed and destroyed by a German submarine at a range of 500 yards.

"This statement standing by itself is calculated to leave a false impression," said Mr. Daniels. "In view of repeated statements that the navy has only 58 long range torpedoes, the chief of the bureau of ordnance has been asked to furnish a statement concerning the torpedo situation and has complied as follows:

"The F8 long-range torpedoes so often referred to as the only ones the navy possesses are of the 21-inch 21foot type, and there is no ship in the United States navy yet in commission that is prepared to take them. They were manufactured for new construction, beginning with the Nevada and the Oklahoma, and these two ships will not go into commission until about the end of next year. Their long range is obtained by an increase in length over existing types, and no ship prior to the Nevada and Oklahoma is constructed for torpedoes of this length. So far as the bureau of ordnance can ascertain these torpeloes have as high a range, or higher, han any torpedoes manufactured abroad.

Beginning with the Virginia class, which went into commission principally in 1906, and up to and including the Texas, which went into commission this year, all the battleships are provided with 21-inch 17-foot tubes. Within the last two years it was found possible to so improve the 21inch 17-foot torpedo as to practically double its range, and steps were taken at once to construct new torpedoes having the increased range. We already have a sufficient number of these longer range torpedoes to outit the eight most recent dreadnaughts In commission, and that is the equip-

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ment that they will have on board. "'In addition to the above there influence in Blood are being manufactured at the government works at Newport and the are being manufactured at the gov-Bliss works at Brooklyn a sufficient number to provide all of the battleships of the United States navy with the long-range torpedo.

> "'All of the armored cruisers except four and all of the older destroyers are provided with 19-inch tubes. All of the cruisers and all of the destroyers subsequent to destroyer No. 28 are provided with torpedocs that were up to date in range and speed one year ago. Since then a scheme has been developed for increasing the range of the 18-inch torpedo, and there now are in process of construction 18-inch torpedoes of the newer type, which will outfit all destroyers from No. 28 with the longrange weapon.

> "'Long- torpedoes neither are required nor desired for submarines. Submarine warfare is of such a character as to make it advisable to use short range, high-speed torpedoes, and that is the class that submarines are being furnished with. The Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue were torpedoed recently, it will be recalled, at a range

Special to The News. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 5 .- "The average business man's letters are too longwinded," said an efficiency expert lecturing here before a business men's troubled with any stubborn blood disease club." They are too full of supertheir medical department will guide you fluous phrases. They fail to come to the point, say what they mean and

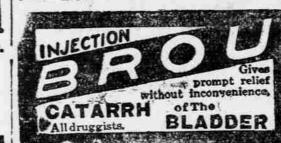
> "The average letter writer could profit by taking lessons from a good newspaper man, who knows how to write tersely, put it all in a few words and then come to a full stop. I think the tendency toward long letters is induced by the dictating habit. A man likes to hear the sound of his own voice, and he finds it easy to keep traveling on, talking around in a circle, while the poor girl does all the work. If he had to use an oldfashioned pen, or hammer the keys himself, he would learn brevity."

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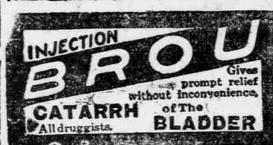
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