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## NAVAL POLICY OF DEMOCRATS

One Battleship a Year Is the Program of the Democratic House

## OPPOSE A BIG NAVY

Democrats, as a Party, Have Been Opposed to a Big Navy and This Will Be One Reason For Cutting Program From Two to One Battleships—The Other Reason Is Economy—A Battleship Costs About \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 and \$1,000,000 a Year to Maintain—Tonnage of Various Navies.

(By Winfield Jones.)

Washington, Dec. 29.—One new battleship per annum hereafter is to be the naval policy of the Democratic House.

The Democrats propose to break away from the policy of President Roosevelt and President Taft, who have been firm in their recommendation that this government shall appropriate for two new dreadnaughts each year.

There are two reasons for this decision on the part of those who will be responsible for the next naval appropriations bill. In the first place, the Democrats, as a party, have been opposed to a big navy. The Democrats base their policy on the term of "an adequate navy."

The majority of the Democrats, for several years past, have voted against two battleships as recommended by the house naval affairs committee. Representative Padgett, of Tennessee, now chairman of the Democratic committee, has always lead the fight for only one dreadnaught. He has been out-voted, however, time and time again, by the Republicans, and a few of his own party, some of whom believe not only in two but in three new battleships each year.

The rank and file of the Democrats, however, march under the one battleship banner. Representative Padgett, in his present position of authority, will shape the naval bill in committee to conform to the Democratic idea of retrenchment.

In the second place, the Democrats need the revenue.

The topping off of one battleship per year means large annual savings. The dreadnaught of today costs when completely fitted out, nearly \$12,000,000, without its armament. The newer type battleships cannot be built for less than \$7,000,000, and members of the naval affairs committee give as a total cost the conservative estimate of \$11,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

There is an additional accumulated cost of maintaining a battleship that will go to the right side of the Democratic ledger. The average yearly cost of operating a first-class dreadnaught will total at least \$750,000. It cost nearly a million dollars per year to keep the Connecticut afloat. This annual cost embraces the salaries of officers and men, the food supply, the repair bills as well as ammunition and the wear and tear to the big guns.

In line with the Democratic reasoning, the government will save.

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## SENATOR STONE HAS ENDORSED CLARK

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—United States Senator W. J. Stone aroused interest among politicians by giving out a statement containing reasons why Speaker Champ Clark should be the nominee for the presidency. Certain Democratic leaders are out with statements assailing Stone for his course.

The fight for the state delegation to the Democratic national convention is progressing. The fight arises from the fact that the Democratic convention in 1910, of which Clark was chairman, endorsed Joseph W. Folk, former governor of Missouri's choice for the presidency.

Neither Clark nor Folk have said anything about their candidacy.

Ask a young mother how old the baby is, and she will answer in detail—giving the exact number of months, weeks and days.

## FUNERAL OF MR. JERMAN Will Be Held Tomorrow From Late Residence

Was One of City's Most Prominent Business Men, Being Manager of Royal & Borden Furniture Company Store—Formerly Collector of Revenue—His Family.

Mr. Thomas Palmer Jerman, one of the best-known and most highly respected business men in Raleigh, died this morning at 12:30 at his home on East Lane street, after an illness of six months and a confinement to his bed of three months. He was in his forty-third year. His death was received with sorrow by many friends in Raleigh and the state.

Mr. Jerman was the son of the late Dr. T. P. Jerman, of Ridgeville, and removed to Raleigh twenty years ago. He held a position in the Citizens National Bank, was collector of internal revenue, was connected with the state auditor's office, and for many years was secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Royal and Borden Furniture Company, which position he held at his death. He was an able business man, popular with his employees and well-liked by his customers.

On November 10, 1898, Mr. Jerman married Miss Cornelia Perry, daughter of the late Maj. W. C. Perry, of Carthage, who, with one son, T. P. Jerman, Jr., survives him. There also survives him one brother, Mr. B. S. Jerman, president of the Commercial National Bank, of Raleigh, and three sisters, Mrs. C. H. Dargen and Miss Esther Jerman, of Raleigh, and Mrs. T. B. Williams, of Ridgeville. He was a member of Edenton Street Methodist church.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 11 o'clock from the residence, 109 East Lane, and will be conducted by Rev. H. M. North, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church, and Dr. T. W. O'Kelly, pastor of the First Baptist church. Interment will be in Oakwood cemetery.

## REUNITED AFTER 35 YEARS

Trenton, Dec. 29.—Having found each other through an advertisement inserted in Philadelphia newspapers, Lorenz Monnier, of this city, and W. B. Monnier, of Williamsburg, Pa., father and son, respectively, are together for the first time in 35 years.

## CRIPPLED BOAT IN PORT

## Destroyer Warrington Now At Navy Yard

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Rammed by Unknown Vessel Is in Bad Condition—Has Been Towed Safely to Port—Two Men Injured in Crash.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29.—In tow of the revenue cutter Onondaga, the crippled torpedo boat destroyer Warrington reached the Norfolk Navy Yard early this morning. The identity of the ship that ran the Warrington down off Hatteras, rammed a hole in her starboard side, flooded her hold, and injured two of her crew, is a mystery. The revenue cutter Itasca is cruising off Diamond Shoals, searching for the stranger.

A derelict was sighted by the liner Larimer, abandoned, yesterday morning and about sixteen miles off the lights. The derelict was a three-masted schooner with her full mast standing out of water with decks awash. This may be the ship which rammed the Warrington.

J. N. Stanley, chief gunner, and G. W. Houlder, chief boatswain's mate, of the destroyer, are not so seriously injured as at first reported. Both men were thrown from their hammocks when the ships crashed.

## "MILLIONAIRE HOBBO" QUIT

James Ends Howe Resigns as Head Of Welfare Association.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 29.—When the "hobo" delegates to the annual convention of the Brotherhood Welfare Association meet in this city on January 30th, James Ends Howe, "millionaire hobo," president of the organization for many years, will not be present. Howe announced today his resignation as president of the "hobo" body in a telegram from St. Louis.

President Taft, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, and others will be invited to attend the meeting.



MRS. MARION B. MCCONNELL AND ANDREW MCCONNELL.

It is thought that Andrew McConnell, the founder of the cult of human electricity as a universal cure, who shot his wife, Marion B. McConnell, to death in her home at Ocean Grove, N. J., is insane.

## LITTLE GIRL WANDERS OFF

## Bessie May Smith Wanders Away From Her Home and Is Lost

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 29.—More than one hundred and fifty people of western Orange have been searching since eleven o'clock of Wednesday morning for little Bessie May Smith, a three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, at which time the child ran away from home and undoubtedly perished before now.

Mr. J. E. Andrews, who was here yesterday, brought the news of the tragedy. He was here to attend the funeral of his cousin, Mr. S. E. Lindsey, and had just finished an all-afternoon and night tramp for the child. The entire community, for miles around, has gone to the aid of the stricken parents, but they have given up the last hope. It is impossible that the baby should be able to live through such a violent change of weather.

The little girl ran off from the mother Wednesday morning in an effort to follow two child brothers, who were carrying something to their father, who was at work away from the house, for more than half a mile. It was easy to keep up with the tiny tracks. At a branch nearly three-quarters of a mile from the house, the footprints vanished. There was found no evidence that the child went into the branch. White Cross creek runs near this place and the supposition is that the child wandered there, fell over the banks and was drowned.

The parents do not believe that the child went by the kidnap though it is possible. The abrupt loss of the steps gives the one hope that life may not have been lost, though whatever fate the baby has suffered, the grief of the parents could be but little mitigated.

The searching party that left shortly after the child had abandoned its play at home, went all night Wednesday with torches and scoured the woods. Nowhere in the thickets was there a trace of any kind that showed the child to have been moving on. The fact that it walked and kept warm led the hope that it might be still living. But that hope has been given out.

At ten o'clock last night, nothing had been found. The creek had been dredged and the hunt was kept up. It is far out in the country.

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## SANDLIN DIES IN THE CHAIR

## L. M. Sandlin Paid the Death Penalty Today For the Murder of His Wife

This morning at the state prison L. M. Sandlin paid the death penalty in the electric chair for brutally murdering his wife last June. It was one of the most pathetic scenes ever enacted in the prison. He was the second white man to be hanged in the chair, the first being J. B. Alford, of Asheville. But with all the last had been broken and death was the penalty. Everything possible had been done to prevent the sentence of the court being executed, even as late as this morning, Nov. 8, J. B. Hays appeared before the governor in the hall of the condemned man but without avail and the execution took place according to law.

At 10:25 the wheels of the electric motor were set in motion. The first ten seconds lasted 1-2 and everything was found as in perfect silence, and a second later the man made an effort to stand up.

## Condemned Man Fades.

As soon as the last ten seconds of the outside doors were locked and at 10:23 Sandlin, supported by two guards, entered the death chamber. His step was uneven, and he showed extreme nervousness. He walked to the chair and took his seat, crying "Oh Lord, Lord have mercy" several times, and "This is the last time I ever thought would happen in the world to me, Lord help me." He was quickly strapped to the chair by the guards and the commotion made to the wires.

As he was strapped to the chair, he placed his head and arms around his face. He was dressed in a dark blue serge suit, stockinged feet and a soft white shirt. Low, stocky build, he weighed about 175 pounds, with short, sandy-colored mustache.

## Currents Turned On.

At a given signal from Dr. T. N. Jordan the first current was turned on by Warden Sale at 10:35. There was that twisting and grinding as the powerful currents were shot in the body, the muscles contracting.

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## UNDERWOOD AT WORK ON TARIFF REPORT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Representative Underwood, chairman of the ways and means committee, went into retirement today to devote himself exclusively to the study of the house legislative program. The iron and steel schedule, now practically ready, will be taken up by the committee as soon as it meets.

Underwood contemplates making a careful study of the tariff board's report on wool during the next few days and has devoted himself to editors. Meantime he will not discuss the tariff.

## New President of Ecuador.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 29.—Troops stationed here last night proclaimed General Pedro Montero president of the republic.

## RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF TABRIZ COMPLETE

Tabriz, Persia, Dec. 29.—Russian occupation of this city is complete. Practically all members of the constitutional party have disappeared. The banks and European merchants resume business tomorrow after passing nine days in a state of siege. There have been no casualties among the resident foreign population, although many suffered from lack of provisions while boxed up in their homes during the prolonged street fighting. The stars and stripes flying over the United States consulate was cut down by a Russian shell during the fighting. No further damage was done. No precise figures of the casualties sustained by the Russians and Persians are available. It is estimated the Russian loss is from 100 to 200 men. The mortality among native non-combatants has not been large.



Mrs. H. H. Clarke.

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Several Purse Snatchings Also Reported—Involuntary Petition in Bankruptcy Filed

(Special to The Times.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 29.—Several purse snatchings and hold-up episodes during the night time on Saturday afternoon resulted in several arrests. One of the cases occurred on North Greene street, when a young lady employed by the Consolidation Company had her purse containing \$150 snatched from her hand by a negro. She was walking along the street to her home, when suddenly her purse was snatched from her hand. She turned and saw a man who she recognized as a negro dissembler. Another assault occurred on Guilford avenue when a negro seized a young lady while on her way home. She screamed and the man, knowing a negro, became frightened, released his grip and made a quick getaway. It is said that as a result of these two crimes several lines of the town who are feared to be out after dark, have adopted the habit of carrying a revolver for self-protection.

An involuntary petition was filed in United States district court yesterday afternoon by attorneys C. R. Reinhardt, Meyers & Company, of Virginia, the Company and the W. H. Miles & Company, praying the court to appoint R. A. Cardwell, of R. Wall and Henry Webster, trading under the firm name of Wall & Cardwell, of Madison, North Carolina, bankrupt. The answer to the case was made returnable January 5th, before Judge Boyd, and in the meantime, E. H. Kemp, of Madison, is made temporary receiver. A restraining order was also granted to prevent the sheriff of Rockingham county from selling the property of the firm under the hammer to satisfy a judgment obtained in the state courts.

Mayor T. J. Murphy, Commissioner E. A. Brown and Rev. R. Morley, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, were the dinner guests of Commissioner J. B. Conner, Wednesday night at Mr. Foushee's home on Mendocott street, when an old-fashioned Christmas spread was enjoyed. The affair was greatly enjoyed by the invited guests.

## ACCIDENTALLY SHOT Young Farmer Discharges Gun Accidentally Into

Gun Became Entangled in Underbrush and Fired While Load Into Foot, Necessitating an Operation—Colored Insurance Company Reports Good Condition.

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, Dec. 29.—Buck Clarke, a young farmer of Stem, was brought here yesterday evening with the discharge of a shotgun in his foot, the result of an accident at Rougemont.

Mr. Clarke was on a visit to his mother, Mrs. W. R. Franklin, of Rougemont and yesterday afternoon went out to shoot birds. The gun that he carried, in some way became entangled in the underbrush and fired the whole load of bird shot into his foot. This occurred about 1:30 in the afternoon. Dr. Stroud was called in and he advised that the patient be brought to Durham. There was no way to get him here without waiting for the train and he was brought over the Norfolk and Western at 3:15.

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## SUN YAT SEN IS PRESIDENT

Chinese Republic and Issues Statement of Policy

(Special to The Times.)

Representatives From the Eighteen Provinces of China Proper, Elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen President of the Chinese Republic—He Accepts and in Statement Says His Policy Will Be to Secure Peace and a Stable Government For His Country as Quickly as Possible—Believed That Dr. Sen Will Immediately Demand Withdrawal of Imperial Troops From Shanghai.

Shanghai, China, Dec. 29.—Following receipt of word from Nanking that he was elected president of the republic of China, Dr. Sun Yat Sen handles the following statement to the Associated Press, requesting it to be sent to his friends in the United States: "I consider it my duty to accept the presidency. My policy will be to secure peace and stable government, with the promptest methods possible. My single aim is to insure peace and contentment for my fellow-countrymen."

The news of Dr. Sun's election to the presidency by the delegates of the eighteen provinces of China proper at a conference at Nanking spread rapidly among the population. The city shows evidence of great activity. It is believed President Sen will immediately demand the withdrawal of the so-called imperial troops in order to avoid possible conflict with the republican government's troops. As soon as this is effected, the armistice now existing will be extended and the Manchurian troops will be ordered to lay down their arms or enter the republic's service.

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## THE RICHESON CASE

Lawyers Say He Will Not Be In a Condition to Stand Trial January 15th.

Boston, Dec. 29.—The general physical and mental condition of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, is so unfavorable, his trial January 15, as scheduled will be an absolute impossibility according to his attorneys. Lawyer Morse states while Richeson's wounds may be in a favorable condition, his mental and physical condition is such that to try him at so early a date, might cause a collapse which would delay the trial indefinitely.

## SHOES GOING HIGHER

Increase of From Five to Seven Per Cent. Next Spring.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 29.—An increase in the wholesale price of shoes which will be inaugurated in March by Brockton Manufacturers will be put into effect about the same time by most New England manufacturers. Lynn makers say the advance in price probably will be from five to seven percent.

## MORE INVESTIGATIONS BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—A joint investigation by the house of representatives will be made into the alleged shipping combine, so-called money trust and the International Harvester Company, known as the Harvester Trust. This is in line with the recommendation of the rules committee which has under consideration resolutions providing for separate inquiries. Chairman Henry expressed the opinion that the committee would recommend the appointment of a special committee of seven members to conduct an inquiry into these three gigantic industries. He further indicated the committee would be given the fullest authority to summon financiers interested in these combinations.

Nearly every time you meet a man you hear of some other man he dislikes.

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