Col. R. M. Thompson Succeeds Gen. Horace Porter.

LEGISLATIVE PLAN ADOPTED

Necessity of Council of National Defense Is Urged to Bring Military Experts Together-Committee Proposes Naval Reserve of 50,000-Strong Merchant Marine Urged as a Necessary Adjunct.

New York, Aug. 30.-Col. Robert M New York, Aug. 30.—Col. Invest in Thompson was elected president of the Navy League of the United States by the board of directors here today to suc-reed Gen. Horace Porter, who declined restection. Gen. Porter has been president of the organization since 1905, his refusal to serve further in tha mice he was named as honorary presi-

ient.
Arthur B. Lambert, of St. Louis, presitent of the St. Louis Aero Club, and
Henry B. Joy, of Detroit, were elected
account and third vice presidents, respectively, these being newly created offices. League's Legislative Plans.

number of plans for a continuation of the league's efforts to obtain from 'ongress legislation for a larger navy nature was not disclosed. A repor their nature was not discussed. A report of the corretary, stated that the league's camaign to arouse sentiment for an increased navy had been conducted in 21 states, with marked results.

The league's board of directors adoptions of the committee on legislation.

a report of his committee on legislaammending that Congress "give onsideration to the advice of recommended policies for the isth

efense to bring together the chief exgressional committees and all the committee proposed a naval

erve of 50,000 men, to be formed by the enlistment of men honorably dishe enlistment of med nonorably dis-harged from the navy and by seamen of the merchant marine. A strong mer-chant marine for foreign trade was de-larted in the report to be "indispensa-de to a well-proportioned and adequate

## RUSH TO U. S. REGISTRY.

More Ships in American Trade That Since 1863. American flag now floats over

nore ships in the foreign trade than more ships in the foreign trade than; at any time since 1863, and the United States is pressing close on France and Norway as a maritime nation.

Figures made public yesterday by the Department of Commerce show a record increase in American shipping for the year ended June 30. On that date there were registered in the foreign trade 2.788 ships totaling 1,813,775 kross long an increase of 363 ships and

### **TECHNICAL AID FOR WAR**

Civilian Engineers, Bridge Builders, This &c., to Form Army Reserve Corps.

Secretary Garrison Receives Suggestions and Offers of Cooperation From Societies of Such Workers.

Plans for having immediately avail-Plans for having immediately available for the nation's service in time of war associations or societies of engineers, bridge builders, electricians, telegraphers and other trained experts in civil life, are being worked out at the Army War College in connection with the general reorganization scheme to the general reorganization scheme

resenting between them virtually all the engineering societies, called personally upon the Secretary to tender formally the services of the organizations. Mr. Garrison obtained from them written suggestions as to ways in which the engineers in civil life could be useful, and the whole matter was turned over to the War College for the faming of a definite plan.

The War College will submit a detailed report on the scheme, which probably will be included in the Secretary's report to Congress this winter.

Will increase by 30 per cent the chances of the vessel's floating after being hit under water by either shells or torpedees.

Plans for such vessels have the approval of the most prominent members of the general navy beard, of which advisory council of the Navy Department. A prominent navy official said today that protective armor as it exists would be ample protection even against the shells of the Queen Elizabeth type.

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## NEW NAVY LEAGUE HEAD U.S. WRONGED, BERLIN ADMITS; NO AMERICAN TO BE HARMED HEREAFTER, SAYS OFFICIAL

Special to The Washington Post.

New York, Aug. 31 (Tuesday).—The American today publishes the fol-

The New York American is able to present from a high and authoritative source the exact concessions on submarine warfare offered to Secretary Lansing by Ambassador Bernstorff. Official confirmation of these concessions are expected by Ambassador

Bernstorff within the next 48 hours, possibly within 24 hours. Germany admitted in diplomatic terms that in her submarine war-

fare she had grievously wronged America. She promised without qualification that the life of not one American citizen should in the future be endangered by her undersea boats.

Germany's Pledge to America.

In the exact words of a high official, she pledged herself that "not one American shall go overboard."

Whatever the diplomatic form of presentation may have been, Germany does, without reservation, assume full responsibility for the loss of American lives aboard the Lusitania.

Her offer of reparation was so unqualified that only a method of determining the amount of damage remains to be ascertained.

She requests the United States to suggest some means of ascer-

Cannot Disayow Lusitania Attack.

She does not disavow the destruction of the Lusitania. This she feels is impossible, for the reason that she has already officially honored the commander of the successful submarine.

Moreover, she vigorously maintains that the giant Cunarder, loaded with munitions, was in reality a ship of war. She realizes, however, that this fact did not warrant the taking of American lives.

The Arabic case is less clear cut sent them for the consideration of the than that of the Lusitania, on which German government. A satisfactory she had official reports. No submarine adjustment will then be reached. commander has as yet admitted sinking the Arabic. Will Pay for American Lives.

Germany will, nevertheless, pay for

he lives of two Americans lost with hat ship, if sufficient evidence is pre-The United States is accordingly ment if orders of their superiors were asked to obtain all the facts and pre- disobeyed.

on Neutral Ships, Says Report.

U. S. ARMY ALSO A BIG BUYER ENTIRE CABINET INTERVENES

100,000 Six-Inch Projectiles, Asserts Chicago Business Man, Who Declares He Is & Stockholder in the Concern Supplying the Tentons.

Chicago, Aug. 30 .- George M. Get schow, secretary of Phillips, Getschow & Co., is quoted in the Daily News to allies, is purchasing munitions of war in the American market.

Suppresses the Firm's Name.

at liberty to disclose the name of the firm, further than to state that the contract is worth about \$640,000," Mr. is quoted as saying.

pean belligerents. Has Seen German Contracts.

"I have seen some of the German contracts," continued Mr. Getschow. "That Germany is a buyer is common knowledge among manufacturers.
"Most of the shipments to Germany knowledge among manufacturers.
"Most of the shipments to Germany are made on Norwegian and Danish steamers."

MAKE WARSHIPS HARD TO SINK

New U. S. Battleship to Have More Below-Water Compartments. pecial to The Washington Post. New York, Aug. 30.—A Washington

now being studied.

Secretary Garrison said yesterday he dispatch to the American says:

The four new battleships and tw Secretary Garrison said yesterday he had received numerous suggestions from members of these bodies that the organizations might be of use to supplement the army engineer and expertences should the need arise. William Harclay Parsons, of New York, and Elmer L. Cothrell, of Massachusetts, representing between them virtually all the engineering societies, called nervisite four new battleships and two battle cruisers to be built for the tribute of the present number of compartments in the hull below the armor belt. This, navy experts agree, will increase by 30 per cent the chances the press Fear for Her Safety.

## MAKES GERMAN SHELLS WELSH MINERS

American Firm Is Shipping Them 200,000 May Strike Unless They

War Department Has Contracted for Government Is Making Desperate Efforts to Prevent Walk-Out-Final Decision Depends on Result of Conference Between Labor Leaders, Operators and Ministers-Monmouthshire Men-Work,

London, Aug. 36.—A strike of 200,000 t South Wales coal miners, unless today's & Co., is quoted in the Daily News to-day as stating that he is a stockholder in a firm which is making 100,000 6-inch shells for the United States army, and that the German government, like the allies, is purchasing munitions of war tomorrow morning.

Mass meetings were held throughout the Wales coal districts Sunday. The spirit of the men was adamant.

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have been ordered by the German ad-

miralty to go into biding. Germany

to withhold these men from punish-

Share in War Profits.

press Fear for Her Safety.

Reports Say Department of Justice Agents May Join Search for Her.

Caused Police Indictments.

The mysterious disappearance of Margaret Stout, who precipitated the inquiry into alleged acceptance of "hush money" by members of the metropolitan police force several weeks ago by stating in court that she wanted to tell all she knew about the collection and distribution of graft, bids fair to result in a national search to locate

her.

Rumors that the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice would institute a nation-wide search for traces of the woman were circulated here last night. Coupled with the report that special agents of the Department of Justice all over the country would be asked to cooperate in locating her, the fear was expressed that probably no traces of her ever would be found.

It is known that several days before

It is known that several days before It is known that several days before her first departure from Washington on August 6, she had expressed fear of bodily injury for her part in the investigation, which resulted in the grandiury returning two indictments charging Raymond O. Kleindienst and Warten E. Grimes, both former officers connected with the Fourth police precinct, with extortion, compounding of a felony and misprision of a felony.

Market Experts to Be Employed. Market Experts to Be Employed.

Examinations for field assistant in marketing investigations and for assistant in marketing live stock and meats, to be held October 5, 1915, have been announced by the civil service commission. The salaries for each position will range from \$1,800 to \$2,409. In neither case will the candidates be graded on education, experience, publications or thesis.

# WIDOW IN A MYSTERY Germany's Victory Over Russians

Mrs. Gay, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., Confers With Cincinnati Police.

DAUGHTER STOLEN, IS REPORT

Visit Recalls Her Alleged Romance With John C. C. Mayo, Rich Coal Operator of Napoleon. Blue Grass State, Who is Said to Have
Raltic to Bukowina the Russians have
Rarred to Provide for Her in His Will,
gathered under one banner has been
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Special to The Washington Fost. Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 30.—Deep mys tery is being thrown about an investiga-tion which Chief of Detectives William ame and County Prosecuting Attor whose nome was in adount sterning, My, Mrs. Gay arrived in this city Sunday. She was met at the depot by Nimmo and she at once went to a hotel. Yesterday afternoon she and Chief Nimmo called upon Prosecutor Campbell, with whom they were closeted for more than an hour. Details concerning the conference were refused.

Mrs. Gay is a daughter of the lat Mrs. Gay is a daughter of the late Judge Cooper, of Mount Sterling, Ky. Cooper and John C. C. Mayo were triends, and years ago Mayo is said to have bought some extensive coal lands from Judge Cooper at a very low

Offered a Stage Education.

Mayo was married and had a wif and two small children. Judge Cooper's daughter had been married, and had been left a widow with one child. After been left a widow with one child. After the death of Judge Cooper, it is al-leged. Mayo called upon the young widow and told her that he thought there should be further recompense in the land deal. It is said that Mayo then asked if there was anything that he could do for Mrs. Gay. Mayo had hown Mrs. Gay when she was a child known Mrs. Gay when she was a child, and the offer on his part was made in Germany Indignantly denies a rethe best of good faith, and was so acport that the officers and crew of the
cepted, it is asserted.

Mrs. Gay said she believed that if she
submaring which blew up the Arabic

and she would like to train for a stage career. Mayo at once agreed, and it is claimed that he arranged for Mrs. Gay ence with neutral commerce to bome to this city and study for the stage, Mayo footing all the bills.

Recession From Previous

Refere Lune 16, the British

Mayo Dies in New York.

Finally Mrs. Gay became ill in New York, and was sent to Roosevelt Hos-pital. While she was in the hospital, Mayo was taken ill at his home in

Mrs. Gay was in a serious condition, and she was told nothing of Mayo's promised that he would make ample rovision for her, and others are aleged to have heard him make the dec-aration. However, after his death, it was found that he had done nothing

Daughter Reported Abducted.

Reports from another source say that Mrs. Gay's 8-year-old daughter was kidnapped from a school or convent near here; where she had placed the near here, where she had placed to the growing complaint of American little girb, believing that she was getting her out of the reach of either real or fancied enemies, and that the police and prosecuting attorney are asked to bring about the return of the child and the arrest of her abductors.

Generally speaking, it is the inten-

SISTER FIDELIS HONORED.

Receives Golden Crown to Commemorate Jubilee as Nun.

Award Is Denounced.

They cheered speakers who accused the mine owners of taking buge war profits and refusing to share them with the workers, and denounced the good.

A throng of distinguished Catholic clergymen and laymen attended yesterday the observance of the golden jubilee of Sister Mary Fidelis McMartamen the workers, and denounced the good. for 50 years she has officiated as sister, teacher and mother superior, having been elected to the last-named position

Jority of the meetings adopted resolutions favoring a walkout on Wednesday if no agreement its reached the government today was news that 2,000 atrikers in the Mommouthshire district have returned to work.

Kept at Work by Leaders.

It was said that these men went back at the urgings of the miner's executive council, who asked that all miners remain at work pending attempts to reach a settlement. Strikers in other districts remained out.

Representatives of the operators met Minister of Munitions Lloyd Georges titls afternoon and immediately afterward conferred with President Walter ward conferred with President Walter ward conferred with President Walter from the Rev. John Fleming, of the government board of trade. Four representatives of the miners talked with Lloyd Georges titl, Rome; the Rev. John Fleming, of the operators committee left.

GRAFT WITNESS IS GONE

Friends of Mrs. Margaret Stout Ex
Friends of Mrs. Margaret Stout Ex-

o result in a national search to locate



## Greatest Known in Any Warfare; Napoleon Surpassed, Say Teutons "Invisible Government" in New

Special Cable in The Washington Post. , the support of the Balkan nations, the Berlin, via Amsterdam, Aug. 36.— reopening of the campaign in Galicia. German military experts today despected to have a vast political intermies in the account.

greatest ever recorded in the annals gan, will undoubtedly refuse, German of warfare, surpassing even those of officialdom believes, to join the allies Napoleon.

completely shattered, the Berlin critics hands of the Teutons, It will be possisted will be unable to recover from the blows inflicted by the German and active in the eastern theater and to described the state of Austrian armies. Southern Russia Laid Open.

The smashing of the Russian de-tense along the Ziota Lipa River is regarded as opening the way to South here. With success markin Russia, if the general staff elects to campaign, Austro-German tro carry the campaign into that quarter.

Coming at a time when the allies are exerting every possible effort to gain port the allies are seeking.

Roumania, hesitant since the war be

Can Easily Withdraw Men. With Russia's great forts in the

## Tags of Identification Are Worn By Passengers on the Espagne

New York, Aug. 30.—Passengers arriving here today aboard the steamer sailed at 2 o'clock in the morning of Espagne from Bordeaux wore tags, isEspagne from Bordeaux wore tags, issued to them before sailing, so that

that such tags had been worn by gave each person a tag to be worn on

### ENGLAND CONCEDES THE FREEDOM OF GOODS OWNED IN UNITED STATES

CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.

had the opportunity she could make a success in vaudeville or in lightropers, to Great Britain by the American government protesting against interfer

Recession From Previous Stand.

Before June 15 the British authorities declined to enter into informal negotiations with the trade advisers in any cases. The British note dealing with the Neches, however, sent on July 31, set forth that in cases where "hardships may be inflicted on citizens of neutral countries," the British government would ex-Department that private brokers were obtaining permits in London for special terdam, while the trade advisers were unable even to present special cases, was transmitted to London

Christmas Trade Was Menaced

The Ambassador called at the State Department personally to explain the extent of the British concessions which are especially intended to meet the growing complaint of American

Generally speaking, it is the intention of the British government to permit the passage through the blockade lines of goods for which the American importers have entered into contrac with German and Austrian firms.

Change in the Order.

Heretofore it has been required that

goods yet in German factories, but under contract for delivery on this side of the Atlantic, is yet undetermined.

The entire responsibility for the manufacture intended for America is placed by the British authorities upon lli-feeling against Great Britain. To set itself straight in this matter, the British embassy yesterday issued the following statement:

Offer Germany Rejected Holds Good.

"On April 14, a formal notice was is-

"On April 14, a formal notice was issued by the British government that they would allow vessels carrying two state a deep and sullen resentment as shipments of dyestuffs, which were paid being governed thus by men not of the for by delivery in Germany of certain people's choosing." ference, provided the vessels salled inder a neutral flag; that the shipments were made from Rotterdam, and the dyestuffs consigned to the Secretary of Commerce for distribution di rectly to the textile industries. "This offer, which was refused Germany, still holds good."

RUSSIA LIBERATES COMMERCE

Agrees to Let All Goods Come to United States on Guarantees.

Final acceptance by Russia of the igreement for modifying the Russian imbargo against exports to the United States was communicated to the State

Department yesterday.

Under the agreement, all goods coming to the United States from Russia will be consigned to the Secretary of Commerce, and will be distributed to the importers only when the Secretary and the Russian embassy here have and the Russian embassy here have been satisfied that the goods will not be reexported to enemies of Russia. the money shall have actually been paid for the goods. Now, it will be sufficient to show that they were regularly contracted for, and that the American importer is really the person remainder the person remainder the person remainder the person remainder that the person remainder the person remainder

Trinity Church; the Rev. E. T. Devitt, the Rev. John T. Devitt, The Rev. E. T. Devitt preached the serman.

After the mass an informal reception was held, at which letters of congratulation from Cardinal Gibbons and other dignitaries were read, and the region surrounding has taken bridehead south of Friedrichstadt. In an engagement east of the Niemen was held, at which letters of congratulation from Cardinal Gibbons and other dignitaries were read.

FUND FOR JEWISH RELIEF.

Washington Society Provides for Aid for Washington Society Provides for Aid for the Jewish War Relief Society held a meeting last night to form a relief committee for the Hebrew war sufferers in Europe. Plans were discussed and a committee was appointed to get all the congregations to ask for volunteers. There were nine of the thirty-legith congranizations in Washington and provided the purpose of the forest individual to the congregations to ask for volunteers. There were nine of the thirty-legith congranizations in Washington and provided the purpose of the forest individual to the congregation of the crossing over the purpose of the forest individual to the purpose of the forest individual to the purpose of the forest individual to the congregations to ask for volunteers. There were nine of the thirty-legith conganizations in Washington at Suchodol, on the eastern border of the forest, and as Szerasova and a served to the congregation at Suchodol, on the eastern border of the forest, and as Szerasova and the congregations to ask for volunteers. There were nine of the thirty-legith conganizations in Washington at Suchodol, on the eastern border of the forest, and as Szerasova and the congregation at Suchodol, on the eastern border of the forest, and as Szerasova and the congregation at Suchodol, on the eastern border of the forest in the congregation at Suchodol, on the eastern border of the forest conganizations in

AUSTRIA.

Vienna, Aug. 30.—The following was given out by the war office tonight:

"Russian theater of war: The armies of Gens. Pfianzer, Baltin and Bothmer have advanced to Stripa. At several points the enemy attempted to arrest our pursuit, but everywhere was repulsed, in Especially stubborn resistance had to be broken at the lower Koropice rivulet.

"The troops of Gen. Boehm-Ermolli encountered strongly manued positions east of Zioczow and on the line running from Blaly-Kamien across Toporov to Radziechow. The enemy was attacked and repulsed at several points along this front.

"In Volhynla, our forces advancing toward Lutsk gained ground. Swiniuchy and other places stubbornly defended by the enemy were taken.

niuchy and other places stubbornly defended by the enemy were taken.

"Austro-Hungarian troops fighting in the Bieloviezh region defeated the Russians near Szerezsowo, and are pursuing them toward Pruskany.

"Italian theater of war: Kesterday imprevements will open the dining the enemy maintained an artillery fire rooms to the public. Wednesday, September L.

## ROOT ARRAIGNS BOSSES

York 40 Years, He Says.

DEMANDS THE SHORT BALLOT

Former Senator Appeals to Constitutions Convention to End Rule of the "System"-People Have Become Sullen and Resentful, He Asserts Frequently, in Rage, Pull Down Leaders.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 20.—From the floor of the constitutional convention today President Ellhu Root condemned the system of "bossism" and "invisible government," which, he said, to his knowledge has dominated New York they may establish their own rule. Re is all wrong, he declared, that any other rule should exist.

Must Speak His Mind.

"When I go back home, as I am about to go, to spend my declining years, I mean to go with the feeling that I can say I have not failed to speak and to act in accordance with the lessons that I learned from the God of my fathers."

Mr. Root was speaking Toddies. Mr. Root was speaking particularly in behalf of the short ballot and de-

partmental reorganization proposal.

political leader, first of one party and

Mr. Conkling Unseated.

"I am talking about the system. From the days of Fenton and Conk-ling and Arthur and Cornell and Platt; the days of David B. Hill dow from the days of basing or the forment of the State has presented two different liens of activity, one of the constitutions, and statutory offices of the State; the governor did not count, leg-islatures did not count. And in a

"And there is today throughout this

LIES LOW WITH KNIFE WOUND

Plumber Only Able to Say He Was As saulted by Three Men. Albert E. Gill, a plumber, living at

Aftert E. Gill, a pulmoser, living at Emergency Hospital with a stab wound in his stomach inflicted by an unidentified white man in a fight last night near Four-and-a-half and L streets south-Gill was placed on the operating table immediately after reaching the hospital, and he was in no condition to give a description of his assailant other than to say that three white men assaulted him and that one of then stabbed him with a knife.

Central Office Detective Warren was detailed on the case, but up to a late hour this morning no clew was found that might lead to an arrest. stabbed him with a knife.



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BRITISH DO LITTLE FIGHTING

Mining and Aero Operations All Gen.

French Has to Report. London, Aug. 30 .- A report from Field Marshal Sir John French, commander in-chief of the British army in the field, was given out by the British war offic

"Since my last communication of Aufront to record. There has been a Cetditions generally have been normal. "Both on the 18th and the 21st we sucernment, my mind goes back to those planes. On the 25th our heavy artillery periodic fits of public rage in which set fire to a railway train at Langemarck station (about 5 miles northeast of

> "On the same evening our royal fixing corps cooperated with our allies in an aerial attack on the forest of Southhurst, which was successfully carried out without the loss of any machines."

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