

# MILITARY

THE MILITARY AND NAVAL DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C., JANUARY 1, 1900

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT  
FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE  
NAVY DEPARTMENT'S WORK DURING  
THE YEAR 1899

The following report is submitted to you  
in accordance with the provisions of  
the Act of March 3, 1879, (20 Stat.  
438), and the Act of August 2, 1896,  
(29 Stat. 1000), which require the  
Secretary of the Navy to submit to  
the Secretary of the War Department  
an annual report on the progress of  
the work of the Navy Department  
during the year ending on the 31st  
of December of the preceding year.

The work of the Navy Department  
during the year 1899 has been  
characterized by a steady and  
vigorous prosecution of the  
various projects which have been  
under consideration for some  
years past. The most important  
of these projects are the  
construction of a new class of  
battleships, the construction of  
a new class of armored cruisers,  
the construction of a new class  
of torpedo cruisers, and the  
construction of a new class of  
torpedo boats. The progress of  
these projects during the year  
1899 has been as follows:

The construction of the new class  
of battleships has advanced  
to the point where the keels of  
the first three ships have been  
laid. The construction of the  
new class of armored cruisers  
has also advanced to the point  
where the keels of the first  
three ships have been laid. The  
construction of the new class  
of torpedo cruisers has also  
advanced to the point where the  
keels of the first three ships  
have been laid. The construction  
of the new class of torpedo  
boats has also advanced to the  
point where the keels of the  
first three ships have been laid.

The progress of these projects  
during the year 1899 has been  
due to the efficient management  
of the work by the various  
bureaus of the Navy Department,  
and to the generous support  
of the work by the Congress  
and the public. It is believed  
that the work of the Navy  
Department during the year  
1899 has been one of the most  
successful in its history.

Very respectfully,  
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY