

U.S. NAVY IS READY NOW

Prophecy and Pledge of Service Voiced by Young American Officer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Washington, Dec. 11.—To a young officer, commanding the first flotilla of American destroyers to reach the war zone when the United States entered the world war, Secretary Daniels turned in his annual report, to find the war slogan of the naval service. Asked by the British admiral, to whom he reported when his ships would be ready for work against the submarines, after the long voyage, the officer replied:

"We are ready now."

"That was not the language of boasting," Mr. Daniels says in describing the incident. "It was the prophecy and pledge of our service with those fighting in a common cause."

"During peaceful years the navy has been quietly but steadily perfecting itself to meet the time of war. Now the hour for which it has been preparing, has arrived. Our sword is drawn, and no one will dispute that the blade is keen and frost from rust and its temper true."

"While I may not speak in detail of the greater naval operations, it may be stated that the record is one of increasing power, of developing resourcefulness and of co-operative achievement, which the American people may well survey with national pride. While the details of what we have done and how we have done it must wait until it is permissible to spread them upon public record, this summary may be given to our people:

"In the navy we have prepared for, and have met the duties of the present; we are preparing for and are confident we will be able to meet any call for greater duties, for more exacting responsibilities. The best way to secure enduring peace is to prepare unceasingly, night and day, for the winning of the war, whether it be long or short. This we have done; this we are doing, and this we will continue to do."

For the coming year, Mr. Daniels proposes a naval budget of \$1,038,660,592, which is not itemized in his report. In various ways, he says, it will be necessary to ask for additional funds as the session of Congress proceeds. He points out, however, that appropriations for the last fiscal year totalled \$1,542,732,857 for the navy and for a thirteen month period \$1,905,410,930. Congress provided liberally, he says, and legislated for the navy with vision and wisdom.

"This was done, too," he adds.



SCENE FROM SO LONG LETTY AT THE GRAND DEC. 13

in the broadest spirit of national patriotism by members of all political parties."

Striking figures contained in the report showing the war expansion of the navy, include the following:

Since Jan. 1, 1917 the naval force has increased from 4,500 officers and 68,000 men to 15,000 officers and 254,000 men; the number of stations of all kinds operated by the navy has increased from 120 to 363; the number of civil employees from 35,000 to 60,000; the strength of the Naval Reserve from a few hundred to 439,246 men; the average monthly expenditure from \$3,000,000 to \$60,000,000; the number of ships in commission from a little more than 300 to more than 1,000; the hospital corps from 1,600 to 7,000; the National Naval Volunteers from zero to 16,000 men; the Marine Corps from 344 officers and 9,921 men to 1,197 officers and 36,000 men. In addition to this and the vast orders for material placed, the expansion of the air service and of many wholly new activities developing from war conditions, training facilities have been provided for 113,650 men, exclusive of the Naval Academy and other regular service schools.

For the first time, the Secretary does not make public the report of the General Board of the Navy. His synopsis of the board's work shows that it has been of a most confidential character and the report is withheld for that reason. Mr. Daniels says. This report is the usual source of the future building program of the navy. The secretary contents himself this year, however, with recommending that the remainder of

the three-year program already approved be authorized, including three battleships, one battle cruiser, three scout cruisers, nine fleet submarines and a number of auxiliary craft.

The secretary asks that the permanent enlisted personnel be increased.

NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED.

By Courier-Express Wire
New York, Dec. 10.—C. H. L. Eason, general manager of the Standard Bank of Toronto, and A. L. Ripley, the new president of the Merchants National Bank of Boston, were elected directors Saturday of the American Foreign Banking Corporation, 5 Wall street. The Standard Bank of Canada has become a stockholder in the corporation and will be its agent and correspondent. It brings to the banking corporation the facilities of its 129 branches and agencies in Canada. The Standard Bank's capital is \$3,333,242; its surplus, \$4,486,835.

REGULAR DIVIDEND.

By Courier-Express Wire
Montreal, Dec. 10.—Regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on the common stock and 1 1/2 per cent. on the preferred, both payable January 1, was declared by the Canadian Locomotive Company Saturday.

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SIDE TALKS

BY RUTH CAMERON

SEEING RESEMBLANCES.

Are you one of those people who bones are constantly seeing resemblances? That is a habit of mine which I would like to talk over with the letter friends who also have it. People who never see resemblances and who laugh at you when you try to make them see them are excused from attendance to-day. By the way, aren't they exasperating—those people. They will look at a wonderful likeness that they simply must recognize and tell you obstinately that they do not see it at all. Personally I have dark suspicions that there are none so blind as those who won't see.

IT IS FUN TRACKING DOWN RESEMBLANCES.

I seldom go anywhere that I do not see someone who resembles someone else. A sceptic housemate assures me I could get over this if I tried. Get over it, indeed! On the contrary it is a habit of mind which I encourage. It is so interesting to collect resemblances and to see in just what they consist. Sometimes it is a question of the shape of the face or features, again it is an elusive expression. Often people who are very unlike on the whole will resemble each other in some small way, a smile, a sweep of an eyebrow, the height of the cheek

so sure about it. Perhaps my reader friends can help me out. When I am tired I always see more resemblances. If I go shopping on a day when I am overtired, at every turn I think I am seeing some friend. I trust none of the anti-resemblance crowd has he chance to read this far, for I am just fancy the spirit in which they will pounce upon that statement.

Never Tell People They Look Like Each Other.

There is one thing that I have learned from my experiences in resemblance seeing which may be worth mentioning to beginners. And that is that it is not usually advisable to tell the person concerned about it, if there is any likelihood of his seeing his double. Tense to one he will be displeased, even though to you the person is quite as good looking as he. And if the person is not so good looking, woe to you! You have made an enemy. In vain you tell him that a very handsome person may resemble a very homely person (which is entirely true). You have wounded him in the tenderest part of his character anatomy—his self love, and such wounds heal slowly and usually leave scars.

Some People Really Have Doubles.

Although so many resemblances are only partial and elusive now and then one finds really startling ones. Just the other day I stood not three feet away from a woman in an elevator and actually could not make up my mind that she was not one of my near neighbors. Most of my experiences with resemblances I regard as universal but there is one that I do not feel

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MANIFESTO

The returned men went to France to fight for their Country, went over the top united. Have they no right to stand up for unity at home?

Protect Our Boys



The G. W. V. A. are organized to look after the returned men, also the dependants of our comrades overseas and know the needs better than those who aspire to high places.

The returned Soldiers constituting the Brantford Branch of the G. W. V. A. unanimously endorsed the candidature of W. F. Cockshutt, Esq., as Win-the-War Candidate, because they have full confidence in his sincerity and because they have full confidence that he will support Sir Robert Borden and the Union Government in all their Win-the-War Policies.

PROTECT OUR DEAR FLAG.



Has been said the returned men have no right to endorse any Candidate.

LOOK UNDERNEATH.

"Great War Veterans should endorse any man who is selected by representative organization supporting the Union Government War Winning Policies, and should concentrate their efforts to secure his election."

Headquarters Provincial Branch.

The returned men were and are your Husbands, Brothers, and Son's Chums in France. Do you think they would deceive their loved ones at home?

The returned men contradict the statement of certain candidates in Brantford that they were responsible for the increase of \$5 for special separation allowance and object to this statement being used as an election dodge.

The returned men, now the G. W. V. A., asked the Government for increase of separation allowance and this was granted. We, the G. W. V. A. of Brantford, deny that any one person in Canada, let alone Brantford, was responsible either directly or indirectly for this increase.

Protect Our Boys



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(From Monday's Philippe, with a start at Ralph, remonstrated anxiously.

"I tell you speak to Nahnya calmly. He is much as you."

Ralph's sore and hum took what comfort it this.

"Well, it's easy," said with a shrug of bravado fat man together! He was crazy. There was no boat but me."

"Suppose you kill Nahnya. What we do He answered in French. "You will stay here?" she repeated.

Ralph's face flushed. He began hotly.

She ignored him. "Place here for you," said Philippe, cold and accented high priestess. "You are you are bad like a white red man together! He was crazy. There was no place here."

All this was balm to you. He looked on the keep from showing any the discomfited young man. After debating with Nahnya said to Philippe, pe the slope: "You go do To Ralph: "You wait, I myself and think what went away and sat on the rocks, doubling her digging her knuckles into while she struggled with

St. Jean Bateese, Chief, fox, Ahmek, and Myr, proached over the me with the weapons, food, that Nahnya had ordered bring.

Arriving at the foot where the stream entered gulch, they cast down and, with a glance at instinctively set about him and preparing a meal, ed with curious side new stranger who had into their domain.

After a long time Nahnya read in her mind was made up. He meet her, and Philippe bounding up the slope Nahnya was not yet read her plans. All she said "Let us eat."

Her look was unfathomable. They were obliged to contain tience as best they could. All sat in the grass on the hill. It was a strange company; Kitty, Ralph, Philippe sat on one side with the four Indians from the other. Nahnya smooth and composed, ed sullen, Ralph reckless patting, while Kitty's and her eyes continually.

The Indian lads stared gers with beady black ing a mixture of animal and human unconcern. the company had any talk except St. Jean with his native politeness it was incumbent upon

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