U. S. TAKE THIS AS GOAL.

Fleet Sufficient to Drive Commerce of

Necessary.

edness:

Any Enemy From the Sea Declared

Washington, Dec. 28 .- The Ameri-

can Navy should be "equal to the

most powerful maintained by any oth-

1925, in the opinion of the Navy Gen-

.The annual report of the board,

following propositions propounded by

with the most efficient and most prac-

"The navy of the United States

should ultimately be equal to the

be gradually increased to this point by

such a rate of development, year by

"The General Board believes that

the course of the present war in Eu-

in previous years can no longer be

The report lays stress upon the

estimates for submarines and reserve

ammunition. The board program

is still the principal reliance of navies,

Because of the great naval superior-

says, their control of the seas has

series of minor incidents." In the

batant superiority," and second,

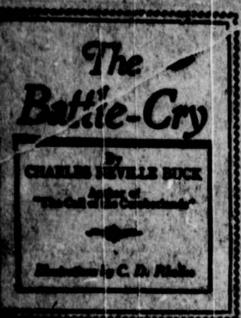
against commercial vessels of the Al-

Of this campaign the report

as it has been in the past." .

most powerful maintained by

The board's conclusions follow:



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biographers to know how deeply and council the few volumes on the last state of the brick house, or the had thought along some heard the fire and somence with he quoted the wise counsel of solish Polonius. "Beware of surge quarrel, but being in, so bear that the opposer may beware

that he had been born into it; had "heired" his hatreds.

so in these parts his faenital as a member of the legis

and the son had gone to att for among lawmakers.

CHAPTER XIII.

In other years Bad Anse Havey re- The dinings are one Christmas day the animals. in song and laughter. Then ly had gathered in the long s before the rearing -tilup bas leadwas ame had not yet gone to the cobof the cockleft. But that was and Russell Atkinson.

red to the hills. The impalpable of decay moves slowly, with no save the occasional click of a Frenkfort his house had been tenanted Courtenay Atkinson. by men, and an atmosphere of home bung in its shadows. A halfunkempt and loutish kinsmen dwelt there with him, tilling the ground ad ready to bear arms. More than see they had been needed.

It was to this place that Juanita Hol- Dalzell Tuesday, December 28. and the preacher were making way on that October afternoon.

At the gate they encountered a solitary figure gasing stolidly out to the front, and when their coming roused it out of its gloomy reverie it turned and presented the scowling face of b McNash.

here air they?" he demanded ally, wheeling upon the two arrivals, and then he repeated violently: "By heaven, where air they? Why hain't ye done fotched Dawn and

hain't answered my question. I'm ther sister ye've done been sufferin' ter bles.

consort with murderers, an' hit's me ye've got ter reckon with."

Brother Talbott only nodded. "Son." he gently assured him, "we aims ter SUMTER TRANSFER COMPANY GENERAL BOARD WOULD HAVE GERMANS SAID TO BE DESUROUS talk with you, too, but I recken ye AGAIN BURNED OUT WITH

U. S. TAKE THIS AS GOAL. hain't got no call ter hinder us from havin' speech with Anse first." For a moment Jeb stood dubious, then he jerked his head toward the

"Go on in thar, of ye sees fit. hain't got no license ter stop ye," he said curtly; "but don't aim ter leave thout seein' me, too."

Several shaggy retainers were lounging on the front porch, but as Good Anse Talbott and Juanita turned in at the gate these herchmen disappeared inside They would all be there to witness her humbling, thought the girk It would please him to receive her

Then she saw another figure emerge from the dark door to stand at the threshold, and the flush in her cheeks grew daeper. Bad Anse Havey stood and we ted, and when they reached the steps of the porch he came slowly forward and said gravely, "Come inside."

anita found herself in the largest ne its corners de-

ITO BE CONTINUED.

RE JENEVA MOCESTIAN DEAD.

Rembert, Dec. 29.—Plenty of news low, and no lack, good and med. Miss Eva Hatfield, principal of the Hope school, gave an entertainmen there for its benefit on Thursday, Dember 18.

Miss Rosa principal, got up a nice Xmas tree for the Petheads Sunday school, which Boyle Company stables the other two our sea-borne commerce and drive came off Thursday night. December streams were guarding Mrs. Single-that of the enemy from the sea. The 23. Mr. Dan Hildebrand of your city tary's house. On this building there best way to accomplish all these oband had blessed to its floroust 23. Mr. Den Hildebrand of your to day, and the father of Bad was good old Santa.

Ross Weisinger spent the holidays at her ho

feeers, J. B. Jackson of Macon.

the was at home with her mother, in

Mrs. Arms Alexander and her daughter, Miss Annie Lee, are spending some time in our community with relatives and friends.

On Friday, December 24, Mrs. Jene- dence had all of the window paner battle cruisers, be authorized in 1916. va McCiellan of McClellanville, eldest broken and the boards were charred. Secretary Daniels has recommended daughter of our good neighbors, Mr. in some places, but no other damage to congress, however, that only two and Mrs. W. J. Spencer, died at that was done. place, the saddest news to be sure, for The building was owned by the Pier be authorized at this time. Under the posed to the aceptance of the secall in our community liked the gentle son estate and has been used as a board's plan the total expenditure for ond American Ancona note unless it little lady. who once was a resident of stable for many years. It was occu- the five years, including \$7,000,000 for is modified, and a rupture of dipcid almost dictatorial pow. your city, where she made a host of pied by the Sumter Transfer Company. the aviation service and \$11,000,000 pieces him to send his see. friends. The news came quite unyour city, where she made a host of pied by the Sumter Transfer Company. the aviation service and \$11,000,000 lomatic relations is believed to be imto his majority, down to the expectedly and was a great shock to company, stated this morning that he would be \$499,876,000, the last apour community, who extend to the could not well estimate his total loss, propriations for which would bethis extreme bereavement.

or any disorders.

the days in that house when at Mrs. H. C. Bethea's with the followren had ing as guests: Mesars, Jno. Armstrong, nate in his business in that he has suf-R. E. Akinson, Sam Shirer, Sam fered heavily several times from fires. auxiliaries, while the secretary recom-Young, Misses Annie Lee Alexander, He was burned out nearly three years mends only six, Courtenay Atkinson, Caroline Din- ago in a building on South Main The board reviews the course of kins; Mesdames Anna B. Alexander street. Less than a year ago the the European war, so far as it involv-

Hagood gave a sumptuous dining with burned out in the Shaw building on the following as guests: Messrs. John Sumter street. Besides these fires, he Bethea, J. L. Jackson, Prof. J. B. short time after his marriage, when ng door here and the snap of a Jackson, Harold Langtry of Fairfield, his home was burned during his and there, but in twenty-five years it visiting J. L. Jackson and Master his wife's absence. loves and an inbred generation Sam Young. Mesdames H. C. Bethea. The cause of the fire last night is to impaired manhood. Since Anna B. Alexander, J. L. Jackson and unknown. Mr. Stansill stated that he isse himself had returned from Misses Annie Lee Alexander and was the last person in the building, he

> Mr. R. E. Atkinson spent Tuesday, before the fire started. December 28, in Sumter on business.

Mrs. Alexander, her daughter, Annie Lee and Miss Courtenay Atkinson dined with Mrs. T. M. Crosswell of

A hot supper at the home of Mrs James Reames of Rembert, for the benefit of the Woman's Missionary Society of Bethesda church is announced for tonight, Wednesday, Decem-

"Hagood."

URGE MUNITIONS EMBARGO.

ment for legislation imposing an em- lem of getting water power cheap bargo on the shipment of war mu- enough can be solved. The work will attention by its direction against hos- or nearly 50,000 in all. Allied com-"Jeb." said the missionary quietly, nitions abroad has become so insistent very likely be carried on in Canada tile commerce. American public atfust ter het that Chairman Flood, of the house by the Quebec Development company, tention was redoubled toward this side no way vital. speech with Anse Havey. Whar's he foreign affairs committee has de- Ltd., of which Mr. Duke is president. of the war, owing to the humanitarian "The submarine is a most useful termined to call a meeting of the com- This company has been acquiring ex- interests involved, and to the diplo- auxiliary, whose importance will, no Don Eduardo Suarez Mujica, and "I recken he's in his house, but ye mittee with a view to hearings on the tensive water power rights in the matic questions which were raised doubt, increase, but at present there Elihu Root, both leaders in the insti-

STABLES DESTROYED BY FIRE.

BIG LOSS.

Buildings Totally Destroyed and Six Mules Lost in the Fire-Buildings Belonged to Pierson Estate-Loss Estimated at About \$7,000 With Insurance of About \$5,000—Fine Work by Fire Department.

The Sumter Transfer Company, of hich Eugene Stansill is manager, eral Board, headed by Admiral Dewwas burned out last night by a fire ev. which caught at about the middle of the stables and quickly spread to the with his jackal pack yelping derisively rest of the building which was quickly destroyed. Six mules were burned the body in July last in answer to the in the fire.

The loss entailed by the fire is esti- Secretary Daniels when the adminismated at about \$7,000 with insurance tration arrived at its decision to enter of about \$5,000. The building was upon a campaign of national preparvalued at about \$2,500 with insurance of \$1,500 and Mr. Stansill stated that He led the way, and they followed in his loss would probably be about \$4,500 with insurance of \$3,500.

The fire was first discovered a few tically serviceable." minutes after 10 o'clock and aided by a gust of wind it was quickly swept towards the front of the building. The structure was an old frame buildlay a litter of pipes. Mose to log and seconed to be built of heart cartridges and heyeral books, timber, for it burned with a flerce ing and seemed to be built of heart other nation of the world. It should ht the dust heat, that made it more difficult for motes floated in pulverised gold, and the firemen to go near the fire. From the railiance fell upon a book which is open, throwing it into relief, so that as the girl steed uncertainty near the table the read at the top of a page the caption. Pleasen's Lives."

But she caught has breath in relief, for the retainers had disappeared.

In the firemen to go near the fire. From facilities of the country, but the limit discovered until they were under containers the famous trol about an hour later the flames have defined should be attained not later than 1925."

The board again developed its idea of the retainers had disappeared.

The place the American navy erry was threatened and it seemed should hold in the world in the folverised gold, and the firemen to go near the fire. From year, as may be permitted by the erty was threatened and it seemed should hold in the world in the folthat nothing could possibly check the lowing language: ire from crossing the street to other buildings.

The firemen did some most excel- rope affords convincing reasons for lent work in fighting the fire. Chief modifying the opinion which it has Wilder stretched four streams of expressed for the last 11 years as to hose at the start and concentrated his the proper size of the navy. A navy efforts in preventing the blaze from in firm control of the seas from the crossing the street to the Booth-Boyle outbreak of war is the prime essential Live Stock Company building, which to the defense of a country situated was in a threatening position. At the as is the United States, bordering upsame time the residence owned by on two great oceans. A navy strong Mrs. Sadie Singletary, only a few enough only to defend our coast from feet from the burning stables, was actual invasion will not suffice. Dethreatened and while two streams fense from invasion is not the only were placed to guard the Booth-function of the navy. It must protect was no insurance. The fire withstanding the flerce heat, manage fleet or any of its detachments at a ed to keep near the building while the distance from our coast sufficiently wind was blowing the fames and great to prevent interruption of our Miss Edna Davis, of Charleston, a persistent force the flames were at the size recommended by this board st conquered.

as suffered by the considered as adequate to the defen-Booth-Boyle Lave Stock Company, sive needs of the United States. Our W. B. Boyle Company was saved by present navy is not sufficient to give their brick walls and wire-glass win- due weight to the diplomatic remondows. The glass was bent and warp- straces of the United States in peace ed, but the wire held it and this pre- nor to enforce its policies in war." Mr. John Armstrong, of Anderson, vented the interior of the building is visiting at the home of H. C. Ben from catching. The gutters were board's proposal that 7 of the 16 new melted. Mrs. Sadle Singletary's resi- ships, 4 superdreadnaughts and 8

family their warmest sympathy in but thought it to be about \$4,500 or made in 1922; the secretary's recom-\$5,000. He had Mx mules burned in mendations call for a total expendi-It has been a very quiet Christ- the building, all of his tools, machin- ture of \$502,482,214, the last appromas with us, free from drunkenness ery, vehicles and a large amount of priations shown being for 1921, and hay, corn, fodder and other food for increases being made over the board's

barns and stables at his home were ed naval actions, to reach this con-On the 26th Mrs. J. R. Atkinson of burned, and a few months ago he was clusion: Armstrong, R. E. Atkinson, H. C. also lost nearly everything he had a

having left there about two hours

ACID OBTAINED FROM THE AIR.

New York, Dec. 29 .- Nitric acid cbtained by extracting nitrogen from Chemical company, according to a statement made public here today by James B. Duke, one of its officers.

Mr. Duke's company expects to turn out four tons of nitric acid a day from its works at Great Falls, S. C., about 50 miles from Charlotte.

The chemical will be produced on Washington, Dec. 28.—The move- a much larger scale if the great probwill have works on the Saguenay river. optnion, it seems that submarines were preme."

NAVY EQUAL TO ANY. TO SETTLE LUSITANIA CASE.

> OF EARLY ADJUSTMENT OF DISPUTE.

New Proposals to Be Submitted by Berlin, Which it is Hoped Will Have Amicable Effect in Ancona Controversy With Austria.

Washington, Dec. 29.-New proer nation of the world" not later than posals from Germany for a settlement of the Lusitania controversy which the Berlin foreign office hopes will be acceptable to the United States are expected to be presented to the made public recently, discloses that state department next week. It is this naval policy was formulated by understood the negotiations between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, recently progressed to a point where a settlement was expected at Christmas. Today it was said the German proposals resulting from these "What the navy must be in the fuconversations probably would arrive ture in order to stand upon an equality soon after New Year's day.

Information received here indicates that the Berlin foreign office is anxious to end the controversy in spite of adverse public opinion, said to have been aroused by the American request for the withdrawal of the German naval and military attaches and the demands upon Austria as result of the Ancona incident.

The present status of the negotia-

tions is very closely guarded. The United States has contended for disavowal of the sinking of the Lusitania and reparation for the American lives lost. A proposal by Germany was rejected. It has been since suggested that Germany might make reparation with the understanding that it would involve no admission of wrongdoing. It is understood that no agreement will satisfy the United ing. States unless it contains something in the nature of a disavowal, but Germany contends that her instructions to submarine commanders to discontinue such attacks as that on the Lusitania are the most effective disavowal that could be given.

It is regarded here as especially ignificant that a settlement of the Lusitania case should become imminent at a time when Teutonic diplomatic circles are represented as being prepared for a diplomatic break between the United States and Austria-Hungary. Clearing up of the Lustania case, officials believe, would Virgil Corbitt, Horatio Sanders of smoke over their heads and by throw informal course of national life. The controversy with Vienna. The Austral of the holidays. Ing on the four streams of water with current war has shown that a navy of trian situation remained tonight unchanged, without word from Ambassador Penfield or any official indication of when Austria's reply to Secretary Lansing's renewed demands might be expected.

BERLIN AND VIENNA TOGETH

ER.

Germany Said to Have Dictated Aus trian Reply to First Ancona Note. Geneva (via Paris), Dec. 29 .- The latest information received by the Swise press from Vienna states that dreadnaughts and two battle cruisers the Austrian official circles are opminent, notwithstanding the strong opposition of the Liberal and Hungarian parties and diplomats who demand that an agreement shall be reached with Washington.

The reply to the first American Ancona note, it is declared, was drafted in Berlin. Such presure was brought to bear on Austria that both Count Tizza and Baron Burian, who favored a policy of conciliation, had their hands forced, and therefore it is claimed that the question more directly concerns Berlin than Vienna. It is considered that there still is a possibility of an agreement within the next 24 hours, but if the situation "As to types of ships, the battleship comes to a rupture of diplomatic relations not only Vienna but Berlin will be affected.

ity of the Entente Allies, the report accomplishing great military results, because little else of importance ocnever been seriously challenged and curred in the maritime war to attract American countries the guardians of "they have securely held the objec- public attention. Yet at the present the rights of international law. He tive of all naval effort." Naval war- time, when the Allies have learned in fare has been confined, by reason of great measure how to protect their of international relations for a system this superiority, it states, to "a double commerce, as they learned a few the rights of justice for all. months previously to protect theirfirst group it places German com- navies from the submarine menace, it institute as follows: merce raiders, "which have finally is apparent that the submarine is not 1. To study problems of internabeen destroyed or driven from the an instrument fitted to dominate na- tional law in an endeavor to define the air will be put on the market next seas by systematic pursuit," and 'in val warfare. It appears from British and develop principles of justice Saturday by the Southern Electro- the second, the activities of German returns that the first eight months of which can be applied to relations besubmarines, first against , allied war- this submarine warfare against Brit- tween all the American States. ships, where the "high score obtain- ish commerce resulted in the loss of 2. To build up a system of justice ed" is asserted to have been due to 183 merchant vessels and 175 traw- for all that the governments of the surprise attack, not to "inherent com- lers. The total British merchant ton- twenty-one American States will be nage lost was not greatly in excess of glad to adopt as a standard of interone-half a million; the total loss un- national law between the Americas. den all flags was about 650,000 tons. In the same time the total arrivals until the appeal of the leaders of "After six months of war the sub- and departures in British ports aver- thought in the American countries will marine form of attack drew renewed aged from 1,350 to 1,400 per week, extend over the whole domain of in-

one for ye ter talk ter fust. Hit's my subject soon after Congress reassent- neighborhood of Lake St. John and thereby. To hastily formed public is no evidence that it will become su-

LANSING AWAKENS EUROPE.

SPEECH ON UNITY OF AMERICAS BY SECRETARY OF STATE AT-TRACIS ATTENTION ACROSS THE SEA.

Institute of Law Formed to Develop Principles Which Can be Applied to Relation of the Americas,

Washington, Dec. 29 .-- At practically every session of the many groups into which the Pan-American Scientific Congress is divided, scientific discussion for which the delegates ostensibly assembled was subordinated today to broad general consideration of means for binding all the Americas into a Pan-Americanism, as Secretary Lansing characterized in his address of welcome made as "one for all; all for one."

The Pan-American delegates discussed among themselves the probable deeper significance of their gathering when they heard informally of the attention attracted among the European diplomats by Secretary Lansing's declaration that "if the sovereignty of a sister Republic is menaced from over seas the power of the United States, and I hope the united power of the American republics will constitute a bulwark which will protect the independence and integrity of their neighbor from unjust invasion or aggression."

None of the delegates comes to the congress with any plenary powers and it is realized that the most important result of the gathering will to arbitrate the question of indemnity be the impression they carry home. The extent to which the Latin-Americans have been taken into the inner circles of official and private society in the capital probably never has been equalled in any other official gather-

It has been so marked that today in a formal statement Director General John Barrett, of the Pan-American Union, declared the spirit of fraternity and unity was the dominant note of the gathering.

At the principal meetings today the keynote of addresses were upon the need of binding the Americas to arbitration of all disputes between them. Some of the speakers went so far as to advocate a compulsory arbitration and a Pan-American court of justice delegates spoke of the necessity for uniformity of the private and public law codes in all the American States. All the delegates agreed that throughout all Pan-America there was growing sentiment in favor of the arbitral settlement of disputes.

One concrete development of the congress today was formation of the American Institution of International Law, composed of 105 leading men. five members being chosen from each

of the twenty-one American countries. Through this institute its founders hope ultimately to influence the world to bring about rehabilitation of the international legal fabric.

Today's meeting, at which Secretary Lansing welcomed the vistors on behalf of the United States government resulted in the adoption of a constitution and by-laws and the election of the following officers:

Honorary president, Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, and Senator from New York.

President, James Brown Scott, secretary of the Carnegie endowment for nternational peace, and former solicitor of the State department.

Secretary general, Alexander Alvarez, former counsel of foreign affairs

Treasurer, Lewis Anderson, former minister of foreign affairs of Costs.

The members representing the United States are Secretary Lansing, Robert Bacon, former Secretary of State: John Bassett Moore, former councillor of the State department; Prof. Leo S. Rowe, of the University of Pittsburg, and Prescott.

In his address Secretary Lansing said that the breaking down of international relations between the countries of the Old World had made the emphasized the necessity for a system

Mr. Scott outlined the object of the

3. To slowly expand this system the whole world.

The ambassador from Chile, Dr. er speakers.