

# NAVY OVERHAULING, TALK IN CONGRESS

Department Said to Be Extravagant, Inefficient, and Unbusinesslike.

## Costly Blunders in Designing Battleships Charged in Service Journal.

Interesting developments regarding the Navy Department are scheduled in Congress during the holidays. Among some of the members of the Naval Affairs committee there is talk of airing the extravagances and deficiencies of the department and even of making an urgent effort to accomplish a thorough overhauling of it.

It is argued in responsible quarters, among members who have had opportunity for a thorough insight into Navy Department matters, that there is a crying need for something like business methods in this department.

Some of the members of the House Naval Affairs Committee, who had opportunity last summer to see for themselves how the navy yards, on the Atlantic coast were run, are anxious for thorough reforms. They are impressed with the utter absence of anything businesslike in the handling of navy affairs and are convinced that useless and indefensible extravagance prevails, not alone as to the navy yards, but as to the management of a great many things under the department's control.

**Allege Costly Blunders.**  
In the last several months, charges have been made by a service publication, The Navy, and widely printed, that the Navy Department has been making a succession of costly blunders in the designing and construction of battleships. It has been pretty well developed that the system that prevails in the department, whereby a number of boards practically govern it, each board on the same plane of authority as the other, and each board jealous of its prerogatives, is responsible for much of the alleged waste in the navy department. With boards and bureaus warring with each other, it is impossible for a Secretary of the Navy to effect a good administration in the short time that is usually allowed him to remain head of the department.

This year, Administration is strongly insisting on a big naval program. It wants four battleships and a number of light vessels. In addition, Congress is showing a disposition just now to look askance on the Administration's battleship program. Well-informed members of the navy department, however, say that if the President gets two battleships he will be fortunate.

**Want Efficient Administration.**  
But in connection with this matter of building up the navy at a rapid rate, there will be a strong disposition, and this on the part of Republicans, as well as Democrats, to raise the question whether, if the country is to have so great a navy as the Administration asks, it should not be managed by a Navy Department whose methods are applied, economized, centralized, and made more efficient and businesslike in every way possible.  
It is recognized, of course, among the members of Congress who feel the Navy Department ought to be overhauled, that there are great difficulties in the way. A thorough overhauling of the system now in force would, undoubtedly, result in shipping to sea many officers who enjoy easy berths on shore, mainly in Washington. In the way of any real reform in this line, would stand what is generally referred to as the "social pull" of the high navy officers and their families, which is well understood to be a force that will have to be reckoned with.

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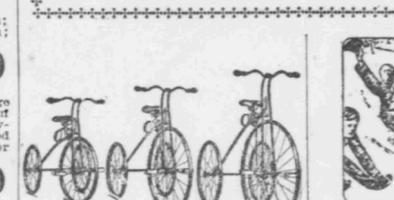
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**Children's Long or three-quarter Coats**, in brown, navy, and gray, made of the thibet-chenet. Sizes 8 to 14 years. Reduced from \$8.50 to **\$3.95**

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