

**THE WEATHER**  
Local rains Thursday, colder in north portion, Friday overcast colder in peninsula, strong shifting winds becoming northwest.  
Highest temperature yesterday, 69 degrees; lowest 55 degrees.

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## PENSACOLA WILL BE MAIN COSTAL AIR DEFENSE POST ON ATLANTIC

### DANIELS TELLS NAVAL COMMITTEE OF TWO CHIEF STATIONS IN THE U. S.

The Only Other Main Station for Costal Air Defense in the United States Will Be Located at San Diego on the Pacific Coast.

### ENTIRE EASTERN COAST AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM WILL PIVOT ON PENSACOLA

Appropriation of \$35,000,000 Has Been Recommended for Experimental Work on Mechanical and Equipmental Improvements for Planes

Pensacola will be one of two great coastal air defense stations maintained in this country, according to the report of Secretary Daniels, made to the house naval committee yesterday. The other will be at San Diego, California.

An appropriation of \$35,000,000 will be made for aviation and with Pensacola serving as the base for both the Atlantic and gulf coasts, it is probable that a goodly amount of this will be spent here. No extension of navy yard facilities is considered necessary, Secretary Daniels made known in Washington yesterday, and this seems to imply that immense sums will be spent in air craft production, with the planes assigned to the local yard increased far beyond the present limit. The greater part of the appropriation will be spent in experimental work on machines and equipment.

All doubts as to the future of the local station were dispelled when the news came from Washington last night of the determination of Secretary Daniels to make Pensacola the main aviation base for the entire eastern and southern section of the country. The local naval air station became, during the war, the largest in America, and probably in the world. That it will maintain this place is attested by the decision of the navy department to recognize the superior port facilities and the great land-locked harbor capable of accommodating the combined navies of the world.

Washington, Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—By next summer the navy will be equally divided into two great fleets to be known formally as the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. Secretary Daniels described the program today to the house naval committee, explaining that approval of it by Admiral Benson, chief of operations, was received last night from Europe.

"It is the prime aim, of course, to keep the navy fit," declared Mr. Daniels, "and the only way to keep it on the toes is to have competition between fleets. We will in effect have a war between the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, which will so stimulate the business that it will make the men feel they are in actual war."

No extension of navy yard facilities is necessary, the secretary said. He declared also that existing coastal air defense stations will be continued in service, two main stations being maintained, one at Pensacola, Fla., and the other at San Diego, Cal.

Fleet officers, he said, will be kept on their ships at least two years. The Pacific fleet, the secretary explained, has been smaller than the Atlantic, and during the war all important craft were withdrawn to the Pacific service in the war zone. In the past, naval officers have disliked assignment to the Pacific fleet, but the navy plan was expected to remove this feeling.

Report Strength of Japan.  
A report showing the strength of the Japanese navy was submitted by the secretary to fill out the reports of the comparative strength of the navies of the six other large powers, which he gave Monday. It shows thirteen battleships and four cruisers projected; seven battle cruisers, six cruisers, sixteen light cruisers, five seven more building or projected; five armored coast defense vessels; three destroyers and twenty-two torpedo boats; eight second-class torpedo boats; sixteen submarines and twenty-seven building and projected, and two airships and sixty-three miscellaneous vessels. Explaining the purpose of dividing the fleet, Mr. Daniels said:

After every war there is a tendency for the navy to retrograde. We need the stimulus of competition and a few weeks ago I developed the plan for a fleet division and sent it to Admiral Benson. It was returned last night. At the head of each fleet will be one of the very best admirals, an admiral who can stay long enough to see his ambition. I have directed the division of navigation to have officers on their ships two years. This competition will keep the navy on its toes.

The secretary announced that he and Admiral Benson expected to visit the Pacific coast next summer. He said yard improvements should not be determined until the next session of congress after the department had had opportunity to recommend extension work.

The yards at the Panama Canal, at Hawaii, and at Mare Island and Puget Sound, he said, can care amply for all the ships in the new Pacific fleet. During maneuvers both fleets will be on one coast.

Aviation expenditures should be limited to experimental work on machine and equipment, the secretary declared, in recommending an appropriation of \$35,000,000 for this branch. The proposed construction of many additional air defense stations has been abandoned.

Increase of the marine corps from 17,400 to 26,297 men was recommended. The temporary force now included 50,000 men.

The marine corps must be kept to a place that is not large, Mr. Daniels said. It would be the worst possible thing to make the marines another army.

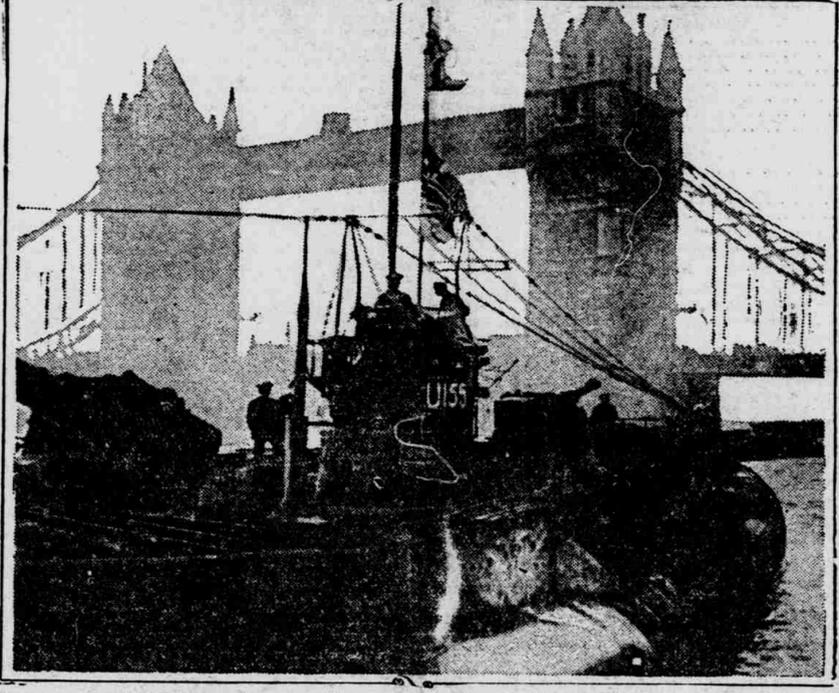
**Navy Proud of Marines.**  
Asked whether marines should be kept off ships, as once ordered, Secretary Daniels said:

"Naval officers are as proud of the records of the marines as are the officers and the marines themselves, as they would not have the Roosevelt order put back in effect."

The secretary recommended that the law of selection of officers be made to apply to all those in the marine corps ranking as captain.

Large submarine bases are to be maintained by the navy during peace times at Key West, Fla., New London, Conn and San Diego, Cal. Secretary Daniels told the committee during the discussion of a proposed appropriation of \$2,500,000 for increasing the water supply at Key West by laying a 130 mile pipe line. These bases, he said, will afford ample protection to the great ports from enemy attacks.

### THIS GERMAN SUBMARINE REACHED LONDON BRIDGE, BUT AS A PRISONER.



Here you see "U-155," a German submarine, resting in the shadow of famous old London Bridge. Only a few months ago its commander would have been delighted to enter the Thames, to spread destruction and misery in London. The Uboat is there now—surrendered, interned, harmless.

### TELEGRAPHICAL TABLOIDS

Mobile, Alabama, January 1.—M. H. Smith, of Holyoke, Mass., purchasing agent for the Mobile Shipbuilding company, was struck in the back by a stray bullet during the New Year celebration shortly after midnight this morning while walking in the business part of the city. It is thought that he is fatally injured.

New Orleans, Jan. 1.—A stage of 19 feet, or possibly slightly higher, is indicated in the Ouachita river at Arkadelphia, Ark., tomorrow, according to a warning issued by the district forecaster at the weather bureau here today.

London, Jan. 1.—Ufa, capital of the non-Bolshevik government, in the area west of the Ural mountains, was captured on Tuesday by the Bolsheviks, according to a Russian wireless dispatch received here today.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Jan. 1.—At the invitation of the British government, the Brazilian fleet now in European waters will visit Great Britain.

Paris, Jan. 1.—The city council has authorized the American Red Cross and the American Y. M. C. A. to build wooden huts in the Champs de Mars for the accommodation of American soldiers on leave.

Berne, Jan. 1.—An inter-allied commission charged with the investigation of the food situation in Germany-Austria, has left here for Vienna.

Berne, Jan. 1.—The Swiss government has telegraphed a strong protest to the soviet government on Russia relative to the latter's action in preventing the departure of the Swiss legation and staff from Russia, Switzerland declares she will hold Russia responsible for all delays and demand an immediate answer.

Berne, Tuesday, Dec. 31.—The American legation announced here this afternoon that President Wilson regrets the pressure of numerous other engagements preventing his visiting Switzerland.

### FLETCHER TELLS REMEDY FOR FARM HELP SITUATION

A remedy for the shortage of farm help in Escambia and other West Florida counties is announced by Senator D. U. Fletcher, who has given publicity to the fact that many laborers are expected to arrive in Florida from the Bahama Islands this month.

Although the immigration laws prevent the further importation of laborers, a special dispensation has been granted in this case. The permit carries the provision that the laborers arrive on or before January 15. Laborers of this nationality, who are already in the state, will be permitted to stay.

### RECORDS FOR ENDURANCE AT AIR STATION ARE BROKEN BY LIEUT. RODMAN

All endurance flight records for the local naval air station were smashed Wednesday when Lieutenant Rodman, of Los Angeles, California, commander of the Sixth squadron remained in the air in one of the giant navy flying boats of the H-16 type for eight hours and forty minutes, actual time and ten hours and fifty minutes accredited time.

Early the same day that Ensign Polnas met his death when he was unable to recover his machine from a thousand foot fall in a tall spin, the giant flying boat carrying in addition to Lieutenant Rodman, eleven passengers, slid off the ways, and gliding swiftly across the waters of the bay rose in the air in its record breaking flight.

Lieutenant Rodman performed the almost incomparable feat of running the machine the entire day, never once relinquishing his pilot's seat, although the strain from piloting one of the heavy types of naval air craft for a short time without a rest is immense. Lieutenant Rodman was forced to descend once during the test to obtain gasoline and oil but arose almost immediately again and remained in the air until he was finally forced to descend, after remaining in the air for an actual time total of eight hours.

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### NEW YORK TEAMS WILL TAKE THEIR SPRING TRAINING IN THE NORTHERN PART OF FLORIDA

New York, Jan. 1.—Following the announcement yesterday that the New York American baseball team will train in Florida this spring instead of Macon, Ga., it was learned today that the New York Nationals also are considering changing their spring training quarters from Marlin Springs, Tex. to some place in Florida. The high cost of training at Marlin Springs, and prohibitive railroad rates are said to be the reason for raising the Giants to consider the change.

Manager Miller Huggins will take the Yankees south about March 25. The location for a training camp has not yet been decided upon but it is said that a resort in the Northern part of the state will be selected.

### TELEGRAPHICAL TABLOIDS

Paris, Jan. 1.—A homesekers' bureau has been established by the railroad administration to give free information about the opportunities of the Western and Southern states for those who wish to engage in farming, stock raising, gardening and similar occupations. J. L. Edwards, manager of the agricultural section of the railroad administration, will have general charge.

Rome, Jan. 1.—A New Year's message to American given the Associated Press today, Pope Benedict expresses hope that the peace conference might result in a new world of order, with the league of nations presiding; the abolition of conscription and the establishment of tribunals to adjust international disputes.

London, Jan. 1.—270 sailors were drowned today as a result of the loss of the British steam yacht, Iolair, on Stornoway, Scotland.

New York, Jan. 1.—Beginning with the new year the Associated Press commenced sending a daily news report by cable to a number of leading South American papers, who have recently been elected to membership. In beginning relations with these new members the Associated Press believes it is inaugurating an exchange of news which will be of great influence in bettering existing relations between the two continents.

Archangel, Tuesday, Dec. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—American troops yesterday captured the village of Radash, on the middle sector of the northern Russian front, and today pushed forward their lines a distance of two miles south of the village in the direction of Vologda.

New York, Jan. 1.—The American transport Moccasin, with 55 officers and soldiers and four Y. M. C. A. men arrived here today from Brest.

Basle, Jan. 1.—Strikes continue in upper Silesia, Germany, according to reports reaching here. At Lesine soldiers firing on a crowd and several persons were killed or wounded.

### BOLSHEVIKI SAY THEIR DOCTRINE IS SPREADING FAST

Berlin, Jan. 1.—(Associated Press)—A feature of the congress of the Spartacus group today was a speech by Radek, head of the Bolshevik mission to Germany, who declared the Russians did not fear entente invasion because the invaders would become infected with the germs of Bolshevism. He said he welcomed French occupation of Germany for the same reason. The Vossische Zeitung warns the government that the toleration of Radek will be the first step toward resumption of war with the entente.

### SAFE IN CITY HALL RIFLED IN DAYLIGHT

Nearly \$300 in Cash is Found Missing When City Clerk Returns to Office.

### NO CLEW OBTAINED YET OF ROBBERS

Safe Was Not Blown, and No Signs of Violence Are Found By Police.

Nearly \$300 in city funds were stolen from the vault in the office of City Clerk J. O. Walker at the city hall shortly after noon yesterday by unknown parties. The loss was discovered by Mr. Walker when he returned from lunch and the burglary was reported to the police. No clue to the identity of the prowlers had been secured up to a late hour last night.

The cash, which was made up of funds received Tuesday and Wednesday in fees paid in the city, was placed in a cigar box within the vault before City Clerk Walker left the office. When he returned the vault door was open and the funds missing. Mr. Walker is certain that the door was locked when he left. No marks were found on the door or any evidence to show that the door had been forced.

A quantity of checks, which were also contained in the cash box, and which were taken by the burglars, were later found in a cigar box near the north entrance to the building. Although the vault presented the appearance of having been thoroughly rifled, nothing else of value is believed to have been taken.

Mayor Frank Sanders said last night that every means was being used to trace the identity of the burglars and that if the men were not apprehended and the money recovered, the matter would be called to the attention of the city commissioners, and that it was probable that Mr. Walker or his bondsmen would be called upon to reimburse the city.

No reflection is cast upon Mr. Walker, Mr. Sanders said, in the announcement by the police that the vault door showed no evidence of tampering with the lock. Although Mr. Walker feels certain that the door was locked, it is believed that he was mistaken and that someone took advantage of the circumstances to get the money.

When asked as to whether or not he thought the burglary was an "inside job," Mayor Sanders said that he did not believe that anyone in the city had anything to do with the case. The checks and other papers taken with the money and which were found later, give evidence that the thieves were crafty enough to avoid detection by taking papers by which they could be traced.

### GREAT DEMANDS TO BE MADE ON U. S. FOR RELIEF WORK

Washington, Jan. 1.—Relief work is being carried on in Northern France by the commission for relief work in Belgium, and the pitiful condition of the million and half inhabitants of that section who escaped the German invasion are described in a cablegram received at the headquarters of the commission here, from Herbert Hoover, in Paris. Hoover's message revealed the work of relief and rehabilitation in France would fall most heavily on the commission as has been expected. The German destruction is so complete that the relief work must include not only food and clothing but housing for over a considerable area a large amount of second hand barrack material has been taken over and navy volunteers are superintending constructing barracks near ruined villages for the inhabitants.

### SOLDIERS ABOARD WRECKED SHIP ARE NOT IN DANGER

New York, Jan. 1.—Relatives of men aboard the United States transport, Northern Pacific, aground on a sand bar off Fire Island, need have no fear for their safety, according to a wireless message from Captain Connelly, commanding, received here tonight by the Associated Press. Navy officials announced that no attempt would be made before tomorrow morning to remove the troops.

### COUNTY GETS OVER HALF OF 10,000 QUOTA

Escambia Averages With the Best in Percentage of Memberships in South.

### SOME DISTRICTS NOT HEARD FROM

Reports From Remote Parts of County May Swell Total Perceptibly.

Escambia county has polled approximately 5,500 memberships in the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, according to a statement made last night by Chairman W. K. Hyer, at the close of the campaign. Of the total number 5,000 is credited to Pensacola and 500 to the outlying districts. Several county precincts, and the Naval Air Station, which are yet to be heard from, are expected to swell the grand total appreciably.

Although the county fell down on the 10,000 quota which had been assigned to it by headquarters, its record was double that of the average community in the entire southern division and the interest greater, it was stated, than anywhere else in either the Southern or the Gulf divisions.

**Interest Was Slackened.**  
Sickness and bad weather are the causes attributed to the lessened enthusiasm with the coming of peace perhaps the most important factor in diminishing interest.

It will be several days before the exact figures in the campaign are known as results are expected to come in slowly.

Women played a big part in making the creditable showing for Pensacola and the street drives on Monday and Tuesday, when many new subscribers were obtained, were conducted entirely by women.

Chairman Hyer expressed himself last night as pleased with the results obtained. "Pensacola came up splendidly," he stated, "as did the remainder of the county, and only an unfortunate situation kept us from gaining the full apportionment. He was particularly appreciative of the support tendered him by The Journal."

### PRESIDENT IS ENROUTE TO ROME; BIG FETE PLANNED

Paris, Jan. 1.—President Wilson tonight is enroute to Rome where he will be the guest of King Victor Emmanuel during his stay in the Italian capital. He will visit the Pope and also the Methodist College, and will continue his conferences with the King, Premier Orlando, and Baron Sonnino, foreign minister. Important results are expected from this visit, which will be the last to allied countries before beginning the peace conference.

Rome, Jan. 1.—(Associated Press)—Preparations for the reception of President Wilson at Rome are being carried out actively night and day. The road to Nazionale is beflagged the whole length from the railroad station to the Quirinal, bunting is flying from the flagpoles surmounted by gilded images of victory. The municipality will confer on the president the title of "citizen of Rome."

### PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN U. S. IS AT VERY LOW EBB

Washington, Jan. 1.—Gold production in the United States in 1918 was the lowest in twenty years, and silver production dropped to less than sixty eight millions, fine ounces. The smallest record since 1913, according to a joint preliminary estimate, by director of mints, Baker, and a geological survey issued today.

### "OPEN DOOR" IS JAP POLICY SAY PEACE DELEGATES

New York, January 1.—Peace and "open door" in the far east is to be the key note of Japan's policy at the peace conference, according to Baron Makino, a member of the Japanese peace commission, here today, enroute to Paris. The Japanese peace party crossed the continent on a special train provided by the United States government.