

ALASKA COAL FOR NAVAL USE

DANIELS ANNOUNCES SUCCESS OF TESTS.

Completes His Stay on Stand With Story of Full Resources and of Service Needs.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Formal announcement of successful naval tests of coal from government owned Matanuska fields in Alaska was made today by Secretary Daniels before the naval committee of the house. Trials by the cruiser Maryland about ten days ago, Mr. Daniels said, had demonstrated that the Matanuska coal was as good as any to be found.

The results of this test, over which navy officials have been exulting quietly for nearly two weeks, were particularly gratifying. Mr. Daniels said, because disappointing experiments with coal from the Behring fields a year ago had dimmed hopes that the rich deposits in Alaska ultimately would meet all of the government's demands for fuel on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Daniels spent his fourth and last day before the committee explaining the needs of the navy in connection with preparations of the annual appropriation bill and answering questions on every phase of the national defense problem. He told of a proposal for building a \$500,000 projectile plant at Philadelphia or Indian Head, Md., admitted that it was no secret in the navy that the supply of shells for the great guns of the battleships was inadequate and gave his views at length on the retired pay question.

Capt. Winterhalter, the secretary's aide for materials, was questioned about submarines, and had quite an argument with Representative Hobson of Alabama over war scares. Capt. Winterhalter said he was unable to see international dangers ahead pictured by Mr. Hobson. Then the congressman told the committee of a "scare" last year that put the American garrison in the Philippines in a state of siege.

"In May and for some months of last year," said Mr. Hobson, "our gunners at Corregidor island stood at their guns night and day with plans for a two years' siege. The harbors were mined. Troops from all over the islands were brought into Corregidor and everything prepared for a siege, except there was no transfer of the government from Manila. It did not take any vision to see that."

Mr. Hobson did not go into the de-

TO RETIRE CRISIS NOTES.

FEDERAL BOARD TAKES STEPS FOR REDEMPTION.

Atlanta Allowed to Rediscount at 5 1-2 and 6 Per Cent.—Will Replace With Notes.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Steps were taken today by the federal reserve board to make retirement of emergency currency issued on commercial paper shortly after the outbreak of the European war more attractive to banks. The board approved a reduction of the rediscount rate of the federal bank of Atlanta to 5 per cent. on 30-day maturities, 5 1-2 per cent. on 60-day maturities and 6 per cent. on longer maturities. At the same time the other 11 banks were notified of this action, with the comment that several will take similar action.

The Richmond bank has signified a desire to promulgate these rates if Atlanta makes them. Although few of the other banks have suggested lower rates it is considered likely that several will take similar action.

Although more than \$200,000,000 of the \$350,000,000 of emergency currency outstanding a few weeks ago has been retired, members of the board believe the time has arrived when they should aid in taking most of the remainder out of circulation, replacing it, if the present amount of currency is needed, with federal reserve notes.

The board decided today to make Monday its official day for the review of rediscount rates.

As to the cause of these preparations and Capt. Winterhalter apparently was not inclined to discuss the subject.

Representative Gardner of Massachusetts continued his effort during the day to get hearings on his proposed commission investigation of the nation's preparedness for war. He addressed letters to Representative Padgett, chairman of the naval committee, and Representative Hay, chairman of the military committee, asking them to summon war and navy department officials, certain retired army and navy officers and former cabinet members. Mr. Padgett declined to summon former officers or officials, saying that the committee preferred to hear the men now in charge of the government's work.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy department and Capt. Stirling, commanding the Atlantic submarine flotilla, will be before the house naval committee tomorrow.

APPROVE COTTON LOAN PLAN.

REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMITTEES INDORSE SCHEME.

Conference Ends and Active Administrators Will Begin Putting Funds in Growers' Hands.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The \$135,000,000 cotton loan fund plan to finance the surplus cotton crop was approved unanimously tonight by representatives of committees which will aid in handling the fund in Southern States. The representatives held an all-day conference with the cotton loan committee, which has final supervision of the fund.

The conference, called for an explanation of the administration of the fund, ended tonight and most of the State committeemen left for the South to begin active work in putting the fund into the hands of cotton producers.

Although no definite statements were made at the meeting as to how much cash will be drawn from the fund to carry the surplus crop, estimates ranged from \$10,000,000 to \$70,000,000 and members of the cotton loan committee were confident hundreds of applications for loans would be forthcoming before January 1. Most of those present believed that between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 bales of cotton must be carried over until next year. It was estimated that about \$150,000,000 would be needed to take care of this cotton and it was the general opinion that unless there is a national expansion of credit throughout the South, the loan fund will be used to aid cotton producers.

There was evidence that many of the State committeemen agreed with the idea advanced by officials here that cotton producers next year must cut their cotton production. The cotton loan committee will use every means possible to convince growers of the necessity of curtailment.

The meeting was said tonight to have been unusually harmonious. There were some criticisms of details and it was argued that some provisions put hardships on Southern banks and on prospective borrowers.

W. P. G. Harding, member of the federal reserve board and chairman of the cotton loan committee, was chief defender of the plan. He explained the provisions that caused criticisms and met objections of the committeemen.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Cotton quiet and higher. Middling 4.39d.

LITERACY TEST RETAINED.

WILL REMAIN IN IMMIGRATION MEASURE.

Wilson Against It—Nevertheless, It Probably Will be Presented to Him for Veto or Approval.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Although President Wilson announced today he did not favor the literacy test in the pending immigration bill, indications today were that the measure would be sent to him for approval or veto with the literacy provision unchanged. No disposition to amend that section has been apparent in the senate, where the bill is under consideration.

It was the literacy test which prompted President Taft to veto the bill just before the close of his administration. The measure, substantially unchanged, was passed by the house. President Wilson said today he had not decided what action he would take if it was passed by the senate with the literacy clause included.

The only important change was the elimination of the provision for medical inspectors on immigrant ships. The vote was 23 to 25. Seven foreign powers had protested against the section. The senate substitute virtually reenacts the present inspection law.

HAYNE APPOINTS REGISTRARS.

Machinery is Being Assembled to Put Into Operation Vital Statistics Act.

More than 200 local registrars have been appointed by James A. Hayne, M. D., State registrar of the bureau of vital statistics, for the purpose of putting the law into effect on January 1 in practically all counties of the State. The necessary supplies have been sent to those already appointed.

The plan is to appoint one registrar for each township in the State except where two or more small townships can be consolidated into one district. The registrars so appointed have been requested to name sub-registrars, who will not be paid by the State, but who will work under the local registrars. Each registrar, furthermore, will have the power to appoint a deputy registrar, who shall take his place during disability or absence from work.

Dr. J. A. Hayne, State health officer and registrar of vital statistics for South Carolina, was in the city on Saturday for the purpose of making arrangements for the recording of vital statistics.

DISCUSS FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SENATE FINDS SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO OTHER PLANS.

Opposition to Conditions With Other Nations May Cause Prolonged Fight—Wilson Warns Treaties Ratified.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Foreign relations are pending a serious obstacle to the plans of Democratic senate leaders for speedy completion of the legislative programme.

Opposition to the safety at sea convention has reached a point where there is little prospect of a vote much before the holiday recess. The pending treaty with Nicaragua for acquisition of the isthmian canal route and naval stations is arousing further concern.

Tomorrow the foreign relations committee will resume consideration of the Nicaraguan convention and Chairman Stone said today he hoped for quick action. Several previous efforts to force adoption by the committee of a favorable report have failed. Many senators are known to be stubbornly opposed to the pact, and even should the committee take favorable action a prolonged fight in the senate seems certain to follow.

The foreign relations committee also has before it the Colombian treaty, with its \$25,000,000 compensation for the Panama canal zone and its expression of "regret" for the method of taking it. Opposition to this is even more vigorous than to the other treaties.

President Wilson today let it be known he was anxious for ratification of all pending treaties as soon as possible.

FRIGID WEATHER EVERYWHERE

Temperature Drops to Twenty Below Zero at Winnepeg and to Zero as Far South as Middle Tennessee—Freezing in Florida.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The cold wave covers practically the whole country today with no prospects of abatement before Thursday. The temperature is 20 below zero at Winnepeg and Devils Lake, 14 below at Duluth, zero and below extended south to middle Tennessee, with four to seven below in the middle States. Charleston, W. Va., and Birmingham, Ala., ten above. New York 12 above. Two persons have frozen to death in Philadelphia. The government forecasts freezing tonight in northern and near freezing in central Florida.

FOR IMMIGRATION TO SOUTH.

MOVEMENT LAUNCHED TO INDUCE NEW RESIDENTS.

Men Appointed by Southern Commercial Congress Work on Problem of Population—Will Keep Out Sharks.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A campaign to stimulate immigration to the South was launched here today by the Southern Commercial congress. Enactment of uniform State land laws to facilitate acquirement of titles, establishment of a federal system of rural finance to aid colonization, and organization of State immigration conferences are among the aims of the movement. Detailed plans were announced tonight by a special committee appointed last week at the immigration conference held here by the commercial congress.

The committee's announcement declares future development of the South will be measured largely in terms of an efficient industrial and agricultural immigration. Millions of acres of desirable land remain undeveloped in Southern States, the statement says, and is available for thousands of families in other States of the union, in Canada and abroad, who seek agricultural homes.

Stringent federal laws to protect immigrant settlers from "unscrupulous land sharks and real estate manipulators" are urged. Present efforts of the labor department to effect a proper distribution of labor to farms of the country are commended and congress is asked to empower the department to extend the scope of that work.

Dr. Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the commercial congress, is a member of the committee directly in charge of the campaign. Other members are: Hugh McRae, Wilmington, N. C., and R. M. Mixson, Wil- liston, S. C.

BURGLAR KILLS LAWYER.

An Early Morning Tragedy in Atlanta—Burglar Escapes.

Atlanta, Dec. 15.—Charles Reynolds, a lawyer, 53 years old was killed in a revolver fight with a burglar in his residence on Ponce deLeon place this morning. The burglar escaped.

The split-log drags have been in operation for several days, with resulting improvement to the streets.

IT STARTS FRIDAY, DEC. 18 at 10 A. M.
IT ENDS THURSDAY, DEC. 24 at 10 P. M.

6 DAYS

Run Your Hand Under the Mattress and Pull out that old grey stocking.

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☐ The time has come. The sale you have waited for is here. Your dream has come true at last.
☐ We bought the entire stock of the Ladies Outfitting Co. sold by order of the United States Court of BANKRUPTCY.

☐ We paid less than 25c on the dollar for the balance of this stock. This together with our own brand new stock will give you the opportunity to buy for the entire family at prices never heard of before. \$15,000 of high class merchandise at prices that will startle the entire community. Buy now for every member of the family.

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