Revenue Cutters Get Orders to Sail Soon for Alaskan Waters.

WINTER CRUISING SEASON SOON COMES TO AN END

Reports for Past Week Continue to Show Rescue of Vessels From Ice Perils.

the vessels of the revenue cutter service is rapidly nearing its end, only a little over two weeks of the active cruising remaining, the officials of the service are turning their attention to the next important duties the cutters will have to perform, that of looking after shipping Alaskan waters and in protecting th al herds from raids by Japanese and illegal seal hunters who visit the Orders assigning officers to the ships

FLIERS OF THE NAW Alaskan seal rookeries each spring and

hat will compose the Bering sea flee in the coming summer have been issued and instructions sent to the commanding officers of the ships to put their commands in readiness to start north. Thefirs vessel to leave home waters for the north will be the new cutter Unalga, which is Station at Pensacola, Fla., to Be under orders to sail April 20. She will be followed closely by a large fleet of ercial vessels.

commercial vessels.

Heretofore the old cutter Bear, which was originally a British steam whaling ship, has had the honor of leading the leet on the Pacific to the northern waters, but this year she is to give place to the newer vessel, which is better fitted for work in ice. The Bear, with the cutters Tahoma and Manning, will closely follow the Unalga to Alaskan waters, they being scheduled to leave Pacific roast ports May 1. Officers and Men Will Be Trained

#### To Patrol Alaskan Waters.

Under the direction of the commanding officer of the Bering sea patrol the cutters named will form the fleet that will patrol Alaskan waters throughout the mmer and will perform the many and various duties that devolve upon the ers in the Bearing sea territory. It tought probable that the old cutter will be designated again this sumto make her annual trip to the Arcto visit the settlements along the kan coast in American territory. The the only vessel that ever visits y of these out-of-world settlements her yearly visit is looked forward ith much pleasure by the residents of extreme northern section of the

the extreme northern section of the country.

It has been decided not to use the old cutter Thetis as the floating home for the United States court for the district of Alaska on the summer trip of the court to the different points on the Alaskan coast to hear civil and criminal cases. The Thetis is in need of extensive repairs, so it has been determined to use the newly rebuilt cutter McCulloch for the service. The McCulloch is now doing duty on the California coast, with headquarters at San Francisco.

While engaged in breaking ice in Buc's harbor, Ezgmoginn Reach, Me., in order to free imprisoned vessels, the half-century-old wooden-hull cutter Woodbury met with a mishap that will put an end to her activities for a few days. An ramming an extra tough piece of ice a plank or two on the starboard bow of the cutter was stove in, causing her to leak badly. The report to the department regarding the matter stated that the pumps of the cutter were able to take care of the leak and that the ship's carpenter would make repairs as soon as the vessel grounded on a low tide, She it at Rockland, Me.

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In the past week, before the accident occurred to the Woodbury, she continued to make a record as an ice smasher and for the good work she was doing, in spite of her advanced years. Reports from First Lieut. Randolph Ridgely, jr., commanding the old cutter, tells of having freed the scnooner Owl and the gasoline power sloop Lizzie S. from the ice commanding the old cutter, tells of hav-ing freed the schooner Owl and the gaso-line power sloop Lizzie S, from the ice in North harbor, while she was opening the channel in Fox Island thoroughfare, and also of the rescue of several persons in a disabled motor boat found off White Island and which was taken into a safe

Recent severe blows on Chesapeake bay have given the cutter Apache plenty of work to do, and in addition to the floating of the schooners Alert and Nellie, of which mention has been made, Capt. Gambie reports having aided the schooners Magnoila of Baltimore and the Emma A. Faulkner and Genesta of Oxford, Md., which were in trouble in the Tred Avon river near Oxford. The Faulkner was freed from ice that was carrying her ashore, and was taken into a safe harbor, while the other vessels were floated after stranding. The Magnoila was bows out of the water and the Genesta was ashore her entire length, and both on ore her entire length, and both or hard sand bars. It required all the skill of the wreckers in the crew of the Apache to float the vessels, but it was finally done and they were taken into safe harbor at Oxford, Md.

### To Aid of Schooner.

Responding to a notification that the schooner Helen P. was in distress in Vineyard sound, the cutter Acushnet went to her aid. She was found in a eavy ice field that threatened her truction and the powerful little cutter had taking her into Vineyard Haven for har timely and she was taken into port un-

damaged.

To join the cutter Seneca in ice patrol service the cutter Miami is due to reach New York today from Key West, Fla., her station. She is scheduled to take on stores and necessary equipment at New York and March 20 she leaves that port for Hallfax, Nova Scotia, which will be the headquarters of the cutters. will be the headquarters of the cutters during he ice patrol season. Second Lieutenant of Engineers J. W Glover, who has been on duty in the office of the chief engineer of the service

fully informed of the work done by each on problems involving the scientific development of aerial navigation. Instead of many minds working separately, many going over the same ground uselessly, and all working with separate objects, it is now possible to co-ordinate the work so that all can pull together and so that all technical institutions of learning throughout the land may be able to educate that element most lacking at the present moment, a body of scientific and practical aeronautical engineers. office of the chief engineer of the service, Treasury Department, for several years past, has been ordered to join the cutter McCulioch for service in Alaskan waters. He will leave here for the Pacific coast April I. Mr. Glover is senior in his grade and is doing sea duty previous to being promoted. He will be succeeded in the department here by Second Lieutenant of Engineers W. M. Peall from the cutter Seminole. scientific and practical aeronautical engineers.

"The department has taken the initiative in this co-operation by detailing an officer to visit Europe to obtain information about the latest laboratory methods and developments, not only to facilitate the experimental work of the navy, but to co-operate actively with the Langley laboratory and the Institute of Technology in their efforts to build up an effective course of instruction in the science of aeronautics."

Orders for the week are as follows: Second Lieutenant P. H. Harrison, de Second Lieutenant P. H. Harrison, detached Winona March 15, to Manning.
Second Lieut C. H. Dench, detached Manning, to Winona. Granted forty-five days' leave of absence en route.
First Lieutenant of Engineers H. F. Schoenborn, detached Apache March 31, to school of instruction.
First Lieutenant of Engineers C. S. Root, granted ten days' extension of sick leave.
First Lieutenant of Engineers E. W. Davis, detached McCulloch April 1, to Bear.

Bear.

Second Lieutenant of Engineers J. W. Glover, detached from special duty Treasury Department April 1, to McCulloch. Captain of Engineers W. Pedrick, detached from duty as fleet engineer, northern division, upon relief, and ordered home to await orders.

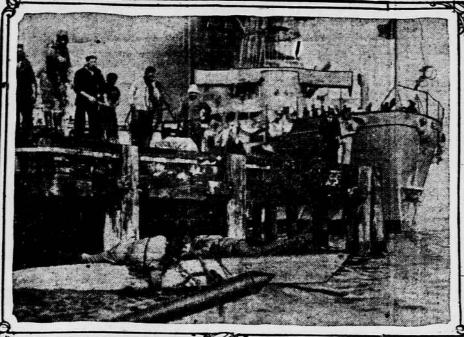
First Lieutenant of Engineers H. L. Boyd, detached Bear April 1, to duty as fleet engineer, northern division.

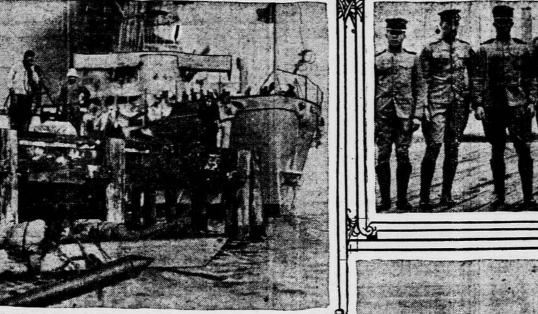
Lieut. G. W. Wilcox, granted ten days' extension of leave of absence.

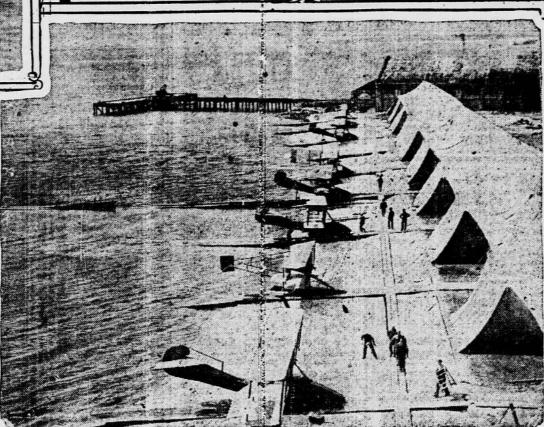
First Lieut. M. S. Hay, granted fifteen days' leave of absence.

Second Lieutenant of Engineers N. B. Hall, granted five days' leave of absence. theft of five hens and one rooster. The hennery of Mrs. Elizabeth Carberry, a resident of Ridge road, was visited, but the intruders did not get any chickens. The several campaign teams which have been at work for the past week in Petersburg, Va., to raise \$40,000 by stock subscription for the building of a new hotel, concluded their labors Friday, \$43,750 of stock being subscribed.

## NEW NAVAL AVIATION STATION AND OFFICERS AT PENSACOLA, FLORIDA.







Chevelair, and their hydroaeroplane being hauled to dock AT PERMANENT SCHOOL at aviation station, with old battleship Mississippi, now "aviation ship," in background. l'op, right (from left to right)-

Equipped With the Lat-

est Devices.

in Use of the Sea

Aeroplane.

The Navy Department has decided to

ment at the naval station, Pensacola

Fla., of the United States navy aeronau

tic station, according to an announce

Bristol, on special duty at the Navy De-

Lieut. Commander H. C. Mustin has

which includes the old battleship Mississippi as aeronautic ship, and Lieut.

John H. Towers will in future be in

charge of the flying school of the sta-

tion. Other officers have been detailed to establish storehouses and repair

shops, and the officers who have already

become expert fliers are assisting Lieut

With the small amount of money now

Officers at the Station.

The commissioned officers now on duty

Lieut. V. D. Herbster, Lieut. W. M. Mc-

R. C. Sanfley, Lieut. J. H. Towers, Lieut.

made public.

The officers in charge of the station expect to collect and store not only aeroplanes, but dirigibles, balloons and other air craft for use of the navy.

Capt. Chambers has made a report to

the bureau of navigation on aviation in

"The regents of the Smithsonian Insti-

tution have authorized the continuance

of the Langley aerodynamic laboratory

Mostly Hens Taken by Thieves.

Three complaints made to the police

vesterday involved activity on part of

chicken thieves. Nine hens and a rooster

were taken from the premises of Mrs. An-

nie Curtis, 1607 4th street. Joseph Johnson of 1721 6th street complained of the

Report on Aviation.

the navy, in which he says:

panying picture, from left to right.

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Lieut. V. D. Herbster, Lieut. W. M. Mellivain, Lieut. P. N. L. Billinger, Lieut. R. C. Sanfley, Lieut, J. H. Towers, Lieut. Commander H. C. Mustin, Lieut. B. L. Smith, Ensign G. de Chevelair and Ensign M. L. Stolz, all United States naval officers, detailed to new station.

left-Wrecked aviators

Lieut, McIlvaine and Ensign de

Bottom, right-Temporary canvas hangars, to be replaced with permanent buildings as soon as Congress appropriates needed money

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# MR. GROUNDHOG SCORES RIVAL WEATHER SHARPS

Shows by Statistics the Absolute Accuracy of His Latest With the small amount of money now available everything possible is being done to push ahead the work of establishing a permanent aeronautic station at Pensacola. The climate and location are reported in letters yesterday to the Navy Department to be ideal for the purpose, and it is stated that the shops and buildings at the old Pensacola navy yard can be adapted for the present to the work required. Prophecy.

Arctomys Monax, weather prophet extraordinary and trouble maker plenipotentiary, all scoffers, doubters and knockers to the contrary notwithstanding merges from his den tomorrow, that be ing the end of the six weeks of winter prognosticated by the eminent, if humble creature when he shied at his shadow scuttled back to his underground habitation for another snooze.

ander H. C. Mustin, Lieut B. L. If there be in all the region surround-Smith, Ensign G. de Chevelair and Ening Washington, or anywhere else in the sign M. L. Stolz, as shown in the accom-United States, an individual who has been in the habit of pointing the finger of scorn at old Dr. Monax, better known as the groundhog, that person is singing mighty small these days. Had Prof. Willis Moore delivered the goods in as ample, not to say extravagant, measure as has this humble and retiring resident of North America he would have been anchored in that big office chair over at the weather bureau until the undertaker came to pry

The aeronautic station is now in temporary hangars of canvas. Permanent hangars will have to be provided when money is appropriated by Congress. The officers of the station, with the aid of the Mississippi, are to take part in all kinds of experiments for the development of a sea-aeroplane. Capt. W. Irving Chambers, U. S. N., retired, has devoted much time to designs of this character during his long period of service as aviation officer of the department. The sea-aeroplane is expected to be the type of aeroplane for service with the fleet in future, according to a statement made yesterday by Capt. Bristol. Descriptions of the principles involved will not be made public.

The officers in charge of the station when the dendertaker came to pry him out.

Raps the Doubters.

Arctomys—pardon this familiar use of his first name—submitted to a brief interview yesterday afternoon, the sunshiny weather of the last day or so having aroused him a trifle ahead of schedule. And what he had to say about doubting Thomases and scientific weather sharps who cast ridicule and obloquy and other the distribution of the country can raise catile as cheaply, Says Uncle Sam.

No oction of the country can raise catile as cheaply as the south, says a recent bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture. The variety and prices of feeds are such that the animals can be economically finished for the market. The forage plants, especially sorghum and corn, make such a luxuriant growth in the southern latitudes that large yields of the Monax family was enough fairly to set on fire the ears of lots of people.

"They will poke fun at old Dr. Monax, will they?" he chuckled, sleepily rubbing his left eye with his right hind foot.
"Well, I'll bet a lot of these wise guys
that aren't superstitious about groundhog day, but who would walk out in the street rather than to step under a ladder, are laughing out of the other side of their mouth about now. Did the groundog make good this time? Did he? Well, reckon he did."

Arctomys dived back into his subter-

ercury slid down to the lowest point it has reached this winter, one full degree below zero. And February 25 came some few days after groundhog day, if my almanac isn't wrong. Furthermore, the average temperature since February 3 has been away below the normal for this time of year. If you don't believe it, look at the chart and see how the little black at the chart and see how the little black line—this year's temperature record—sticks along under the red line, which indicates the normal mark. Once in a while it rises above, but the next day it drops away down and more than maintains the average. Oh I gave it to 'em hard this time. I wanted to show 'em that the groundhog isn't to be laughed at, and I guess I showed 'em all right, didn't I?"

#### Vindicated by Weather Bureau.

Inquiry at the weather bureau confirm ed the statements of Dr. Monax, who feeling that his perspiculty as regards weather has been fully vindicated, declared he was willing to let spring come along just as fast as it wants to. Fair weather, with rapidly rising temperature and a good deal of sunshine, was sleepily promised by Arctomys, and the weather bureau admitted that this was a good guess, as it agreed fully with the scien tifically prepared charts, maps, forecasts and other things which bear the sign of approval of those gentlemen who used to snicker whenever anybody mentioned groundhog day, but who are doing very little snickering just now.

## SOUTH, CATTLE COUNTRY.

No Other Section Can Raise Stock

So Cheaply, Says Uncle Sam.

No section of the country can raise cattle as cheaply as the south, says a recent bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture. The variety and prices of feeds are such that the animals can be economically finished for the market. shorthorn, Aberdeen-Angus, Hereford, Red Polled and Devon breeds of cattle all do well in the south.

There are great areas of "cut-over"

lands in the south that rannge in price

from \$2 to \$10 per acre, which could be such in the ladder, side of groundyell, such lands is usually sandy or post oak, neither of which is as good for grazing as the prairie or delta lands, but which would furnish good grazing if a little care would furnish grazing on the sandy lands, while the bermuda does better on the soils which are a little stiff. The paspalum, white clover and red top do well on the damp lands, and if some lime is present alsike clover will furnish fine grazing. The foundation of all pastures on sandy or sandy loam lands should be carpet grass, bermuda and lespedeza. The variety of forage crops which may be raised on this type of soils is large, and it is an easy matter to grow all the hays, slarge crops and forage necessary for feeding the stock which may be kept on the farm.

By the eradication of the cattle tick. used for beef production. The soil of tution have authorized the continuance of the Langley aerodynamic laboratory on certain limited funds available by endowment, and the President has approved of co-operation between the various government departments and this laboratory.

"An advisory committee on aeronautics has been appointed, the navy having two representatives, the functions of which are to advise in relation to the work of the laboratory and the co-ordination of its activities with those of other government and private laboratories in which questions concerning the problems of aeronautics can be experimentally investigated.

"A broad scheme of co-operation is now in operation whereby all institutions in the country, public and private, are enabled to work together in harmony, all fully informed of the work done by each on problems involving the scientific development of aerial navigation. Instead of many minds working separately, many going over the same ground uselessly, and all working with separate objects, it is now possible to co-ordinate the work so that all can pull together

#### DREDGING SEASON CLOSED.

Potomac beds.

While the closed season for dredging

will make oysters less plentiful, the run-

DREDGING SEASON CLOSED.

Tonging for Oysters Will Continue

Until April 25.

Under the joint laws of Maryland and Virginia, the season for taking oysters with dredges or strapers, from naturations in the Potomac river, closes at midnight tonight! Until November 1 those who dredge or scrape for oysters in the river do so at the risk of heavy fine and imprisonment.

The taking of of sters with tongs is allowed to continue until April 25. After May 1 it is illegal phave possession of oysters taken in any manner from the strangers less plentiful, the runboats will be able to obtain cargoes from the tongers. The market here will be plentifully supplied with bivalves until the coming of warm weather.

Even after the run boats stop bringing oysters to the market here the dealers at the wharf market obtain them from private beds and have them on sale from some year's end to the other. The beneficial effect of the limiting time for dredging in the river, it is stated, can be seen in the increased quantity of oysters in the river beds and the constant improvement in their quality.

Many vessels that have been employed for the past three and a half months in dredging work will now become fishermen or will take up general freighting work during the summer months.

# OF GUILT OF FRANK

Man Convicted of Slaying Factory Girl Makes Logical Statements.

SENTIMENT TURNING ON **NEW SCRAPS OF EVIDENCE** 

Hair Found in Room Mary Phagan Was Killed in Now Said

ATLANTA, Ga., March 14 .- A combina ATLANTA. Ga., March 14.—A combination of scraps of evidence at variance with that produced at the trial, together with his well prepared speeches and statements, is rapidly building up serious doubt in the minds of many whether L. M. Frank is really the murderer of Mary Phagan, the little factory girl who was assaulted and killed many months ago, and for whose death Frank is now under sentence to hang.

ATLANTA. Ga., March 14.—A combinational demonstrated by the fact that scores of texture being received daily by counsel for the defense and prosecution from all parts of the United States. Since the original motion for a new trial was denied Frank has broken the since which he had therefore maintained. He recently received a body of newspaper men, agreeing to answer any questions they might ask, and has made several statements for publication. From the first he has professed his innocence. Latterly he has declared his conviction was

statements he has made in regard to the said. case have been marvelously analytical and logical. Newspaper men and others who have followed the case from beginBecker, the New York police Heutenant. ning to end, and who have stated at times that there was no question as to Frank's guilt, are now beginning to admit that although they went through every detail of the trial they are not now convinced beyond doubt that Frank is guilty.

#### Defense Quick to Act.

The defense has been quick to appreciate this doubt in the minds of so many and is doing everything possible to en bits of new evidence that have been brought out are all in Frank's favor, and they are making the most of these.

Perhaps one of the most important of these bits of evidence is the statement of a new witness to the effect that she saw Frank on the street at the very time at which, according to the negro Conley, he was engaged in trying to dispose of Mary Phagan's body. This question of time was regarded by both the state and the defense as one of the most impor-tant factors in Frank's trial.

Although it has found a number of incidents of this kind, where the new

incidents of this kind, where the new evidence varies materially with that presented at the trial, the defense is still at work, with a view to presenting as strong an array of facts as possible when a petition for a new trial is filed on extraordinary grounds. It was for this reason, undoubtedly, that Detective William J. Burns was brought into the case, and much reliance, it is said, is placed in the belief that he will unearth a number of important facts in Frank's favor at variance with the testimony that convicted him.

#### Telltale Memorandum Pad.

that the notes found beside the body of written by Jim Conley, were written on a nemorandum pad of the National

as the statement of Dr. H. F. Harris, secretary of the state board of health, to the effect that the hair found in the room in which Mary Phagan is said to have been killed was not her hair, that the defense will base its extraordinary motion for a new trial, which will be filed some time before April 17, the date recently set for the execution of Frank-probably about April 7. If this motion is denied by the lower court it will surely be taken into the supreme court, so that in any event the motion for a so that in any event the motion for a new trial on extraordinary grounds will have the effect of acting as a stay of

#### Frank More Confident.

Frank is more confident of a new trial now than at any time since his convic-tion. This renewed hopefulness is probably the result of the remarkable activity of his counsel and agents in his behalf, which are more pronounced now than at any time since the arrest of the young factory superintendent. Interest in Frank's fight for life is also more widespread than ever. That this interest ex-tends throughout the entire country is demonstrated by the fact that scores of

under sentence to hang.

If he killed the girl, Frank has at teast shown himself to be a good actor. He has a bright, keen mind, and the "I am to be made a blood sacrifice," he

Mrs. Frank, wife of the prisoner, also Becker, the New York poince neutenant, was granted a new trial. In her statement Mrs. Frank declared her husband is entitled to the same privilege given Becker. She has stood by her husband consistently throughout his ordeal.

Willie I. Rawiett and Miss Bernies Weich Mullen of King George county, Va., were married Thursday.

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eating too much m. , says a well days ... d your kidneys will then act known authority. Meat forms uric fine. This famous salts is made known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is badyou have rheumatic twinges. The