

CONFERENCE ON NAVAL PROBLEMS

It Will Affect Future Construction Of American Battleship And Cruisers

PRESIDENT WILL BE THERE

Merits of Various Plans Will be Discussed, and Criticisms of Construction Gone Over.

Newport, R. I., July 22.—With the arrival of President Roosevelt here this morning there will begin at the naval war college on Coaster Harbor Island, the picturesque site of a number of naval institutions overlooking the waters of Narragansett bay, the most important conference of naval officers, affecting the futures construction of American battleships and cruisers, in

As a result of his consultations with naval authorities and critics during the past six months, A large part of the remarks will be public, some 200 guests made up of officers and their wives, having been invited, but whatever of a confidential nature is attached, will be delivered behind closed doors, the only auditors being the officers who

Actually, he is concerned in the discussion and make-up of plans for the armored ships of the line that are to be laid down in the near future. The conference of today is unique and novel, and he is the only one who has said that a few years ago such a gathering for an exchange of professional views, including, as it does, a variance of rank from senior rear admirals to junior lieutenants, would have been impossible.

reached today. Conferences will continue after the president has returned to Oyster Bay late in the afternoon, and the president has the assurance of a consensus of opinion of the boards now before him, although he is aware that there may ultimately be, the whole problem of warship designs will be referred back to the board. The president of the board of construction at Washington is in determination with President Roosevelt as the final arbiter. It has been said that criticism of the president's attitude is running on the new battleships. In North Dakota, recently laid down as a sister ship to the 20,000-ton Delaware, it is said that the navy is not going to do with the calling of today's ships, but that the navy is going to build a new college, where it is said that the president believes the time to be ripe for a general discussion of battleship designs. The president has the latest list of the navy available at this time.

When the white hulled president's cruise ship, the *Mayflower*, made out rounding Castle Hill below the city, there was a boom of cannon from the station ship *Constitution*, the beginning of a presidential salute from all the naval craft in the harbor. After the *Mayflower* anchored, the president put off in a launch and landed at the Mercedes dock, so-called because of the fact that the Reina Mercedes of the Spanish sailing fleet was moored there when at Newport.

The president was met at the dock by Rear Admiral J. P. Merrill, commander of the navy, and by the officers of the college ship, the *Brigs*, of apprentice seamen from the naval training station with band and bugle squad was formed at the dock.

FOUND DEAD.

San Jose, Cal., July 22.—A man who

belonged to G. H. Jordan of St. Marcellus, Guernsey, England, was found dead last night opposite Oak Hill cemetery on the Southern Pacific line. The body was well dressed, and was that of a man about 40 years of age. A receipt found in a pocket indicated that he had sent \$25 a month ago to G. Jordan of Guernsey, England. There was no money or valuables of any kind on the body.

IDAHO-WYO. POSTMASTERS.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., July 22.—Postmasters appointed: Idaho—Lyman, Fremont county; Martha, Blaine, vic. H. C. Simmons, resigned. Wyoming—Painter, Big Horn county; Mary E. Painter, vice John R. Painter, removed.

BODY ARRIVES NEXT WEEK.

Remains of Elder Burdette P. Burdette Expected in New York, July 28.

A cablegram was received at the residence of one this morning from C. E. Penrose of the European Mission announcing that the body of Burdette P. Burdette, President of the Church, will arrive in New York, July 28. The company is in charge of missionary company the donated dealer, who will accompany it to this city. It is a

about the body will arrive here about Aug. 1, at which time arrangements for the funeral will be made. Elmer Burdette is the son of Deputy Sheriff Joseph Burdette and was well known in this city in musical circles before his departure for his mission. Elmer Burdette was drowned in the Baltic on July 14. Details, however, have not been received and all attempts of the young man's relatives in this city to learn more concerning the mishap have

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