

# TROY

The Y. E. L. K.'s have come and gone.

Mrs. Millie Tyack and babe a week old are doing very nicely.

Mrs. Walker and two sons, of Pontiac, visited Gerlie Lawrence last week.

Gust Gregory, of Detroit, was a week-end visitor at Mrs. Mary Harris.

Major Leonard and wife were over-Sunday guests at his farm west of Troy.

Miss Lucy Elliott was down town Saturday the first time since school closed.

Mrs. Mabel Nichol and Mrs. Elkins, of Pontiac, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Ida Jarvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aspinwall and Mrs. Brant spent Sunday with Rochester relatives.

Cecil Denison, of Beaver Crossing, spent Thursday afternoon with Miss R. Niles, of Troy.

Mrs. Charles Clark and son Louis were over-Sunday visitors at Miss Thomas' of Detroit.

Agnes Parker and a few friends from Clawson took in the fire works at Detroit Friday night.

Harry Aspinwall was a guest of his brother, Porter Aspinwall, of Detroit, during the Elks convention.

Mrs. Will Jennings had a re-union of the Frank family Thursday in honor of her birthday. Mr. Dahlgren gave the guests an auto ride.

Rev. E. A. Cross, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Smith and child left Tuesday for Eaton Rapids, where they have a fine cottage.

A card from Mrs. Anna Hadsell Freeman of London, Eng., states that she is enjoying the sights and the Dr. is busy with his post-graduate work.

Park Cutting and little Frank, and his sister, Mrs. Leonard, were out in the Cutting launch anchored, off Belle Isle, on Thursday watching the naval battle.

The Ben Nichols family, of Big Beaver, have all had diphtheria and Saturday night the second eldest girl died with the dreadful disease. She was buried in Plains Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mira Martin and Hazel Martin, of West Uta, were in Detroit Saturday, called there by the death of Miss Todd, a dear friend, whose remains were brought from California, where she recently died.

# R. D. NO. 1

A "Hello Bill" time at F. W. Hyde's. Don't forget to come.

Alexandra and family moved into the Bart Cole little house, east of the Burg.

V. B. Miller is hating his lay crop, and will wind up the end of the week.

Miss Ethel Cort, of Clarkston, is the guest of her uncle and aunt, on Riverbank Farm.

Robert Moore helped W. J. McClure in haying last week on Mrs. J. N. Bedow's farm.

Miss Emma Greer, of the East, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary G. Parks, for the summer.

Miss Dorothy Phillips, of Windsor, Ontario, is visiting for a few days on the Jackson farm.

Lawson social at F. W. Hyde's, Tuesday evening. Ice cream and cake served by the Glensers.

Mr. A. N. Woodruff, son and daughter returned to their home at Waterford last Friday, after visiting her parents the last week.

David Dove is helping his son William on the farm, building fence and haying. William will cut a field of hay on Elmer on the G. G. Park farm.

H. H. Martin and sons and Elmer Rose have just finished haying, about 90 acres all in. Everybody worked and the hay moved right along.

J. M. Hemming and son George are doing all their work on the farm, and the work goes on just the same. This is the time that father has to work.

The Glensers met at Mrs. Joseph Croft's last Wednesday a week ago. A good number were present, and a dandy time was had by everybody.

New James Edgar is the happiest man west of Wilkesboro. He has one of those wood lawn swings and after the day's work he can rest and swing.

John Keyser took a two-weeks vacation from the brick and tile factory, and went down to the farm and put new windows in the house and made other repairs.

Willie Marty last Monday at the noon hour, was taking a swing when he struck his foot on a nail and tore the skin off down to his nail, but will pull through.

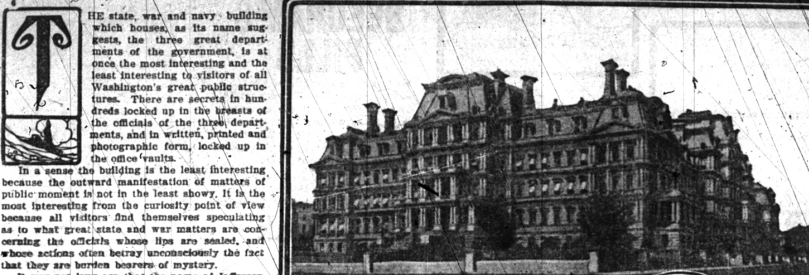
E. L. Parson last Saturday entertained a big bunch of Italian boys and girls from Detroit. Ball and other games were enjoyed by the little folks, winding up with a big 6-o'clock supper on the lawn.

Arthur Chapman and his brother Harry, of Toledo, Ohio, are here visiting. Harry is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Croft, and Arthur is the guest of Walter Straman. They like to come back every year to visit their many friends and old home.

Auto accident last Tuesday in front of the Joseph Ely farm, south of Birmingham, which resulted in the total wreck of the Goldbug Detroit auto. Goldbug had his leg broken, the others got bruised, and all were cared for by Dr. N. T. Shaw, and the Peeply Ely. It was a case of hilarious joy riding.

# THE WASHINGTON BUILDING

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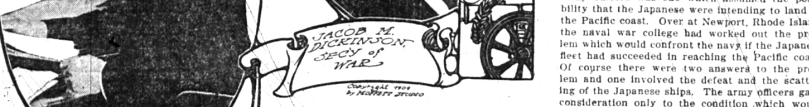
STATE WAR AND NAVY BUILDING

His state, war and navy building was housed, as its name suggests, the three great departments of the government, is at once the most interesting and the least interesting to visitors of all Washington's great public structures. There are secrets in hundreds locked up in the breasts of the officials of the three departments, and in written, printed and photographic form, locked up in the office vaults.

In a sense the building is the least interesting because the outward manifestation of matters of public moment is not in the least showy. It is the most interesting from the curiosity point of view because all visitors find themselves speculating as to what great state and war matters are concerning the officials whose lips are sealed, and whose actions often betray unconsciously the fact that they are bearers of mystery.

It was not long ago that the name of Jefferson Davis, at one time secretary of war, and afterward president of the Confederacy was recent into the apartment which was planned at the time that he was secretary of war. Years ago the name was checked out because of the pitch of feeling which existed in the street against Davis' secession in advocating secession and in honoring the Confederacy of the southern states. Feeling died away and lately the name was restored for the sake of historic accuracy and also to mark the coming of an era of good feeling.

On the wall of the room outside the private office of Secretary of War Jacob M. Dickinson, are at least 20 portraits of former secretaries, and among them is the picture of Jefferson Davis, the chieftain of the Confederacy. The painting has hung there unchanged for many years, and it will remain there, barring the accident of fire, for all time to come. It is by far the best painting in the room as a work of art, and persons who do not recognize the features of Davis ask almost instantly



day may be forced into the position of a combatant.

The course that is followed by the United States government in making plans to conduct a war in case war comes is the course followed by every great country of the world, and to no nation can take offense because it is known that the United States outlines plans to meet another country on the field, or on the high seas of conflict. War games are played yearly in the army and navy "closets" of all the great countries of the world, and while they are called games, they have a certain grimness about them that is not at all playful.

War with Great Britain is the remotest kind of possibility, and yet a board of naval officers and a board of army officers have prepared plans which will be put into service, unless the lapse of time renders them useless, in case such a conflict shall occur. The same statement holds true of preparations for possible trouble with France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Japan, Russia and all the other great countries, and with countries of less degree of strength, importance and population.

Comparatively recently when it became known that it would be necessary to occupy Cuba, the order for reoccupation came suddenly. While no one knew it definitely, every preparation for just such a contingency had been made by the army, and as soon as the order was issued, transports were ready and certain troops were designated for foreign service, and they were sent at once "to the front" properly equipped and with every arrangement made for their travel and their subsistence and with every plan laid for their course of procedure when in the island.

Some time ago when it seemed likely that because of the activities of President Castro of Venezuela, this country might have difficulty with the South American republic, a republic in little more than in name, it would have been possible to have invaded Venezuela with an armed force and to have done it without much preliminary preparation. Every inch of the Venezuela country likely to be traversed by an invading army was known to the American authorities. The roads were known, and every point of vantage and disadvantage was known. It had been said that it could have been practically impossible for a foreign force to reach Castro in his fastness, but the situation and all its difficulties were understood, and the belief of the war game students of the great Washington building which stands opposite the White House, that Castro could be brought to terms quickly, even though it must be done by comparatively small force sent from a great distance.

While the members of the general staff of the army make preparations for all demands that may be made on the service in case war should come, it is what is known as the war college which works and acts upon the war college officers who are detailed as students at the war college and while various kinds of work are set for them to do, the most important is that of engaging in a war game inside the four walls of the room, a game which one day may have for the scene of its action, territory thousands of miles in extent. One of the last plays which occupied the attention of the

army officers was one which assumed the possibility that the Japanese were intending to land on the Pacific coast. Over at Newport, Rhode Island, the naval war command had worked out the problem which would confront the navy if the Japanese fleet had succeeded in reaching the Pacific coast. Of course there were two answers to the problem and one involved the defeat and the scattering of the Japanese ships. The army officers gave consideration only to the condition which would arise if the Japanese navy had overmatched ours, and the Japanese had succeeded in landing a great army on the Pacific coast.

In working out these war games, officers are detailed to represent the enemy and others to represent the forces of this country. The "moves" in the game are watched and umpires decide which has the better of the matter. When the game has been finished the various moves, if they are deemed to be successful from the viewpoint of America, become a part of the plans which are recommended for adoption in case the war game becomes a dire reality.

In the war and navy building there are naval secrets. Once on a time a magazine contained an article which said in effect there had been great mistakes in the building of our battleships and cruisers. The article met with some approval and some disapproval at the hands of the naval experts. One statement in it was to the effect that when our battleships were not heavily laden the heavy armor plate was above water and that consequently a part of the hull, the most vulnerable part made a fair and unprotected target for the enemy's guns.

In making the comparison, the writer of the article said that one of the great British warships, the one most recently launched and considered the most formidable, was protected by her heavy armor plate no matter whether she was heavy laden or light laden. It was stated that this dreadnaught's heavy armor plate extended below the water line at all times and the intimation was that the statement could not be disproved.

As soon as this article appeared inquiry was made at the navy department concerning the truth of the story that our ships were unprotected at certain times by their heavy armor plate and that the reverse was true of one of the British dreadnaughts.

From a dark recess in a vault there was brought forth a photograph which had been secured of the British ship which had been used for the comparison. The photograph took all the strength out of the written statement.

It is probable that in all the navy departments of the world there are photographs of the warships of one or another nation, and it is not hard to obtain for them on sale everywhere, but there are photographs taken under certain conditions which are not supposed to be in common circulation. Some of these photographs show ships at a disadvantage, and they are of service to the naval authorities of countries which one day may engage in warfare. It is probable that a good supply of photographs of this kind of foreign warships is in the possession of the United States authorities.

The state, war and navy building has its secrets, and while the show places in the structure are not many, there is a sense of interest and mystery which appeals to the visitors when they wander through the corridors, and find time of war this building is the scene of the greatest activity, for the three departments which it houses are those which have to do with warfare in its very essence. The state department at periods times has a work no less important than the work which falls to the lot of the army and navy.

of who it is, for it is such a striking bit of the painter's craftsmanship that it stands out from the other portraits, not all of which are meritorious as likenesses or as evidences of genius in the artist.

In the president's new office room in the White House, one that is included in the new part of the office building, there are today two pictures only of them that of his father and the other that of Theodore Roosevelt. One is at the left and the other at the right, and they both overlook the scene of the president's official activities. Some people have thought that the portrait of Wood is that of President Taft and former President Roosevelt. There are those who believe that proof of this will come only when the portrait of Mr. Taft's predecessor is superseded by the portrait of some other man.

In the building which houses the state, war and navy departments is housed the general staff of the army, and under the inspiration of the then secretary of war, Elihu Root, and of Colonel William B. Carter, now brigadier general and assistant chief of staff, the formation of a body of officers whose duty it was to make in time of peace preparation for war, was begun. The general staff of the United States army was the result, and today it is a most important body. If war were to be declared tomorrow against any nation of the earth, it would be found that the United States as far as limitations of its armed forces would permit would be weak to make the most of what it has in the way of arms and men.

Of the secrets which are held in the state, war and navy building the most important are those which have to do with preparations for possible conflict with every nation on earth. These secrets are in the hands of the officers of the twin services, the army and navy, and while they are different in their nature, they both have to do with means for offensive and defensive operations in the unlikely case that this country one

half inclined to think you'll stay a servant girl all your life, just for the free entertainment you get, and then again, you feel so tired of it that you'd jump off the pier if you thought you'd have to spend many more days in other people's kitchens—Ann O'Hagan, in Smith's Magazine.

"Johnnie, do you understand what it means to be a crisis?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"—'The Johns'."

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## Katie in Reminiscent Mood

Not even a policeman, though, sees the dishabille people the way we servants do. He comes when there's anything in excitement, and he can't tell whether they skip on family dinners so as to have a caterer for company ones, or whether their underclothes are the cheapest things from the bargain counters so as they can spend more money on the outside ones. It takes a servant girl to be really intimate with all the little ways of a family, and sometimes

the Give Reasons Why It Takes a Servant Girl to be Really Intimate With a Family.

Sometimes I feel as if no other folks on earth had more as good a chance to know all the kinds of people on it as servant girls. Maybe policemen do—they're always going into unexpected places where there would be weak to make the most of what it has in the way of arms and men.

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New styles in Benets and China Closets.

Why any housekeeper will do without a Kitchen Cabinet is more than I can understand, when I offer high quality and base all complete, a full-size roomy Cabinet, nicely finished—for only \$7.50.

Some Genuine Leather Seat, Solid Oak Dining Chairs, worth \$3.00, just came to sell at only \$2.25.

I made a fortunate purchase of some high-grade Gasoline Stoves that I can sell at much under the usual price. Come in and see them.

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Many people appear disappointed when, having about made up their mind to buy some particular article, they find some one has been in ahead of them and taken it. So come next Saturday and select what you want before the best is gone. If you do not desire to pay all down, I will arrange payments to suit.

Many young couples come in and pick out their complete outfits. Besides Furniture I have all Housefurnishings, \$1.25 Lace Curtains at 89c a pair, Carpets at 25c, 39c, 48c and 58c. Heavy Dinoleum at 39c. Rugs Brussels Rugs at \$7.85, etc., etc.

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