IN BUSY WASHINGTON.

Great Activity Manifested There In Preparing For the Coming Season.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—With the near approach of the legislative season Washington is assuming a more active aspect. Not only are the social leaders planning for the various functions to take place this winter, but strangers are rapidly coming into town, and the streets are full of new faces. Of course much gossip is in the air relative to the action of congress on the business to come before it. The president's forthcoming message is also discussed wherever legislators meet. It is known that he has completed it and that not only is it all his own work, but the shortest message written by any president for many years.

A recent visitor to Washington who has excited more than passing interest was Ensign Martin, the first man to jump the abyss that parts a common sailor from a commissioned officer in the American navy. He became an officer by virtue of the new law providing that warrant men who pass the necessary examinations may obtain a commission.

Ensign Martin is a quiet man, reserved and undemonstrative in manner. He is at present stationed at Fort Mifflin. It is his ambition, now that he has won a commission, to strive for the highest prize in Uncle Sam's naval gifts. He is a resolute man, too, and it is by no means improbable that he may finally gain his heart's desire. His career in the navy began as an apprentice April 22, 1894. He was on board the Texas, Captain Jack Philip's warship, at the battle of Santiago and had a narrow escape while the Spanish were sniping at the crews at night, two bullets passing within a few inches of his head.

The ensign was born Nov. 21, 1866, so that he just managed to pass his examination before the age limit would intervene. He is married and has one child, a little girl named Julie. His wife is a quiet, home loving woman, without any ambition to shine in society, but immensely proud of her husband.

That the ensign has not forgotten his old comrades is evinced by a recent interview in which he spoke very warmly of the men whom he is leaving behind him. And he spoke, too, in a way calculated to make them bestir themselves to aim for higher things. Said he:

"There is a false idea that the superior officers in the navy are unwilling to admit the noncommissioned officer to their select company. I entered the examination room with my mind awhirl with nervousness, but the first few words that were spoken by the examining board put me at my ease. The entire examination was conducted in the same spirit of consideration and kindness. There was every indication of a desire to encourage the man who had risen from the lowest grade to become a commissioned officer. This was noticeable to me when I came in contact with those who may in time be my brother officers. They expressed admiration for my pluck and determination and did so with an air of sincerity that carried with it the conviction

ENSIGN FRANCIS MARTIN.

that they were genuinely pleased with the fact that a new door had been opened to the quarter deck."

These words naturally make one think of the navy as a whole. There is much speculation among officers as to the chances this year of obtaining from congress legislation favorable to the needs of the service. It has developed that the president will advocate in his message that a general plan for naval increase be decided upon by the coming congress and that the first step to put the plan in operation be taken in the next naval appropriation bill.

The salient features of the annual report of the secretary of the navy have already been made public. That considered most important is the recommendation for an increase in the commissioned and enlisted personnel. Following out the opinion of Admiral Crowninshield, Mr. Long will advise that provision be made for new officers by increasing the number of cadets at the Naval academy, by giving two appointments yearly to each member of the house of representatives, two to each senator, one for the District of Columbia and ten at large.

A recent statement by Secretary Long that is of general interest is the announcement that Admiral Crowninshield is to be detached from his present detail as chief of the bureau of navigation and is to take command next March of the European squadron. It is the intention of the secretary to assemble a squadron on that station

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

composed of the best ships of the American navy. While Admiral Crowninshield is in command the coronation of King Edward will take place, and the man at the head of Uncle Sam's European squadron will be a prominent figure in the attendant ceremonies even if Admiral Dewey is additionally designated as the representative of the navy. It is reported that Captain Charles E. Clark, who commanded the Oregon, may succeed Crowninshield as chief of the bureau of navigation.

St. John's church of the Protestant Episcopal denomination is at present an object of considerable attention from the fact that it has been chosen as a place of worship by Mrs. Roosevelt. While there are no radical differences of opinion in religious matters between the president and his wife, both were born and reared in different denominations. The president is a member of the Dutch Reformed church and of course will maintain that connection. But he will frequently be seen in St. John's with Mrs. Roosevelt, as they are not at all apart in their general religious views and as St. John's church is just across Lafayette park from the White House.

St. John's used to be called the church of state, and in the early days of the republic it was as nearly official as anything could be, for the colonists were generally members of the Church of England. Mrs. Roosevelt's pew is No. 54, and she sits in the place where Presidents Madison, Monroe, Van Buren, Tyler, Taylor and Arthur participated in the services.

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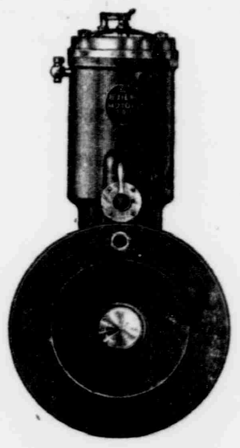

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