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TEXANS TO THE FRONT

As a backfire of the slaying of 2,729 U. S. soldiers and sailors in the Pearl Harbor attack by the Japanese Dec. 7, several officers in charge have been demoted, pending an investigation which might lead to court martial proceedings against them. One of the stations, that of the admiral, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, has been supplanted by Rear Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, native of Fredericksburg, Texas, who has been chief of the bureau of navigation. He was graduated from Annapolis in 1905.

Nimitz's father was a retired sea captain who went far inland to Fredericksburg and operated a hotel many years until his death. It is not often that "old salts" retire on dry land.