BIDS FOR CRUISERS

Department May Try Turbine Engines in Them.

LESSONS LEARNED IN WAR

Two Swift Scouts at Cost of Four Million Dollars Subject of Lively Competition - Coast Company Among Bidders.

WASHINGTON, April 15.-Bids were opened at the Navy Department today for the construction of three secut cruis-ers, which were authorized by the act of Congress of April 27, 1904. With the com-pletion of these ships there will be added piction of these ships there will be added to the Navy a new and unique type of vessel. In the opinion of naval officers the war in the Far East has demonstrated the great value of these ships, and since these are pianned to have a big speed and great steaming radius, they are ex-pected to prove important additions to the Navy service.

Their building also opens up the proba Their building also opens up the probability for the introduction of turbine machinery, as the department in the advertisement of bids announced that alternative proposals for the installation of turbine engines would receive the department's consideration. In the meantime, the Bureau of Steam Engineering has been reaching a study of turning as has been making a study of turome sys-tems, and has been closely observing all experiments that have been conducted in

that direction.

The scoutships are to be 420 feet long. with a breadth of 46 feet 8 inches and a draught of 16 feet 3½ inches. The dis-placement for speed trials is to be not more than 2750 tons. Provision is made more than 3750 tons. Provision is made for a total coal-carrying capacity of about 1250 tons. Each will be provided with a battery of 120 three-inch rapid-fire guns and two submerged torpedo tubes. Four smokestacks will rise to a height of 72 feet above the base line. The maximum allowed for completion of the vessels is fixed at 22 months if reciprocating engines are adopted. or 35 months if turbines are adopted. A total weight if turbines are adopted. A total weight of about 184 tons of nickel steel will be employed in the construction of each vessel for protective purposes. The speed of the new vessels will be 24 knots.

Under the law only two ships can be awarded to any one concern. The New-port News Shipbuilding Company, having contracts for the building of two vessels act authorizing the construc tion of the scout cruisers and other ships, was not a bidder. The bids were under two classes, one for construction under department plans, and one proposing the installation of translations. installation of turbine engines.

The Maryland Steel Company, of Spar-row Point, Md., proposed to build one under either class for \$1.875,000.

The New York Shipbullding Company, Camden, N. J., proposed to build one cruiser, department plans, for \$1,824,000; with twin screw turbine engines, \$1,830,000, or with three screw turbine engines for

William Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Company proposed to build two cruisers, department plans, at \$1,750,000 each, or two,

department plans, at al, now each, or four with turbine engines, three or four screws, at \$1.325,000 each. The Bath Iron Works submitted a num-per of proposals, offering to build two cruisers, department plans, at \$1,725,000 each. For turbine installation they submitted prices ranging from two ships at \$1,572,000 each to one ship at \$1,680,000. The Union Iron Works proposed to build

one cruiser, department plans, for \$1,689,-100, or two at \$1,666,000 each. The Fore River Shipbuilding Company, Quincy, Mass., submitted a number of blds, offering to build one cruiser, depart-ment plans, for \$1,629,000, or two at \$1,657. 300 each. For ships with turbine installa-tion its prices ranged from \$1,488,000 on the basis that it be awarded two ships to

\$1,572,990 for one.

According to the figures, the proposal of the Union Works to build two at \$1,-566,000 each and that of the Fore River Company to build two at \$1,557,000 each, are apparently the lowest for the construction of the ships under the depart-ment's plans, while the price submitted by the Bath Iron Works to construct two with turbine installation at \$1.575,000 each and that of the Fore River Engine Com-pany for two at \$1,488,000 each are the lowest for the turbine class, but all the proposals are to be carefully reviewed by a board of naval officers. In view of the introduction of the turbine plans, some time may elapse before the department is ready to make the award.

LEFT TO THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL United States Will Not Prepare

Peace Congress Programme.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Inquiry into the status of the negotiations initiated by President Roosevelt looking to a second peace conference, suggested by Lord Lansdowne's reference to the subject in the British Parliament, develops the fact that the State Department here has com-pleted its functions, having remitted the matter to the executive council of The Hague tribunal. This was done notwith-standing an effort on the part of the German government to induce this Government to outline the programme of subjects to be considered.

For some reasons the State Department would have been pleased to accede to this suggestion, but it was concluded that to accept it would be to jeopardize the success of the undertaking. It was hoped that conflicting views of the great nations as to the limitations to be placed upon the conference could be more easily recon-cised by this executive council, whose re-commendations would be free from any suggestion of leaning toward the interests of any one power and even the peculiarly favorable situation of the United States might not suffice to prevent the suspicion on the part of some of the powers that the State Department's suggestions were not entirely disinterested. So the whole matter has been submitted by the State Department to the executive council with the full approval of all the powers ad-dressed by President Roosevelt, and it is expected that very soon after the conclusion of the present war the council will issue the call for a second conference.

Ambassador's Body Taken on Board. WASHINGTON, April 15.—The body of Senor Don Manuel de Aspiroz, the late Mexican Ambassador at Washington, was taken from the vault at Oak Hill Cemetery this afternoon and carried by special train to Annapolls, where the cruiser Co-lumbla is waiting in the roadstead to convey it to Mexico for final interment. A guard of honor commanded by Captain Carpenter, and consisting of eight noncommissioned marine officers and seven privates, who also served as body-bear-ers, escorted the body from the cemetery to Annapolis. President Roosevelt was represented by his naval aide, Commander Winslow.

Worn-Out Gun Blows Off Muzzle. WASHINGTON, April 15.-A telegram from the chief of staff of the North Atlantic squadron, received at the Navy Department today, states that the muz-zle of one of the eight-inch guns of the

le of one of the eight-inch guns of the lows blew off yesterday during target practice. No one was injured.

The telegram stated that after four of the eight-inch guns in target practice had been fired, the muzzle of the fifth gun blew off at the first round. It was one of the old-type guns of this caliber

and was mounted on the Iowa before the spanish War. Being designed to use brown powder, it had a much thinner muzzle than the new type. It had been fired successfully 105 times, and burst on the 10th times. fired successfully 165 times, and burst of the -194th time, with normal powder co ditions so far as known. Several other guns of the same type on the Iowa, made at the same time, have suffered similar accidents, and this class of gun is being replaced as rapidly as possible with long-er and thicker-tubed weapons.

Pays Mexican for His Injuries. WASHINGTON, April 15.—Failure of a Mexican citizen to obtain satisfaction from the authorities of Cameron County, Texas for personal injuries suffered in that county evoked a serious complaint to the Washington Government from the Mexican government against the Texas authorities, and caused Secretary Hay several months ago to offer out of the Federal Treasury \$500 to Mexico in satis-faction of its official claim for damages. This offer was accepted by the Mexican

Atkinson Gets a Judgeship.

WASHINGTON, April 15 .- It is officially announced that the President has decided to appoint ex-Governor George W. Atkinson, of West Virginia, to the vacancy on the bench of the United States Court of Claims, made vacant by the death of Lawrence Wel-

AMERICA IS LAST TO SUCCUMB German Writer's Vision Ends in His Country's Supremacy.

BERLIN, April 15 .- Considerable of a sensation has been created here through the publication of a book entitled "The War of the World," the author of which, Emil Shalk, portrays the future commercial warfare that is to be fought out to the bitter end.

According to the story, Russia will be the first to go under and she will be forced into bankruptcy, while her rivals will continue to attack each other and will not have time to gather much of the spolls. In the story, America and Germany will proceed to squeeze England and France until the final tusale

for existence begins.

The matter is finally ended by American success succumbing to Germany's superior intelligence, and in the closing chapter the commercial supremacy of the German empire is portrayed.

Colorado Mining Town Burned.

PUEBLO, Colo., April 15.—(Special.)—A pecial to the Star-Journal from Salida, Colo., says that practically the whole town of Minturn was destroyed by fire which broke out in the American Hotel at 4 o'clock this morning. The hotel was a large structure and was totally destroyed together with several residences and busiiess houses. Several persons who were in the hotel had narrow escapes. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000. Minturn is an isolated mining town \$5 miles west of Salida and the news was brought there by trainmen today.

New Railroad Opened in South. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 15.—(Spe-tal.)—The Semboard Air Line's new road between Atlanta and Birmingham will be opened for passenger traffic for the first time tomorrow morning.

(Continued from First Page.) that of Admiral Togo, and incidentally confirms the recent press report that the Russian fleet was more destrous of giving battle to the Japanese than of reaching the defenses of Vladivostok. In part, the letter reads:

"We are not going into battle with any idea of doing other than being able to die for our country. I am sure that the Port Arthur fleet, had it gone out to sea with the fixed determination of securing victory would have been successful in its mission. We of the Baltic fleet will fight to the bitter end, and, if we do not secure the triumph our countrymen ask, they will at least know that we have done our duty."

SUSPEND STEAMER SERVICE. Japan Gets Her Vessels Out of Rus sian Fleet's Reach.

TOKIO, April 15.-On account of the presence of the Russian Baltic squadron in Pacific waters, the Japanese steamship lines operating between Japan and America are planning to temporarily suspend rans-Pacific operations. It is expected also that the Formosan steamship lines will discontinue running steamers until all danger of seizure by the Russian warships

The action proposed by the Japanese steamship companies will have little effect on the shipping business of this Coast. All the Japanese-owned steamers were withdrawn at the beginning of hostilities and only a few of them have been re-turned to the trans-Pacific service. Th Japan-American Steamship Company is running a line of steamers out from the Sound, and has the Iyo Maru scheduled to sail from Seattle on May 16. There are no Japanese vessels plying between San Francisco and the Orient, Portland's Oriental business to done in German steam-

SAY BRITAIN HELPS JAPANES

Russians Protest Against Reporting Movements of Fleet.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 15 (2:37 P. M.)-No further news beyond that contained in the foreign telegrams has been received regarding the squadron com-manded by Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, but the impression continues that he is steaming toward the Island of Formosa with the intention of giving battle if Admiral Togo accepts the challenge.

Some of the papers, notably the Novoe Vremya, still manifest irritation at the activity of British warships in reporting the movements of the Russian squadron. The Novoe Vremya says that the vessels of all nations are observing neutrality, "with the exception, of course, of Great Britain." The paper takes particular exception to

the fact that the British cruiser Iphigenia transmitted by wireless telegraph the information that she had passed Admirai Rojestvensky's squadron 140 miles from

Salgon, which was very important news to the Japanese, inasmuch as Rojestven-sky had succeeded in slipping by the Jap-

anese acouts.
"For a commercial ship to report such a fact upon arrival at a port is quite nat-ural," says the Novoe Vremya, "but it is not so important, as the news is then more or less old, and in the meantime the squadron might have changed its course, but for a man-of-war to send such inforto a coast station by wireless telegraphy is unfriendly.

"However, this is not the first time the British have conveyed valuable warning o their friends. During the Chino-Jap anese war, when Great Britain was on the side of the Chinese, a British cruiser at Wei-Hai-Wei warned the Chinese Admiral by firing a salute upon the appearance of the Japanese fleet, although at night when it is not the custom to salute in that

TOGO WILL BIDE HIS TIME Let Russians Prey on Commerce Un-

til Hour to Strike. CHICAGO, April 15 .- A special from To kio to the Chicago Daily News says that Japan is certain to lose trading vessels and commercial steamers of all kinds the Jiji Shimpo thinks inevitable, because the Baltic fleet is traversing the path of nav-

"Nevertheless," it says, "the enemy will be allowed some latitude without molesta-tion to its movements. Even marauding in the open seas will be unnoticed while the Japanese complete their plans to catch the enemy's fleet and effect in a single engagement the annihilation of Ro-jestvensky's squadron. Meanwhile, the Japanese should bear slight losses of commerce with equanimity, awaiting Togo's ultimate glorious victory."

Japan is mourning the death of General Viscount Torio, a privy councilior, and also the death of Dr. Tagushi, a member of the House of Commons and a promi-

HAS SEEN NO JAPANESE YET Rojestvensky Entered China Sea Undisturbed by Enemy.

PARIS, April 15.-A dispatch to the Femps from Saigon says Admiral Rojest-vensky did not sight any Japanese scouts during his entrance into the China Sea by way of the Straits of Malacca. The dispatch adds that it is expected the Russian squadron will reprovision off the coast of Annam.

Admiral Jonquieres, with the French cruiser Descartes, the armored gunboate Styx and Acheron, the torpedoboat destroyer Takou and a division of tornedoboats, remains off Cape James, ne Saigon, prepared for all eventualities.

GETS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP. Samuel E. Eliot, of Portland, Is to Study at Oxford.

ST. LOUIS, April 15 -- (Special.)-The Rhodes scholarship for Missouri has been awarded to Samuel E. Eliot, of the Washington University. The scholarship is for three years at Oxford University, and pays a stipend of £300 yearly to the student olding it. Mr. Eliot, the successful candidate this year, is a native of Oregon. He received his primary education at the Park School of Portland, and prepared for college at Portland Academy, grad-

1900. Mr. Eliot is at present a senior at Mount Gaoschan, in the valley of the Hun Washington University. He will go into residence at Oxford in October. He is the son of Rev. T. L. Eliot, D. D., of Portland.

RUSSIA'S CAUSELESS GROWL. Accuses United States of Withhold-

ing Facts About War's Inception. ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.-The Russ today remarks, referring to the dispatch from Washington published here yester-day on the subject of the Japanese assurance in regard to the opening of hos-

"If the telegram is true, Japan deceived the United States. Why has the United States waited 14 months to let the world know this, when it did not hesitate to charge Russia with breaking her

WASHINGTON, April 15.-Acting Secretary Loomis today stated that the publication of the diplomatic correspondence respecting the Russo-Japanese war, and particularly that portion relative to the outbreak of hostilities before the formal declaration of war, was entirely in the usual course of departmental routine, and was without any motive whatever or in-tention to affect the sensibilities of either of the belligerents. He further said it had been for many years the custom of the State Department to publish annually a considerable part of the correspondence which it had with foreign governments, known as the red book, and as a courtesy to the press advance proof slips are furnished, which the newspapers are at liberty to use in their own discretion.

How Rojestvensky Fooled Togo. LONDON, April 15.-A telegram from Engapore, Straits Settlements, was received here today, announcing that the Peninsular & Oriental Steamship Com-pany's steamer Marmora sighted five Russian battleships April 3 in latitude 8 de-gress south and longitude 92 degrees east,

steering for the Straits of Sunda. he chief interest in the dispatch in its giving the exact location The of the squadron, indicating that it steered almost due east from Madagascar, it is presumed here with the object of creating the impression that Rojestvensky intended to traverse the Straits of Sunda and draw away the Japanese from the Malac-ca Straits, through which he ultimately passed in safety.

Russians Chased Out of Town. TOKIO, April 15 (7 P. M.)-The following

official announcement was made today from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in Manchuria: "Our force advancing east along the

Hallung road defeated a body of the enemy April 14, near Helshimu, 10 miles east of Paushi, and vigorously chased them toward Tachotsu, 25 miles east of Russian Stock Market Weak.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.- Doubt as to the result of the approaching naval action in the Far East, on which so much depends, weakened prices on the Bourse | years of age. teday, all quotations failing

Japanese Driven Off a Hill. ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.-General Linievitch, in a dispatch to Emperor Nicholas dated yesterday says:

uating at that institution in the class of anese in occupation of a hill southward of

Russia Has Sinews of War. ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.-A finan-

al statement regarding the state of the idget for 1904 shows that the total orlinary revenue collected was \$1,008,560,000. The ordinary expenditure was \$55,000,000, leaving a surplus of \$3,500,000. In the extraordinary budget the \$120,500,000 assigned for war expenditure, the \$81,000,000 for railroad construction and the loans to railroad companies for extraordinary expenditure were met by the above sur-plus of \$53,500,000, the proceeds of the 5 per cent treasury bonds realized in 1904 and the imperial rentes bonds, totalling \$315,-500,000, other extraordinary revenue 500,000, other extraordinary revenue amounting to \$1,500,000 and the balance of former years amounting to \$190,500,000, This left at the beginning of 1905 a "free" balance of \$59,500,000, in which the proceeds of the 4% per cent loan were not

Many Colliers for the Fleets. HONG KONG, April 15.-Many colliers are arriving here from Durban, Natal and Cardiff, Wales, apparently awaiting or ders. War risks at Hong Kong for Japan have been raised and trade is affected. A telegram received here from Salgon suggests that the Russian squadron pos-sibly will not go North before the end of

Preparing for New Turning Move. GUNSHU PASS, April 14.-The expected Japanese turning movement is not develng, but preparations, it is understood, progressing. Reinforcements, and ammunition are being brought up from Niuchwang. The Japanese out-posts extend 30 miles on either side of the rallroad.

German Colliers Go to Viadivostok, CHICAGO, April 15.-A Chicago Daily News special from Singapore says four German colliers, which were anchored off Cape St. James, left that anchorage Thursday and are understood to be making for Vladlyostok, the supposed objective point of the Baitic fieel

Japan Takes Defensive Measures. TOKIO, April 16.- The navy department has proclaimed defense zones surrounding the Pescadores, the island of Okinawa, in the Loochoo group and the islands of Oshim and Emi, off the province of Osu-mi. The usual navigation restrictions

Trying Stoessel in Secret. ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.-The court-martial of Lieutenant-General Stoessel is proceeding behind closed doors.

Quarrel Over Jews Causes Death. LEXINGTON, Ky., April 15,-(Special.)-As a result of an argument over the position of the Jews in Russia, Joe Triatin, a Jewish merchant at Campton, Ky., today killed Ellis Wright, 16

Death Sentence on Rioters.

WARSAW, April 15 .- Three workmen, accused of wounding a policeman during the January riots, were today sentenced to death after a trial "Our cavalry, April 10, found the Jap- by court-martial.

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