

# PULL TRIGGER

And Big Battleship Texas Slides Into Water.

## BIG ARTIFICIAL SILK DEMAND

Republican Money and Pullman Sleepers Now In Vogue In China—Canned Daylight May Be Sold Soon.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—A new feature of launching of U. S. battleships was inaugurated when the battleship Texas slid down the ways at Newport News, Va., recently, has come to stay and will be a part of all future launchings. Hereafter when describing launchings of this kind, reporters will write:

"The trigger was released and the great ship slowly slid down the ways to the water."

What is a trigger?  
A trigger is a mechanical device which slips under the stern. The ways are greased with tons of tallow and everything is prepared for the launching. Then the trigger is pulled. The trigger is capable of holding back a weight equivalent to 600 tons. In the case of the battleship Texas the resultant force of the battleship resting on the ways and impelling it toward the water, was only 300 tons, so that there was no danger of accident or of the great ship entering the water before all preparations had been made.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer expressed himself as greatly pleased with the success of the new device and it will be used in launching the battleship New York. Saving the timbers which hold dreadnaughts in their "cradles" is now a thing of the past. There will be no more tire-some waits, and launchings will be conducted with a strictly mechanical promptness.

### Artificial Silk In Great Demand.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—French manufacturers of artificial silk, notwithstanding great increases in production, are unable to supply the demand, according to the U. S. consular service. The production of the artificial silk remains far below that of the real silk. In 1909 70,547,900 pounds of real silk were turned out by the world's producing centers, but the spinning factories where artificial silk is made, were unable to deliver more than 2,976,000 pounds.

The artificial product is made out of cotton, no chemical process being used in manufacture. The cotton raw material undergoes a mechanical change and an additional process is used to make it brilliant and incombustible. The only difference between artificial silk and cotton fabric lies in the weaving process.

The artificial silk processes are in general use, the Chardonnet, and viscose and the one called vegetable muslin. The viscose is the cheapest. The delicacy of the work is seen in the fineness of the texture. The threads are spun at one-eighth of a hair's diameter. This almost imperceptible filament is very strong and soft. Its base is spun glass and it can be twisted, braided, or woven with extraordinary facility.

### Two Innovations in China.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Republican money and Pullman sleeping cars are two innovations in old-fashioned China. The new Chinese republic dollars, the minting of which has just begun, bear two lions and the Chinese character "one dollar" on one side, and on the reverse, the characters "current money" and "Chinese Republic," with a wreath of flowers. Yuan Shi Kai has inspected the new coins and has given his approval of them.

The first of two sleeping cars available for service between Shanghai and Nankin was put into use April 11. It is 68 feet long and the bunks are 7 feet long.

The revolution appears to have greatly stimulated the drama in China. Recently a big theatre has been built in Shanghai, and a number of modern Chinese dramas are to be staged. For those productions, 50 actors have been engaged.

### "Canned Daylight" To Be Sold.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Canned daylight is an illuminating invention of Prof. Walter O. Snelling, of Pittsburg, former expert of the department of agriculture. He is starting Washington scientists and gas manufacturing experts with demonstrations of his new "sunshine" maker, carried in a small suit case.

Liquid gas is Prof. Snelling's invention. It is manufactured from wasted gases and vapors of oil wells, cheap to produce, easily condensed

and transported. That it will revolutionize farm illumination is predicted by its inventor. His sulfone "gas plant" carries enough material to light a room for two weeks, without replenishing, at a cost of about \$1. "Canned" gas, Prof. Snelling says, can be supplied farmers at a cost per thousand feet as low as the city dentists now pay. In a single container, two thousand feet, nearly a month's supply, is held in liquid form, to be liberated when burned as needed. The liquid gas develops a heating and lighting power of 2,400 British thermal units as against 1,000 units of ordinary illuminating gas.

### OUR EDENBOWER LETTER.

Masonic Cemetery Yesterday—Accepted Clerkship—Fine Colts—Hay Harvest on Hand—Man a Mystery—Prune and Apple Crops Very Heavy.

The Masonic cemetery was visited yesterday by hundreds of people. There was a continuous stream of automobiles from 6 o'clock in the morning until late in the afternoon, and besides the autos every other class and styles of vehicles were employed to transport the many visitors to the resting place of the dead. At least three hundred people visited the cemetery, and nearly everybody bore garlands and wreaths of roses, and other flowers with which to decorate the graves of loved and lost ones—of those who have but gone before. In the afternoon there were very few graves which were not decorated and they were those which for want of care the grass, weeds and briars had grown so long and the graves been neglected to that extent that they could be barely traced if at all. But flowers were plentiful. They were there by basket-load after basket-load, and never was May so lavish with her beautiful and fragrant offerings.

Miss Edith Pentney has accepted the position of clerk and assistant postmistress in the store of John Botcher, and is proving herself well fitted to the place.

Dr. Houck was professionally called to Edenbower during the week.

George H. Hall has two fine colts that are something out of the ordinary. Their dams are known to stock raisers as the "Jim Goodman colts," and their sire as the "Looking Glass horse". When Mr. Hall's colts were foaled they measured forty-seven inches in height and were beautifully proportioned. In color they are iron gray, and perfect pictures of their sire, a Percheron. The owner claims to be the fortunate possessor of two of the making of the matched and best bred team in Douglas county.

The hay harvest is about to begin. In this community, where they grow hay as well as everything else in the way of fruit and vegetables. There is a certainty of a larger yield of hay than for years, and it will be of an extra fine quality. The local mowers will not be equal to the task of handling it, and outside machinery will be called in. Next week the mowers on hand will be called, and by the end of the week the harvest will be fully under way. Some phenomenal yields per acre are certain.

The man found in the old and tumbled-down house on the Thomas Sheridan place and sent to the county home, is nearing his final end. Since he was brought to the home he has eaten nothing but two or three spoonfuls of light food and uttered but two words. He replied "all yours" in answer to an inquiry as to his age made by Superintendent Phibbs. Beyond this he has not spoken a word in answer to inquiries as to his name, etc. The old clothes he wore when brought here have been thoroughly searched, but there was not a scrap of paper, book or anything else that would show what his name is, where he came from or anything else about him. From the words found on his back and his left arm it is evident that he laid in the old Sheridan building some time before he was discovered. It is evident he also sustained a heavy blow on the head as Dr. Vincell attributes his present deplorable condition to pressure of the skull on the brain. His is surely a mysterious case that will never be solved. There is no starting point to commence with.

The prune and apple crop it is certain about Edenbower will be the greatest grown for years, especially the latter. The amount of prunes upon the trees is so great that the owners of dryers think the yield will be so large they will have difficulty in handling the crop, which promises to be of extra fine quality. As to the apple trees, they are loaded too much with fruit in many of the orchards, and they will have to be "whipped" and much of the fruit removed from the limbs. Your correspondent might as well add to this

# IS LAST TO VOTE

S. Dak., Preference Primaries Closes Battle for Votes.

## U.S. SENATE RACE IN FIRST PLACE

Senator Gamble Is Candidate To Succeed Himself—Three Others In Field—Colonel Conklin On Retired List.

(Special to The Evening News.)

SIOUX Falls, S. D., June 1.—After the most involved and complicated campaign in the history of South Dakota, the state-wide primary election will be held Tuesday. At that time the voters will record their preferences for nominees for the presidency, for the United States senatorship, for the governorship, for full state party tickets, for nominees for representatives in congress and for minor offices.

South Dakota will be the last state in the presidential campaign to have a preferential primary. Taft, Roosevelt and LaFollette are entered in the republican contest. There is no reason to believe that the situation here differs materially from that in Nebraska, Minnesota and other near-by states and the results are expected to be about the same. South Dakota was one of the original LaFollette states and it is considered possible that the Wisconsin senator may still muster sufficient strength to cut down the Roosevelt vote. On the democratic side it is a fight between the supporters of Wilson and Clark, with the chances of the speaker materially strengthened by his recent successes elsewhere.

Unlike the most of the other states the presidential fight in South Dakota has been relegated to second place in public interest by the spirited contests for the United States senatorship and state offices, some of which have been running for months. The republicans are wrought up over bitter factional quarrels, which at the same time have encouraged the democrats to get into the fight in earnest and with the greatest hope for success that they have ever entertained.

Robert J. Gamble, whose successor will be named by the next legislature, is a candidate for re-election. His opponents in the republican party are Col. Melvin Grigsby, of Sioux Falls; R. O. Richards, of Huron, and Judge Thomas Sterling. The presidential question has been injected into the senatorial fight. Senator Gamble stands with the Taft republicans. Col. Grigsby is the leader of the Roosevelt forces in South Dakota, while Richards and Sterling lent their support to LaFollette.

Richard F. Pettigrew, who was elected to the United States senate

that there will be plenty of peaches, an abundance of cherries, a good crop of pears, a fine harvest of grapes and all kinds and plenty of raspberries, blackberries, loganberries, and every other growth in the berry line.

Miss Ella Omer, schoolmistress of the last term of the Riverside primary school, took her departure Monday for Southern Indiana, where she has relatives. She expects to be married immediately upon her arrival at her destination.

Mrs. E. E. Appiehoff, of Grants Pass, is in town the welcome guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Botcher. The lady named turned her visit to include decoration day, and decorated the graves of relatives in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. E. E. Speicher has gone to Portland to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Adams, and will remain during the festivities attending upon the rose carnival at the metropolis.

The long promised barber shop at Edenbower does not materialize. The shop is here alright, but the barber—where is he?

A much needed improvement in the road to Edenbower to and including the town has commenced. The road leading through town and to Winchester is being widened nearly one-third its width by throwing up one side of the lane, and when completed with crushed rock and sand it will be equal to the good road everybody finds so admirable during winter.

E. E. Speicher produced the first green peas shown in the Roseburg market this year.

W. H. Adams arrived in Edenbower this morning. He is on the way south attending to business. He was met here by many friends and acquaintances.

Dr. Vincell, county physician, was a visitor at the county home Thursday looking after patients.

JASPER.

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some twenty years ago on the republican ticket, but who later left the republican party on account of its attitude on finance and trusts, is the unanimous choice of the democrats for the seat of Senator Gamble.

The center of the democratic fight revolves around the rival candidacies of Edwin S. Johnson, of Yankton, the South Dakota member of the democratic national committee, and P. F. Wickham, of Alexandria, who are seeking the nomination for governor. Both men are strong among the democrats of the state and the contest has become the keener with the brightening prospects that the democrats may elect the governor next fall. Loomis S. Cull, Frank M. Byrne and George W. Egan are contesting for the honor of heading the republican state ticket.

Representatives Charles H. Burke and Eben W. Martin, both republicans, are candidates for re-nomination and their friends predict that both will be successful, though both have opposition. In the new First congressional district two republican candidates appear on the ticket. They are O. L. Branson, of Mitchell, and C. H. Dillon, of Yankton. Branson is the regular republican candidate, while Wilson is making the race as an independent republican.

The democrats, prohibitionists and socialists have candidates in each of the congressional districts. The prohibitionists and socialists also have candidates for governor and other state officers. The tickets of all

four parties will be decided in the primaries next Tuesday.

### Retirement of Col. Conklin.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1.—After more than thirty-one years' service, Col. John Conklin, of the Second Field Artillery, was placed on the retired list of the army today on his own application. Col. Conklin

is from New York, and was graduated from the West Point academy. He was in the Cuban campaign in 1898, and took part in the battle of Santiago. He afterward served in the Philippines, and subsequently was stationed at Fort Still, Okla.

Dick Quinn left for his home in Indiana this afternoon.

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### DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Ore., 24 hours ending 5 a. m., June 1, 1912.

Precipitation in inches and hundredths:  
 Highest temperature yesterday 82  
 Lowest temperature last night 46  
 Precipitation, last 24 hours 0  
 Total precip. since 1st of month 0  
 Normal precip. for this month 1.67  
 Total precip. from Sep. 1, 1911, to date 22.18

Average precip. from September 1, 1911, to date 22.77

Total deficiency from Sep. 1, 1911 59

Average precipitation for 24 wet seasons (Sep. to May, inclusive) 22.26

WILLIAM BELL, Observer.