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THIRD IN STRENGTH
Japanese Navy Will Be Greatly Increased by 1911.

MANY NEW SHIPS ARE BUILDING
German Navy League Discovers Large Addition to Program—Soon Have 21 Battleships.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—The Japanese navy will take third place in 1911, according to the bulletin made by the German Navy League in its August report. "Notwithstanding the assertions of Japan's bad financial position," the article says, "the so-called program of 1907 appears to provide for considerable more construction than has been reported. From a fully well informed quarter it is affirmed that Japan, besides building the three battleships, Aki, 'A,' and 'B,' and the four armored cruisers, Kurama, Ibuki and 'E' and 'F,' has appropriated money for four additional battleships, each of 12,800 tons, and for five armored cruisers of 18,500 tons. Through these increases Japan will push forward in 1910-1911 to third place in the world's navies, Japan's position with great ships now being: Ready, 14 battleships with a tonnage of 191,400, and 12 large cruisers with a tonnage of 113,000; building, three battleships with a tonnage of 60,800, and four cruisers with a tonnage of 66,900, to which must be added those vessels embraced in the latest information, namely, four battleships with a total of 83,200 and five cruisers with a tonnage of 92,500."

HEAT RECORD SMASHED.
Temperature in Chicago Registers Highest in Eight Years.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—August heat records for the past eight years were smashed at 10 a. m. today, when the mercury reached the 94 degree mark, which it had not attained since August 5, 1900. Having reached this mark, the liquid metal rested for a time, being at the same mark at 2 p. m., but started up the tube later, determined to break all records for the year—96 degrees, made July 23—the hottest day since July 21, 1901, when a mark of 103 degrees was set. In spite of the high mark reached by the mercury, there was less suffering in the city than there was on some of the days last week when the temperatures were in the 80s. Then, however, there was great humidity. Today it was dry and a 15-mile wind was blowing from the southwest. This kept the number of deaths and prostrations down. Four deaths and 26 serious cases of prostration had been reported up to 10 o'clock. Tonight a cooling breeze came off the lake, which lowered the temperature to 87 degrees. The police killed 24 unmuzzled dogs.

LEARN LANGUAGE FIRST.
Foreigners Ignorant of English Are Denied Final Citizenship.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 4.—A sensation was created in the Federal court today when Judge Lewis, in throwing out half a dozen naturalization cases, held that a foreign-born person must speak the English language before he can secure citizenship. "I cannot allow final papers to be given," said the court, "where the party seeking the same is unable to speak the English language. He cannot understand the laws of this country, its constitution or any of the acts that go to prove his citizenship. He may have homesteaded upon land, but he must read and write English before he can secure his final papers and come before the court with a native citizen who can swear he has known the subject for a period of five years."

Wheat Elevator Burned.
Chicago, Aug. 4.—Fire which was so hot that the firemen could not get within a block of it, and which made it necessary to play streams of water on buildings three and four squares away, this afternoon destroyed the Burlington elevators 'E' and 'F,' the Rock Island transfer warehouse of that road and either burned or rendered useless 500 box cars. The loss on the grain in the two elevators is placed by Armor & Co., who owned it, at \$700,000. The total loss is placed at \$1,000,000.

Conservatives Win in Cuba.
Havana, Aug. 4.—Election returns throughout Cuba indicate a general victory for the conservatives, who have carried most of the important cities. The liberals elected Albert governor of the province of Havana, but the conservatives were victorious in the city of Havana. The liberals showed their greatest strength in Eastern Cuba. So far no reports have been received here of serious trouble at the polls.

Robbers' Swag Fifty Thousand.
Chicago, Aug. 4.—Terrorizing the postmasters of Northern Michigan for ten years and stealing more than \$50,000 from the government, George Ross and Frank Roach are under arrest today. The bandits were captured by Postal Inspectors Frasier and Clark in a hut in the woods near Escanaba. When they were captured Ross and Roach had \$10,000 worth of stamps and postal orders in their possession.

READY FOR FIGHT.
Standard May Not Be Able to Slip Out of Landis' Decision.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—United States Attorney Sims and Special Consul Kellogg and Wilkerson today drafted a petition to the United States circuit court for a rehearing of the Standard Oil case, in which the appellate court recently reversed Judge Landis. Judge Grosscup and his associates will be asked to reverse themselves on the ground that they erred in declaring that Judge Landis erred. The petition will aver that the circuit court misinterpreted the testimony, misread Judge Landis' obiter dictum and did not understand the legal premises on which he based his important decision. The three points raised by the court will be met squarely. The first is that Judge Landis attempted to impose a fine upon the New Jersey Standard Oil company for the offenses of the Indiana corporation. This is to be flatly denied and the record to be cited to confirm the claim that the court did not read the decision of the lower court as it applied to the evidence. The second point, that the whole offenses were in settlements and not in each shipment, and that ignorance of existing rates excused the acceptance of rebates, will be respectfully characterized as misapplication of the law and a ruling contrary to its known maxims. The third point, that the fine of \$29,240,000 is excessive and confiscatory, is to be met by the contention that the corporation is a chronic offender and gained many times the amount of the fine by alleged rebating methods. The financial statements of the company, showing net gains of more than \$30,000,000 since the rebating began, the government regards as eloquent arguments.

STARTED FROM BRUSH FIRE.
Destruction of Fernie Said to Have Cost Number of Lives.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 3.—The city of Fernie was nearly all burned Saturday night by fire which caught from a brush fire which had raged all the afternoon among the timber on the opposite side of Elk river from the city. The sawmill plant of the Elk River Lumber company was the first to catch in the city of Fernie, and from there the fire spread to the main offices of the Crows Nest Coal company. Inside of an hour hundreds of cottages of miners had been burned and the main business sections of the city were swept away. Fernie has a population of about 5000, and two-thirds of the people are homeless. One or two deaths occurred during the fire. Special trains are being rushed from nearly all towns to assist the homeless people. The total loss is said to be about \$2,000,000.

HEAT KILLS OFF BABIES.
Great Increase in July Death Rate Over Former Years.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Enormous increase in the death rate among babies last week put city health officials on the anxious seat, and unless the weather turns cooler a still higher point is expected in the weeks to come. A total of 206 children under 1 year of age—an average of more than 29 a day—died, according to the statistics of the department. In the 22 preceding days of the month the average rate was 18 babies. In comparison with this total of 206 is an average of 161 for the week ending August 3 of last year and 139 for the week ending August 4, 1906.

Growing Too Many Hops.
New York, Aug. 3.—Baron Louis von Horst of Coburg, Germany, who has large hop interests in California, as a passenger on the steamer St. Paul, which arrived here tonight, speaking of the situation in the industry, he said that the trouble is overproduction and that as a result the small hop farmer has been in severe straits during the past two years. The prohibition movement in the south and west and the licensing bill in England and Germany have cut down the demand, he says, with the result that there has been a falling in prices.

Pettibone Cannot Live.
Denver, Col., Aug. 3.—An operation performed today at St. Joseph's hospital, in this city, on George A. Pettibone, formerly a member of the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, showed that he is suffering from cancer, and the physicians in attendance agreed that his life could not be saved. Pettibone became sick while in prison in Idaho awaiting his trial for alleged complicity in the murder of former Governor Frank Steiensen, which resulted in his acquittal.

France Faces Great Strike.
Paris, Aug. 3.—A tremendous strike is brewing upon the French nationalized railroads, according to present indications. Government acquisition of the Western railway, in addition to the many lines it already held, brought matters to a crisis. It added immensely to the strength of the government-employed railroad men. On the ground that living expenses had increased they adopted resolutions calling for revision of the scale.

Cross Land by Balloon.
Chicago, Aug. 3.—A transcontinental balloon race, starting from either Los Angeles or San Francisco with the Atlantic seaboard as the objective point, is being planned by the Federation of American Aeronauts, according to announcements made by the board of directors of the organization here tonight.

LEAVE IT TO JAPAN
Hill Lines Abandon Ocean Trade to Nippon Line.

NEED OF WISE LEGISLATION FELT
Hill Says Laws That Help Alone Will Make American Ocean Carrying Trade Possible.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 1.—The announcement that the Hill lines have abandoned the marine portion of their share in the trade with Japan and China, while retaining affiliation with Japanese steamship lines, came as a shock to many people of the Northwest. According to the chairman of the board, James J. Hill of the Great Northern, it was to be expected. "Why," exclaimed Mr. Hill, "our Pacific trade has been gone for a year. As long as 15 months ago I told them what was coming."

Asked if the action of the American trans-continental roads in withdrawing from the Pacific carrying trade was due to resentment at the action of the interstate commerce commission, Mr. Hill replied: "Resentment, no. The commission cannot be blamed for enforcing the law. The Pacific trade was given up because it did not pay. America today has no flag on the high seas, or might as well not have, for we cannot compete with any other country, and must hand the loads over to anybody that asks for it. The only way for us to continue in the Pacific trade would be for the railroads to own their own steamers and run them at a heavy loss. We are not a seafaring nation. We have no sailors, though under the law Americans must constitute two-thirds or three-fourths of the crews. What we must have to make an ocean-carrying trade possible is not subsidies, but intelligent legislation that helps instead of hinders."

LABOR WAR SERIOUS.
France Making Supreme Effort to Cope With Situation.

Paris, Aug. 1.—The labor war became extremely serious this afternoon when the government announced its determination to arrest the leaders of the General Federation of Labor, and this announcement was followed by a call from the federation for a general strike of the masons and typesetters. The masons are divided, about half having quit work. The typesetters have been drawn into the trouble by an effort of the leaders to tie up press utterances which have been unfavorable to them. The strike leaders believe they can get along better without the papers.

SULTAN GRANTS LIBERTY.
New Constitution to be Put Into Effect Without Delay.

Constantinople, Aug. 1.—An official communication issued yesterday announces the formation of a special council to put the constitution in force immediately. The council is composed of Kiamel Pasha and the ministers of foreign affairs and interior, the president of the state council and the legal adviser to the porte. The sultan has decided shortly to issue a rescript consecrating the constitution.

Find Cache of Bombs.
El Paso, Texas, Aug. 1.—Sixty bombs supposed to be the ones referred to in the correspondence introduced as evidence in the trial of the alleged revolutionists here, were discovered in a cache yesterday about four miles beyond the Rio Grande river from the city limits of El Paso. The cache was located near the point where the corners of New Mexico, Texas and Mexico touch. The bombs were made of tomato cans, carefully packed with scrap iron and three sticks of dynamite, properly primed with fuse and percussion caps.

Find Wook for Women.
New York, Aug. 1.—Thirteen women as a committee of the Women's League of the State of New York, began a crusade Thursday, which they hope will give employment to 75,000 unemployed women by August 15. The leaguers, through an appeal sent to business men throughout the state, ask that as many of the army of the unemployed as possible be taken back by "Prosperity day," August 15. More than a dozen firms have agreed to give employment to women.

Take Up Oil Case.
Chicago, Aug. 1.—United States District Attorney Sims announced yesterday that the petition for the rehearing of the Standard Oil case before the United States circuit court would be filed within the next ten days. The petition will ask for a rehearing of the argument in the case in the hope that the circuit court can be induced to change its reversal of the \$29,000,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis on the Standard.

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