

THE NEW WARSHIPS

Naval Construction Board Decides on Four Awards.

SCOTTS WILL GET A CRUISER

Moran Bros. May Yet Build a Battleship—Cramps, Newport News Company and Fore River Company Successful.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Board of Naval Construction, considering the bids for the construction of battleships and cruisers, has settled on these points:

One of the big armored cruisers shall go to the Cramps, one to Newport News, and one to the Union Iron Works in California. One battleship will go to the Fore River Engine Works, at Quincy, Mass.

This leaves seven ships to be disposed of, and while in view of the fact that another meeting of the board is to be held it is not possible to make the prediction with absolute accuracy, the indications show these will be distributed as follows:

One cruiser and one battleship to the Cramps, making three for them; one cruiser and one battleship to the Union Iron Works, making three for them, and one battleship to the Bath Iron Works.

GERMAN PROHIBITION.

Heavy Import Duties May Be Laid on Grain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Agrarian party in Germany, having successfully brought about a law at the last session of the Reichstag prohibiting, in effect, the importation of American canned meats, is now using its powerful influence to increase heavily the import duties on all grains entering the empire, notably on wheat, reports United States Consul Charles E. Beaman, of New York.

Equipping the National Guard.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Nelson of Minnesota today offered an amendment which he will propose to the Army reorganization bill, providing for the issuance by the Secretary of War of orders to the states and territories of the United States to purchase equipment for the National Guard.

New Mint Regulation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Senate today passed a bill authorizing a favorable report on the House bill giving the Superintendent of Coinage at the mints the right to exchange gold bars for gold coin free of charge or with charge, as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct.

NOT A MONOPOLY.

Associated Press Sustained in Suit Brought by St. Louis Star.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 18.—The Supreme Court of Missouri, at Jefferson City, this morning rendered an opinion in the case of the Star Publishing Company vs. the Associated Press, of Illinois, deciding the case unanimously in favor of the Associated Press.

Porto Rican Claim on Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The State Department has rendered an opinion to the effect that the United States Government cannot intervene in favor of Porto Rico in the matter of her claim against Cuba for \$2,000,000.

The Industrial Commission.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—At today's session of the Industrial Commission, John Carbutt, a manufacturer of gelatin dry plates and films for photographers, testified concerning the combination of capital in his business.

Smelting Trust's Dividend.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Directors of the American Smelting & Refining Company met today to consider the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent on the preferred stock.

Clark Not Interested in Mexico.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—W. A. Clark, president of the United Verde Copper Company, in a recent interview asserted that he had no interest in the silver and gold mines in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico.

Senator Sullivan Married.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—United States Senator W. V. Sullivan, of Mississippi, and Mrs. Mary Newman Atkins, of this city, were married today at the parsonage of St. Stephen's Church.

Are You an Air-Drinker?

Do you like crisp, snappy, and with a general feeling of taste? Evans' Ale makes a banquet of delight for the critical eye and sensitive stomach.

THE CHINESE TANGLE

MISUNDERSTANDING DUE TO CABLE COMPANY'S ERROR.

American and British Ministers in Peking Took Opposite Views, Though Governments Agree.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Mr. Choate, the United States Ambassador, had a long conference this afternoon regarding the Chinese situation with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and subsequently, Henry White, Secretary of the United States Embassy, paid a visit to the Foreign Office.

The War-Revenue Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The war-revenue bill received brief consideration at the hands of the Senate committee on Finance today, but there was no discussion of the merits of the measure.

No Duty on Christmas Presents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The War Department has issued an order providing for the admission into Cuba and the Philippines free of duty of packages and presents for the officers and enlisted men of the Army and Navy and for other employees of this Government now serving in these islands.

Payne for a Cabinet Place.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A Washington dispatch to the Times today offered an account, or nearly all of the members of the executive committee, the managers of the campaign in the two headquarters, Chicago and New York, will be in Washington. One request, above all others, the Republican committee will press upon the President.

Ambassador Choate Returning.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from London says: "The Ambassador, Mr. Choate, is expected to return to the United States on Saturday or the week afterward for the United States, the death of his partner, Charles C. Beaman, having rendered his presence in New York necessary. It is believed here that Ambassador Choate will not return to London.

Hay's Conference With Pauncefote.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hay had a short conference this morning with Lord Pauncefote, who voted solely to the Chinese situation. The result was to clear up, so far as that can be accomplished in Washington, some of the misunderstandings which have arisen, unless unexpected opposition comes from some other source.

Large Force of Chinese Under General Ma in Shan Si.

PEKING, Dec. 18.—Count von Walderssee has issued an order assigning certain districts in the neighborhood of Peking for the purpose of placing under the supervision of the various powers. The order says that the extent to which the co-operation of the French and American troops can be depended upon is a matter to be determined by agreement with the Chinese Government.

Return of Sick Soldiers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Within a few days more than 1000 sick soldiers will be sent home from the Philippines. The Grant and Sherman are now en route with 600 men, and the Sheridan is scheduled to leave December 22 with 500 men.

Accepted by the Powers.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—"Great Britain's proposed alteration in the preamble of the joint note has been practically accepted by all the powers," says the Pekin correspondent. "Both Russia and Japan, whose support was regarded as doubtful, have agreed."

The Power Behind the Throne.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—"It is rumored from Peking," says the Shanghai correspondent, "that the real director of the Grand Council is the Empress Dowager's favorite eunuch, Li Lien Young, who was erroneously reported to be the French marine force in China."

Chaffee Reports Deaths.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—General Chaffee's latest casualty list is as follows: At Peking—December 8, Sergeant John L. O'Connor, Ninth Infantry, pneumonia; December 10, Samuel Woodcock, Ninth Infantry, oedema; December 14, Joseph Knox, Ninth Infantry, pneumonia.

France Will Restore Lost.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—In addition to the order directing that the cases filed in the order sent to President Loubet and another by General Frey, commanding the French marine force in China, shall be embargoed, the French government has decided that all objects, unless material

of war, which have been seized or shall be seized by the French expeditionary force in China, shall be restored, whether belonging to the Chinese Government or to private individuals.

Situation Not Improved.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A Pekin dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette, dated December 17, says: "The situation has not improved by the receipt of the cables, having reached an agreement, as the scope of the negotiations is limited, and the effect is neutralized."

May Agree Today.

ROME, Dec. 18.—A Pekin dispatch, dated today, says the Ministers at Peking will meet tomorrow, when probably a final agreement will be reached as to the text of the joint Chinese note.

GAME EXHIBITION.

McFadden Got the Decision Over Leon After Twenty Rounds.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 18.—In one of the game exhibitions ever witnessed in a Memphis sporting hall, McFadden, of San Francisco, was given the decision over Casper Leon, of New York, at the end of 20 rounds of fierce fighting before the Athletic Club, both men having entered the ring in the pink of condition.

Races at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The victory of Lomond, a 10-6-1 shot, in the third event, was the surprise of the day at Tanforan today. He took the lead soon after the start, and was never headed. Weather fine, track slow. Results: Five furlongs, purse—Duchess, MacLaren second, Formatus third; time, 1:00.

Races at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—Weather fair; track good. Donna Rita's win in the first race was such a surprise that the stewards suspended Tom Local, owner, and Mr. Hurley, trainer, pending an investigation. Results: Selling, one and eighth miles—Donna Rita won, Phidias second, Paememaker third; time, 1:57.

HAZING AT WEST POINT

COURT OF INQUIRY BEGINS ITS HEARING AT MILITARY ACADEMY. Cadets on the Witness Stand Denied That Any Brutal Treatment Had Been Given.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The military court of inquiry, which began taking testimony at Bristol, Pa., yesterday, arrived at the Military Academy at 1 o'clock today. At 2:30 this afternoon it resumed the investigation of the charges of hazing and brutal treatment made by the parents of Cadet Oscar L. Booz, who died recently at his home in Cadets' Barracks, West Point.

Country Bank Blows Open.

SHERIDANVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.—Mornington, a 10-6-1 shot, was entered at 2 o'clock this morning, the safe blown open with nitro-glycerine and \$15,000 carried off by two men, who were seen to enter the building by the night operator in the telephone exchange.

Wanted for Grand Larceny.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Andrew Young, a 10-6-1 shot, was wanted for grand larceny. He was arrested at the Palace Hotel here, after being traced from a dispatch from Fulton, Oswego County, N. Y., stating that he is wanted there for grand larceny.

Jessie Morrison to Be Released.

ELDERADO, Kan., Dec. 18.—Judge Shinn today agreed to admit Jessie Morrison to bail in the sum of \$500, pending her second trial for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle, the prisoner. Father expresses hope that he will be able to secure bondsmen within a few days.

Fire at Providence.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 18.—Wilkes-barre Pier, at East Providence, the property of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, was burned today, and 200 tons of coal was destroyed, causing a loss of \$30,000.

High Price for Stock Exchange Sent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Records in price of Stock Exchange seats have been smashed, \$50,000 having been paid for a membership. This compares with \$15,000 the lowest record made in 1898, and \$47,500 the old high record made a few weeks ago.

Past Finding Out Neighbor.

THE Miner suggests a convention of country newspapers to demand of Congress a recognition of their rights to a take-off on some of these subsidy

Test for Yourself the Wonderful Curative Properties of Swamp-Root

To Prove What the World-Famous Discovery, SWAMP-ROOT, Will Do for YOU, Every Reader of "The Oregonian" May Have a Sample Bottle Free.

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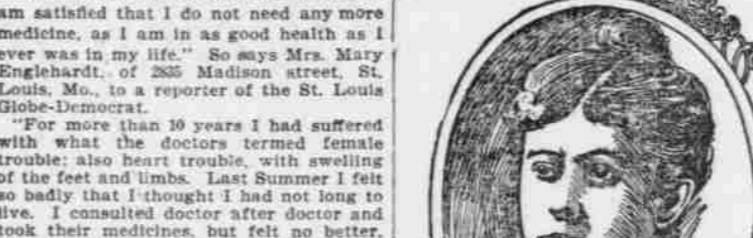
SIXTY-FIFTH POLICE PRECINCT, GREATER NEW YORK, Oct. 11, 1900.

Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.: Gentlemen—In justice to you, I feel it is my duty to send you an acknowledgment of the receipt of the sample bottle of Swamp-Root you so kindly sent me. I had been out of health for the past five years with kidney and bladder trouble.

DIDN'T KNOW SHE HAD KIDNEY TROUBLE.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

"You have no idea how well I feel. I am satisfied that I do not need any more medicine, as I am in as good health as I ever was in my life." So says Mrs. Mary Englehardt, of 282 Madison street, St. Louis, Mo., a reporter of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.



"For more than 16 years I had suffered with what the doctor termed female trouble; also heart trouble, with swelling of the feet and limbs. Last Summer I felt so badly that I thought I had not long to live, as I consulted a doctor after doctor and took their medicines, but felt no better. The physicians told me that they were not affected, but I felt sure that they were the cause of my trouble. A friend recommended me to try Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and I must say I derived immense benefits almost from the first week.

EDITORIAL NOTICE—Swamp-Root, the great Kidney, Liver and Bladder remedy, is so remarkably successful that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of The Oregonian who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle of Swamp-Root sent to them free of charge.

How to Find Out if You Need Swamp-Root.

It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs.

The kidneys filter and purify the blood—that is their work.

So when your kidneys are weak or out of order you understand how quickly your entire body is affected, and how every organ seems to fall to do its duty. If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the famous new discovery, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health.

Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for more sickness and suffering than any other disease, and if permitted to continue fatal results are sure to follow. Kidney trouble irritates the nerves, makes you dizzy, restless, sleepless and irritable. Makes you pass water often during the day, and obliges you to get up many times during the night. Causes puffiness or dark circles under the eyes, rheumatism, gravel, catarrh of the bladder, pain or dull ache in the back, joints and muscles.

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CONTRADICTORY VIEWS.

Opinions of English Correspondents on the Canal Question.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: "If the English people were bent on taking a serious interest in the Panama Canal question, as apparently they are, they would not be confused by the contradictory views of the New York correspondents, who, as far apart as the north and south poles, are utterly irreconcilable."

The Standard in referring to the Nicaragua Canal question thinks it would be a pity if the good understanding between England and America should be weakened. Much has happened of late, it says, to warn Americans as well as Englishmen that they may have to rely upon each other in future for mutual assistance, and to strengthen the bonds of race, language and common culture which link them to one another.

The Cabinet Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—At the Cabinet meeting today, it was announced that Captain Asa A. Rodgers, of Petersburg, Va., would be appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the district of the late Colonel James Brady. Nothing of importance transpired at the meeting.

San Francisco Put in for Supplies.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Advices to the Merchants' Exchange state that the whaling steamer Fearless put in at Marshfield, Or., today for provisions. The Fearless was built in Norway, and has been out two years on her maiden cruise.

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Dr. Ephraim Ingals Dead.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Dr. Ephraim Ingals, one of the founders of the Republican party and during the early days of that political organization a leader in its councils, died at his home in this city today aged 78.

Twenty-Round Draw.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 18.—Billy Ryan, of Syracuse, and Jack McClellan, of Pittsburg, fought a 20-round draw before the Mahoning Athletic Club tonight.