

EXPERTS' GUIDE TO NAVY'S DEFENSE

Deny Great Danger in Turrets as They Are at Present Constructed.

OUR MARKSMEN ARE BEST

Fletcher Says Five-Sixths of Turrets Are Like Ours—Gunners Best at Santiago and Best in the World Today.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Four naval officers, all experts in turret construction and ammunition manufacture, today testified before the Senate naval committee in defense of the American Navy against all forms of criticism.

Professor Alger defended the American Navy as to criticisms by Commander Sims that poor marksmanship was shown at Santiago. He declared that American gunnery was as good as that of any navy at that time, and that at the present time there was no navy in the world that would surpass the American in straight shooting.

The American device of a straight hoist, he said, "is similar to five-sixths of all the hoists in use, and therefore is not the senseless experiment some critics have charged."

Accidents on Foreign Ships. He said that there had been 40 or 50 accidents in the French and other foreign navies where powder had burned in the handling rooms of ships without causing explosions.

CRUISER TO JOIN THE FLEET. South Dakota Ready to Sail for Magdalena Bay. SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—The new armored cruiser South Dakota is anchored in the harbor tonight preparatory to departure for Magdalena Bay.

EVANS IN SUPREME COMMAND. Will Lead Review at San Francisco as Senior Officer. WASHINGTON, March 3.—Rear-Admiral Evans will have supreme command at the grand review of the ships of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets in San Francisco Bay, according to an authoritative statement made at the Navy Department today.

Rush Work on Collier. VALLEJO, Cal., March 3.—In an endeavor to make a record for the Mare Island Navy-Yard which will result in a lightship being constructed here, work on the collier Fremont, being built at a cost of \$1,500,000, is being rushed and will be completed by the construction and repair departments in ten months.

Vessels to Start North. SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 3.—Wireless messages from Magdalena Bay today state that when the vessels now there start north at the end of the week, the California will stop at San Diego and her commander will report to Admiral Sigsbee, who will be there then with the Washington and Tennessee.

BRIEF NEWS BY TELEGRAPH. Berkeley, Cal.—The University of California baseball team will play the Chicago White Sox on March 6. Palo Alto, Cal.—Stanford and California universities are having a dispute about the date for the intercollegiate regatta.

In jail awaiting arraignment from Detroit on a charge of obtaining money by false pretense, Chicago Fred Klock was arrested Tuesday charged with sending a threatening letter to President Taft.

New York—John Coer, a clerk out of employment, applied at the Bellevue Hospital Monday to be chloroformed, expressing a wish in the order theory. He said he had ordered his own death.

Chicago—A Dempsey and Thomas Kennedy have confessed that they were hired by Joseph J. Walsh to place a certain horse-stealer to burn two rubber factories and to blow up an automobile.

Stardust University, Palo Alto, Cal.—The executive committee has granted the use of the Stanford name to the P. A. A. to hold the torchlight May 9 for the Olympic games at London.

Reference to President as Blue Pill Brings Him to His Feet in Quick Protest. BOSTON, March 3.—A witty address by Simon Ford, of New York, at the expense of President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft before the Boston Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board at the Hotel Somerset late tonight brought Secretary Taft to his feet in a prompt response to what he termed an insinuation against "his chief."

RETAINS MOST OF POWER. Water Board Loses Little by Judge Cleland's Decision. Circuit Judge Cleland's decision relative to the powers of the Water Board appears to have been generally misunderstood.

Let Bridge Contract Today. Special meetings of the bridge committee of the Executive Board and of the Executive Board itself will be held this afternoon.

Mische Coming This Week. Emil T. Mische, Portland's new superintendent of Parks, is due to arrive in the city today.

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Sole Portland Agents for The Royal Worcester Corsets Derby Gloves at \$1.75 Per Pair Women's Merode Underwear Women's Deimel Mesh Underwear O. W. & K. Sewing Machines

Women's \$4.00 Shoes \$2.98

A gloriously good special in the Shoe Department for today. A lot of Shoes selected from our regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 lines in practically all the best leathers and styles.

Shoe Polishing Outfits—containing Velvo polisher and paste in any color or brand. A regular 35c set, spl. Wednesday 19c

Jaunty New Suits at \$19.50 and \$22.50 Ea.

Suits at popular prices will have special attention in the Garment Salons today. The smart short jacket effect is strongly featured in these we mention here and the materials are plain colors or the most wanted fancy suitings.

That Ribbon Sale Is Attracting Hundreds Better Come and Save

Thousands and thousands of yards of ribbons in one of the greatest sales Portland has ever seen. Ribbons from 4 to 6 inches wide and in every wanted shade. There are Taffeta Ribbons in solid colors, Roman striped effects, Scotch plaid, embroidered dots, graduated stripes, corded stripes, plain black Taffeta, or white canvas ribbons.

See New Conceits in 25c Neckwear

This display will certainly be a delight to women of taste, who keep up to date on the small fads. Many different styles in Neckwear Novelties are here for a price that is pleasingly small.

Olds' Work & King FINE NAINSOOK \$2.68 THE BOLT

Fancy Sugar Spoons 20c

Fancy-shaped Sugar Spoons, 35c values, 20c Butter Knives, with fancy handles, spec'l, each, 25c

Embroidered Flannels, richly decorated with silk, in handsome patterns. Four lots, specially priced this week, at the yard, 49c, \$1.10, \$1.15 and \$1.35

Pingree Gloria Shoes for Women We Are Agents for the Ladies' Home Journal Patterns, and Also The Ladies' Home Journal Magnet Kid Gloves \$1.00 the Pair "Durbar Wash Silk" 65c a Yard

Stunning Styles in Tailored Hats Special Low Prices Now

Chic, jaunty creations that appeal decidedly to women of discriminating taste. Exclusive designs, direct from New York. Especially suitable for early Spring wear.

WE ARE MAKING VERY SPECIAL PRICES ON TAILORED MODELS THIS WEEK.

Baby Go-Carts Are Low-Priced This Week

You will be wanting to take baby out for an airing frequently now and in anticipation of the balmy days soon to come we'll help you to plan for the little tot's outing by this sale of Go-Carts.

VOTES TO SEND 4000 MEN

PARIS, March 3.—The Cabinet today voted formally to send 4000 additional soldiers to Morocco, with the object of continuing the aggressive policy of the government in that country.

Appointments Seek the Men

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 3.—(Special.)—Governor Mead has been asked to appoint delegates from this state to the International Congress on the Welfare of the Child.

Harney Papers Organize

ONTARIO, Or., March 3.—(Special.)—The newspapers of Harney county organized at Ontario Saturday, with officers as follows: President, William Plughoff.

Butte Mines Start Work

BUTTE, Mont., March 3.—Work was started in the mines of the Amalgamated, North Butte and Coalition companies yesterday.

Employed by Proxy

Lippincott's "Want a Job, Bastard?" "No, sah, no, sah; done got a job, sah."

Proposed by Miners

RENO, Nev., March 3.—A special to the Gazette from Goldfield says that the special meeting of the union miners last night was without result.

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No Agreement at Goldfield

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