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WANTED: A WELL-BALANCED NAVY.

Decision of President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and Chairman Padgett, of the House Naval Committee, to recommend the building of battle cruisers for the Navy "bigger, faster and more heavily armed than any warship now afloat or building" is a reaction from the proposal of some amateur Navy men in Congress to entrust our safety at sea chiefly to submarines.

Since then we have learned that Britain has perfected devices by which scores of submarines have been captured or sunk and by which the underwater menace to British commerce has been made negligible.

The time of the apocryphal speech was 1844, when the question over the Oregon boundary was acute.

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something never in question," but did not also show the value of speed in pursuit? Of the battle cruiser he says:

It is legitimate to contend that, if a man has heavily armed and very swift vessels, it is his possible enemy, ought to have some of the same case with which to meet his attacks.

The war is admitted by the Admiralty to be between a battleship and a submarine, and he says the latter "has certainly come to stay."

Admiral Goodrich's observations combine with the events of the war to put the Nation on its guard against building a Navy that is disproportionately strong in any one type of ship.

Albert Bushnell Hart, professor of history in Harvard University, performs a genuine service to the truth of history by exploding again the canard crediting to Daniel Webster a speech which expressed a contemptuous opinion of the Pacific Coast and the great West.

Professor Hart traces the spurious Webster quotation to a periodical called Our Western Archipelago, edited by Henry M. Field.

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public condemn the lynching, there would be a clean-out at the penitentiary. Corroborative of this state of public sentiment is the failure of the legally constituted investigators of crime to obtain identification of the lynchers, although newspaper reporters succeeded in interviewing one or more of them.

Mr. Hamilton expresses some curiosity as to Oregon's record on lynch law. Lynchings have been committed in Oregon; so has murder in other forms. We do not claim to be perfect.

Just whether or not the Lord should be called upon in song to discriminate against the enemies of Canada and Great Britain generally is a question which is stirring up considerable difference of opinion in the old town of Toronto.

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But the Lord was not to escape further pleas in any such fashion, for the Canadian House of Bishops leaped into the breach at this juncture and marked the legend "stet" in big black characters at the point where the General had tried to make a general statement.

What is a COMPLEXION WORTH? If, as we have been reliably informed, beauty is one of woman's chief assets, then it might be well to have the members of the sex who are duly organized for offensive and defensive purposes to turn their energies in the direction of Maryland, where a serious issue is at stake.

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European War Primer By National Geographical Society. The Newport of Russia, to which even such favored regions of the world as the garden lands of California and the Riviera must yield when climates are compared is today a stronghold of society uttering words of war, a lonely, unvisited little village whose prestige and fame have departed overnight, a Newport untenanted, forsaken and desolate.

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LYNCH LAW IS NOT MONOPOLIZED

But Georgia Censurable for Failure to Protect Life Prisoners. AUGUSTA, Ga., Sept. 20. (To the Editor.)—Inasmuch as you published the letter of Edwin W. Walker from the New York Sun describing alleged conditions in the City of Augusta, I would appreciate your publishing my reply to Mr. Walker in the New York Sun.

My first article in the New York paper was a reminder to those fanatics of the North that lynchings are not peculiar to Georgia, because they occur in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and every state in this section of the United States.

I have advocated that the Governor of Georgia dismiss every man connected with the state penitentiary, however capable and successful in this he done—made not by me so much as by many prominent Georgians, for I am not an inconspicuous newspaper man, he has called several times on the superintendent, warden or any of the guards.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of October 6, 1890. Newark, N. J., Oct. 5.—Herr Most has been liberally advertised to address a Socialist meeting here tonight. At the appointed hour a crowd, mostly composed of Russians and Germans, gathered in the hall and greeted the anarchist with loud cheers.

Paris, Oct. 5.—Alphonse Daudet, the novelist, is serious. St. Petersburg, Oct. 5.—Thirty arrests have been made here in connection with the workmen's political movement. Many other arrests were made in the interior.

Madrid, Oct. 5.—A rumor is current that the Spanish government intends to enter into negotiations with the United States for reciprocity concessions touching Cuban and American products.

St. Helen's Hall will open the Winter term at Tenth and Main streets this morning at 9 o'clock. Customs Collector Earhart has not received an official copy of the McKinley tariff act, which goes into effect today.

The Willamette Falls Electric Company has very commodious and handsomely furnished offices in its new quarters at Front and Montgomery streets.

The Greek symposium, under the direction of the ladies of the Unitarian Church, will be held at the residence of Mrs. Burrell, 1000 Madison street, Wednesday evening, October 8.

Half a Century Ago From The Oregonian of October 6, 1865. The election of officers of the Oregon Agricultural Society has resulted as follows: John Coultter, Lane County, president; J. C. Peebles, Marion, corresponding secretary; and John Barrows, of Linn, recording secretary.

New York, Oct. 2.—A private letter from a prominent official at Houston, Tex., says of military operations in that quarter: "The Army is changed into an immense settling area, and the janquawers in fact all our duties are the most glorious, only troops enough being left to take care of the natives."

Fort Monroe, Oct. 2.—Jeff Davis was removed today under a strong guard from his casemate prison to quarters assigned him in Carroll Hall.

New York, Oct. 2.—A dispatch to the Savannah Herald says: "The Georgia state convention has unanimously adopted a resolution protesting the act of secession null and void."

Statements and Where Born. GREENHAM, Or., Oct. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Please state the names of the persons mentioned in the Daily Oregonian: A claims Austria only sent a protest about the restriction on mail to the Government. B claims Germany. C claims Austria. D claims Germany. E claims Austria. F claims Germany. G claims Austria. H claims Germany. I claims Austria. J claims Germany. K claims Austria. L claims Germany. M claims Austria. N claims Germany. O claims Austria. P claims Germany. Q claims Austria. R claims Germany. S claims Austria. T claims Germany. U claims Austria. V claims Germany. W claims Austria. X claims Germany. Y claims Austria. Z claims Germany.

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