

BUREAUS ARE THE RIVAL OF OUR NAVY

Battleship Designer Calls the Ships "Fleet of Floating Absurdities."

ARMOR AND GUNS FAULTY

Says if Naval Engineers Were Consulted, Rather Than Bureaus, Our Navy Would Lead Great Britain, Not Lag Behind.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—George W. Dickie, formerly of the Union Iron Works, the man who designed the famous Oregon, tonight at a dinner of the Metal Trades Association, in a sensational speech, denounced the bureau chiefs of the Navy Department and referred to the armada now on the way to the Pacific as a "fleet of floating absurdities."

The board of construction at the Navy Department is responsible for giving the country a fleet of floating absurdities that is now on its way to the Pacific Coast. This board is composed of staff and line officers. These human beings, for naval officers are after all human beings, although of a superior grade, actually and deliberately placed armor bolts on our battleships under the water, or nearly so.

The danger of destruction by an effective shot at the water line is the reason for the armor belt, through the vessel, exposing her sides by rolling and not from being hit above the belt. The armor is not heavy, but where penetration would be above the protected deck.

Guns Also Placed Wrong. The placing of turret guns over the shaft leading to the magazine is the natural position for such guns relative to the magazine, but it is very dangerous. The magazine should be on one plane and as high as possible with the stability available.

There is a great deal of truth in the statement that the United States Navy is built, equipped and operated by bureaus. The criticisms of the Navy all come back to these bureaus. They are where the criticism are to be made upon.

It would be a grand thing for this country if the bureau chiefs would listen to the suggestions in naval design from those on the outside. I believe that if the bureau would take the naval architects and shipbuilding talent of the country into its councils we would be ahead of Great Britain instead of behind.

Rejection of Plans. In 1906 the Secretary of the Navy was instructed to invite competent naval constructors and architects to submit plans and specifications for a 30,000-ton battleship to be as powerful in armor and armament as any known vessel. I accepted an invitation. I provided for an armor belt 11 inches thick and 12 feet 6 inches wide, eight feet of which was below the load water line.

12-inch guns for the main battery and 9-inch guns for secondary battery. The design was worked out for burning oil and in doing so I had to multiply the weight of this fuel on the Pacific. My plans were rejected and I received a notice in some days from the Navy Department. I went later that the plans of an Eastern naval architect had also been rejected and I asked, our plans were not alike, the letters of rejection were exactly alike.

PUT UP MONITOR AS TARGET

Navy Department Decides to Make Gun Practice More Real.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Encouraged by the valuable results believed to have been obtained by the British Admiralty in the spectacular sinking of the old battleship Héro by modern gun fire lately, the Navy Department has determined upon a similar experiment, though not one to be carried out to the same point. A single-turreted monitor, 16 to be made a target for the big 12-inch rifles of a battleship, and the experiment will take place in the waters of Chesapeake Bay or the Potomac River. It is not the purpose to destroy the monitor, which was built only about 10 years ago, but the gun fire will be directed against one of her turrets. Much mechanism is contained in the turret, and information is desired as to the effect of actual gun fire upon this controlling machinery.

MONEY IN FISH INDUSTRY

Value of Pacific Coast Pack for 1907 Reached \$25,000,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Excellent progress has been made in the fishery industry of the Pacific Coast during the past year, the value of the products during 1907 footing up to \$25,000,000, according to statistics gathered by the Pacific Fishermen.

The pack of canned salmon during 1907 for the whole coast was 4,913,169 cases, as compared with 4,817,716 cases for 1906. There was a decrease of 95,453 cases of reds as compared with 1906, also of 127,427 in sockeyes. The pack of pink and chum was 47,459 cases larger than last year and exceeded that of any previous year. The pack in Alaska has been exceeded in only one other year, that of 1903, when the Big Pacific Packing & Navigation Company was in the salmon business.

In British Columbia, the output was considerably below normal, due to the depletion of the Fraser River fisheries. Columbia River also shows a reduced pack, largely due, however, to the fact that the Chinook salmon, which is most plentiful in that stream, is in heavy demand by mild cure packers.

Hallbut fishing has made most remarkable gains during the past year. The codfish production showed a slight falling off from 1906, caused by the arbitrary action of the Russian government in driving a part of the San Francisco fleet off the Siberian coast.

The detailed figures of valuation of Pacific Coast fish products for 1907 are as follows: Canned salmon, \$17,200,000; mild-cure salmon, \$1,400,000; salt-baked salmon, \$2,800,000; fresh and frozen salmon, \$2,500,000; halibut, \$1,500,000; oysters, \$1,000,000; codfish, \$600,000; canned crabs, \$200,000; canned sardines, \$100,000; mixed fish, and cured fish trade not otherwise listed, \$1,000,000. Total, \$25,085,283.

CONGRESS OF DRY FARMERS

Second Annual Session Closes With Many Practical Results Obtained.

HALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 25.—The Trans Missouri Dry Farming Congress closed its second convention here this afternoon out of the ranks of the minor industrial congresses. Beginning with 282 delegates, the conven-

SIX STRENUOUS DAYS COMING

WIND-UP OF THE CLEARANCE OF EAST SIDE PHONOGRAPH CO.'S STOCK AT EILERS

Balance of Modern Talking Machines and High-Grade Record Cabinets to Be Closed Out Without Regard to Usual Selling Prices—\$25 Machines for \$11.65, and Higher-Priced Ones in Proportion—Finest \$122 De Luxe Complete Outfits Cut to \$78—Cash or Easy Terms.

Talking machines have never been sold at such ridiculous prices in Portland before, as have been in effect during the past week at Eilers Piano House, and as will be continued for a few days more, during the final clean-up of the East Side Phonograph Company's stock. But we were determined that these goods should be sold in a very short space of time, and the radical cuts which we made in prices have certainly accomplished our object. While we offer regular \$25 high-grade modern talking machines for \$11.65, that's a real bargain, and \$35 machines for \$16.75, with \$50 machines cut to \$27.50, and beautiful \$65 machines at \$32—just think of it! No wonder the talking-machine market has been upset during the past week. It won't last much longer. Just about five or six days more will see the last of this stock. Remember, every machine in this stock is included in the radical price reductions except certain contract goods.

Record cabinets are also embraced in this sensational smashing of selling cost, and are likewise priced at figures which are really less than wholesale. Regular \$15 cabinets, well-made, handsome, are now being sold for \$8.75. \$25 cabinets go for \$13.50, \$30 cabinets for \$18.50, and \$40 cabinets for \$23.50, on same basis.

Included in the offerings for the next few days is a combination outfit, which is without question the finest proposition you have ever heard of in the talking-machine line. It is the greatest value in a high-grade outfit ever offered on the coast. This outfit consists of the splendid De Luxe Cabinet, with high-grade tapering-arm music rack, complete, regular value \$122, for the extraordinary price of \$78, cash or easy terms, as you prefer. This is an outfit which will be a credit to any home, and as handsome an article as any of a cabinet of the kind could wish for. It needs to be seen to be fully appreciated.

Do not overlook our immense stock of records—remember, we carry the largest line on the Coast, and our individual sound-proof parlors are the most convenient in the city.

Don't miss this great sale. It will never be duplicated. Don't wait until the last minute—come while the line of styles is still complete. Eilers Piano House, 353 Washington street, corner of Park, Talking-Machine Headquarters.

tion closes with nearly 600 in attendance. The next congress will be held at Cheyenne.

This congress has created a permanent salaried secretaryship, inaugurated a system of annual dues and line memberships and established a bureau of information which will instruct the membership in all discoveries and developments in the science of arid land culture.

The congress has been very modest in its requests for legislation. A law increasing the acreage of homesteads in the arid region from 160 to 320 acres; the establishment of more experimental farms by the states and the sorting of experimental wheat at state expense are the principal things asked. The congress refused to be drawn into the warfare that has arisen over the forestry policy of the Government, although an attempt was made to bring the matter up for debate.

Technical points of great value have been brought out in the relation of the actual experiences of practical men. Alternate cropping and fallowing of dry land was generally indorsed. Deep plowing and ground cultivation were insisted upon and one of the Utah delegates today convinced the farmers that there is more danger of overseeded than of underseeded in planting wheat. For pounds of seed there was the exact amount recommended by the speaker.

The proceedings of the congress, including all addresses delivered, will be mailed to all affiliated members, otherwise those who pay the annual membership fee.

LEAVES \$80.30 IN BANK

This Sum Overlooked by Absconding Blaine Cashier.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 25.—O. C. Mathias, absconding cashier of the defunct Exchange Bank of Blaine, which suspended a week ago, was arrested this morning in Astoria, B. C. He agrees to waive extradition and return and try to straighten out the bank's affairs. Receiver Whitcomb succeeded in opening the safe inside the vault last night and found \$80.30, all the cash representing \$10,000 in deposits.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 25.—Six informations were filed yesterday afternoon by County Prosecutor Hurd against A. J. Schaffer and Jacob Youngblood, owners of the Bank of Hamilton, Skagit County, which suspended payment early in November last. Two informations charge of larceny by embezzlement and four the receipt of deposits after the bank was known to be insolvent. The men were arrested today. The concern was the only bank in the Upper Skagit Valley and hundreds had all their ready cash on deposit with it and have been left absolutely penniless by the failure. The affairs of the bank are in bad shape, there being practically no assets. It is alleged that depositors will not receive a cent of their money.

DIVORCES HIS NOBLE WIFE

Schroter Accused Greek Countess of Cruelty and Incapacity.

DENVER, Jan. 25.—George A. Schroter, the mining engineer, was divorced in the District Court here today from his wife, a member of a noble Greek family and formerly the wife of Count de Billy of Greece. Mrs. Schroter arrived in this city yesterday and was immediately served with papers in her husband's suit. She appeared in court today, but made no defense to the charges of incapacity and cruelty on which the divorce was granted.

The countess obtained a divorce from her former husband in Chicago, June 22, 1906, and was married to Mr. Schroter in Brooklyn, July 1, following. On November 2, the same year, Mrs. Schroter sued in New York for divorce, but this suit was never pressed to a conclusion.

NATIONAL BANK AT WALLOWA.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 25.—The Controller of the Currency today authorized the Stock-growers and Farmers' National Bank of Wallowa, Or., to begin business with \$50,000 capital. James P. Stevens is president, E. A. Holmes vice-president and C. T. McDaniel cashier.

PRESIDENTIAL YEAR BAD

Rumored That Governor Curry Has Been Promised Statehood at Short Session of Sixtieth Congress if Agitation Is Dropped Now.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—A general rumor was in circulation today the Senate end of the Capitol today that what amounts to practically an assurance has been given to Governor Curry, National Committeeman Solomon Luna and other citizens of New Mexico, in Washington, that a bill granting statehood to New Mexico will be allowed to pass during the short session of the Sixtieth Congress. This, according to the rumor, is in return for the agreement of New Mexico to let the statehood agitation drop for

POWERS' JANUARY RED TAG SALE

February 1 is inventory time at Powers', and the January Red Tag Sale is taken full advantage of for the purpose of placing the lines in shape to show the best possible stock-taking. Our year's business is practically over, and now comes the time of clearing up the stocks. This is a situation very favorable to you—will you take advantage of it tomorrow? Every article in the store reduced in price—every article marked with a Red Tag, in plain figures.

- \$19.75 9x12 Royal Axminster Rugs. We have too many patterns of 9x12 Royal Axminster Rugs, and the above offer is made for the purpose of decreasing the assortment of patterns, also to induce you to call and look over our immense line of advance Spring carpeting. Our carpet stock is new and complete and we want your inspection. There are ten patterns in this specially low-priced line, including both floral and Oriental, and suitable for any room. This special offer is none too early to be of keen interest to intending Spring housefurnishers, as the special price is so low that you would be fully warranted in buying now and storing until your home is ready.

SPECIALY PRICED LIBRARY PIECES

- \$71.50 Library Table in quarter-sawn golden oak; Red Tag Sale \$46.10. \$81.50 Library Table in mahogany finish; special \$15.70. \$68 weathered oak Library Table, mission design, special \$34.00. \$75.00 Couch in best olive leather, Red Tag Sale, special \$43.50. \$105.00 Turkish Rocker in best olive leather, special \$52.50. \$65.00 genuine mahogany Chair or Rocker, upholstered in leather, sp'l., \$38.50. \$16.00 Morris Chair, weathered oak, chaise leather cushions; Red Tag Sale, special \$8.50.

WE WILL NOT INVENTORY THESE ROCKERS

- \$7 Rocker in quarter-sawn golden oak; special \$3.95. \$11.00 golden oak Rocker, saddle seat, special \$5.95. \$12.50 quarter-sawn and polished Rocker, \$7.65. \$19.50 high-back oak Rocker, leather seat; \$10.75. \$9.50 golden oak saddle seat Rocker, special \$5.45. \$8 weathered Rocker, saddle seat, Red Tag Sale \$4.95. \$16.00 Rocker, upholstered in chaise leather; \$9.75. \$11.50 weathered oak Rocker, upholstered in chaise leather; Red Tag Sale special \$6.65.

BUFFETS MARKED WAY DOWN

- \$37.50 Buffet with canopy top, leaded glass front, weathered finish; \$19.50. \$36.00 weathered oak Buffet, French bevel mirror back, leaded-glass front; Red Tag Sale \$23.75. \$65.00 Buffet in weathered oak, full swell \$41.75. \$35.00 Sideboard in golden finish, swell top and top drawer; Red Tag Sale, special \$19.85. \$75.00 Buffet in mission design, weathered oak, leaded glass doors; special \$44.70. \$75 Combination Buffet and China Cabinet in weathered oak; special \$37.50. \$80.00 Buffet in golden or weathered oak, canopy top, claw feet; special \$49.50. \$37.50 Buffet in weathered or golden oak, oval French bevel mirror; special \$25.70. \$60.00 quarter-sawn golden oak Buffet, canopy top, shaped ends; special \$44.50.

PARLOR PIECES WE WILL NOT INVENTORY

- \$82.50 Window Seat in genuine mahogany, upholstered silk velour; Red Tag Sale price \$41.25. \$85 3-pe. mahogany finished Parlor Suit, upholstered in pame plush; Red Tag Sale price \$42.50. \$35 Mahogany Rocker, upholstered seat and back, in silk velour; Red Tag Sale price \$18.75. \$23.50 mahogany finished Arm Chair, loose silk velour cushions; Red Tag Sale price \$14.75. \$30.00 Arm Chair in mahogany finish, upholstered in silk plush, Red Tag Sale price \$15.00. \$110.00 Parlor Cabinet in gold leaf, bent-glass front and ends; Red Tag Sale price \$66.00.

POWERS' THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY

MUST WAIT AWHILE

New Mexico Promised Statehood Later.

hereby extended to the first day of April, 1910.

CONFERENCE ON SWAMP LAND Garfield Seeks Agreement With Delegations From Swamp States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Secretary of the Interior held a conference today with members of Congressional delegations from swamp land states in order to reach an agreement on a bill for the reclamation of such land. There were present Senators Flint, of California; Clapp, of Minnesota; Newlands, of Nevada, and Latimer, of South Carolina; Representatives Wallace, of Arkansas; Acorn, of South Carolina; Sparkman, of Florida; Macon, of Arkansas and Thomas, of North Carolina.

Several bills are pending in Congress aiming at reclamation of swamp land, the essential principles of which are similar to the law for the reclamation of arid land. All of the bills are now before Mr. Garfield, who will endeavor to frame a single measure that will be approved by all the Senators and Representatives from swamp land states.

Extend Time for Desert Entries. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Representative Ellis today introduced a bill providing that the time for reclamation of all lands covered by desert land entries in Unadilla County, Oregon, heretofore made, where it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Department of the Interior that the entryman has been hindered, delayed or prevented from reclaiming such land by unusual floods, either directly or indirectly, is hereby extended until the first day of October, 1909, and the time for making final proof of reclamation of said lands is

BOOKCASES AT PRICES THAT WILL MOVE THEM

- \$35.00 three-door mahogany Book case, special \$27.50. \$45.00 two-door mahogany Book case, special \$22.50. \$35.00 Bookcase and Desk Combination, mahogany finish; Red Tag Sale, special \$19.75. \$47.50 mahogany Bookcase, 2 doors \$28.25. \$72.00 three-door Bookcase in oak, finish early English, special \$49.50. \$52.00 oak Bookcase in early English finish; leaded-glass doors, special \$26.00. \$49.00 oak Bookcase in weathered oak; three doors, Red Tag Sale, special \$34.50.

LOW-PRICED DAVENPORTS

- \$82.50 Davenport in mahogany finish, upholstered in silk velour; Red Tag Sale price \$41.25. \$63.50 mission Davenport in weathered oak, loose leather cushions, Red Tag Sale price \$38.50. \$44.00 Folding Davenport, golden oak frame, upholstered in velour; Red Tag Sale price \$24.75. \$38.00 Folding Davenport, in velour; golden oak frame—Red Tag Sale \$21.85. \$29.50 Folding Davenport, in golden or weathered oak; Red Tag Sale \$19.65. \$125.00 genuine mahogany Davenport, upholstered in silk velour; Red Tag Sale price \$62.50.

MORRIS CHAIRS CUT ONE-HALF

- \$17.50 Morris Chair, mahogany finish, velour cushions; Red Tag Sale, special \$8.75. \$11.00 weathered oak Morris Chair in green velour, special \$5.50. \$17.50 Early English Morris Chair, chaise leather cushions; Red Tag Sale, special \$8.75. \$17.50 oak Morris Chair—finished in early English; velour cushions, \$8.75. \$24 Morris Chair in quarter-sawn golden oak, special \$12.00. \$19.50 Morris Chair in early English finish; \$9.75. \$28.50 heavy oak Morris Chair, finished early English, verona cushions, special \$14.25. \$37.50 early English Morris Chair, loose leather cushions, sp'l. \$18.75. \$16.50 Morris Chair, golden oak, velour cushion, special \$8.25. \$25.00 golden oak Morris cushion, special \$12.50. \$22.50 oak Morris Chair, finished golden oak, upholstered sp'l. \$11.25. \$60.00 golden oak Morris Chair in leather; special \$30.00.

CHINA CABINETS WILL NOT LAST LONG AT THESE PRICES

- \$26.00 China Cabinet in weathered oak, bent glass ends; Red Tag Sale price \$14.75. \$36 China Cabinet in golden or weathered oak; Red Tag Sale \$21.50. \$38.50 weathered oak China Cabinet, one mirror back; Red Tag Sale \$23.70. \$40.00 mission design China Cabinet in weathered oak; Red Tag Sale \$20.00. \$28.50 China Cabinet in golden or weathered oak; Red Tag Sale \$14.25. \$55 weathered oak China Cabinet, leaded glass front, mission design, special \$32.00. \$23.50 China Cabinet, bent glass ends, weathered oak, Red Tag Sale price \$18.75. \$65.00 golden oak China Cabinet, half-mirror back, one glass shelf; special \$39.75. \$115 China Cabinet in quartered golden oak, full mirror back, one glass shelf. \$82.50. \$46 China Cabinet in golden oak, half-mirror back, bent ends and front \$33.50.

GIVES WORK TO THE NEEDY

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IN ROLE OF PHILANTHROPIST.

Orders 300 Italian Workmen Discharged and Their Places Filled by Residents of Tarrytown.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—To aid the large number of unemployed of Tarrytown, who have applied to him for help, John D. Rockefeller sent word today from the south to the superintendent of his estate at Pocantico Hills to lay off all foreigners and give employment to needy residents. In addition, Mr. Rockefeller has given permission to those in want to go into his woods and cut wood to warm their houses.

Mr. Rockefeller was applied to by ministers and the wives of men out of employment. There were hundreds of Italians working on the Rockefeller estate and they were dismissed today.

Several manufacturing plants in Tarrytown are working half time and others have shut down. Three hundred unemployed men will be put to work on the Rockefeller estate Monday. Married men are to be given the preference. Tarrytown expects that the unemployed will march in a body to Pocantico Hills.

SNIFFEN IN GUARDHOUSE

Indian Rights Secretary Arrested on Crow Reservation.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 25.—Matthew K. Sniffen, of Philadelphia, secretary of the Indian Rights Association, who was sent to Montana to make an investigation of the alleged irregularities on the Crow Indian reservation, today was arrested on the reservation and placed in the guardhouse. The reservation officials, it is said, acted on instructions from Washington.

MEISNER FITS GLASSES FOR \$1.00.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Representative Keifer, of Ohio, chairman of the subcommittee on pensions of the House committee on appropriations, today announced informally that that commit-