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AFFAIRS OF THE NAVY.

The Annual Report Submitted by Secretary Herbert.

WASHINGTON, November 29.—The Secretary of the Navy in his annual report says that the Marblehead, Columbia, Olympia, Montgomery and Minneapolis have been completed and tried since the last annual report. The Oregon, Indiana and Texas have had unofficial preliminary trials and the Maine official machinery trial. The department has finally decided upon the construction of torpedo boats of the general type of the Ericsson with a slightly greater displacement, and to attain an average speed of not less than 24.5 knots on the acceptance trial. Advertisement for proposals have already been issued, and the department hopes to award the contract for their construction within a few months. No speed premium will be provided for in the contracts for the building of these vessels. In the contracts for the construction of gunboats Nos. 7, 8 and 9 small premiums and penalties were provided for. This system undoubtedly has its advantages when adopted, but reflection has convinced the department that the time has come when the experience that has been gained, it may with profit be abandoned. The construction of torpedo boats is still actively carried on abroad, seventeen countries having 1,283 such vessels on hand and 182 in course of construction. The smallest number possessed by any one of them is twenty-two, while the United States with more than 1,000, has more than any other nation. The United States vessels only six, and in this number are included the three now about to be built. A summary of the conditions of the vessels under construction is as follows: The first-class battle-ship lower expected to be completed during the latter part of 1896. The first-class battle-ship Indiana, Massachusetts and Oregon will be in condition for acceptance by the government within the coming year. The second-class battle-ship Maine will be ready for commissioning before the end of this fiscal year. The second-class battle-ship Texas is practically ready for her machinery trial, and should be completed during the early part of the next fiscal year. The three gunboats Nos. 7, 8 and 9, now being built at the Newport News Ship-building and Dry Dock Company's works, will probably be completed within the contract time.

LOSS OF THE CHINESE.

Two Warships Are Reported Sunk off Port Arthur.

YOKOHAMA, November 28.—It is now stated that the Chinese loss at the battle of Port Arthur was 3,000 men. It is reported that during the hottest fighting a portion of the Chinese forces fled to the warships, which were held in readiness for embarking troops in the event of the position becoming untenable. The Japanese squadron fired and sank two warships. The advance guard of Field Marshal Oyama's army and the second Japanese army has started on the march to Newchwang.

TO ATTACK WEI HAI WEI.

SHANGHAI, November 28.—The report is confirmed of the capture of Port Arthur by the Japanese of the telegraph company. The Japanese suspected him of being an officer in the Chinese cause. He was subsequently released. It is believed here that a Japanese army will land near Wei Hai Wei, attack that place in the rear, and after its capture march to Peking.

REPORT CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, November 28.—The Japanese legation has received official confirmation of the capture of Port Arthur, the report being in the same terms as Marshal Oyama's report already given.

THE PRICE OF PEACE.

BERLIN, November 28.—It is officially announced here that Japan recognizes United States Minister Don at Tokio as a suitable channel through which China can open up negotiations for peace. The powers will simply remain spectators. It is considered that China is in a position to pay the Japanese demands if the war ceases now, Japan to hold Port Arthur until the demands are satisfied. The third Japanese expedition, which is aloft, is ordered to Wei Hai Wei.

OVER GOOD OFFERS.

ROME, November 28.—An official dispatch has been received from Tokio saying Japan has intimated that, as soon as China may make peace proposals, Japan will accept the good offices of the United States in the negotiations.

THE CIGARETTE ONLY.

ALAMEDA, Cal., November 28.—Superintendent Sullivan of the Alameda schools, who has been ordered by the Board of School Directors to exercise a censorship over the literature given to the public schools by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, declared that the pamphlets and tracts must be hereafter limited to teachings about the harmfulness of cigarettes, and that nothing relating to prohibition, temperance or the less injurious forms of tobacco can be permitted to enter the class rooms.

Ted Pritchard Whips Dick Borge.

LOS ANGELES, November 28.—Ted Pritchard and Dick Borge, middle-weights, met before a big crowd in the Eden theater this evening. Pritchard had a slight advantage in the betting, and defeated his man in the second round. Borge defeated Moore in the eighth round at the National Sporting Club.

Fitzsimmons' Answer to Maher.

BOSTON, November 28.—Peter Maher's challenge to Fitzsimmons has received a prompt answer from the Australian. He said that he will take on Maher and forfeit all the purse money if he does not defeat him in six rounds.

Religious Liberty Bills.

VIRGINIA, November 28.—The House of Magnates rejects the religious liberty bills again. The Hungarian Cabinet will probably resign. In religious circles there is much regarded as more pernicious than the civil marriage bill.

Kossuth Takes the Oath.

BUDAPEST, November 28.—Francis Kossuth has taken oath of allegiance to the King.

Good Use for the Surplus.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 29.—The management of the State Board of Trade adopted a resolution to-day to ask the management of the Midwinter Fair to turn \$2,000 of the \$200,000 surplus realized from the fair over to the Board of Trade, so that they can pay its debts.

THE AWARD OF BONDS.

The Bid of the Bankers' Syndicate Has Been Accepted.

WASHINGTON, November 28.—Secretary Carlisle to-day acted in the matter of the allotment of the \$50,000,000 per cent bonds, bids for which were opened at the Treasury Department Saturday. He accepted the proposals submitted by the syndicate represented by John A. Stewart of the United States Trust Company of New York and others to take the entire issue at 117.07. It is the expectation of the treasury officials that the deposits of gold for the payment on the bonds will be made very promptly, and as the understanding is that none of the gold is to be taken from the treasury, an early restoration of the gold reserve to above the \$100,000,000 mark will be the result. The bonds, including premium, will realize to the government about \$58,500,000. The gold balance will, if the expectations of the officials regarding the deposits of gold bonds are borne out, be increased to about \$116,000,000. Before to-day, however, there has been \$4,550,000 in gold drawn from the subtreasury at New York, presumably to be used in payment for the bonds.

Assistant Secretary Curtis learned during the morning unofficially that \$9,000,000 in gold has been deposited in the subtreasury for bond payments. The bonds are deliverable as soon as the gold is deposited, and as the bureau of engraving and printing has been busy at work preparing for the issue, it will, it is expected, soon be ready for distribution. The denominations of bonds which the syndicate will take are as follows: Coupons—Fifty dollars, \$25,000; one hundred dollars, \$25,000; one thousand dollars, \$34,500,000; registered ten thousand dollars, \$15,000,000.

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TERRIBLE TURKS

Further Information of the Massacre of Christians.

WHOLE VILLAGES DESTROYED

Cholera Has Broken Out in a Virulent Form as a Result of the Wholesale Slaughter—Number of Massacred Reaches Between 8,000 and 10,000.

BOSTON, November 28.—Further information as to the massacre of the Armenians near Bitlis, Turkey, has been received by Secretary Gulson of the United Friends of Armenia. One letter dated Bitlis, September 25, gives the information that news had been received from the region back of Moosh that forty-eight villages are said to have been wholly blotted out. Another, dated Bitlis, October 3, states that the date Bitlis a letter from Moosh had been received, which told of the outbreak of a virulent form of cholera, which was killing from twenty-five to thirty-five persons daily. It is caused, it is said, by the stench of the carnage, which took place not far back in the mountains. The number of massacred will reach between 8,000 and 10,000. The Governor tried to have the people here sign a petition to the sovereign, expressing satisfaction with his rule and disclaiming sympathy with the Armenians, who have "stirred up matters." The people have refused to sign the address. Another letter dated Constantinople, October 31, states that information has been received from Bitlis that twenty-seven villages have been annihilated in Sassoun and 6,000 men, women and children massacred by the troops and Kurds. The massacres occurred in the early part of September, and was the result of an affair between Kurds and Armenian villagers, from whom the Kurds had stolen their flocks. The Sultan ordered infantry and cavalry to this place to put down the Armenian rebellion.

The Armenian Consuls have written to the London Society of Armenians to commend the efforts of the Armenian colonies in Europe to expose the wretchedness of Christians in Armenia.

Suit Against Senator Squire.

UTICA, N. Y., November 28.—Before Justice Williams in a special term of the Supreme Court this morning was begun the suit of Floyd C. Shepherd against Senator Watson C. Squire of Washington State. It is alleged that about twenty-five years ago Squire was King of Minneapolis, Philo Osgood, John N. Goodwin and P. Remington of Ilion, N. Y., purchased a large tract of land near Seattle, Wash. In 1873 the property was turned over in trust to Mr. Remington. When Mr. Remington died, some years ago, the property came into the hands of Senator Squire. This suit was instituted on behalf of King, Osgood and Goodwin to compel an accounting, it being alleged that none has ever been made.

The Idaho Miners' Strike.

WARDNER, Idaho, November 28.—The strike situation remains unchanged. Secretary Murphy says: "A wrong impression has gone out relative to the non-union men being discharged. There is no controversy over wages." It is rumored to-night that a telegram was received this evening from the officers of the company to shut down indefinitely. Manager Bradley refused to confirm or deny the rumor.

Captain Howgate's Trial.

WASHINGTON, November 28.—C. W. Doing, the jail-guard from whom Captain Howgate escaped in 1883, was examined before the grand jury to-day to show that Howgate was a fugitive from justice. W. G. Bone of the Treasury Department was called, but could give no information about the missing vouchers, which the District Attorney says will establish the defendant's guilt. The argument of the demurrers was concluded this afternoon, and Judge McConus took the matter under advisement.

Confessed Their Crime.

LOS ANGELES, November 28.—Healy and Sealy, the two men charged with having murdered Camille Elikan, a young merchant of Long Beach, a few nights ago, had their preliminary examination this morning. They confessed the crime, each blaming the other. The officer found all of Elikan's money hidden in different places.

Million and a Half the Price.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., November 28.—C. Phillips of San Luis Obispo county has purchased the Chino rancho, the price paid being \$1,500,000. The property consists of 41,000 acres of land, and includes the Chino Valley railroad. This is the only one of the most valuable and productive in Southern California. Upon it stands the Chino beet-sugar factory.

Another Jack the Ripper Murder.

LONDON, November 28.—A comely woman of the unfortunate class, about 40 years old, was found dead in a nich freighted thoroughfare near Holland Villa road, Kensington, at midnight. Her throat was cut ear to ear. The crime of the newspapers charge the crime to "Jack the Ripper."

French Silk Industry.

PARIS, November 28.—The Lyons silk weavers' society has sent a memorial to the Ministers of Commerce and Foreign Affairs, directing their attention to the serious decline of the French silk industry since the Franco-Italian tariff war. They say Milan has become the principal market of the world.

Torpedo Cruiser Reported Lost.

ROME, November 28.—It is reported that the torpedo cruiser Muzambano foundered off Leria to-day. The crew is said to have been saved. The Muzambano was built at Spezia, and was launched in 1887. She was a steel vessel of 730 tons displacement, carrying one six-pounder and two magazine guns, and had a speed of twenty knots.

Exets to Visit Washington.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 28.—General Antonio Ereta of Salvador is planning to visit Washington and other Eastern cities shortly. He does not believe he will be an exile much longer.