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MISSIONARIES IN PHILIPPINES.

Bishop Potter Discusses the Question of Teaching New Religions to Filipinos.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Writing in the Churchman on "The Religious Situation in the Philippines," Bishop Potter says:

"It may be asked: Is it worth while to send missionaries to the Philippines. Are they not largely, as we have been told, a Christian people with churches, schools, ministers of religion and the like? Is it worth while to intrude upon their teachers and teachings which they have been taught to regard as of the devil (some of the recent pronouncements of the archbishop of Manila are in this connection) and to American ears, literary curiosities and so to begin the work of a higher civilization by inflaming religious prejudices and by awakening violent religious controversies.

"I confess it seems to me that this will be a question for the Filipinos as well as American citizens to answer. If they want such teachers then, certainly under our system of government they are entitled to have them and no wise American, under whatever pretext, will attempt to interfere in the work of the church, not only among Filipinos, but among Chinese and others, and the church has qualifications for mission work in these islands which other Christian bodies have recognized. But beyond what is already under way, a denominational propaganda of various types would at present be only misleading and confusing.

"The Filipinos must first understand what Americanism means. They are at present so largely in the dark as to our institutions and those great ideas of political and religious freedom upon which they rest, that the perfectly well meant, but not always considerate presentation of the truth by those whose attitude is one of strong antagonism to the teachings and institutions of Rome would only be inflammatory and unsettling and might end in a situation in which the illusions of the old faith had been destroyed without the substitution of anything better.

In the meantime it ought to be distinctly understood that henceforth in the Philippines any man may worship God according to his own conscience, and if he is so minded, to invite others to unite in doing so with him."

HIGH SPEED REQUIREMENTS.

New Armored Cruisers Will Go 23 Knots and Battleships 19.

NEW YORK, March 23.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Commander Taussig, when he returns to the Philippines, will probably be placed in control of the naval surveying work in the archipelago.

Rear-Admiral Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment, has recommended to Secretary Long that the vessel under his command, which will be the Yorktown, be made the parent ship for the half dozen little gunboats which are to be converted into surveying ships.

Rear-Admiral Melville, engineer in chief, has submitted to Rear-Admiral Highborn, chief constructor, the weight of the machinery that the proposed battleships will require. The machinery for each vessel will weigh 1500 tons and will produce about 15,500 horse-power. The horse-power will give the vessel 19 knots speed.

THE NAVAL INCREASE.

May Be Delayed by the Old Question of Armor Plate.

NEW YORK, March 23.—A special to the Times from Washington says: The naval authorities are watching with considerable interest and some fear for the action of congress on the appropriation for naval increase. Some of the department officials express the opinion that the bill may be lost.

Naval officers interested in the fate of the appropriation are strongly inclined to believe that this year's appropriation for new battleships will be left until near the adjournment and some of them are not hopeful that it will be passed at all.

No one doubts that on the mere question of whether the United States shall have enough battleships or not the appropriation would go through with a rush. But the old question about the price of armor still retains its power to cause trouble and while there is no

opposition to the bills there is so much hagglng about the cost of armor that it may result in no appropriation at all.

The old idea of having the government establish an armor plant of its own is revived and some members of congress favor it if the companies which now supply the government refuse to come down to their idea of the right price. The trouble is that there is not as yet any agreement as to what the right price is.

There is some talk to the effect that the companies might be willing to reduce the cost without any such menace, but this is always coupled with the mention of conditions which are not likely to secure powerful enough support in congress to insure their adoption.

FRENCH BLUFF IGNORED.

State Department Takes No Stock in Her Reputed Claim on Danish Islands.

NEW YORK, March 23.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Investigation of the subject made by the state department has convinced the officials that the French government possesses no rights in the island of St. Croix, of the Danish West Indies.

The French government is not being considered by Secretary Hay in connection with the negotiations under way with Denmark for the acquisition of the Danish West Indies by the United States. The department has not been advised of the purpose of the government to introduce a bill in the Danish legislature authorizing the sale of the islands.

There is little doubt that an agreement will be reached when the crisis in Copenhagen has passed, provided, of course, the new cabinet is as favorable to the transfer of the islands as is the one which began the negotiations.

AMERICAN KRUPP PLATE.

Satisfactory Tests Made at the Indian Head Proving Grounds.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The first Krupp plate manufactured by the Bethlehem Steel Company has passed a very successful test at the Indian Head proving grounds.

The plate represented a group of 300 tons intended for the Russian battleship Petvisan, under construction at Cramps. It tapered from nine to five inches in thickness. It was twelve feet long by seven wide and was supported by the usual oak backing.

The plate was the target for four eight-inch armor-piercing projectiles, each weighing 250 pounds. The required velocity to be attained by each shell was 1,322 feet per second, but the velocity in every case was higher, the maximum being 1,550 feet per second.

The greatest penetration obtained was three inches. No cracks appeared and there was no extensive flaking. The shells all broke up. Armor experts say that the plate made a very satisfactory showing.

MORGAN GOES TO EUROPE.

Will Close a Big Deal in American Railroads.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The Herald says:

J. P. Morgan will sail for Europe on the White Star liner Teutonic today. He is to meet William K. Vanderbilt in London to arrange, it is said, a big railroad deal for which Wall street has been waiting and hoping for two years. Important European financial interests are also to be seen regarding the same matter.

It directly concerns the New York Central and its allied lines. No intimation of the real nature of the matter can be obtained. It is known that the Morgan and Vanderbilt railroads are now working harmoniously.

CANADIAN STEEL PLANT.

Big One to Be Erected at the Mouth of the Welland Canal.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The Journal of Commerce says:

Plans for the organization of the Canadian Steel Company, the incorporation of which, with \$18,000,000 capital is now pending in the Canadian legislature, are being rapidly matured. A meeting of the organizers of the company was held in this city this week at which details of the organization were agreed upon. The bill of incorporation has passed its second reading and will come up for a third reading in a few days.

The plant of the company will be at

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Welland, Ontario, where a 1500-acre site has been obtained. This is at the mouth of the Welland canal, where it is claimed Lake Superior ore can be laid down as cheap as at Cleveland or Buffalo. Among those interested are several capitalists from this and other cities of the United States, while Canadian capital is also concerned.

A feature of the company's charter is that it will permit the company to make contracts for electric power with the Hamilton and Lake Erie Power Company. It is claimed that power can be furnished in this way at about one fifth the cost of steam power in Pittsburg.

HIS SPEECH RESTORED.

Italian Criminal Regains His Speech By Attempting Suicide.

CHICAGO, March 23.—Vito Paoletto the Italian saloon keeper, who lost the power of speech soon after the murder of his partner, Michael Glavito, with which he is charged, made two attempts to commit suicide. He failed, but the method employed restored his voice. He has only one leg and uses a crutch.

While listening to the testimony of witnesses who appeared before the coroner's jury, Paoletto put the lower end of his crutch in his mouth and lurched forward. He was only slightly injured. A few minutes the accused man repeated the attempt to end his life.

The attendants took his crutches away. One of the physicians who examined him says that the shock produced in Paoletto's throat by falling on the end of the crutch restored circulation in the region of the paralyzed vocal cords and the organs were again able to perform their functions.

AMERICAN COAL IN JAPAN.

Arrival of the First Cargo Ever Imported in That Country.

CHICAGO, March 23.—T. Fuzita, Japanese consul in Chicago, speaking of advice he had just received from Japan, in which it is stated that the steamer Needles, carrying six thousand tons of coal from Virginia, had arrived at Nagasaki, said:

"This is the first shipment of American coal ever imported into Japan. It establishes a new commercial precedent between Japan and the United States. Though we have use for American coal, freights have been exorbitantly high against its importation."

NEW SOUND ROAD.

Bellingham Bay Line Will Be Constructed From New Whatcom.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., March 23.—Work on the extension of the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia Railroad will soon begin.

The branch starts at Sumas, twenty-four miles from here on the international boundary line and runs eastward on the American side twenty-four miles to Boulder Creek, where the Cornell coal mines are situated. These mines have been purchased by P. B. Cornwall, Alvina Hayward and D. G. Mills, the owners of the railroad.

MACHINE LEADER DEFEATED.

Cornelius Bliss Will Be a National Republican Delegate From New York.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Captain F. N. Goddard defeated Charles A. Hess, "machine" republican leader of the Twenty-fifth assembly district, in the primaries for the control of the Twelfth congressional district convention and, according to the political arrangements, ex-Secretary Bliss and Captain Goddard will be the delegates to the national convention.

THE TWO ADMIRALS.

New Asiatic Commanders Going out on Regular Liner.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—On the Hong Kong Maru, which will sail on Saturday for China and Japan, will be two admirals of the United States navy. Rear-Admiral Kempff, who has had charge of the Mare Island navy yard since Admiral Watson went to Manila to relieve Admiral Dewey, is going to the Philippines. He will again succeed Watson, this time in command of the Philippine squadron. Rear-Admiral George C. Remy goes to the Orient to take command of the China station.

SKIPPER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED. Captain Stone, of City of Florence Held Guilty of Negligence.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The license of Captain George F. Stone, who was master of the British ship City of Florence when she was wrecked on Nontara reef on March 10, has been suspended for six months by the Board of Inquiry appointed to investigate the cause of the disaster.

The court found that the captain did not take all the precautions possible to prevent the vessel from going ashore.

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