



## NAVAL EXPERIMENTS

### Work Havoc on Monitor Florida

### RESULT IS A VICTORY

### To Demonstrate If Bulkheads May Be Used to Protect The Hull

### CLOSE RANGE AND DEADLY AIM

### A Futile Attempt Was Made to Destroy Newly Designed Woven Wire Fighting Mast on Stern of Florida—After Five Shots Mast Stood Firm.

OLD POINT COMFORT, May 27.—The biggest naval gun, the heaviest projectile and the highest explosive known, combined with a close range and deadly aim were today allowed to work full havoc on the turret plate of the monitor Florida. The result is declared a victory for the turret construction and this, notwithstanding the 11-inch, hardened steelplate was blackened and broken, the seams of the turret spring and the rivets and screws loosened and twisted. It was not five minutes after the terrible impact that the finely balanced mechanism of the turret was being worked with perfect ease and a 12-inch gun on the left side was trained at will. The inside turret, where stand the gunners and the gun crew, made havoc much less apparent than from the outside. An examination showed the many delicately adjusted instruments and few if any were out of working order.

A futile attempt was next made to destroy the newly designed woven wire fighting mast on the stern of the Florida. After five shots of the guns had gone through it, the mast stood firm. A strip of canvas was stretched between the staffs on the turret of the Florida. The Arkansas fired a 12-inch shot to get the range and then the turret of the Florida was swung around so that her guns and all those of the Arkansas looked squarely at each other. The "big noise" came, two crashes so close together that they sounded like one. The 12-inch projectile had hit its mark. Just to the right of the right gun there was what looked like a hole. The officers went to the Florida, but before they got there, her crew of twenty or thirty jacksieffers by Commander John G. Quimby and Lieutenant Jos. K. Tausig and Ganner had come up from the hold and were looking over the damage. The officers entered the turret at once and had its mechanism operated, turret being completely swung around and the left hand gun trained. A board dum-

my on the inside turret was impact and the opinion of the officers was even with terrific impact the gunnery in the turret would not have been injured. Testing the fighting mast was then tried. The Florida will be fitted with a specially built bulkhead into which a whitehead torpedo is to be fired within the next ten days to demonstrate whether bulkheads of this type may not be used to protect the hull.

### BASEBALL SCORES.

**Pacific Coast League.**  
At Portland—Portland 4, San Francisco 3 (12 innings).  
At San Francisco—Oakland 4, Los Angeles 3.  
**Northwest League.**  
At Tacoma—Tacoma 1, Aberdeen 0.  
At Seattle—Seattle 2, Vancouver 5.  
At Butte—Butte-Spokane game was postponed on account of rain.

### ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED

NEW YORK, May 27.—Arrangements have been completed for the formal unveiling on June 5 of a memorial tablet of the Steamer President Lincoln of the Hamburg-American Line. The tablet is of bronze and bears an extract from Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg. The unveiling will be in charge of the Grand Army of the Republic and a program of several addresses has been arranged. The exercises will take place aboard the steamer at her pier at Hoboken.

## LITTLE BUSINESS

### Methodist Episcopal Conference ---Vast Deal of Argument

### COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES

### Committee on Episcopacy Decided on Report Exonerating Bishop Neely of Buenos Ayres of Charges of Mal-Administration Laid Against Him.

BALTIMORE, May 27.—A vast deal of argument marked today's session of the Methodist Episcopal Conference and not a great deal of business accomplished. The committee on boundaries held its final regular meeting today during which it fixed the boundaries of the Pacific Coast. The Chinese missions as embracing all present missions except that now in Portland which will remain independent for the present.

The committee on Episcopacy decided on the report exonerating Bishop Neely of Buenos Ayres of the charges of mal-administration laid against him.

### MINISTER EXPECTED.

QUATEMALA CITY, May 27.—Of those arrested on suspicion of having been implicated in the recent plot against the life of President Cabrera 53 have been released. Quiet prevails and there have been no extraordinary military movements for some time. It is announced that relations with Mexico are satisfactory and that the Mexican minister is expected to arrive here soon.

## PRESIDENT HARAHAH SAILS FOR EUROPE

NEW YORK, May 27.—President J. T. Harahan of the Illinois Central sails to-day for Europe on a trip which, according to reports, is intended at least in part to bring friendlier relations between the Illinois Central management and some of its stockholders among whom an anti-Hariman campaign was waged during the contest over the last annual election.

It was pointed out yesterday that President Harahan already has had

a conference with a number of New England stockholders who had upheld Mr. Fish during this contest and that as a result these stockholders at a recent special meeting approved the management's plans for the absorption of several subsidiary companies and for the issuance of thirty million dollars additional stock. It was suggested that President Harahan will have similar conferences with some of the foreign shareholders.

## TORNADO KILLS TEN AT GUTHRIE OKLOHOMA

### Besides Those Killed Twelve Suffered Injuries---Vast Acreage of Crops Destroyed

## HUNDREDS OF CATTLE AND LIVESTOCK KILLED

### Tornado Swept Through Alfalfa County Near Ashby Ten Miles West of Alva Last Night---Storm Started in Woods County, and Spread for Several Miles

## WITH FORCE THAT PULLED PUMPS OUT OF THE WELLS

### GREAT FORCE OF STORM SUCH AS TO BREAK THE BONES OF LIVESTOCK—STORM STARTED IN WOODS COUNTY—DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CROPS AND CATTLE BEYOND ESTIMATE.

GUTHRIE, May 27.—Ten persons were killed in a tornado which swept through Alfalfa county near Ashby, 10 miles west of Alva last night. The storm started in Woods county and swept a path a half mile wide through Alfalfa county for several miles. Vast acreage of crops were destroyed. The storm had sufficient force to pull the pumps out of wells and break the bones in the bodies of livestock. Besides those killed 12 suffered injuries, several fatally, and hundreds of cattle killed.

## NEW OCEAN RECORDS AUTO BREAKS DOWN

### Will be Tried For By Liners Mauretania and Lusitania.

NEW YORK, May 27.—New ocean records will be tried for by the giant liners Mauretania and Lusitania, which set out today from opposite sides of the Atlantic. Owing to the delay in getting out of dry dock, the Mauretania was not able to leave Liverpool on Saturday according to her schedule so that on her passage beginning to-day she will attempt to make the round trip within two weeks. If she succeeds in her attempt it will be the shortest round trip on record. Her schedule calls for her arrival here on Monday, when she would discharge her cargo, take on coal, passengers and baggage and sail for Liverpool on Tuesday June 4.

Meantime the Lusitania will sail from here to-day on the second lap of her round trip for the subvention offered by the British Government for an average speed of 24.5 knots on each voyage of a round trip. Her average on the first half of the trip which ended here last week, was 24.83 knots.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

### Report of Committee Read by Dr. Mark A. Matthews.

KANSAS CITY, May 27.—Attempt to secure a record endorsement of the standard American revised edition of the Bible aroused the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church today to one of the most spirited discussions since the assembly met and the attempt failed by a narrow margin. A spirit of unrest manifested itself today when a resolution was introduced providing that the committee be appointed to report the matter at the next general assembly on the entire subject of "The general assembly" in an effort to make the assembly more of a deliberative body. Although the resolution was referred to a committee on policy, it is known that many commissioners feel that the general assembly is becoming too great a burden on the churches.

A report of the committee on publication and Sabbath school work was submitted and adopted.

A report of the committee on church creation was read by Dr. Mark A. Matthews of Seattle.

All the officers of the woman's board of foreign missions was re-elected today.

### Machine of Fernando Nelson Was Trying to Make Record Run.

CANYONVILLE, Ore., May 27.—The Postal Telegraph Company has received a message from Glendale saying the automobile of Fernando Nelson who was trying to make a record run between San Francisco and Portland is broken down at the foot of the hills about a mile south of Glendale and it is not likely that the car will be able to get away from that place tonight.

## ALDRICH CURRENCY BILL.

### The Tennessee Bankers Association Vigorously Oppose Bill.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 27.—The Tennessee Bankers Association in annual convention here adopted resolutions vigorously opposing the Aldrich Currency bill, favoring the issuance of emergency currency based upon commercial paper and approved securities and favoring the appointment of a currency commission of which at least one third of the members shall be business men and members of congress, shall be selected.

A telegram setting forth the action taken was sent to Speaker Cannon.

## \$ 37,572 IS MISSING.

### Representing Texas Paid Under Protest in 1903.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—It is reported that the sum of \$37,572 representing taxes paid under protest in 1903 by the United States Railroads is missing presumably in the city and county treasury. The sum represents the difference between a valuation placed upon the holdings of the United Railroads by the State Board of Equalization and the assessment of city and county assessor Washington Dodge, and which has been in litigation.

Judge Swewell decided the case in favor of the city and was upheld by the supreme court. The alleged shortage is said to have been made when the remitter was handed down.

The finance committee of the Board of Supervisors will commence an investigation of the matter tomorrow.

## AT WASHINGTON.

### Aldrich Announces That he Would Take up Currency Bill Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, May 27.—A conference report on the currency bill was laid before the Senate shortly before the adjournment today and Aldrich announced that tomorrow he would move to take it up and keep it under consideration until disposed of. While waiting for the report, session was occupied with a running debate on the bill to compensate government employes for injuries sustained while in the service. As on previous days the discussion was merely for the purpose of consuming time.

## CHICAGO'S TROUBLES.

### CHICAGO, May 27.—The Tribune to-day says:

It became known yesterday, that the Amader Mining and Development Company, of Montana, with headquarters at Chicago had come to an end. Letters that will be mailed to-day will inform 1,400 stockholders, that the copper and gold mine in which they have sunk \$650,000 is worthless.

The majority of stock was owned by residents of Chicago. There are also a large number of stockholders in Pittsburg where the company has a branch office and in Boston.

The six years of life of the company, a total of only five cars of ore was taken from the mine.

## ASK FOR NEW TRIAL

### Lawyers Springs Two Points on Minning and Pipes

## ROSS FIGHTING FOR TIME

### The Appearance of Former Governor W. P. Lord in the Case Casts a Pathetic Shade Upon it—He Argued For Nearly Two Hours.

SALEM, Ore., May 27.—Upon the ground that the State Treasurer acts in the capacity of a trustee in the handling of state funds, and that the money deposited with the Title Guarantee & Trust Company was done in his official and not individual capacity, counsel for J. Thorburn Ross are fighting for time and points in the effort to stay proceedings and secure a new trial, before Judge Burnett, of the State Circuit Court.

When the case was called at 1 o'clock it was expected that sentence would be passed upon Ross immediately, upon conviction of wrongful conversion of the state school funds in his capacity as president of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. Bank, but somewhat of a surprise was sprung upon District Attorney Manning and his assistant, M. L. Pipes, when former Governor W. P. Lord was introduced in the case and argued for nearly two hours.

The motion for arrest of judgment, which was supplemented by another motion for a new trial, is based upon the contention that the funds deposited were not subject to conversion

## BATTLESHIPS AT TACOMA

### Arrived in Bay Shortly Before Noon

### ONE HAD SLIGHT MISHAP

### Georgia Was Delayed for Half Hour But Soon Caught Up With Fleet

## PREPARING FOR LONG VOYAGE

### Bremerton, Illinois, Kearsarge and Minnesota Left Line and Put Into Navy Yards—Kansas, Vermont and Louisiana Will Sail For Bay City.

TACOMA, May 27.—The Atlantic battleship fleet today completed another peg in its cruise and arrived in Commencement bay shortly before noon today, their anchor chains sounding at eight bells. In leaving Seattle this morning the Georgia had a slight mishap and was delayed nearly half an hour, but she caught up with the fleet long before Brown's Point was reached. When off Bremerton, the Illinois, Kearsarge and Minnesota left the line and put into the navy yards. Admiral Sperry will remain in the harbor until tomorrow when the flagship, followed by the Kansas, Vermont and Louisiana will sail for San Francisco to prepare for the voyage around the world. The Georgia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Virginia will remain in harbor until Saturday when they will go to Bremerton to be docked in their turn.

and that no evidence was introduced to show that defendant, Ross, converted the money to his own use.

The appearance of former Governor Lord in the case casts a pathetic shade upon it. A conviction having been secured, an appeal was made to him as a last resort on the grounds of warm friendship and the efforts of the old lawyer to save his friend from a prison garb and term in the penitentiary appealed to all, especially since he is suffering ill health and the effects of wounds in his limbs received during the Civil War.

Governor Lord will be followed by Counsel Wallace McCamant upon the motion for a new trial, and the court will pass upon the case when the state's counsel closes the argument.

NEW YORK, May 27.—District Attorney Clark of Brooklyn will sail for Italy on June 6 to study the Italian criminal where he grows. Mr. Clark will be accompanied by Francis L. Corrao, one of his assistants who was born in Italy.

## WILL CELEBRATE 154TH COMMENCEMENT TODAY

NEW YORK, May 27.—Columbia University will celebrate its one hundred and fifty fourth commencement this morning, the exercises beginning with a procession of professors and senior which will form at the library building and march to the Gymnasium, where Dr. Nicholas Murry Butler, president of Columbia, will confer the degrees. Ninety three students will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts, while 1,144 degrees in all

will be conferred on graduates in the various branches.

At St Paul's Chapel two bronze statues will be presented to the university by Paul Sattedlle, on behalf of the Class 1883.

The exercises will be followed by the Alumni lunch, and the Columbia-Pennsylvania baseball teams will play at the polo grounds. The day will be concluded by an amateur circus on South Field in the evening.