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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair, except showers in north portion. Washington—Light showers. Idaho—Showers and warmer.

REVOLUTIONIZE WARFARE.

For generations naval experts have been saying to one another comfortably: "Ah, well. Whenever any man invents a gun that can pierce the armor plate we now have, another man will produce an armor his gun cannot injure." Thus illustrating the constant rivalry between the forces of offense and defense. But it could hardly have been expected by any naval expert that one man should first invent a torpedo against which the under-water defenses of the modern battleship have proven ineffectual, and then, continuing in the same interesting occupation, invent a new armor plate which is held to be practically impenetrable by the rifled cannon of today.

Sooner or later, we may expect to see the old problem of the irresistible force and the immovable body worked out. Lieutenant Commander Cleland Davis, United States Navy, will start one of the new Davis torpedoes at one of the new Davis armor plates. And out of the resultant fragments the scientists will build a brand new theory of strains and bursting charges.

It is something less than just to measure a man's value to this world by the amount of his income. Nevertheless, to say that Lieutenant Commander Davis has in a few short years expanded the \$3500 salary which his country pays him each year for his knowledge of naval matters as displayed in the Bureau of Equipments, at Washington, to approximately \$375,000 annually as his share of the profits on a single invention, gives a pretty fair idea of the man's capacity. But Mr. Davis would resent such a characterization of his successes. To him the winning of the game has been a sufficient reward.

Mr. Davis is 39 years old, and from the moment that he left his birthplace, Louisville, Ky., to enter Annapolis, he has worked to develop the opportunities offered by his profession. As a matter of course, he began to exercise his inventive faculties on means calculated to render war a hazardous and costly pastime. At first he began with just a few little things. He devised some improvements in gunnery, suggested one or two new ideas in torpedoes, and planned an explosive armor-piercing shell which is now in use by the United States Navy. All the time his grand idea was germinating. He had conceived the plan of a torpedo which should enter any ship at which it might be directed, and, after entering, explode in the vessel's vitals. His spare time has been given over to this ingenious device for ten years past.

His greatest difficulty was to find some means by which the torpedo might be reduced in weight, and yet retain the strength needed for the proper control of its powerful explosives. That was two years ago. It was difficult to obtain steel of sufficient strength that would be light enough. At last he tried an alloy with a comparatively unknown element, vanadium. He succeeded in reducing the weight of the torpedo from one thousand pounds to eighty pounds.

Habitual Constipation

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and yet retained all its strength. That made the torpedo a success and tests convinced the entire Navy.

Now that it has been done, the plan seems gloriously simple. The torpedo contains a double charge of explosive. Driven to its target by compressed air, after the fashion of the Whitehead, the first charge is exploded when the battle nose strikes the ship at which it is aimed. Really, it is an under-water cannon. The first charge exploded drives the forward part of the torpedo through the under-water armor of the vessel and well into the interior. Then the second charge is exploded—and, if all goes well, in the pleasant naval way of putting it, the ship sinks. The torpedo which has been in use for the past 10 years is considered practically negligible in battle. It may jar the ship it strikes, or produce a dimple in its bottom, or possibly start a leak. But, according to the judgment of naval experts who have watched the performance of the new Davis gun, protection against this new torpedo may be secured only by armoring the under-water portion of the battleship as heavily as that portion exposed to the projectiles of the 13-inch guns. They believe that this fact will mean, ultimately, a revolution in naval warfare.

NEW YORK'S INEBRIATES.

New York City spends on its drunkards \$2,412,000 yearly, if the estimates made by the statisticians of the State Charities Aid Association are correct. \$1,750,000 for arresting and caring for intoxicated persons, \$92,000 for trying them, \$250,000 for custodial care of them by the Department of Correction, and \$320,000 for the treatment of alcoholic cases in Bellevue and allied hospitals and in the hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Charities.

These figures have to do with the direct cost to the city; they take no account of the vast indirect cost to the community through the loss of the producing power of the habitual drunkard. "Habitual drunkenness," according to an official statement of the Charity Organization Society, "is one of the largest problems with which the district committees of this society have to deal, as it reduces families to destitution and they thus become a burden on the Charity Organization Society and similar institutions."

It is due to representations made by the Charity Organization Society three years ago that a bill providing a comprehensive treatment of the problem of public intoxication in New York City is now before the Legislature. It was framed by the Hospital Committee of the State Charities Aid Association after a series of conferences attended by representatives of the city departments of Charities and Correction, the Prison Association, the medical profession and the principal charitable organizations.

Senator Agnew's bill provides for the appointment by the Mayor of a board of inebriety, the members of which shall serve without pay, all but the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, who are members ex officio, being chosen from lists submitted to the Mayor by the heads of the three principal relief societies of the city. At least two of the number are to be physicians.

Under the direction of this board a central office will be maintained for the keeping of records of all persons arrested for public intoxication. Arrests are to be reported to this office by telephone, so that prompt investigation of the culprits' police history may be made by the board's field and probation officers. If his record for a year is clean the magistrate before whom he is arraigned may dismiss his case. If he has been arrested within 12 months he may be released on probation for a period of not less than six months or more than one year. "Taking the pledge" for the period, or the magistrate may release him on probation and in addition impose a fine not exceeding \$25, to be paid in installments.

The novel feature of the bill is its provision for the establishment of a thoroughly equipped hospital for inebriates, having as an adjunct an industrial colony. It is not expected, of course, that the great number of individuals whose lapses from sobriety are only occasional will ever see the inside of this institution. But when a magistrate pursues none of the courses mentioned he is required to com-

mit the offender to the custody of the Board of Inebriety not for a longer period than three years and the Board may place the man so committed in the hospital and colony and may parole him when his behavior justifies such action.

In the case of confirmed inebriates requiring custodial care the Board is authorized to apply to a court of record for their commitment to suitable custodial institutions, such as the workhouse or the proposed State Industrial Colony.

An old sweetheart of Mr. Payne says she will write him in regard to his tax of stockings. It's an awful predicament. Suppose even a tariff tinkerer has feelings.

A New Jersey justice of the peace gives a present to every couple he marries to encourage matrimony. Seem more appropriate to let the happy pair draw something blindly, giving the idea more semblance of a lottery.

An importing tailor says that \$50 suits of clothes are \$12 tariff. Never knew what ailed them before.

Notice of injunction that engagement gifts should be attractive but inexpensive. Sounds well, but how will the girl in the case like it?

"THIS IS MY 89th BIRTHDAY"

Dr. Daniel Kimball Pearsons, the eminent philanthropist who has been seriously ill at his winter home at Pasaden, was born April 14, 1820, at Bradford, Vt. He graduated in medicine from Dartmouth College and for a time practiced medicine in Chicopee, Mass., after having taught school five years. In 1857 he decided to go West. He became a farmer in Ogle county, Illinois, but after three years gave it up and went to Chicago, which city has been his home ever since. In recent years Dr. Pearsons has distributed more than \$5,000,000 among the smaller colleges of the country. He acquired his wealth largely through Chicago real estate.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

1780—Gen Tarleton, commanding the British, defeated American forces under Col. Huger on the headwaters of the Cooper river, near Charleston, S. C.

1789—General Washington received at Mt. Vernon official notification of his election as first President of the United States.

1812—Congress passed an act annexing to Louisiana that part of Florida lying west of the Pearl river.

1852—Rangoon, the maritime capital of the Burmese empire, stormed and taken by the British under General Goodwin.

1865—President Lincoln assassinated in Ford's Theater, Washington, by J. Wilkes Booth.

1903—Ex-President Cleveland spoke in New York in the industrial education in the South.

1908—President Roosevelt sent a special message to Congress, advocating the building of four battleships.

AMERICAN A SUICIDE

NEW YORK, April 14.—Ludwig Stettheimer, the young American, who committed suicide by throwing himself from a cliff at Torre Gaveta, Italy, last Tuesday and who was at first thought to be "J. MacPherson of Seattle," was formerly a foreign exchange broker in Wall Street. About a year ago he gave up his business and began traveling in Southern Europe and Africa. His cousin here, Morris Stettheimer, was at a loss to explain the suicide. Ludwig he said, had considerable money when he left here.

RHEUMATIC FOLKS!

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BASEBALL SEASON NOW ON EVERYWHERE

DORMANT FANS MAY NOW WAKE UP AND FIND LIFE INTERESTING.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The baseball season opens all along the line today with games in the East and West between clubs of the National League and between all the teams of the American League organizations. The preliminary skirmishing of the last two days of the eastern wing of the American League in Washington and Philadelphia has only put a iner edge on the baseball appetite. The National League season opens with Brooklyn at New York, Philadelphia at Boston, Pittsburgh at Cincinnati and St. Louis at Chicago, while the western division of the American League finds Chicago at Detroit, and Cleveland at St. Louis.

The New York Baseball season is inaugurated at the remodelled polo grounds, which with the additional grandstands and bleachers can accommodate crowds variously estimated at from 35,000 to 40,000 persons, said to be the largest seating capacity of any baseball park in the country.

Although it rained almost all night, the prediction for New York City and vicinity for today was "Clearing and cooler," and the baseball enthusiast awoke from his long winter sleep with high hopes. Hours before the game Brooklyn and New York, scheduled to start at 3:30 o'clock eager fans moved by the hundreds from all sections of Manhattan, Brooklyn and New Jersey points to the Polo grounds. The advance sale of seats indicates a record breaking crowd and Police Commissioner Bingham detailed extra detachments of police to keep order in the thoroughfares approaching the grounds.

Manager John McGraw of the New York Club, and Manager Harry Lumley for Brooklyn both report their men to be in fine fettle. McGraw had decided last night to send Christy Mathewson to the firing line with Schlei to do the catching, but there will be a possibility of Ames going to the box if the weather turns out damp or chilly. Ethel Rucker or Wilhelm will pitch for Brooklyn, with Bergen behind the bat.

The lineup follows: New York—Herzog, left field; Doyle, second base; Murray, right field; Tenney, first base; O'Hara center field; Devlin, third base; Bridwell, Short stop; Schlei, catcher; Mathewson or Ames, pitcher.

Brooklyn—Burch, left field; Alperman, second base; Hummel, shortstop; Bebring center field; Lumley, right field; Jordan, first base; Lennox, third base; Bergen, catcher; Rucker or Wilhelm, pitcher.

The umpires selected are Johnstone and Cusack, with Johnstone giving judgment on balls and strikes.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, April 14.—If the weather man is kind, the season of the National league is to be inaugurated today, with the Brooklyn playing in New York, the Philadelphia in Boston, the Pittsburghs in Cincinnati and the St. Louis Cardinals in Chicago. The season will continue until Oct. 7, the schedule providing for 156 games.

The race of 1909 will be the thirty-third annual tussle of the National league. Since its inception in 1876 there have been 32 cities to hold membership in the organization. Chicago and Boston were charter members of the National league and are the only two cities that have held membership continuously since 1876. They have been in every National league race and between them have won more pennants than all the other cities put together. The Chicago in 32 years have won nine pennants. Only once have they finished last. That once was in 1877, when there were only five clubs in the league. The Bostonians have won eight pennants in the 32 years. They also have finished last but once—in 1906.

The list of cities that have been National league members is as follows: Chicago, Hartford, St. Louis, Boston, Louisville, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Providence, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Buffalo, Syracuse, Cleveland, Troy, Worcester, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Washington, Brooklyn, Baltimore and New York. New York was in the league in 1876, the team of the metropolis being known as the Mutuals. The first seven cities named and the Mutuals comprised the National league circuit in its maiden year. The circuit has ranged in size from five cities to twelve.

The circuit consisted of eight cities in 1876, of five in 1877 and of eight from that on until 1892. From 1872 to 1899, inclusive, 12 cities formed the circuit, and from 1899 to the present time eight cities. The biggest percentage ever made by a pennant winning team was that of Chicago in 1880. During that season Anson's Invincibles won 67 games and lost 17, and their percentage was 798. The best 12-club circuit percentage was made by the Boston in 1897—705, repre-

senting 93 victories and 39 defeats. The poorest percentage was made by the Cleveland in 1899, when there were 20 victories and 134 defeats and a percentage of 129. The difference in points between the winner and the tail-end team that year was 533, which is the extreme in this regard. The following year, when the Brooklyn finished first and the New Yorks last, the difference in points was only 168, the least on record.

The following table indicates the position in which the eight clubs now comprising the league have finished from year to year:

Table with 2 columns: City and Year (1876-1908). Rows list finishing positions for Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, New York, and Pittsburgh.

All signs point to an interesting race for the season now opened. Many important changes have been made in nearly all of the teams. Every one of the teams which finished in the second division last season has a new manager and many new players.

In Cincinnati Clark Griffith, a veteran baseball general, has been put in charge of the Reds' destinies. St. Louis has the old catcher Roger Bresnahan for a leader. The Bostonians have placed the managerial rein in the hands of Frank Bowerman and the welfare of the Brooklyn team has been intrusted to the hands of Harry Lumley.

The Chicago club, winners for the last three years, has retained its old line-up practically unchanged and looks to be the best bet for the pennant again this season. There is a lot of splendid talent opposed to the Cubs, but it looks now as though New York has the best of any of the other teams, and it would not be surprising if the Cubs and the Giants would again fight it out for championship honors as they did in the exciting race of last year.

BLACK HAND A MYTH

Italian Lawyer Says His Countrymen Are Not To Blame.

CHICAGO, April 14.—"The Black Hand Society is a myth. No such organization ever existed."

So declares Bernard Barasa a prominent Italian lawyer and formerly attorney of the Italian consul here, commenting on the recent alleged "black hand" outrages in this city. He is at the head of a formal movement designed to abolish what he calls a "hoax" on the public.

"The thing has gone too far," he says. "It is hurting the Italian people. Matters have got to such a point that when I go into court to try a case before a jury I have to ask the veniremen whether they are prejudiced against Italians. I find that hundreds of men are. A little questioning brings out the fact that this prejudice is founded on the black hand stories and Italian business men are troubled the same way."

"The term black hand originated in New York. A small group of blackmailers wrote letters to a banker there, signing that name. Since then it has been used thousands of times in connection with hundreds of different sorts of outrages."

"An investigation of crimes among Italians will show that they are either assaults or murders. The Italian is not often a thief. He is hot tempered and that accounts for the assaults."

"Rich Italians of Chicago never get black hand letters, now I have personally investigated fully twenty of these black hand outrages and in every instance I find either that the people were not Italians or that the whole thing was a fake."

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