ESTING OIL AS FUEL ON BATTLESHIPS

RY-OUT ON MONITOR CHEYENNE IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., April 16.—The coast defense monitor Cheyenne returned to this port yesterday from a long cruise made to test the efficiency of oil as fuel Although no official statement will be made until the report sent to Washington is given out, officers who have watched the tests are strong in their praise of oil as fuel for warship of all kinds.

They state that it has been proven that the saving in fuel is considerable as well as the saving in labor and that the working of the oil burning plant installed on the monitor at Mare island has been perfect, theoretically and practically. Steam pressure can be maintained much more evenly than with coal, a higher speed can be secured and smoke, cinders and dirt are eliminated.

In times of war, the absence of smoke, the officers point out, is a valuable consideration as it makes it much more difficult for any enemy to discover the presence of the ship or to locate her exact whereabouts.

With oil the Creyenne, on a high power trial trip has been able to make a higher rate of speed than with coal, and her steaming radius of 1,500 miles with coal has been increased to 2300 with oil. The air supplied to the burners is super-heated to about 400 degrees fahrenheit before entering the burners, and the oil to about 200 degrees. The oil is used in a gaseous state, instead of as a liquir. The officers say that the Cheyenne has successfully demonstrated that oil for fuel will be a success in the navy.

WOULD PARDON WOMAN.

CHICAGO, April 16.—A move to secure the pardon of Marian Grey, the young woman sentenced to one year in the Bridewell by Judge Landis on the charge of misusing the mails to conduct a matrimonial bureau, has been started.

A letter, which, it is said, will be followed by a lengthy petition, has been written to President Taft by the convicted woman's family physician, asking that a pardon be granted on the ground that she is physically unable to stand a year at hard labor in the House of correction.

SAILORS ON STRIKE.

About 1500 Are Out On The Great Lakes.

CHICAGO, April 16.—The refusal of the sailors on the Great Lakes to work is now in effect. Fully 15,000 men from engineers to deckhands, are affected by the decision of the union organizations not to operate boats belonging to members of the Lake Carriers Association until its avowed purpose to enforce an open shop on the lake boats is abandoned.

Some boats which have signed up men without the open shop clause and others with non-union crews will try to get out of port tomorrow.

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

One Part Of Law Has Been Declared Unconstitutional.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Further attempts on the part of Congress to regulate the white slave trade by punishing persons guilty of harboring an alien woman for immoral purposes have been abandoned in view of a recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, declaring unconstitutional a portion of the immigration act of 1907, relating to this subject.

"When we put the provision in the law against the harboring of such persons," Representative Bennett of New York, who fathered the bill in the House said today, "we recognized that it would probably be declared unconstitutional. But we wanted to leave no stone unturned to suppress the traffic. With that object in view, we had the Department of ustice draft a clause which might be Constitutional, but which did not prove to be."

NEGRO HEAVYWEIGHTS.

PARIS, April 16.—An unusually large demand for tickets gives evidence of the public interest displayed in the finish fight at Wonderland tomorrow night between the American negro heavyweights, Sam McVey and Joe Jeannette. The fight is expected to settle the long-disputed question of supremacy between the two big negroes. A few weeks ago they met in a twenty-round bout, and the referee after first declaring Jeanette had won reversed his decision in favor of McVey. Interest in the coming battle has been increased by the fact that the winner will probably be matched to fight Sam Lanford before the National Sporting Club of London next month.

"SMOKE IS A BLESSING."

And Is Not A Nuisance, Declares A Coal Magnate.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Smoke is a blessing to the world, and a boon to health, according to a statement by W. P. Rend, coal magnate, in reply to an address by Secretary E. R. Pritchard of the Board of Health, declaring it a nuisance.

"This talk about smoke being a curse is all nonsense," Mr. Rend declares. "The creator who made coal knew that there would be smoke and knew that smoke would be a good thing for the world.

"Take the coal operator who is at all times breathing not only smoke but coal dust in addition. His lungs are black with both, and yet he is one of the healthiest men in the world. In all my experience among coal operators I know of only one who died of tuberculosis.

"The carbon in th esmoke is a boon to health. As the smoke ascends the carbon in it kills the germs of every kind of disease and purifies the air and yet this is what the new class of reformers would do away with."

COURT ROOM TRAGEDY.

Fearing Death Sentence, Murderer Slashes His Throat.

RIDGEWAY, Ill., April 16.—Fearing a sentence of death was about to be imposed on him, Arch Smith, on trial on a charge of murder, slashed his throat in the crowded court room here yesterday while the judge was instructing the jury.

The judge, after waiting but a brief interval for the excitement to subside, continued his charge to the jury as if nothing had happened, while a deputy sheriff summoned a doctor.

Almost before the doctor had staunched the flow of blood and finished dressing his wound the jury had agreed on a cerdict of guilty and fixed Smith's punishment of ten years in the penitentiary. Smith killed his brother-in-law, George Robinson.

WORKMEN MEN'S HOTEL BURNS TO GROUND

SEVERAL ARE BADLY INJURED IN EARLY MORNING SAN FRANCISCO BLAZE.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—Three hundred guests of the St. George Hotel, a lodging house in Howard Street between Eight and Ninth Streets were thrown into a panic by a fire which completely destroyed the building, a three story frame structure, shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. While it is not known that any lives were lost, it was reported by the clerk that at least twenty of the guests could not be accounted for.

Six men were severely burned, one probably fatally, and many received minor injuries by leaping from the upper stories or by being trampled in the mad rush to escape.

The seriously injured were hurried to the central Emergency Hospital for treatment and the others, few of whom saved their clothing, were housed in nearby lodgings.

Corporal Fontana and Policeman Kruger discovered the fire and dragged many of the sleeping guests from their beds at the risk of their own lives. There were scores of narrow escapes.

The building burned rapidly and within an hour was in ruins.

Those most seriously injured were: Cartwright, Salem, Ore., probably fatally.

Patrick Guerin.
John Neill.
John Erickson
John Potts.
John Main.

So soon as the embers cooled sufficiently a search was begun by the firemen for bodies that might be under the ruins.

Most of the guests were laboring men.

EAST TEXAS TEACHERS.

JACKSONVILLE, Texas, April 16—Teachers from far and near poured into Jacksonville today for the annual meeting of the East Texas Teachers' association. President H. A. Boaz of Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Superintendent A. W. Orr of Smith County and several other educators of prominence are scheduled for addresses at the opening session this evening. The sessions will be concluded tomorrow.

HOODOO AT WORK.

New York Fans Find Silly Explanation Of Loss Of First Game.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The thousands of New Yorkers who united in a wail of woe at New York's defeat by Brooklyn in a thirteen inning game as an opener to the National League season yesterday have discovered the reason why, at the least the superstitious ones are sure of it. It develops that the ball which Richard Croker, the Ex-Tammany leader, threw on to the field for the game was hurled from box thirteen. Few observed the bad omen at the time, but when the local players had gone thirteen innings with out a score, and down to defeat, the rooters shought an excuse and found a good one, they thought, when it became generally known from where the ball was tossed. The sensation sprung in yesterday's game is expected to attract another record breaking crowd to the polo grounds again today when New York and Brooklyn again cross bats.

CIGARETTES MUST GO.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 16.—With the signing of the anti-cigarette bill by Governor Johnson, the cigarette slaughter sale is on in Minneapolis and from this time until the finish, August 1, every dealer of the "independent" variety will aim to get rid of this stock. There will be no standard price. Every dealer will sell at any figure he sees fit.

PATIENTS ARE ENTERTAINED.

New York Hospital Offers Amusement To The Sick And The Lame.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Three hundred patients, many of them reclining on stretchers or propped in wheel chairs, witnessed a three round bout in the big Clinic amphitheatre in Bellevue Hospital last night. The boxing match was only one feature of a varied programme given for the entertainment of patients by the protestant Episcopal mission. It was a weird sight as the halt and the lame, and partly blind, and the maimed, both men and women, assembled in the room ordinarily used for operations, to witness the merrymaking. In the other parts of the hospital lay the sick and the dying but thick walls shut off all sounds from the amphitheater.

Two eighteen year old boys furnished the boxing division. They were introduced as Kid Schmitz and Kid Smalley. It was announced that they weighed 115 pounds. After the lads shook hands they went at it hammer and tongs and at the end of the third round Smitz had a cut lip and a bleeding nose. The bout was then declared a draw. Two hundred physicians and nurses mingled with the patients.

That English Complexion.

The complexions of the English have often been exploited for our benefit. The damp climate and the exercise out of doors produce the red, they say. But on examination it proves to be not the red of the rose, but the red of raw beef, and often streaky and fibrous at that. The features are large and the face high colored, but it is not a delicate pink. It is a coarse red. At a distance the effect is charming, bright, refreshing, but close to often rather unpleasant. Here the features of the women, even the features of the beautiful women, are molded, while the features of our beautiful American women are chiseled.—Scribner's.

A Funny Family.

"What makes your hair snap so?" asked the child who was watching his mother comb her hair.

"Electricity," his mother replied.

"We are a funny family," remarked the child after a few moments of thought. "The other day you said papa had wheels in his head, and now you've got electricity in your hair. If you put your heads together you might make an electric motor, mightn't you?"—New York Times.

The Size She Wanted.

The woman went in the bookstore and asked for a globe.

"What size do you want?" asked the clerk, turning one on its pivot for her to look at the various and sundry countries in pink and blue.

"I think," said the woman, "that you may give me one life size."—New York Times.

Poor Stuff.

The Servant—You got cheated when you bought that chiny vase, mum. The Mistress—How cheated? The Servant—Why, it's weak. It busted all to smash the first time I dropped it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

From Bad to Worse.

Tomdix—They say old Gotrox had a lot of trouble getting that homely daughter of his off his hands.

Hojax—Yes, but his troubles are even greater now.

Tomdix—How is that?

Hojax—He has to keep that homely daughter's husband on his feet.—Chicago News.

Eating Up Principal and Interest.

—New York Herald.

A Somnambulist.

One day an Irishman was asked to come to work an hour earlier than usual. This he promised to do. Next morning he was an hour late.

"Sure, sor, I should have been no good if I'd come, as I was fast asleep," he explained.—Browning's Magazine.

LITTLE ST. LOUIS BOY IS KIDNAPPED

A TELEPHONE MESSAGE SAID HE WAS TAKEN TO A KENTUCKY TOWN.

ST. LOUIS, April 16—James Shepard Cabanne, 7 years old, the youngest son of a famous St. Louis family, was kidnaped from in front of the home o fhis grandmother, Mrs. Julia C. Cabanne, in the most fashionable district of the city yesterday. There is no clew as to his whereabouts save a telephone message from an unidentified man saying the lad had been taken to Louisville.

Shortly before midnight Mrs. Cabanna, almost distracted summoned the police and put the matter in their hands.

The authorities at Louisville and Memphis have been notified and will keep a lookout for the boy. Barring the possibility that he is in the hands of abductors who will try a repetition of the Whitla case, it is a theory of the police that the kidnaping is due to domestic troubles.

PLACE FOR EDITOR SCOTT.

Chicago Paper States That Oregonian Man Is Offered Ambassadorship.

CHICAGO, April 16.—The Tribune today prints the following news item under a Washington date:

Harvey W. Scott of Portland, Ore., is to be the American ambassador to Mexico to succeed David E. Thompson of Nebraska, who will leave the diplomatic service. The change will not take place for several months however.

"Mr. Scott is 72 years old. He is editor of the Portland Oregonian and is one of the best known journalists of the West. He was born in Tazewell County, Ill., went with his parents to Oregon, when he was 13 years old, worked on a farm and in mines and lumber camps. With what he could asve from his earnings he obtained a classical education and then went to Portland, where he began writing for newspapers."