

REAR-ADMIRAL ROGERS, in a letter recently read in the United States senate, makes the above comparison. He says we have not a breech-loading gun in any of our ships nor upon any of our forts, nor can we make one of more than six inches calibre in the country. Therefore, with our 7,000 miles of seacoast, we make a very prominent mark, but would be powerless to strike back if assailed. The letter was brought out by the proposition to build seven new steel cruisers, which has passed the senate. It provides for one cruiser of 4,500 tons, one of 3,000 tons, a dispatch vessel of 1,500 tons, two heavily-armed gunboats of 1,000 tons, one gunboat of 750 tons and one of 900 tons, a steel ram, a cruising torpedo boat, and two harbor torpedo boats.

The cost of these seven cruisers, with the four ordered in 1882, of which the Chicago is the most prominent, and the completion of the double-turreted monitors, will be less than that of two of the first-class iron-clads of England or Italy. While our government is thus proceeding with such close economy, England, France and Germany are steadily enlarging their gunmaking and steel shipbuilding facilities, and Krupp is now constructing a gigantic steam hammer, to cost \$2,500,000.

If it were entirely clear in what direction the nation could with the most wisdom proceed for the efficient strengthening of the navy, there can be little doubt but that the public sentiment would not only sanction a much larger expenditure than the completion of these new cruisers calls for, but would earnestly impose upon congress the duty of prompt action. As it is, however, the cruisers now under way have been so severely criticised as to awaken a feeling of public distrust concerning the advisability of proceeding further in the same way. The vessels now building were said to be only experimental, but the question arises whether the new ones in contemplation are also of the same character, and, if so, whether we need have so many experiments under way at the same time.

The president has a very happy cabinet family. To a man they are all in favor of the nomination of their chief as the next Republican nominee for the presidency. Mr. Lincoln is so enthusiastic on the subject that he would call out the army to-morrow for him if it were lawful to do so, and if it would procure him a delegate in addition to the large number he already possesses. Mr. Chandler, the secretary of the navy, would gladly man every old Lark in the service if it would strengthen the great Arthur boom. And so on of Mr. Folger, of Mr. Brewster, the accomplished attorney-general; of Mr. Gresham, Mr. Teller and Mr. Frelinghuysen, who has just won so great a diplomatic triumph over Bismarck and the English government. Mr. Arthur is more fortunate in this respect than Mr. Lincoln. Mr. Chase and Mr. Seward were presidential "aspirants" in his cabinet. Mr. Bristol "boomed his little boom" in the cabinet of General Grant. The shadow of Mr. Blaine rose behind President Garfield. Before him Mr. Hayes had Mr. Evarts. The country is all the happier that there is not a candidate in the cabinet.

The Canadian authorities are worried over the problem of how to induce half a million of their countrymen who crossed the boundary to our happy shores to return. If our northern neighbors are wise they will give up this hopeless task. No Canadian who has lived under the outstretched wings of the eagle for any length of time can be persuaded to place himself again under the cold paws of the lion. If the Canadians are unhappy without their Americanized brethren the best thing they can do is to come over and join them. We sincerely sympathize with Canada. Let her come into the union and get thawed out.

The evidence seemed overwhelming against Edward Johnson, a colored man on trial for burglary in Batavia, Ohio. His trial had lasted four days, and the audience in court thought him sure to be convicted. He asked permission to speak, and talked forty-five minutes. He fairly tore to pieces the network of evidence, and the most of the jurors in tears, and the court, withdrew the audience and "made a speech" which the Cincinnati papers say has no parallel in the annals of the days of Chief Red Jacket. He was acquitted.

OLD EDWARD JOHNSON, who was the first man in the way of a majority of the Democratic possible candidates. Give the old man a chance. The Confederates are doing more to reunite the sections than the politicians of both parties. To England the South now is infinitely worse than the Latin temperament to the Democracy.

NEW TO-DAY

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THERE WILL BE A STOCKHOLDERS' meeting of the Point Adams Pk. Co., at their office in Upper Astoria, on Saturday April 6th.

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UNTIL APRIL 5, at 12 o'clock, the undersigned will receive sealed bids for a dwelling house to be erected for Mr. C. Boelling. Plans and specifications can be seen at my office.

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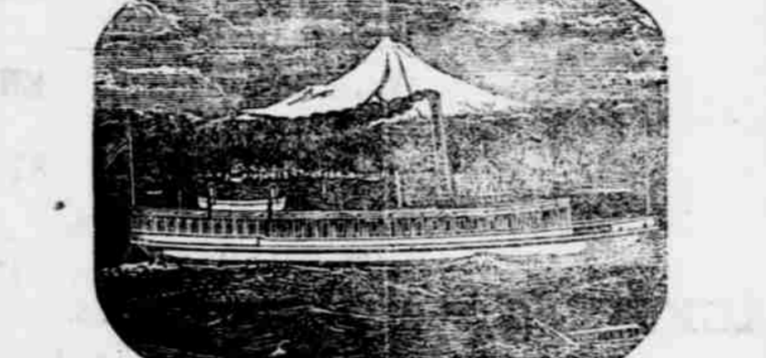
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