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FOR COAST DEFENSES. The speech made by Senator Squire, of Washington, on Wednesday last, in which he portrayed the defenseless condition of the American seacoast cities against naval bombardment of high-power guns and the necessity for taking immediate steps to protect them by batteries armed by similar artillery, is an admirable presentation of the case.

The senator was especially in earnest because he represents a state whose cities on the Pacific and on Puget sound—Seattle as one—would be utterly at the mercy of any hostile fleet armed with modern guns.

The senator stated—and he kept within bounds in his figures—that a large amount of destructive property, estimated at not less than \$100,000,000 in value, is exposed to attack, or at least to heavy assessment for the purpose of securing immunity from destruction. This estimate does not include combustible property in Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland, Duluth, Buffalo and other lake cities which would be menaced in a case of war with Great Britain.

"And yet," said the senator, "while such is the perilous condition of affairs congressmen are making free speeches to enforce the Monroe doctrine and demanding that the United States intervene on behalf of Venezuela or Cuba, even though that intervention should lead to a war for which they must know the country is utterly unprepared, at least with Great Britain." The people ought to know that Senator Squire told the naked truth when he said:

"Every man who has informed himself on the subject of national defense knows that as a nation we are not in condition to undertake war or suffer war. We can talk loud and long, and profess sympathy, pass resolutions, and make believe to ourselves that we are actually taking a hand in the diplomatic affairs and international questions of great moment, but those who are not self-deceived by egotistical glamour and who know the facts are perfectly aware of the painful truth, that this demonstration is mere talk and empty sentiment, and at most it is a sympathy that is easily satisfied with merely verbal expressions."

It is the business of the United States just now to keep out of conflicts with strong naval powers, no matter how just our cause of resistance. As a choice of evils we are under the necessity of submitting to wrong and oppression. The first and highest duty of this nation is to put itself into a condition where no foreign power can successfully assault it or lay its cities in ashes or under contribution.

Senator Squire says correctly that the coast cities are not to be defended by warships. The navy is mainly for aggression, not for defense of ports. To build a navy powerful enough to defend the seacoast cities effectively would cost hundreds of millions of dollars. A million invested in forts and high-power guns will yield better results than five millions spent on war vessels. The cost of maintenance of warships is ten-fold greater than for forts—and in times of peace fifty times as much.

The senator also called attention to the fact that England, in spite of her immense navy, has not neglected her seacoast defenses either at home or in the colonies, and argued that this government should pursue the same policy; and that congress should adopt the pending bill appropriating \$50,000,000 for coast defenses, thus protecting at comparatively small cost billions of dollars' worth of public and private property. Said he:

"Fabulous wealth lies at the mercy of a freebooting enemy, if such shall at any time invade our small and scattered navy. Our foreign commerce and our coasting trade are alike without harbors of refuge behind land defenses. Our great dry-docks and shipbuilding yards, our arsenals, factories and powder mills near the coast are subject to easy destruction and our own navy is without protective bases for receiving supplies and for effecting repairs that are constantly required. And yet we plume ourselves on our diplomacy."

The \$50,000,000 fortification bill should pass the senate as the appropriation for fortifications next year passed the house, and that was unanimously.

PUTTING ON THE SCREWS. It is stated that when the United States grand jury for the Northern district of Illinois meets next month two score officers and employees of the railroads running east from Chicago will be asked to tell under oath what they know of discriminations in freight rates in favor of large shippers and against the small shippers and general public. That such discriminations have been and are made, especially in cattle and grain shipments, is generally believed. The witnesses who have been subpoenaed are able to supply the necessary information. They can be forced to testify at all events under the recent decision of the supreme court in the Brown case.

A representative of the Interstate Commerce Commission has been in Chicago for some time quietly collecting evidence against big cattle shippers and others who have been enjoying the illegal advantage of cut rates. Although the recent pooling agreement of Eastern roads was made ostensibly for the purpose of putting a stop to those practices, there is reason to believe that they continue and that favored shippers still get their rebates. Some evidence has already been obtained.

When the officials of the ten big Eastern roads are brought before the grand jury, and are compelled to produce their books and tell what they know, the district attorney will become possessed of some exceedingly interesting information, on which he can base indictments which will stick. Some of the forty subpoenaed witnesses may not know anything, but there will be some who will know a great deal—if they divulge it.

There must be some convicted before the law is respected by the agents of the roads and the shippers that have been guilty of violating it. When they see somebody found guilty by a jury and sentenced by a judge they will feel that the law must be obeyed thereafter or they will suffer disagreeable consequences.

The communication published yesterday from Mr. D. K. Warren on the subject of wharves along the waterfront, and the interviews given in this issue upon the same question, are worthy of the most careful consideration at the hands of every business man in Astoria. It must be apparent to every thinking person that, not only because of the pledges made by the railroad right of way committee, but because of the most vital business interests of the city, the docks along the water front should be at once extended to the harbor line. It is most probable that the United States engineers knew what they were doing when they established those lines; and the full development of the business portion of the city, demands the usage of every foot of space within those lines. All other considerations are secondary matters, and can be easily adjusted, as has been done in similar instances in other cities, when the time comes for considering them. After a full understanding of the situation, which at the present seems to have been only partially known either to the council or the citizens generally, it is not to be doubted that the good business judgment and common sense of the councilmen, supported by the views and requirements of the business men, will effect the needed legislation.

We have the new woman, and now we are going to have the new watch, according to scientific reports. The new woman talks fluently, or, as Mrs. Partington used to say, "fluently," and the new watch will do the same. It is to have a photographic cylinder hidden away, and at the hour and each quarter of an hour a tiny voice will be heard giving you the exact time. Think of it! As you do with your repeater, you will simply touch a spring, hold the watch to your ear and the little fairy on the inside will whisper the hour. Life is still worth living.

It is reported that a "missionary somewhere in the wilds wrote to his bishop that a good many of his penitents were cannibals, but he had at last taught them the use of the knife and fork. How pleasant to know that if you are served up as a roast you will be nicely cut in slices and not torn by anybody's fingers!"

When the rainy seasons set in Cuba the Gomez death runner will be issued probably every two weeks instead of daily as hitherto.

The chief reason why congress should not adjourn in July is the urgent necessity for it to adjourn in June or even May.

There will be renewed prosperity among the New York Democrats now that the Flower harvest has been wheeled into line.

HENRY WARD BEECHER'S WIDOW. Quiet Home Life of Her Who Was the Wife of the Great Orator—Preacher.

N. Y. Herald. Within a stone's throw from Plymouth church, Brooklyn, at the corner of Hicks and Orange streets, is the modest residence of Mrs. Beecher, the widow of Henry Ward Beecher.

She is generally at home in the morning busily writing for some publication. The parlor where she does her literary work is a cheerful and pretty room, with pictures, birds in a flower, and there are numerous photographs of her dead husband, representing him from his early youth to the time he died with her.

There is also a statue of him by Rogers, which is very lifelike. Curiously enough, over the grate under the mantle hangs the old family door plate, with "H. W. Beecher" engraved on it. It is fastened. Mrs. Beecher prefers to live independently, although all her children have urged her to reside with them.

Twice within a few years she has made the long journey to Puget sound to visit one of her sons, and has not found it a severe journey, although with her advanced age. Looking through the lace curtained window toward Plymouth church she said: "Doctor and Mrs. Abbott and their assistants are very good to me, and to the congregation generally. The pastor and his wife visit me frequently, and are like children in their affection."

Mrs. Beecher is still superintendent of the Church Sewing Society, and has defences shown to her in social matters. When asked if she admires the bronze statue of Mr. Beecher which stands in front of the city hall she expressed a certain distaste for its arrangement of drapery and position. It was intended as a pleasant surprise for her, but had not proved one.

When asked if she believed that we would recognize our loved ones after death, she replied, "Most certainly," and repeated a verse she had found written on a bundle wrapper of brown paper, without giving the author's name. It was as follows:

"When the spring winds blow o'er pleasant places, The violet is here; It all comes back, the garden, and the color, and here No blank is left—no looking for is cheated; It is a thing we know. So after death's winter it must be, God will not send strange things we hardly know; The old love will look out from old faces—Dearest, I shall have thee." It is very sweet and pathetic to hear this lady tell her little story of being a young school teacher in her native New England village, when Mr. Beecher, at the age of 17, was about teaching in the same village. They boarded in the same house. Proximity made them lovers, and they were married when very young.

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THE RAILWAY CAT. Stories of dogs and their journeys by train have been related. The railway cat, London, has a cat, however, which visits the various stations up and down the line by the same means. The other morning, for instance, it was waiting the 4.15 a. m. train from Hamersmith at the Ross square station. As the train drew up the animal dodged the feet of the passengers, and sprang into a third-class "smoker." There it curled itself up beneath the seat, although attempts were made to coax it from its retreat. It remained there until the arrival of the train, and with tail erect and mewing faintly, trotted off to the baggage entrance. Has this animal the faculty of distinguishing the station at which it desires to alight?

CHILDREN WHO SUFFER. From scrofulous, skin or scalp diseases, ought to be given Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, for purifying the blood. For children who are puny, pale, or weak, the "Discovery" is a tonic which builds up both flesh and strength. It is safe for children, and equally so for adults. As an appetizing, restorative tonic, it sets at work all the processes of digestion and nutrition and brings back health and strength. In recovering from "grippe," or in convalescence from pneumonia, fevers, and other wasting diseases, it promptly and surely invigorates and builds up the whole system. For all diseases caused by a torpid liver or impure blood, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, Hives, Eruptions, Itches, and eruptions, it gives most perfect satisfaction.

TO ABOLISH THE CARD. European Edition N. Y. Herald. There is talk about doing away with the card system in Paris, which says the Gaulois, was excited from cyclists up to the present time. By the new regulation which is being elaborated at the present time, no roadway would be prohibited to the bicycle. On the other hand, certain clauses would be very severe in regard to cyclists guilty of riding about town without a gilt of identity badge.

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