

MERCHANT VESSELS ADAPTED TO WAR

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT NOW INVESTIGATING THE AVAILABLE TONNAGE.

Congress Will Be Urged to Make Appropriation to Supply Them With Needed Guns.

New York, October 6.—A dispatch from Washington says:

The navy department has sent letters to the leading steamship agent whose vessels have American registry asking for information as to the displacement, speed and general adaptability of the vessels for war purposes.

The navy at present carries on its list vessels that would be available as commerce-destroyers in war time the names of 42 ships, 32 of which are on the Atlantic coast, 816 on the Pacific and the rest on the great lakes.

Chief Constructor Hildhorn, under whose direction plans are being drawn by which the St. Louis type of vessels could be converted into formidable modern cruisers, estimates that he can send the St. Louis to sea in three weeks fully equipped with an effective battery and with the vitals well protected by a system of coal bunkers.

UNION PACIFIC A STAY-UP

Chicago, October 6.—Official notice has been given by the Union Pacific to its connections that the negotiations between that road and the Oregon Short Line have been brought to a conclusion without any of the matters in dispute being settled.

CASTORIA.

The healthful grain of Castoria is in every cradle.

Portland, Or., October 6.—A jury in the state circuit court tonight returned a verdict giving a judgment for \$127.30 to T. J. Hammer in his suit against Downing, Hopkins & Co., grain brokers.

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Washington, October 6.—Two officers of the engineer corps, Major Powell and Major Russell, the latter in charge of river and harbor work in Florida, have declined the offer to become Captain Carter's successor on the Nicaragua canal commission.

THE BRYANT SAFE.

Seattle, October 6.—A Post-Intelligencer special from Port Angeles says the schooner Bryant, which was cast adrift in Behring sea by the tug Holyoke and reported lost, is in the straits returning to Puget Sound.

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THE REASON FOR BRITISH DELAY

CAUSED BY THE UPSETTING OF THEIR THEORIES THROUGH INVESTIGATION.

Time wanted to Prepare Some Scheme to Avoid the Conference's Probable Findings.

Chicago, October 6.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: The sudden reluctance of the British government to carry into effect the virtual promise of Lord Salisbury to enter into the seal fisheries conference is said by officials who are familiar with the situation, followed swift upon the return to Canada of the experts, Messrs. D'Arcy Thompson and McCoun, from their investigation of the conditions and prospects of the seal herd.

PREPARING FOR A BIG GAS WAR

A NEW YORK SYNDICATE BUYING UP PROPERTIES IN THE EAST.

The Standard Oil Company Will Have to Face a Strong and Well-Backed Competitor.

New York, October 6.—The Journal says: A group of New York capitalists have secured control of the Massachusetts Pipe Line Co., of Boston, and has formed a company known as the New England Gas and Coke Company, to take over its charter.

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