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COME TO A STANDSTILL

Government Unable to Get Warships Built for Former Appropriations.

HIGHER PRICES THE CAUSE

Ship Builders Decline to Bid Because of Advance in Material and Labor.

WILL HELP PACIFIC STATES

Ex-Minister Barrett Says the Annexation of Philippines Means Great Benefits for the West.

NEW YORK, June 20.—A special to the Times from Washington says: The naval appropriation bill passed about the close of the session of congress and signed on March 3rd, provided for six protected cruisers that were to cost, without armament, not more than $1,145,000 each. There has been much controversy about the designs of the cruisers and at last the department reached the conclusion that for the money allowed it would be possible to build ships of about 2,000 tons instead of 2,500 as contemplated by the bill.

It was only very recently that the construction board agreed upon the general features of the new ships and now the chief constructer is about ready to show the designs. Just as the department is prepared to advertise for bids for the construction of the vessels, however, a condition has confronted it that may defer the construction until congress has again met. The calculations upon which the designs were enlarged so as to provide ships of material and grades of labor ruling when the bill became a law. If it had been possible to advertise at once for bids for construction there is no doubt that the expectation of the department would have been realized. Within a few weeks, unfortunately for the government, the prices of iron and steel have greatly increased and the wages of labor have advanced from 10 to 15 per cent in the iron trade. These facts are sure to be kept in mind by the contactors when the bids are made and it is now a matter of some doubt whether the shipbuilders will rush in the bids for the six cruisers within the limit of price fixed by the senate and house.

The work on the new battleships also provided for by the naval appropriation bill is stopped because it has been known to be useless to try to get the best armor plate at the limit of cost allowed by congress. The Krupp steel, which it was decided to use in the battleships of the latest class allowed is held at $500 a ton, or was when the bill was passed. Then congress was willing to pay only $300 per ton. As the makers of Krupp steel are certain to add something to that of armor, to meet the increased cost of iron, the prospect of making an early beginning on the Maine, Missouri and Ohio are not promising.

BOSTON, June 20.—Hon. John Barrett, United States minister to Siam during Cleveland's administration, spoke before the Boston chamber of commerce this afternoon regarding the Philippines, and the extension of the United States trade in the far east. He said in part:

"If we fail to hold the Philippines and to protect our rights of trade throughout the far east the United States will not only become a secondary power in the great Pacific where, by our natural position we are intended to be forever first, and the Pacific coast states will experience the greatest demoralization and most destructive blow to their progress and prosperity that could possibly be given to them. I appeal to you as representative citizens of Boston and Massachusetts and through you to the people of all New England to unite with and support the Pacific coast states in a policy which will not only insist upon our meeting and mastering courageously and successfully our unavoidable moral responsibility in the Philippines, but upon our taking legitimate advantage of the immeasurable material and commercial opportunities that will result from the occupation of the islands.

GENERAL WHEATON ADVANCES.

American Casualties, Five Killed and Twenty-three Wounded.

MANILA, June 20.— 9 a. m.—General Wheaton's command has renewed the attack upon Peres des Marinas. Early this morning they moved on the town, hoping to reach there by noon unless very strong opposition was encountered.

The list of the American casualties in yesterday's fighting shows that five were killed and 23 wounded. The list includes no officers. The wounded were brought to Manila from Bacoor.

A STEAMSHIP IN TROUBLE.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, June 20.—The British steamer Brookline, Captain List, Baltimore for Port Antonio, Jamaica, which arrived here yesterday, brought an officer and three men of the British steamer Ethelwold, Captain Henshaw, Philadelphia for Port Antonio, who were picked up 18 hours after they had left the Ethelwold, then in great distress, to seek assistance. The Brookline promptly returned to the point where the Ethelwold was laboring when the boat put off and made a careful search for the steamer. No traces of her, however, were found and it is feared that the Ethelwold has foundered.

A FISHERMAN MURDERED.

His Body Found By Officers While Hunting for Stolen Salmon.

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 20.—Two weeks ago 10 boxes of salmon were stolen from Damon's wharf on Grays harbor, about 17 miles from Aberdeen. Suspicion was directed to Joseph Anderson and Daniel Downing, fishermen living in the vicinity. Officers, armed with warrants, searched the hut of Downing, but found no traces of the missing fish. Anderson could not be found, but subsequently his dead body was discovered buried in the sand. The remains were buried, but the coroner became suspicious and exhumed them. Upon opening the coffin a ghastly sight was presented. The head of the body dropped back, disclosing a clean cut from ear to ear, while the skull had been crushed with some blunt instrument. Downing has just been arrested, charged with the murder. An inquest will be held today.

A PUBLIC BENEFACTOR.

BOSTON, June 20.—The late Robert Billings' will gives about $700,000 in public bequests, including $100,000 each to Harvard college, the Massachusetts institute of technology, with $50,000 additional to found the Billings' student fund) and the museum of fine arts, $75,000 each to the Massachusetts general hospital, New England hospital for women and children; Children's hospital; Massachusetts Eye and Ear infirmary; $25,000 to the Perkins institute for the blind, the American Unitarian association, the BostonYoung Men's Christian Union; Home for aged men, the Hampton institute, Hampton, Va.; $10,000 to the Tuscagee, Ala., normal school; $5000 to Atlanta university; $10,000 each to 16 public and charitable institutions in and around Boston and numerous other sums of $500 or more to various bodies.

BIG FIRE IN TACOMA.

Tacoma, June 20.—The Montello hotel, a fashionable apartment house, was partially destroyed by fire tonight. Lieutenant Otto Schlegel and Captain Russell, of the fire department, were carried out of the building overcome by smoke, and V. R. Egermayer, a fireman, was struck by the nozzle of a falling hose and knocked off the ladder. None of the firemen were seriously injured. Loss to the building will amount to $20,000.

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

The Islands in a Prosperous Condition.

A Honolulu Merchant Talks of the Business of His City and Country.

CHICAGO, June 20.—William W. Hall, a leading Hawaiian merchant, left Chicago last night for the east. Mr. Hall was born on the islands, of American parents, and has been a lifelong resident of Honolulu. He says he will go to Washington and call upon the president, whose brother David, he knew well when the the latter, now dead, was consul to the island kingdom. Speaking of the situation and prospects of the island, Mr. Hall said:

"It will be a year ago next Fourth of July since the American flag was raised in the Hawaiian islands, and the country still presents the anomaly of a republic within a republic. President Dole and his cabinet have gone right on exercising their functions until congress gets around to organize a territorial form of government. The majority of the people want Mr. Dole appointed governor under the new system for a time at least. He would certainly be much more acceptable than any American politician who might be named. The only other candidate in the island who has been mentioned is Harold Sewall, son of the man who ran for vicepresident with Mr. Bryan. He is a republican, however.

"Honolulu is enjoying an era of prosperity almost amounting to a boom. Sugar is up and rice and coffee plantations are doing well. There are several millionaires in the city now, though 10 years ago, I don't suppose there was one. Everybody is interested in the plantations; clerks and school teachers all have shares. There are plenty of openings for American capital. The Pacific is going to be the most prosperous part of the globe and Honolulu is almost at the center of the travel east and west. The trip to China or the Philippines is too long to make without a stop. We will have a cable line within a year or so.

"The Pacific trade is becoming increasingly important. I have seen Honolulu grow from a village to a modern city of 35,000 people, with schools, water works and a fire department that is a model, too, by the way. American lawyers who have examined it say it is an improvement on that of the United States."

PHILIPPINE TRANSPORTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—Four transports will sail for Manila within a week and a fifth will soon leave. The steamer Zealandia is now scheduled to sail on Thursday. The Sherman and Pennsylvania will depart together on Saturday, and the Valencia will follow on Sunday. The Wyefield, carrying only freight will depart early next week.

The Zelandia will take part of the Twenty-fourth infantry and the Valencia will take the remainder. The troops that have been assigned to the Sherman and Pennsylvania will arrive late in the week.

ENGLAND'S TROUBLES

To Conquer the Transvaal Is a Big Undertaking.

BOERS HANDY WITH GUNS

Fight Like Rough Riders and Never Know When They Are Whipped.

HAVE MET REDCOATS BEFORE

Full Resume of the Military Strength of the Transvaal by Lord Cecil Compton.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Lord Cecil Douglass Compton, an English chaplain of Lancaster, after a brief stay in Chicago, left for the east last night with his wife. Lord Compton served in South Africa for five years. He did not participate in the Jameson raid, but he was in the country at that time and immediately after that untoward enterprise he entered the Transvaal country and traversed much of it. He knows the Boers and their country and he considered both critically from the standpoint of a military officer and student. He spoke of the Transvaal problem entirely as a military man. He said:

"There are motives of fair play and humanity which make Great Britain exceedingly reluctant to interfere in South Africa by force. But it is only candid to say that considerations of a military character also operate to make us chary about rushing into a campaign which must put the most formidable obstacles and involve questions of transport, supply and strategy that might stagger a military experience.

"In the first place the Boers from the Transvaal are magnificent guerrilla soldiers. Their history has proved it and they are fully up to their standard today."

"They are expert marksmen, born rough riders, such as your own cowboys, and their courage and tenacity is undeniable. Individually they are as good military stuff as the world possesses.

"They are thoroughly convinced of the justice of their cause and would die to a man at the word of Oom Paul.

"But aside from their morals and their fitness, the Transvaal country is one admirably adapted for the purposes of defense. It is a land with large uninhabited space. An army invading it must have a distant base and its supplies must be brought through a semi-tropical country under the most disadvantageous conditions. Cape Town is 1000 miles from the Vaal river and if an attack were to be made from Natal there would be mountains to work through and much tropical growth.

"The question of transportation would be serious. We would need thousands of mules, which must be brought from South America. The ocean distance and the adverse climate would kill the animals off by the hundreds and the actual work would entail even greater losses.

"There is a question of stategy as well. The Boers would be difficult to hit in a mass. Indeed, they might not be mobilized, in an European sense, at all. In an arid, rocky country, filled with splendid shots, with no real objective point to capture, with a disaffected, or actively hostile population on your flank or rear, the conquest of the Transvaal would be one of the most arduous undertakings we ever entered upon. In my opinion, no less than 60,000 men would be required. Your own Philippine war is not so difficult. Indeed, it is folly to underestimate the military strength of the Transvaal, which proceeds not alone from the material character of the population but also from the nature of the country itself.

"And the Boers are armed to the teeth. The money realized by taxation of Uitlanders has been spent in arms and artillery, so that the republic repeats on a small scale the military camp which the continental powers exhibit on a great scale."

NEGRO LYNCHED.

MOBILE, June 20.—Daniel Patrick, a negro, who is accused of assaulting Miss Bessie Ireland in her home outside of Scranton, Miss., on Monday, was captured today. He was taken to jail, where he confessed to the crime. At 1 o'clock this morning (Wednesday), the mob took the negro from the jail and lynched him.

UNION PACIFIC ROBBERS.

BUTTE, Mont., June 20.—A special to the Miner from Dillon, Mont., says: Yesterday evening word was received here that two desperate looking characters, answering the description of the two brothers advertised in the reward of $3000 each, dead or alive, for the hold up and robbery of the Union Pacific fast mail train near Rock Creek, Wyoming, June 2, were in hiding on a ranch about three or four miles from Red Rock, in Beaverhead county. A posse was at once organized and started for the rendezvous, which was reached at about daylight. The robbers were asleep and when awakened were gazing in the muzzle of six or seven ugly looking Winchesters with resolute and cool men behind each one of them, and when called upon to surrender they doggedly assented as it was impossible for thhem to do otherwise.

The robbers were on foot and were in a half-famished condition. The posse, with their prisoners arrived at Red Rock this evening, where they will be held in jail to await further instructions and identification. The officers are confident that they have the right parties.

A BIG POSTAL ROBBERY.

Two Chicago Men Had a Well Developed Plan to Rob the Mails.

CHICAGO, June 20.—What is regarded by Postofficer Inspector James Stuart as one of the largest and boldest mail robberies in the history of the Chicago postoffice was detected today and the arrest of Walter Porter and John Newman, drivers of mail wagons at the postoffice followed. Porter made a full confession, implicating Newman. A large amount of letters, money orders and packages taken by the men were found in their lodging house at 269 South Halstead street. In the pile were letters, money orders and checks directed to all parts of the country and Europe. One check found in the pile was for $20,000, while another for a large amount was sent from Marcus Daly's bank at Anaconda.

From the fact that the robbers had been in the employ of the Chicago postoffice only since July 1 and that all the thefts were committed since that time, while the prisoners were driving their wagons, makes the scheme one of the boldest in nthe recollectionn of the postoffice inspectors. Mail was all taken in pouches while being carried in the wagons from the postoffice to the railroad stations and back and it has been admitted that three sacks were taken in one day.

SETTLERS TO BE DRIVEN OFF.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 20.—Major Henry Wygant, Twenty-fourth infantry, has been ordered to proceed at once to Spokane and there confer with the United States Indian Agent, Albert M. Anderson, with reference to ejecting trespassers from the Coeur d'Alen Indian reservation. The order states Major Wygant will proceed to such points on the reservation, accompanied by a detachment of one non-commissioned officer and nine men from company M, Twenty-fourth infantry, from Fort Spokane, as may be necessary to accomplish the removal of the trespassers.

ANOTHER PLATE TEST.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—There was a test at Indian Head today of armor plate intended for the battleship Wisconsin. The test plate tapered from 19¾ inches to 9½ inches in thickness. The fifirst shot, a Carpenter armor piercer, with a velocity of 2370 feet, penetrated the plate 6¾ inches. The second, a Holtzer armor piercer, with a velocity of 1890 feet, penetrated 9 inches. This plate was not cracked and the test was satisfactory.

MR. SIDNEY DELL'S BOOK.

The following letters are self-explanatory in regard to the revision of Mr. Dell's proposed book, entitled "A Book of Clatsop County," as requested by the chamber of commerce:

Mr. Sidney Dell—Dear Sir: In reference to your book of Clatsop county, the MMS of which was submitted for examination to a committee from this chamber, preparatory to taking action on its endorsement by the chamber, I have to inform you that at a special meeting held by the chamber on last evening for the purpose of receiving the report of said committee, their report was read and fully discussed and resulted in the adoption of a motion as follows, viz: "That the entire matter pertaining to Sidney Dell's book be referred back to the committee with the request that the first chapter of said book be rewritten entirely, showing the advantages of the Astoria harbor, without referring to any other port on the coast.

Yours Respectfully,
S. C. HOLDEN,
Secretary.

ASTORIA, June 20.—E. C. Holden, Esq., Secretary Astoria Chamber of Commerce—My Dear Sir: In compliance with resolution of Astoria Chamber of Commerce as per your favor of this date, I beg herewith to submit to the committee on statistics and compilation chapter II. of "A Book of Clatsop County" rewritten as per request of chamber's resolution. I have not named any other port on the Pacific coast in showing the advantages of Astoria harbor, but I would respectfully point out to your committee the difficulty of showing a harbor's superior advantages, or desirability without comparing it with rival potts.

I trust, however, the enclosed has accomplished that great feat by a brief glimpse. I entrust the MSS to your personal care, with an assurance that you will protect the trust. Hoping to hear promptly from the committee.

I am very respectfully,
SIDNEY DELL.

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