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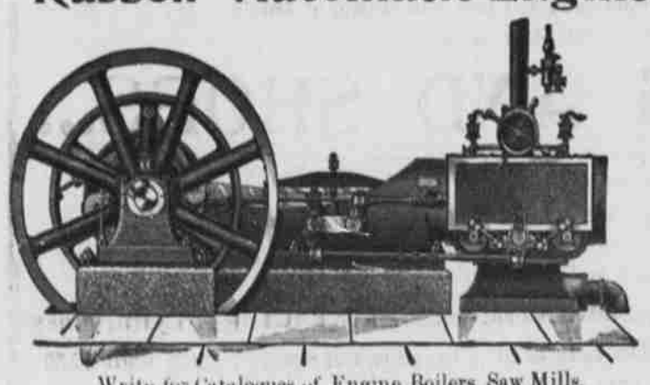

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ADMIRAL O'NEIL'S PLANS

Dimensions of the Heavy Batteries Which Exceed All Others in Use.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

The heaviest batteries yet placed on any naval vessel in the world will be carried by the Georgia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the new battleships authorized by the last congress if the suggestion of Rear-Admiral O'Neil, chief of the bureau of ordnance, are ordered.

These ships are to have an approximate displacement of 13,000 tons each and speed and coal capacity entitling them to be classed almost as armored cruisers. By the lightening of the armor belt made possible by the greatly increased resisting power of the last armor, Rear-Admiral O'Neil is enabled to plan much heavier batteries. He has prepared five separate plans for the new ships. Each provides for the same number of guns of each calibre in the secondary batteries and the same general arrangement but modified by differences in the main batteries. In the secondary battery of each vessel is to carry sixteen three-inch guns, thirty calibre in length; sixteen three-pounders, four automatic one-pounders; six single shot one pounders; ten machine guns and two field guns.

In the main batteries, one plan contemplates four 12-inch guns of forty calibre; four eight-inch guns of forty-five calibre and twelve six-inch guns of fifty calibre. The 12-inch guns are to be mounted in barbette turrets fore and aft of the superstructure; four eight-inch guns in a barbette turret on each beam and the six-inch guns in broadside, so as to give the largest possible arc of fire. This arrangement would give each ship a broadside battery on each side of four 12-inch, two 8-inch and six 6-inch guns, in addition to the large number of secondary battery guns that could be brought to bear on each side. The guns of the main battery that could be brought to bear on each side. The guns of the main battery that could be brought to bear directly fore and aft would be two 12-inch, four 8-inch and two 6-inch in addition to numerous secondary battery guns. This second plan differs from the first in that it applies to the eight 8-inch guns in the barbette, two on each side. The other proposes to substitute two ten-inch and two 12-inch for the four 12-inch guns. In these plans the fore and aft fire is the same as in the first plan, but the broad fire is increased by two 8-inch guns. The first plan differs from the first in having no 8-inch guns and increased the number of 6-inch to sixteen, eight firing on each broadside, and four directly forward and two directly aft.

The plan that will probably meet with most favor, if it is found to be practicable to carry it within the limit of weights ultimately assigned to the battery, is that of the four 12-inch guns and eight 8-inch. The 8-inch gun is of course, greatly favored by navy men and proved its value in the Spanish war. It can be fired with rapidity and accuracy and is very destructive against light and even medium weight armor.

If it comes to the question of reducing the number of 8-inch guns or reducing the guns from 12-inch to 10-inch many officers would advocate the reduction in the size or part of all the heaviest guns. The plan is more likely to be adopted because the new 10-inch guns, 40 calibres in length, will have as great penetrating power as the 12-inch guns of the type now in service on the Iowa. The saving in weight of guns and ammunition is very great if the 10-inch guns are used, and the dimensions of the turrets being less for the 10-inch guns, there is also a material saving in the weight of armor.

Admiral O'Neil suggestion contemplates the use of armor as light as is consistent with good practice. The water line belt, to extend the entire length of the ship, is to be nine inches thick along the vital portions and will taper to four inches fore and aft of the main barbettes. Diagonal armor nine inches thick is to run from the side armor to the main barbettes. The armor is to be much more generally distributed and the smaller guns of both the main and secondary batteries are to be given much better protection than in any battleship previously designed. A novel feature for the American navy is a proposition to isolate the 6-inch guns in separate casements so that a bursting shell might not put several guns out of action.

Admiral O'Neil's suggestions are accompanied by tables comparing the efficiency of each of the proposed battery plans with the batteries of the battleships already built and in course of construction for the American navy. The comparison is in favor of the proposed plan in every instance. In addition to their duties it is planned to give each vessel two under-water torpedo tubes.

GERMANS PARTICIPATE IN A FIERCE DUEL.

Herr Kraekep and Herr Wolf Fight With Sabers-swords and the Latter is Dangerously Wounded.

VIENNA, Aug. 7.—A sensational duel with saber swords was fought today between Herr Wolf, the notorious German radical member of the reichstath and Herr Kraekep, German liberal deputy.

It was a furious encounter. Herr Wolf received a wound in the head, severing an artery. The doctors declared him incapable of continuing the duel, but he persisted though his face was covered with blood. Ultimately he sustained a second wound in the head and was carried home in a dangerous condition.

The duel arose from Herr Kraekep accusing Herr Wolf of always answering political attacks by fighting duels against incapable antagonists.

ALL QUIET IN INTERIOR.

But Business Continues Depressed—Movements of U. S. Vessels.

SANTO DOMINGO, Aug. 7.—The United States gunboat Machias has left here for Punta Manzanorts. The cruiser New Orleans remains here. News from the interior indicates that tranquility prevails. Want of drafts is generally felt here. The government is endeavoring to ameliorate the financial condition.

REVIEWED BY LONGSTREET.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—General James Longstreet, United States commissioner of railroads, has arrived here on his annual tour of inspection of the government aided lines. He has accepted an invitation to review the Nebraska regiment at the Presidio today.

HANCOCK TO BE REPAIRED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The transport Hancock is at the Union Iron Works, undergoing extensive repairs. She is being entirely overhauled and is to be fitted up similar to the Grant and Sherman. The repairs will cost about $50,000. The hospital ship Relief is also to be repaired at an expense of $30,000. When completed, the vessels will be the finest of the transport fleet.

WITNESSES THE RACES.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 7.—President McKinley witnessed the yacht races today from Dr. Webb's yacht.

"SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL."

At the library tea to be given at the residence of Mrs. Samuel Elmore, Terry McKean, assisted by Miss Polly McKean, will present the famous quarrel scene from Sheridan's greatest comedy, "The School for Scandal." Mr. McKean appearing as Sir Peter and Miss McKean as Lady Zeazel. The picturesque costumes of the period will be worn. The story runs as follows:

Sir Peter Zeazel, a rich old bachelor, marries the daughter of a poor country squire, having been captivated by her youth, beauty and fascinating manners. Suddenly raised from poverty to the wealth for which she marries, she plunges into every extravagance, gayety and frivolity, much to the displeasure of Sir Peter. This state of affairs is a constant irritant, resulting, very naturally, in many matrimonial quarrels, of which the scene presented is one.

CHANGE OF RED CROSS FLAG.

There is a movement afoot to change the Red Cross flag. The Red Cross society is known far and wide for its magnificent work. It seems a pity to change the signum which stands for as much good to humanity in another way as the name, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It strikes at the root of almost all illness—the stomach—making it strong and hearty. A healthy stomach invariably means health. If you have constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, nervousness, insomnia, or liver and kidney troubles, try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It has cured these ills for half a century. See that a private revenue stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

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Ever since the Boston Shoe Company commenced its gigantic sale a week ago on 435 Commercial street, next door to the Astorian office, there has been a rush of customers, until it looks as if the whole of Astoria was going there to get shod. There are good reasons for this. There are times when every cent counts, and when a man has to buy shoes for a whole family, a quarter or a half-dollar saved on each pair makes a good saving. That is what can be done by trading at the place mentioned. It is a cold fact and not an advertising "dodge" that the finest of ladies' gents' and children's boots and shoes are being sold there for one-half of their original value, and will continue to be sold the same during their stay here. Many people are taking advantage of this opportunity and are laying in a supply of footwear ahead. This is a good idea, for it may be a long time before such offers are again made in this city. BOSTON SHOE COMPANY.

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1—March, "Frushling" ..... Parlos
2—Waltz, "Entre Nous" ..... Waldteufel
3—Selection, "The Knickerbockers" ..... DeKoven
4—Polka, "Le Danse des Ecus" .. Fahrbach
5—Intermezzo, "Sobelm Amor" .. Ellenberg
6—Grand Potpourri, "Ruby" .. Schiepegrel
7—Waltz, "Tales from the Vienna Woods" ..... Strauss
8—Selection, "The Beggar Student" ..... Milloecker
9—Polka, "The Merry Cooper" .. Wobanka

PART II.

10—March, "Manhattan Beach" ..... Sousa
11—Overture, "Jolly Robbers" ..... Soppe
12—Gavotte, "Die Lautenschlagerin" ..... Komzak
13—Waltz, "Wine, Women and Song" ..... Strauss
14—Spanish Dance "Mi Oberida" .. Lorgey
15—Sextett, "Lucia Di Lammermoor" ..... Donizetti
16—Polka, "Ringel-ringel-reia" .... Suppe
17—Waltz, "In Old Madrid" ..... Metzler
18—Finale .....

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Notice is hereby given that the regular county examination of teachers will be held in the high school building at Astoria, Ore., commencing at 9 a. m., Wednesday, August 9, 1899.

The following program has been prepared by the state board of education:

FOR STATE PAPERS—Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS.—Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physiology.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, reading.

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