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Worthless men get along too well in this country; they encourage others.

Being between seasons, it looks as if the campaign liar had got a place on the yellow journals.

Boston has lost her right to be called the literary center, but she can claim to be the hub of the blizzard.

The humorous patriots confined in the jail at Hillsboro, Ill., are still anxious to get out so they can go to war.

The Delaware doctor who states that kissing is a valuable aid to digestion evidently knows a good remedy when he sees it.

What De Lome most needs is a guardian and eternal relief from responsibility. He suffers from prostration of his common sense.

The relatives of the murdered seamen of the Maine are probably not so "kam" as some of our statesmen who insist that we must not go to war.

Boston is calling earnestly for a warship. Let Boston be considered at once. What would become of the country if the Spaniards were to blow out its brains?

W. D. Howells is about to wield the authors' club in behalf of Zola. It won't get the French novelist out of jail, but it will comfort him to know that Mr. Howells is giving the French army a good larruping.

One of those minor consequences that generally follow the formation of a trust, only incidentally, of course, has already materialized from the new cracker trust—that is to say, the price of crackers has been advanced.

The Mr. Patterson of Minneapolis who wants to colonize 100,000 Americans in Cuba, whose chief business it shall be to redeem lands and make sugar, would have a good scheme if two governments and a great many circumstances were not opposed to it. When we say he may succeed in it, but, alas! by that time we feel sure he will have forgotten all about it.

Several herdsmen were abou to kill a kid for their dinner. "With what sauce," they asked him courteously, "would you prefer to be served?" "I should prefer," replied the kid, "not to be served at all." "Illogical creature!" the herdsmen exclaimed. "You are wandering from the subject." Whereon they proceeded with their preparations for dinner without further concessions to an over-refined code of manners.

Cooking lessons for men only are advertised in Boston. It is another sign of the advancement of woman. It means less dyspepsia, but unavoidably less marriage. The woman goes into the counting-room, the store and the business office. She thereby deprives the other sex of work and drives them to the drawing-room and the kitchen. Will there presently be lessons for them in sewing and embroidery? Will the new man pound the piano and give pink teas? And will all that end some day in revolution?

Some persons associate particular colors with particular sounds. Dr. W. S. Colman, discussing this phenomenon in the Lancet, says there are two forms of it. In one case the person has a sensation as if a transparent colored film, like a rainbow, appeared before his eyes when certain vowel or musical sounds strike his ears. In the other case letters or written words, representing the sounds heard, appear in colored tints. The tints are very definite and characteristic, and do not vary with lapse of time; but two persons seldom associate the same colors with the same sounds.

It is considered a coincidence that Miss Duer, in wedding Mr. Mackay, is marrying a man much shorter than herself, as was the case in the marriage of Miss Vanderbilt to the Duke of Marlborough. Mr. Mackay may be short in stature, but he is long in purse. The duke was short both in purse and stature, but he was long in title. His line was the proper mathematical line, length, without breadth or thickness. It is not absolutely necessary that a man shall be taller than his wife unless they are playing lovers' parts on the stage. And in that case Mr. Goodwin's custom of wearing French heels and long trousers is most efficacious. To the best of our knowledge the stature of the duke was not taken into account for a moment by Miss Vanderbilt, and Miss Duer was never moved by the reflection that Mr. Mackay stopped growing a little too soon. True love rises above such petty considerations.

Omaha papers are complaining that the exposition has no leader and is, therefore, not progressing as rapidly as it should. If it is the desire to make the exposition hum we would suggest the immediate election or appointment of a board of lady managers.

The order has gone out in Brooklyn that no man who beats his wife shall remain on the police force. Let it be declared of this borough that the innocent wives of others shall be equally free from beating and the dishonor of arrest.

An English prophet announces for 1898 the discovery of the north pole, the opening of communication with Mars, war in Europe, a revolution in South America, riots in London and the kidnaping of the young king of Spain. That South American event is reasonably certain to happen.

Archaeologists have found the tomb of Osiris, who has been dead 10,000 years. By digging a few feet deeper they hope to find the remains of the late David Bennett Hill, who has been departed 800,000 years.

THE NAVY IS IN FIGHTING TRIM

Ships, Men and Money Uncle Sam's Strength.

Congress Authorizes Vast Additions for New Battleships —The Maine to Be Replaced—Marines Also Being Inlisted Under Special Orders—State of War Exists All Along Our South Atlantic Coast — Movements Of Our Warships.

The navy department has now reason to believe that it has secured the two warships, Amazonas and her sister ship, now building in England for Brazil. It was stated at the cabinet meeting by Secretary Long that the naval attache at London, Lieutenant Colwell, had almost completed the negotiations for the purchase. So far, however, the final notification from him that his offer has been accepted has not yet reached the navy department.

Authorizes Three New Ships.

Three new battleships of the stanchest type afloat were authorized by the house committee on naval affairs Saturday, and a provision for their construction was inserted in the naval appropriation bill. At the same time, the committee agreed on a maximum price of $400 per ton for armor plate for our vessels, increased the force of naval marines by 42 men and put matters in fair shape for a decision tomorrow on the location of dry docks, probably four in number, capable of accommodating the largest sized war vessels. The committee was in session practically all day and before the decision on the increase of ships was reached there was a long and interesting discussion. Representative Tate, while favoring an increase, believed two vessels would be ample, and that further expenditure beyond the point of necessity, should be avoided. Representative Loudenslager of New Jersey protested that if the strength of the navy was to be increased at all it should be to the extent of three new vessels, built and armed to meet any vessel afloat.

Hawley Wants One Cruiser.

Representative Hawley of Texas stated that a cruiser be substituted for one of the battleships, but subsequently withdrew the motion. When the vote was taken there was but one dissenting voice. Mr. Tate insisted that two battleships would be sufficient to meet present needs. The new warships provided for will be of the finest pattern. It will be two years, doubtless, before they can be placed in commission.

One Will Be Named the Maine.

One of them, the committee decided, should bear the name of the ill-fated Maine. The appropriation for their construction was not fixed, being referred to the subcommittee on appropriations which will report to the full committee to-morrow. The cost, it is expected, will be about $3,000,000 each, though for the fiscal year covered in the bill the amount of expenditure may not exceed $2,000,000 each. An important question was raised as to whether the expenditures for the new ships should be defrayed out of the $50,000,000 emergency bill, but this subject was passed over.

The committee also agreed on a provision authorizing the secretary of the navy to purchase armor plate, by contract or otherwise, at a cost of not exceeding $60 per ton. This was agreed to, however, only on the express proviso that the item

THE CRUISER PHILADELPHIA.
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include the nickel used in the armor, for which a large outside percentage heretofore has been paid by the government. This limit of armor contract price has been generally expected and, with the exception of the insertion of the proviso as to nickel, met with little opposition in the discussion.

Increase Number of Marines.

One of the most important features of the work on the bill was an agreement on an appropriation of $135,000 for outfitting, rationing and uniforming 473 additional marines. This increase in the naval force was made the subject of a special and urgent request sent to the house after the submission of the regular recommendations. The question of establisment of new dry docks went over for action tomorrow. It was thoroughly discussed today, and the outlook is that four new dry docks would be authorized, two on the Atlantic coast, one on the Pacific coast and another on the gulf. If the present expectations are materialized to-morrow these docks will be authorized to be constructed at Boston, Mass., Algiers, New Orleans, Mare Island, Cal., and League Island, Philadelphia.

Carries an Enormous Total.

With the amounts to be paid for dry docks and for armor plate in the aggregate not yet determined that bill as it stands carries in all something like $36,000,000, which, however, will be largely augmented by the other items. Rapid progress has been made with the bill, and it is likely it will be in shape to report to the house Monday or Tuesday.

Tells All to Practice Economy.

Secretary Long has determined that there shall be no wasteful extravagance in his department in the expenditure of the funds so generously provided by congress, and to this end he has addressed the following letter to the assistant secretary of the navy, the colonel commandant of the marine corps, and to each of the bureau chiefs of the navy department:

"Sir—Under the emergency appropriation of $50,000,000 made Wednesday you will incur no expense or liability except after written statements and estimate made by you and approved by the president and secretary, all in writing. A special record must be kept of every such requisition. If any such liability or expense has been incurred by you by oral direction make such written statement and estimate and submit it at once for such approval.

"By order of the president.

"Very respectfully,
"JOHN D. LONG, Sec'y.

Big y'em for Carnegie.

Lieutenant Stone, representative of the Carnegie Steel Company, was at the navy department in conference with the officials respecting the naval work in progress.

The torpedo flotilla at Key West will be re-enforced by two fine boats, which have been under repairs. The Winslow sailed this morning from Charleston for Key West and the Foote from Norfolk for the same.

The commandant of the Mare Island navy yard reported that the cruiser Mohican had sailed with her cargo of ammunition, which she will transhipp at Honolulu to the Baltimore for the Asiatic squadron. The naval officers who are endeavoring to effect the purchase of ships abroad have encountered an obstacle that promises to give some trouble. This is found in the difference between the calibers of the guns mounted on foreign built ships and the United States navy standards. Not only do these guns differ in caliber from our own in most cases, but as they are almost all designed for the use of smokeless powder the c ombustion chamber is too small to use the ordinary brown powder with which the American navy is still supplied.

Must Buy Powder Abroad.

This obstacle is serious, but not insurmountable. It will require the procurement in Europe of a large quantity of ammunition in special sizes for these ships, as it would require a good deal of time for our domestic ammunition makers to change their plants and make the special sizes. Commander William H. Emery has volunteered to command the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis in the event of that vessel's impressment into the naval service, and he will be ordered to join her before her departure from New York next Wednesday, in a capacity similar to that which caused Commander Bronson to sail on the St. Paul. Commander Emery has selected as his immediate staff Lieutenant Nathan Sargent as executive officer, at present recorder of the board of inspection and survey of the navy department, and Lieutenant Frank E. Fletcher as navigator, now on duty at the torpedo station at Newport.

May Arm Whaleboats.

Captain Alexander McDougall of the American Steel Barge Company at Duluth has received a telegram from Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy department, asking his opinion as to the feasibility of converting whaleback steamers into vessels of war.

The captain says, however, that there is not much probability of the government taking any, as it would require some time to get many of the larger type through the Welland canal.

Captain McDougall says he has a plan now whereby he thinks he can attain greater speed with the whaleback type, which might make these vessels of use, aside from defending a harbor. He suggests a steel ram and two turrets as requisite changes for war purposes.

Foreign Warships Needed.

Speaking of the possibility of the United States obtaining naval vessels abroad, John Platt of Thorpe, Platt & Co., of New York, American representatives of John I. Thornycraft & Co. of Chiswick, England, one of the largest constructors of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers in Great Britain, said: "I have just returned from Washington and I was assured that this government desires now more than any other class of vessel a fleet of torpedo boat destroyers, and, had it been considered practical by the navy department to have the boats built in England, the Thornycraft company would have by this time begun work on several vessels of the Thornycraft type for use here. Acting upon suggestions received in Washington, however, I have consulted members of three or four shipbuilding concerns in this country relative to the quick construction of vessels of the Thornycraft type. I have been assured by them that, with the detailed working plans of the vessels in their possession and under an ordinary commercial contract—that is, a contract free from all unnecessary red tape—they could collectively complete, by working night and day, a fleet of ten such vessels within seven months. The representative of one firm assured me that the long and 275 tons displacement, mounting four six-pounders and one thirteen-pounder, and equal to thirty knots. They are considered the most successful type of torpedo boat destroyers ever constructed. England has already about sixty of them and others building and Thornycraft & Co. are constructing a number of them for Germany and Japan. The plans of this type of vessel can be obtained from the Chiswick yards within three days, and I could send out the first vessel within six months. I am authorized by cable by the Thornycraft company to offer to dispose of complete plans of the Thornycraft vessel to this government at practically a moment's notice. The vessels are 210 feet, have every reason to believe that this government will order them."

A Magnetic Island.

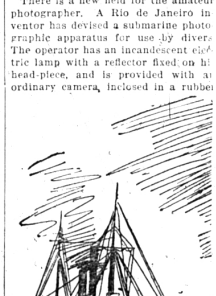
A most phenomenal island is that of Bornholm, in the Baltic, belonging to the kingdom of Denmark. It is famous for its geological peculiarities,

THE Y PERANGA.
(One of the New Warships Slated for Purchase by the United States.)

consisting as it does almost entirely of magnetite, and its magnetic influence is not only very well known to the navigators of those waters, but also much feared by them, on account of its influence on the magnetic needles which make the steering of a ship correctly a matter of much difficulty. In fact, this influence is felt even at a distance of miles, and so palpably that, on the island being sighted by mariners on the Baltic, they at once discontinue steering their course by the needle, and turn, instead, to the well-known lighthouses and other holds to direct their craft. Between Bornhohn and the mainland there is also a bank of rock under water, which is very dangerous to navigation, and because of its being constantly submerged, vessels have been frequently wrecked at that point. The peculiar fact in this case is that the magnetic influence of this ore bank is so powerful that a magnetic needle suspended freely in a boat over the bank will point down and, if not disturbed, will remain in a perfectly perpendicular line.

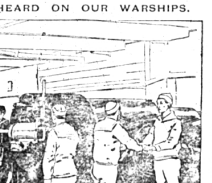
Submarine Photography

There is a new field for the amateur photographer. A Rio de Janeiro inventor has devised a submarine photographic apparatus for use by divers. The operator has an incandescent electric lamp with a reflector fixed on his head-piece, and is provided with an ordinary camera, inclosed in a rubber



THE ALMIRANTE SIMPSON.
(Selected for Purchase by the Secretary of the Navy.)

envelope having a glass front. Current for the lamp is supplied from the boat above, and pictures are taken by pressing buttons through the rubber covering. It is stated that objects in Rio de Janerio Bay have been photographed under water by this means at a distance of ten or twelve feet, as easily as in full daylight.



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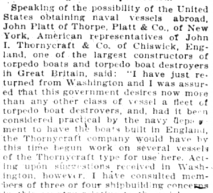

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I had a bad cold and cough for several months and tried almost everything. Finally, Mr. King, the druggist here, recommended Shiloh's Consumption Cure. A 50 cent bottle cured me entirely.—ANTHONY GREENSTOCK, Bed Rock, Ark.

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WHITE PINE, Wisconsin.
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