

NEW KEY TO CHESAPEAKE

War Department Will Test Availability of Rip-Raps.

FORTRESS MONROE WEAK

Old Fort Offers Inadequate Protection for National Capital and Attempt Will Be Made to Strengthen the Barriers.

Washington.—The War Department is preparing once for all to ascertain the fortification of the Rip Raps, old Fort Wool, of the Civil War, Hampton Roads, is practicable. The place can be strongly fortified and will be the very key to Chesapeake and a greater protection to Washington, Baltimore, Norfolk and Newport News than Fort Monroe is popularly supposed to be. It, however, the foundations do not stand the test of heavy firing to which they will be put the fort will be practically abandoned, and the million or more dollars spent trying to make a modern fortification will have been sunk in the bottom of the sea, literally as well as figuratively.

Fort Monroe is popularly supposed to be the strongest fortified place in America, and the average American believes that no battalions would ever reach Washington while Fortress Monroe interposes its walls. But naval and military experts express the belief that the capital will have to look to other protection than that of Fort Monroe in case the country becomes involved in an international war.

The antiquated stone walls of that part of the fort which the public sees would hardly stand an hour before the 13-inch guns of a modern man-of-war, and it is to the disappearing guns up on the beach above the fort that the war officers pin their faith. But even they realize that the strategic position of Hampton Roads is the Rip Raps, and if the tests to be made prove it to be suitable to withstand the recoil of the big guns mounted on it, it will likely be made the real guardian of the Chesapeake.

King Oscar Held Up.

King Oscar and his suite were traveling on the Swiss federal railway, when at Lausanne they were asked for their tickets, and the railway official at Geneva demanded payment both for the fare and for excess of luggage, and gave the king to understand that he was in a republic where one railway passenger was precisely the same footing as another.

Unfortunately the royal pockets opened to be empty, and when the king's chamberlain asked the railway company to apply to the consular authorities they promptly refused to do so, a telegram being produced from the head office of the Swiss government railways saying, "Charge Oscar for his royal car 20 first-class tickets."

An influential local magnate came to the rescue and paid the bill, amounting to about \$200. It is curious to speculate on what might have happened but for the intervention of this deus ex machina. Would the railway company have brought the royal tour to an abrupt conclusion?—Country Life.



VERY REV. DEAN LENIHAN,

of Marshall town, Iowa, who has been chosen first bishop of the new diocese of Great Falls, Mont. Father Lenihan was born in Dubuque in 1854, and received his theological training in Grand Seminary, Montreal.

Bird Crimes of Fashion.

The extent in Great Britain to which the slaughter for millinery purposes of beautiful birds is carried is instanced by the report just issued by the Bird Protection Society at London.

At the first sale of the present year in the Commercial salesroom—the central market of the plume trade in London—no fewer than 2,687 birds of paradise were sold. As these birds are restricted to a comparatively small area of the globe, it is almost safe to prophesy their early extinction if fashion continues to call for them. During the year probably 10,000 will come under the hammer.—London Mail.

The Enormous Loss by Fire.

The waste by fire during the last twenty-five years has averaged \$130,000,000 a year. When it is remembered that this immense sum is absolutely wiped out of existence, eternally removed from the use of mankind, the seriousness of the problem which confronts us may be appreciated. Neither insurance nor any other scheme devised or conceivable by the ingenuity of man can replace this wealth. It has suffered annihilation.

While it is true that this vast drain on the national resource cannot be wholly stopped, it can be very largely reduced by proper State and municipal legislation faithfully enforced.

RAILROADS IN ENGLAND.

Remarkable Records Made by Some of the Newer Locomotives.

A writer in the Magazine of Commerce gives interesting details of the new passenger locomotives, with some record of their marvellous performances. The Great Western Company has been building eighteen engines, which are named after cities served by this line. The "Cities" are a heavier and more powerful type of "Atarax." There is good reason to believe that the remarkable accelerations which the Great Western main line services have undergone during 1903 have been not a little due to the splendid efficiency of the "City" tribe.

One of these engines, the "City of Bath," accomplished the world's record long-distance run with the royal special to Plymouth, when the journey of 245 1/2 miles was performed in 233 1/2 minutes, or at an average rate of speed of 63 miles an hour.

Another type is the "Atlantic," used by the Northeastern Railway. The first of the batch (No. 532) has already accomplished a record, in the working of the Newcastle-Sheffield express, which between Darlington and York has to its credit the fastest booked run in the kingdom, namely, 44 1/2 miles in 43 minutes, speed 61.7 miles an hour.

Some exceedingly fine engines have been running on the Midland. Their performances with the Scotch expresses have been remarkable, considering the enormous ascent in Yorkshire.



MRS. HENRY C. KNAPP.

The American woman who became the bride of Lord Breaman recently. She was formerly Miss Marion Graham of San Francisco, and is renowned for her beauty.

The Life Saving Service

The United States Government expends \$2,000,000 a year for the maintenance of its 235 life saving stations, 200 on the shores of the Atlantic Coast, 20 on the Pacific, 10 on the Gulf of Mexico and 5 along the Great Lakes chain. The work, systematically begun in 1871 in New Jersey, the coast of which, sandy and with few bays, offers many dangers to navigators, has been extended so that it now practically covers the chief danger points of the whole coast line of the country, more than 10,000 miles in extent and longer than the coast line of any other country.

Porto Ricans Born Musicians.

San Juan, P. R.—Love and talent for music is found in every man, woman and child on the island, no matter what their station or advantages.

The music of Italian opera is as familiar to these people as it is to the graduate of a musical conservatory in the States. The lullaby a child hears is likely to be a solo from "Il Trovatore" or snatches from an Italian sextet. This is the class of music that small boys whistle and the girls sing to their dolls. The mass of the people are unfamiliar with the music of Anglo-Saxon nations, but know to a greater or less extent the lighter music and recent operas from Spain and Italy.

At intervals Italian opera companies, usually direct from South America, have come to San Juan and Ponce, and played one or two weeks in both places.

Maine's Juvenile Svengali.

Phillips has a boy hypnotist, according to the Maine Woods, in the person of Ralph Hamden, aged thirteen years. Ralph is practising on his young schoolmates, and they tell wonderful stories of what he has done. He has had the boys playing all sorts of antics, including "fishing," "eating strawberries," etc. He is reported to have made one little fellow rigid and then put 150 pounds on his body while he was suspended with his head and heels on the backs of two chairs. He makes them "rigid" at will and he has given one or two public exhibitions in a modest way.—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

Good Luck for a Worker.

London.—Only a few weeks ago Henry Dawson was earning 1 pound (85) a week as a laborer in an oil-cake factory in Liverpool. Now he has been carried off by a long lost married sister to America to share a fortune of 20,000 pounds (\$100,000) unexpectedly left to them.

According to the returns of the ministry of finance for Austria, the quantity of salt used in Austria in connection with feeding of animals during the year 1903 was 27,272 tons.

BANDITS PLOT TO KILL

Assassination of Lieut. Larkin Planned, Thug Confesses.

REVENGE WAS SOUGHT.

James Formby Admits a Scheme to Seize Policeman's Revolver and Shoot the Officer.—Had Robbed "L" Station in Chicago.—Confession Corroborated.

A plot to assassinate Lieut. James Larkin of the Harrison street police station, Chicago, was recently confessed by one of the six youthful bandits held at that station in connection with two murders and many holdups, says the Chicago News. James, alias "Limpy," Formby admitted in the "sweat box" that it had been agreed among the desperadoes that the lieutenant be killed for revenge. The police assert the reckless prisoner in telling of the plot announced that one more death would not make their punishment any greater and that they desired to "get even" with the man who had forced them to admit their crimes.

Almost every day for a week four of the gang—James and William Formby, Peter Dufer and David Kelly—have been taken from their cells separately and questioned under the direction of Lieut. Larkin. By bit the details of the murder of John Lane in a saloon holdup and the killing of Conductor George Becker in a robbery at the end of the North Western avenue car line have been brought out, say the police.

Formby is credited with having made two confessions which all his companions except Kelly admitted were true. Under pressure the names of two other members of the gang were divulged, and the arrest of Harold Perry and John Palm followed in Indiana. Formby brooded over the fact that he had betrayed his companions and finally hit upon a scheme which he thought would set him right with his friends. His plan was to kill Lieut. Larkin, the man who had induced the prisoner to confess.

The sight of a revolver protruding from the hip pocket of a patrolman while Formby was undergoing the "sweating" process gave the young bandit his cue by which he hoped to secure the death of the police officer.

When opportunity afforded he or one of his companions was to seize a revolver from the pocket of one of the policemen and shoot down their inquisitor, Lieut. Larkin. This looked comparatively easy, as when the youths were brought in to be questioned several of the policemen removed their coats and their revolvers were in plain sight. Formby, in telling of his latest plan to kill, asserted the opportunity to carry it out was thwarted only by chance.

TELL OF "L" HOLD-UP. In written confessions of their crimes by Palm and Perry to Lieut. Larkin and Inspector Lavin, they tell about the robbery of the North Western elevated station at Fullerton avenue.

Perry's confession reads as follows: "I don't know just what night it was that myself and Palm and 'Pugle' Case decided to get some money. We planned to hold up the elevated station at Fullerton avenue. 'Pugle' and I went inside while Palm stood guard. I ordered the cashier to hold up his hands and he raised one of them. Then I told him to raise the other. While 'Pugle' stood outside, I went in and searched him. I took his watch and 60 cents in money. Then I went to the cash drawer and found it locked. The cashier told me the key to it was in his vest, which was hanging on the wall. I got the key and got \$6.50 out of the drawer. "At this time Palm ran in from the outside and said that a train was coming, so we made our escape. Out of the money taken I got \$2.50. The watch I gave to a friend that I was living with."

Palm in his confession corroborated the statement made by Perry. "Pugle," whose name is Fred Case, is now serving time in Joliet for a robbery in a restaurant three doors east of the Harrison street police station.

Drug Craze Among the People.

Washington, D. C.—"An insane desire to use opium and drugs of a similar nature appears to have taken hold of the people," said a member of Dr. Wiley's staff recently while speaking of the use of drugs. The same opinion prevails among local druggists. "It is true," said Dr. Wiley's assistant, "that people are drinking anything which will give temporary relief to the 'tired feeling' and shattered nerves of those who live strenuous lives, and in the whirl and rush of society.

"The terrible effect of the use of narcotics on the brain has been made the subject of careful investigations. Insanity is the inevitable result. The hallucination which grows temporarily out of indulgence in opium and the exhilaration caused by cocaine are but the forerunners of permanent disorders of the brain which surely follow in the course of time in a large proportion of cases.

Much Cocaine Sold.

Since the passage of the law by the Pennsylvania legislature at the last session prohibiting the sale of the stuff without a physician's prescription more cocaine has been sold in Pittsburgh than there was before the status was placed on the records. The law especially appeals to the state pharmaceutical board, but it is claimed that druggists have conspired with users to defeat the aim of the law.

A Strenuous Ruler.

Vienna.—The Emperor Franz Josef, who is seventy-four "years young," has of late developed an activity which, in view of the handicap for age which he carries, places him high in the list of strenuous rulers.

WILL HAVE RIFLE PRACTICE.

Plans to Remedy a Great National Defect in the Military System.

Throughout Hon. Elihu Root's long service as Secretary of War the one subject which received his most serious attention, aside from the operations of the army in the field, the army reorganization act, the general staff scheme and the national militia project, was the question of developing in the mass of American citizens a body of trained riflemen large enough to make our defenses secure in time of war.

Owing partly to Mr. Root's persistent urging, supported by many other interested gentlemen in the army, the navy, the Marine Corps, the National Guard and civil life, public interest in the subject took form in the organization of the national board for the promotion of rifle practice in the United States, and as a result of that movement plans have been formulated which, if carried into effect, seem likely to transform millions of hardy young Americans into expert riflemen and thus correct what is palpably the gravest defect in our military system.—Army and Navy Journal.



JUSTICE HENRY B. BROWN of the United States Supreme Court, who was married recently to Mrs. Josephine Bunting Tyler, an attractive young widow. When Justice Brown retires from the bench two years hence, he and Mrs. Brown will travel extensively in Europe and other parts of the world.

Electric Lifting Magnets.

Though there would seem to be little difficulty in constructing an electric magnet for lifting heavy pieces of iron and steel, few manufacturers have been successful thus far in producing these appliances in commercial form. A Cleveland concern has turned out a number, however, and a Belgian company claims now to have a perfect electro-magnet for use in rolling mills and similar works.

But the use of this device, the ropes and chains heretofore necessary in lifting heavy weights have been abolished. The crane-driver simply lowers the magnet upon the piece of metal to be lifted, excites it by the switch, and when the magnet is in action raises it with its load. Only two or three seconds are required for sensitizing the magnet, so that the saving of time is enormous, one crane doing the work of several cranes under existing conditions.

In the Belgian system the actual magnet is protected by a metal bell, which enables it to be used in lifting hot metal, thus making it valuable in foundries and rolling mills.

Canada Wants Americans.

Washington.—It is probable the attention of the British government will be directed to a movement conducted officially by the Canadian government to induce immigration from the United States to the Northwestern Territory. There can be no objection to such efforts on the part of private agencies, but when, as in this case, the government itself seeks to attract citizens of other countries, the matter is one which calls for official remonstrance.

It appears that the Dominion Department of the Interior, through one of its Assistant secretaries, has been sending broadcast throughout the Northwestern States circular letters, addressed mainly to clergymen, professional men and persons of influence, describing in glowing terms the splendid resources of the Canadian Northwest, and inviting immigrants by the offer of 160 acres of land for each free school and sound laws. Attention is especially invited to the excellent church facilities.

Hannibal's Feat Outdone.

Hannibal's passage of the Alps was a pigmy feat compared with the task of crossing the Himalayas, which has just been accomplished by a very little British army going a very long way. The force under Gen. Macdonald has climbed the most stupendous natural staircase upon the planet, and upon the upper landing at the top of the world. What it has already done in the face of fantastic hardships is an epic of military mountaineering, interlarded by the strangest pages in the history of transport. The Tibetans to remark, do not live their ordinary lives quite so far skyward. But their tableland is upon an average plane of nearly three miles above sea level—higher than all but the loftiest summits of the Alps.—London Daily Chronicle.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county the undersigned, administrator of J. B. C. A. of Samuel C. Bower, late of Centre township, deceased, will sell at public sale, on the premises in Centre township on

TUESDAY, APRIL 4th, 1905,

at one o'clock p. m., all that certain real estate described as follows: TRACT NO. 1.—All that certain message and tract of land situate partly in Centre township and partly in Orange township, said county of Columbia; bounded on the north by land of John Thomas, on the east by public road leading from the river to the mountain, on the south by land E. Sheffhammer and on the West by lands of Chancy Whitmore and Daniel Whitmore, containing thirty-two acres and one hundred and seven perches of farm land whereon are erected a

FRAME DWELLING,

bank barn and outbuildings. A good orchard and good well of water on the premises. The land is in a good state of cultivation.

TRACT NO. 2.—Situate in Centre township, county aforesaid, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone corner of line of land formerly owned by Simon Hagenbach, deceased; thence by the same north thirteen degrees west one hundred and eight perches to a gum tree; thence by land of the heirs of George Kelchner, deceased, south seventy-seven degrees west seventy-five perches to a stone; thence south thirteen degrees east one hundred and eight perches to a stone north seventy-seven degrees east seven and five tenths perches to the place of beginning, containing

5 ACRES AND 10 PERCHES WOOD LAND.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pennsylvania, and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st, 1905,

at two o'clock p. m. All that certain lot of land situate on the northerly side of Brittain street, in Michael's Addition to West Berwick in the township of Berwick, now Borough of West Berwick, Columbia county, Pa., and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the easterly corner of Brittain and Mercer streets, thence along Brittain street south eighty-seven degrees ten minutes west eighty-seven and one half feet; thence north two degrees and fifty minutes west seventy-five and four tenths feet to an alley; thence south seventy-seven degrees thirty minutes east ninety and six tenths feet to Mercer street; thence along the same south two degrees fifty minutes east fifty one feet to Brittain street, the place of beginning. Being the easterly part of lot No. 221 of Michael's addition to West Berwick, Pa. Whereon is erected a two-story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE.

Setled, taken in execution at the suit of Security Building and Savings Union vs. Frank A. and to be sold as the property of Frank A. Shirk. H. C. REYNOLDS and W. W. BLACK, ALEX C. JACKSON, Attorneys, Sheriff.

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at two o'clock p. m. All that certain lot piece or parcel of land lying and being situated in the Borough of Berwick county of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the east by lot number thirty-six on the south by Front street, on the west by lot number thirty-eight, and on the north by Schley alley, being forty-five feet in width on Front street and extending in depth of the same width a distance of one hundred and seventy-eight feet. Containing eight thousand and ten square feet of land, and being numbered and designated as lot number thirty-seven on the northerly side of Front street of Michael addition of West Berwick.

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PROPOSALS FOR ADDITION TO HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Sealed proposals are invited for the erection of an addition or extension to the Bloomsburg High School Building. A copy of the plans and specifications may be obtained from E. W. Jury, architect after Thursday, the 3rd of March. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or bond in the sum of two hundred dollars to show good faith on the part of the bidder. These will be returned after the contract is entered into.

The contractor will be required to give an approved bond not only conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract, but also for the payment of all bills contracted for labor and materials in the erection of the building. Bids close at 6:00 p. m. on Friday, April 14, 1905. J. C. RUTTER, Jr., Pres't. 9-23-05

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