UNCLE SAM'S NAVY.

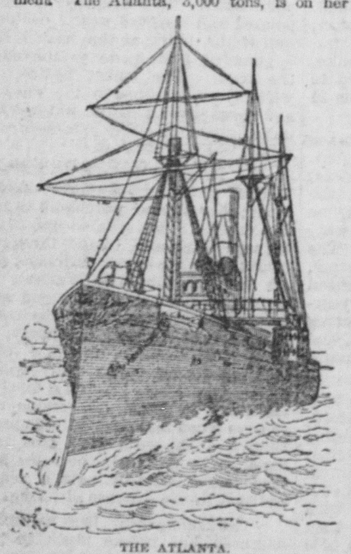
THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE WAR FLEET.

Chief Constructor Wilson's Estimates of the Life of the Vessels Now in Use—A Better Navy in Prospect—The New Cruisers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Chief Constructor Wilson estimates the active life of the wooden war ships of our present navy as follows: The Tenhessee (the only one classed as first rate), six months; the Trenton, Omaha and Vandalia, second rates, and the Mohican, third rate, ten years; the Lancaster and Brooklyn, second rates, and the Adams, Alliance, Essex, Enterprise, Nipsic, Tallapoosa and Yantic, third rates, six years; the Hartford, Richmond and Pensacola, second rates, and the Juniata, Ossippe, Quinnebaug, Swatara, Galena, Marion, Iroquois and Kearsarge, third rates, five years. These, together with the iron ships Monocacy, Alert and Ranger, third rates, and the Michigan, Palos and Pinta, fourth rates, constitute the available fighting force of the present navy. The most powerful of their weapons are the converted guns, having a range of perhaps two miles—excellent arms for operations against wooden ships and ancient fortifications, or for shelling towns, but inefficient against the modern armor. The very best of these ships is held by our naval authorities to be far behind the times as a reliance for offense or defense in actual warfare. The list of ironclads comprises more than a dozen monitors, but none of them is in condition for service at this time.

With this showing the United States is placed by her own authorities at the foot of the list of naval powers in the essential matters of ships and guns, there being three South American, two Asiatic and fifteen or sixteen European powers which outrank us. That portion of our prospective new navy whose construction has already been sanctioned by congress numbers eighteen ships of all classes, to cost an aggregate of something more than $20,000,000, and the last of which, barring accidents or the failure of appropriations, is expected to be afloat four years hence. They are required to be built entirely of metal, and no device known and approved at the date of their planning to secure efficiency as fighting machines has been or is to be omitted in their construction. Their armament throughout will be of the modern high-powered guns, the largest weapons at present contemplated being the twelve-inch breech loading rifle, carrying a missile which weighs more than 800 pounds and requiring more than 400 pounds of powder for each discharge. The theoretical range of such weapons is about twelve miles, but difficulties in the matter of elevation and otherwise serve to reduce this somewhat in practice.

Seven of these ships are to be armored, the heaviest probably carrying sixteen inches of steel as a protection. Three will be "protected cruisers"—that is, vessels whose thick lower decks of steel dip their edges below the water line and serve as a protection to the machinery, magazines, and other vital parts of the vessels. The others will be four steel cruisers, two gun boats, one first class torpedo boat, and one dynamite gun cruiser. Of the steel cruisers the Dolphin, 1,500 tons displacement, is already completed and receiving her armament. The Atlanta, 3,000 tons, is on her



THE ATLANTA.

trial trip and her armament is being tested, while the Boston, 3,000 tons, and the Chicago, 4,500, are well advanced in construction.

Five of the armored vessels are of the double turret monitor class, each designed to carry four heavy high powered guns, throwing 500-pound shells with a possible range of ten miles. These ships were planned ten years ago. Doubtless if planned to-day some change would be made, but they are nevertheless spoken of by Commodore Wilson in his last annual report as the best type of coast and harbor defense vessels in existence. Though not designed for cruising, they can in emergencies be sent abroad, their seaworthiness having been well tested in the past. Congress has now supplied the means for finishing these ships, and the work is progressing rapidly. The Miantonomoh, 3,815 tons, will be ready for service this year; the Puritan, 6,060 tons, has her engines in place, and is nearly ready for her armor, while the Terror, Amphitrite and Monadnock, 3,815 tons each, are now receiving their machinery.

With all these vessels afloat the United States as a naval power will outrank Brazil, Chili, the Argentine Republic, China, Japan, Greece, Norway, Portugal and Sweden, and will be abreast of Turkey, Spain, Holland and Denmark. She will still be outranked by England, France, Germany, Austria, Italy and Russia.

Accident on the B. and O.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 27.—The passenger train on the Philadelphia extension of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, coming south last evening, met with a serious accident. At Canton, the locomotive, No. 776, exploded with terrific force. The train came to a sudden stop, and when the steam cleared away it was found that the locomotive was ruined and the force of the concussion was so great that the baggage car had telescoped the foremost passenger coach, injuring its two occupants slightly. Their names could not be learned. The engineer, Jeremiah Morningstar, received a severe scalp wound, while Fireman Charles Lizer was terribly scalded and will die.

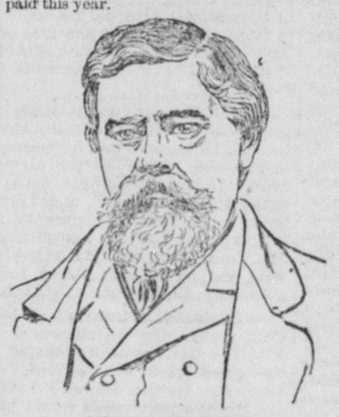
Kate Field Indorsed.

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 27.—James B. McKean post, G. A. R., has formally expressed approval of Kate Field's investigation of Mormonism, and commended her to the commander-in-chief as specially fitted to present the facts in the case through the G. A. R. to the country. They requested the commander-in-chief to commend her in the good work to the comrades everywhere.

SOME PENSION FACTS.

Commissioner Black Submits His Annual Statement.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The commissioner of pensions, under date of Sept. 21, has filed with the secretary of the interior his report of the operations of the pension bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886. The report shows that on June 30 last there were 365,783 pensioners on the rolls, composed of 263,854 army invalids, 80,162 army widows, minor children and dependent relatives; 2,953 navy invalids, 1,878 navy widows, minor children, etc., and 1,539 survivors of the war of 1812. There were 13,397 widows of survivors of the war of 1812, showing a loss during the year in this class of 3,815. Twenty-four original claims have been filed in this class during the year; 304 new widow pensioners have appeared on the rolls; 40,875 new pensioners were added to the roll during the year; 2,229 were restored to the rolls; 22,089 pensioners' names were dropped from the rolls on account of death, remarriage, frauds, etc., leaving a net increase to the roll of 20,686 names. The annual average value of each pension is $122.23, a gain of $11.88 over the average value of the preceding year. The aggregate annual value is $44,708,027.44, being an increase in annual value of $6,617,041.51. The amount paid for pensions during the year was $63,797,831.61, the difference in the amount paid and the annual value representing the accrued and arrearage pensions paid this year.



COMMISSIONER BLACK.

Since 1861 591,102 invalid claims have been filed; 348,799 claims of widows and dependants; 78,834 for pension on account of service. During the same period there have been allowed of the first class, 332,141 claims, and of the second class, 229,435, and of all other classes, 60,178, making a total of claims allowed since 1861, 621,754. It will thus be seen that nearly one half of all that have been placed upon the rolls have died, or their pensions have ceased by reason of arrival at age, remarriage, etc.; 161,416 certificates of all kinds, including 79,989 increase certificates issued to widows and dependants under act of March 9, 1886, have been issued during the past year, showing a vats increase in the work of the office.

A NEW LIFE LINE ROCKET.

Successful Experiments With the New Cunningham Method.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. — Some experimental tests of the Cunningham life line rocket, intended to be used by the life saving service in carrying a line from the shore to shipwrecked vessels, have just been made here. Several rockets were fired over the arsenal grounds range. One rocket carried a line with great accuracy a distance of 1,050 yards. Superintendent Kimball, of the life saving service, was very much interested in the exhibition and thinks this rocket, if accuracy of aim and delivery can be attained in all sorts of wind and weather, may be used with great advantage where wrecks are more than 500 or 600 yards from shore. The maximum distance, it is said, that the gun now used by the life saving service can be depended on to carry a line to vessels in distress, is about 750 yards. The tests of the Cunningham rocket were merely preliminary to thorough tests which will be made this fall on the Sandy Hook ordnance proving grounds to prove or disprove its effectiveness and accuracy in delivering lines at distances between 600 and 1,000 yards.

The Sea Serpent Again.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Three passengers on the Staten Island ferryboat Southfield saw an object in the water which they have no doubt was the widely advertised sea serpent.

What they took for the head and about six feet of the neck appeared above the surface and remained in full view for more than a quarter of a minute. The object was first seen about 220 yards away from and a little to the starboard of the boat, and directly in the path of an approaching tow boat. As the tow boat came to the spot it disappeared and was not seen to rise again.

Played at Being Dead.

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—Willie Lowden, aged 8, died yesterday in great agony from injuries inflicted by older boys while at play. Willie was playing at being dead and an excavation in the sidewalk served as a grave. His companions lowered him into this and placed a heavy block of paving granite upon his stomach. While he was in this situation and unable to help himself they jumped upon the block until Willie's body was covered with bruises. During the sickness which followed the boy was etherized and his stomach opened when it was ascertained that recovery was impossible.

Walked Off the Wharf.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 27.—Two unknown men, supposed to be commercial travelers, were drowned from the Big Sandy wharf boat at 10 o'clock last night. The steamer St. Lawrence was lying at the wharf waiting for the hour of midnight, when she should start on her trip to Maysville. The gang plank, it appears, was not in the usual place and the night was dark and rainy. The men walked off the wharf boat into the river and were drowned, about ten minutes apart. The people aboard the steamer made efforts to rescue the two men, but without avail.

Death From Choke Damp.

GLASGOW, Sept. 27.—By the escape of the noxious vapor known as choke damp from the monster blast at the Lochtyneside quarries Saturday it is estimated that sixty persons were overcome temporarily. A few others are in an extremely critical condition, among them a newspaper reporter. So far seven deaths have resulted from the blast.

JUSTIN M'CARTHY ARRIVES.

A Rousing Welcome Extended to the Home Rule Advocate.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Justin McCarthy, the home ruler, ex-member of parliament and author, was a passenger on the steamer Britannic, which arrived in this afternoon. The Irish Parliamentary Fund committee, who intend to give a big dinner at the Hoffman house in

JUSTIN M'CARTHY.

honor of the home ruler, were informed yesterday by the proprietors of the Hoffman house that a suite of rooms was reserved at the hotel for Mr. McCarthy's use as long as he chose to remain in the city. The offer was extended through the fund committee. When the steamer arrived at her pier one of the fund committee of fifty met Mr. McCarthy and escorted him to the hotel, and on Monday evening all the committee will gather at the hotel and give him a rousing welcome. The complimentary dinner will be given within a fortnight at the same hotel, and 125 distinguished Irish-Americans will be there. The application for tickets has already for exceeded the accommodations of the dining hall.

THE SIR KNIGHTS

Have Elected the Following Officers for the Ensuing Year.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 24.—In the grand encampment of Knights Templar to-day the committee on jurisprudence reported in favor of allowing control of uniforms to rest with the state commanderies, which report was adopted. Several amendments to the laws curtailing the powers of the grand encampment were rejected. Officers were elected as follows: Charles Roome, of New York city, grand master; John P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, Pa., deputy grand master; Hugh McCurdy, of Corouna, Mich., grand generalissimo; Warren L. Thomas, of Louisville, grand captain general; George C. Perkins, San Francisco, grand senior warden; R. H. Lloyd, San Francisco, grand junior warden; H. Wales Lines, of Meriden, Conn., grand treasurer, and W. B. Isaacs, of Richmond, Va., grand recorder.

The encampment will probably complete their work in a short session. Many templars have left for home.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 25.—The grand encampment of Knights Templars spent the greater portion of the day in the discussion of changes proposed in the ritual, and the present usage was considerably modified by a very close vote. What changes were made are, of course, withheld from the public. The grand officers as elected were installed and committees on jurisprudence and codification of laws were appointed to serve for the next three years.

The committee to designate the place for holding the next triennial conclave reported in favor of Philadelphia, but a substitute was carried, which settles upon Washington city for the conclave in 1889, and the grand encampment adjourned to meet on the second Tuesday in October, 1889, in Washington.

WILD POLICEMEN

Create a Sensation in New Orleans—A Chinaman's Fate.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 27.—Saturday night Police Officers Maberry, Evans, Santag and Saunders, who had been stationed at the Fifth ward poll, were returning to their homes in an intoxicated condition. On Burgundy street they saw two negro girls sitting on the steps, and applied insulting epithets to them. The girls rose to leave, when they were knocked down by the officers. A negro named James Smith came along, and was ordered to move on. Before he could comply one of the officers seized him by the throat and another placed a revolver to his head. The negro broke away and ran down the street, pursued by all the officers, who fired a dozen shots at him, and he received two slight wounds. While the shooting was in progress Hung Lung, a Chinese restaurant keeper, put his head out of the window to see what was up. As he did so Saunders took deliberate aim and sent a bullet into his right eye, inflicting a fatal wound. The negro and all the officers were arrested. The police officers claim that the negro killed the Chinaman, but all witnesses agree that the assault on Smith was unprovoked, and that he did nothing but run.

A Reporter Shoots a Politician.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 27.—The primary election of Saturday resulted in a tragedy yesterday, in which a prominent politician was fatally wounded by a newspaper reporter. Frank Waters, of The City Item, an evening paper, indulged in some strictures on the part taken by the police in the contest of the Eighth ward. As he was on his way down town in a street car yesterday he was halted by Joseph Baker, leader of the dominant faction in the Eighth ward, who inquired if he was author of the article. Waters replied that he was, whereupon Baker called him a liar. Waters responded with a blow, and Baker drew his revolver. Waters was only a second or two later with his weapon and his shot followed Baker's almost instantly. After the first shot the two men backed away from each other and Baker fired two more shots, Waters not responding. Waters was uninjured, but Baker received a ball through the abdomen and bladder and will die.

Rockaway Beach Has a Blaze.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—The Brandreth house, several cottages adjoining the East End hotel, Harper & Stumpf's hotel, Jennings' shoe store, Johnston's barbershop and Corning's grocery store, at Rockaway Beach, were burned last evening. Total loss $80,000.

A Costly Chestnut Bell.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 27.—Stanislaus Kempner, a young man who thought it funny to ring a chestnut bell at the Salvation Army meeting, was found guilty of disturbing the peace by a jury, and it cost Kempner $26.10.

Ideal Music for Charity.

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—The sum of $2,376 was netted for the Charleston fund by a concert at the Boston theatre last night given by members of the Ideal Opera company and the Music hall promenade orchestra.

Philadelphia Will Have Races.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27.—The running meeting at the Gentlemen's Driving park will be continued on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week during the remainder of the season.

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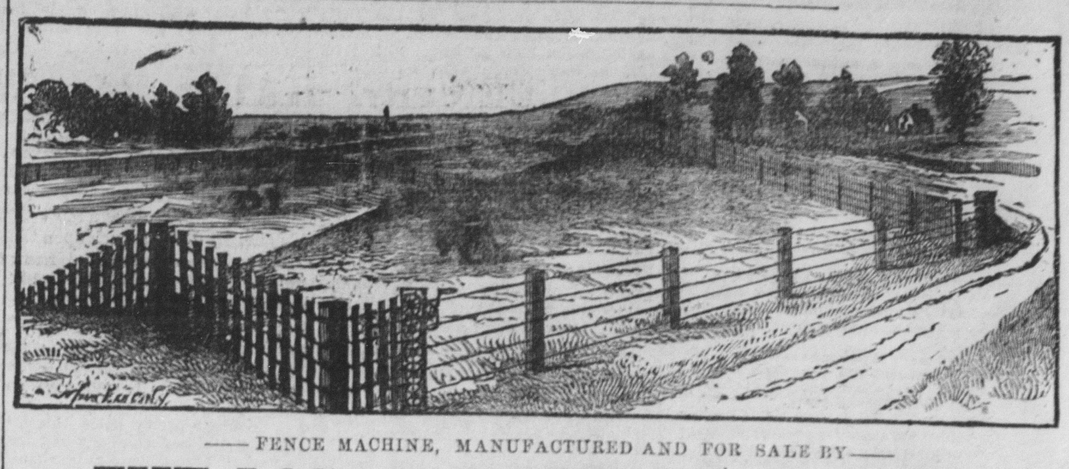

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SHOT HIS BROTHER.

Lock Haven, Sept. 15.—This morning Rolla Ammerman shot his brother Wilson Ammerman because the latter took his mother's part. Rolla was drunk and abusive toward his widowed mother, when Wilson entered the house and remonstrated with his brother. This enraged Rolla who drew a revolver and fired two shots. The second shot took effect in Wilson's thigh. The wound is not dangerous though serious. Rolla has not yet been arrested. He has served a term in the penitentiary.

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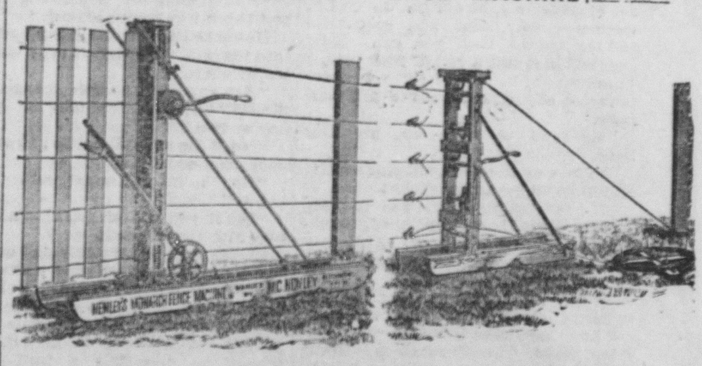

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