

MAINE IN COMMISSION

New Warship Received an Ovation Along the Delaware River.

IS THE FLOWER OF THE NAVY

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Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—On February 16, 1898, the whole country was started and plunged into deep grief by the news of the blowing up and sinking of the United States battleship Maine, in the harbor of Havana, and the loss of 266 members of her crew.

The old Maine was the finest of her type when she left the ways. And the new Maine is the latest production of the brains and skill of naval construction, and she takes her place in the first rank of the battleships in the navies of the powers.

The hammers of a hundred men rang sharply in the hold of the Maine yesterday morning up to the moment the signal was given to make ready for her departure from the yards of the William Cramp Sons' Ship and Engine Building Company.

Off League Island the big port anchor was let go and fathom after fathom of cable was paid out with a roar.

After the Maine had swung around with the tide Captain Eugene H. C. Leutze and his officers, together with the bluejackets and marines who were assigned to man her, were sent aboard. The ceremony of placing the ship in commission was the unostentatious service prescribed by the naval regulations.

It is not definitely known what will be done with the Maine, but it is thought that she will be manned, coalled and provisioned as quickly as possible and sent to Culebra Island, to take part in the manoeuvres under Admiral Dewey.

NOMINATIONS HELD UP

Senate Committee Probing Army Appointments Below Major.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The senate committee on military affairs held up, pending an investigation, all army nominations sent in before the recess, below the grade of major.

Complaint has been made that men were selected from those who formerly served as volunteers to fill original vacancies, and that they became captains as soon as they were appointed.

Panic at Christmas Entertainment. Chicago, Dec. 30.—A wild panic and injury to several persons followed an explosion at a Christmas entertainment last night in the French Evangelical Methodist church.

Will Excommunicate Filipinos. Rome, Dec. 29.—The Tribune says the Pope has ordered the archbishop of Manila to excommunicate all persons who endeavor to promote the creation of a national church in the Philippines.

Prince Henry to Visit St. Louis Fair. Berlin, Dec. 30.—The papers here say Prince Henry, of Prussia, is going to the United States in 1904 to visit the St. Louis Exposition and unveil the veterans' monument in Philadelphia.

WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, December 24. Paul Deitch was killed and Frank Fogow fatally injured yesterday by a fall of coal in the Luke Fidler colliery at Shamokin, Pa.

Perry Heath, of Utah, secretary of the Republican national committee, declares that he will be a candidate for United States senator.

The first consignment of the gold dollars minted as souvenirs of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition have arrived at the St. Louis sub-treasury.

Friday, December 26. Frank Kimborough, a famous American artist, died in London yesterday of pneumonia.

The cab and carriage drivers of St. Louis have gone on strike for an increase in wages.

Fire in the business section of Bloomington, Ill., yesterday caused a loss of over \$200,000.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, who is ill with typhoid fever, will recover, his physicians saying that he has passed the crisis.

Nate Salisbury, the well known showman, died at his home in Long Branch, N. J., Wednesday, from stomach troubles.

While chasing chicken thieves on Wednesday night, B. J. Doremus, Jr., of Roseland, N. J., was accidentally shot and killed.

Saturday, December 27. Carl T. F. Ritter has been appointed chief of sculpture of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Lieutenant General Miles arrived at Pekin, China, yesterday and reviewed the Chinese troops today.

Governor Otero, of New Mexico, will go to Washington to assist Senator Quay in the fight for statehood.

James J. Lobb, a policeman of the 13th district, Philadelphia, dropped dead on his beat yesterday from heart failure.

The Philippine commission has spent \$246,000 to stamp out the cholera scourge, according to the bureau of insular affairs.

In his report the government agent for the Osage Indians in Oklahoma says that they are the wealthiest people per capita in the world.

Monday, December 29. There are 35 vacancies in the grade of assistant surgeon in the army, with little prospect of filling them.

The fuel supply of Southern South Dakota is exhausted, with the thermometer 12 degrees below zero.

Fire at Wetumpka, Ala., yesterday destroyed a block of two-story buildings, causing a loss of \$100,000.

The steamer A. L. Hopkins, which was icebound in Lake Erie since last Tuesday, was towed into Toledo, O., yesterday.

Two Poles were arrested at Opaug, Ill., Saturday for opening a mail sack and burning the contents to keep themselves warm.

Independent cigar dealers from all over the country will meet at Chicago, Ill., January 13 to plan a fight against the Tobacco Trust.

Tuesday, December 30. More than 1800 persons were reported missing to the Philadelphia police since January 1 last.

Rear Admiral Glass has been detailed as commander-in-chief of the Pacific station, to succeed Rear Admiral Casey, who has been placed on waiting orders.

The Demmer tin plate plant at McKeesport, Pa., which has been idle for several months, resumed operations in full yesterday, giving employment to 500 men.

General orders were issued yesterday by Adjutant General Stewart announcing that the spring inspection of the National Guard of Pennsylvania will begin February 1.

Frank Goss, an electrician of the Newtown Street Railway company, was instantly killed at Bushington, near Doylestown, Pa., while experimenting with a high tension wire.

Suffocated by Coal Gas. Shamokin, Dec. 30.—Mrs. George H. Hoffman was suffocated on Sunday night at her home, in Herndon, owing to escaping coal gas from a stove.

Sixty Lost in Marine Disaster. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—News was brought by the steamer Tartar, which arrived yesterday, of a disaster in the Malacca straits, as a result of which 60 lives were lost.

Statue is Offered to Government. Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Root has received a letter from the commission having charge of the Barthold statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island, New York, suggesting the advisability of congressional legislation providing for the transfer of the statue to the government.

Dispatches from Hakodate report that an outbreak of fire occurred on board the Iwanai steamship company's steamer Hokuu Maru, off the coast of Su Tsu on December 3, and the vessel was sunk, 18 of the crew losing their lives.

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Live Stock Markets. East Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Cattle were quiet; prime steers, \$5.50@6; hogs, \$2.25@4.75; cows, \$2.25@4.25; pigs, \$2.75@4.50; veals, \$3.50@5.50; common to good, \$5.00@7.50; hogs active and heavy, \$6.65@7.75; fancy, \$6.80; medium, \$5.60@6.65; yorkers, \$6.50; pigs, \$3.50@5.00; sheep were higher; rams, \$3.65@3.85; ewes to good, \$1.75@2.00; lambs were higher; tops, \$6.00@6.50; culls to good, \$3.75@5.90; yearlings, \$4.25@4.75; swine, \$4.25@4.50.

East Liberty, Pa., Dec. 29.—Cattle were lower; choice, \$5.75@7.00; prime, \$5.40@5.60; good, \$5.00@5.20; hogs were higher; prime heavies, \$6.35@6.90; medium, \$6.75@6.85; heavy yorkers, \$6.70@6.75; light yorkers, \$6.70@6.75; pigs, \$6.60@6.70; roughs, \$5.60@6.40; sheep were higher; best wethers, \$6.40@6.20; culls and common, \$1.50@2.20; choice lambs, \$5.60@5.80; veal calves, \$4.25@4.75.

ENGINE EVERY FOUR HOURS

A Record-Breaking Year at Baldwin's Locomotive Works. Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—By turning out 1,520 locomotives, an average of one every four hours, all records have been broken during 1902 at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and all indications point to an even greater output in the year that is about to dawn.

Since the industrial boom began in 1899 this great establishment has been kept busy to the extent of its capacity, which has been increased from year to year with the result that the output for 1900, 1901, and 1902 has been 1,217, 1,375, and 1,520 locomotives, respectively.

From a tonnage standpoint the record of 1902 is comparatively greater than that represented by the 1,520 locomotives built. From year to year the weight of locomotives has been gradually increased, and some of the heaviest engines ever built at the works, weighing 388,000 pounds, were turned out during the year.

The money value of the year's output represents fully \$20,000,000, an increase of \$3,000,000 over the previous year, this increase being the result not only of the increased number of engines built, but their considerably enhanced value over the previous year. Of the year's output 424 locomotives were compounds, 25 oil fuel burners, and 74 electric. The great majority of the locomotives were what are termed road engines, principally freight, and these generally of a very heavy type.

COAL NEARS NORMAL OUTPUT

About 200,000 Tons of Anthracite Being Mined Daily. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 30.—There is much improvement in the conditions at the anthracite mines, but there are still many mine workers idle and likely to stay idle until after New Year's Day.

Superintendents estimate that the production of coal this week will fall about 300,000 tons short of the normal and that all the men will not be working steadily until next week. Demands for coal continue to pour in from all quarters, and particularly from New England and the West, where there is much distress, and where this week it is expected that many mills will have to shut down.

WILL IMPORT COAL

It is Said Contracts Have Been Made for 200,000 tons in England. London, Dec. 30.—It was said on good authority in Liverpool yesterday that contracts had been made for 200,000 tons of coal for shipment from English, Scotch and Welsh ports to eastern ports of the United States.

The purchase of coal and the engagement of ships, it was added, have been going on for a fortnight and are expected to continue for several weeks. Forty steamers have already been chartered. The same authority says the coal purchases are the result of an "unexpected hitch in the coal strike arbitration in the United States."

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PENN. R. R. NOTES.

Personally-Conducted Tours. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces the following Personally-Conducted Tours for the season of 1902-1903: California—Two tours: No. 1 will leave New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh January 29; No. 2 will leave February 19, and will include the Mardi Gras at New Orleans.

Florida—Three tours to Jacksonville will leave New York and Philadelphia February 3 and 17, and March 3. The first two of these admit of a sojourn of two weeks in the "Flowery State." Tickets for the third tour will be good to return by regular trains until May 31, 1903.

Tickets for the above tours will be sold from principal points on the Pennsylvania Railroad. For detailed itineraries, giving rates and full information, address Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western District, Pittsburgh; E. Youngman, Passenger Agent Baltimore District, Baltimore; C. Studds, Passenger Agent Southeastern District, Washington; or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia.

Russell City, a small village near Kane, has about twenty-five cases of smallpox. A member of the state board of health has been investigating those afflicted and he pronounced all of the cases genuine smallpox.

Beef is selling for 7 cents per 100 by the side, and pork at \$7 per hundred, in Penns valley and other farming sections.

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