

BUILDING THE NAVY.

Torpedo Boats Constructed Now Just as Well at Inland Points AS AT SEACOAST NAVAL YARDS.

WOODEN WAR VESSELS PLATED OUT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Commodore Theodore Wilson, Chief of the Bureau of Construction, in his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy recommends that the Galena be sold, as useless to the Government and a source of expense.

The Wooden Navy's Day Is Over.

Touching the old wooden navy the report says: "These vessels are rapidly disappearing from active service. Only 12 are now available for cruising purposes, and they within five or six years will be mustered out."

Stress is laid upon the significance of the contract made for the construction of torpedo boat No. 2, with the Iron Works, as it indicates the possibility of building these valuable craft at safe inland points.

The report states that contracts have already been made for 11,210 tons of the 13,845 tons of armor required for the vessels now building.

Attention is called to the fact that with the advent of modern steel vessels, comes a pressing necessity for a large increase in the machine departments of the navy yards to make the unavoidable repairs, which are to be expeditiously and economically made.

Seizing the opportunity afforded by the unfortunate experience of our steel cruisers in Chilean waters, the report treats at length of the necessity for sheathing the bottoms of steel vessels. It says:

The importance of the preservation of the bottoms of steel vessels from corrosion and fouling can hardly be over-estimated, and is continually emphasized by the reports of loss of speed and increased consumption of coal received from our new unsheathed steel vessels now in commission. Unless we are willing to admit that the role of our cruisers in time of peace is confined to cruises of short duration in the neighborhood of our own ports, it would appear that there is a most important quality, namely, the ability to maintain high speed at sea for long periods of time.

Reference is made by the valuable data bearing on this subject collected by Naval Constructor Philip Hiebhorn, and an earnest recommendation is made that Congress adopt his conclusions, summarized as follows:

- 1. All cruising vessels intended for general service in foreign waters should be sheathed if above 1,000 tons displacement.
2. Vessels of less than 1,000 tons displacement, intended for general service as cruising gunboats, etc., should be of composite construction, viz: inside sheathing, wood inside, planking and copper sheathing.

Figures are given to show that Great Britain has adopted these ideas in new construction, that 78 per cent of it is to be sheathed, and that all of the gunboats built since 1886 are of composite construction, enabling them to keep at sea for long periods without docking.

Where Candidates for the Navy Fail.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—In his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy, Commodore Ramsey, Chief of the Bureau of Naval Academy, says a large number of candidates for admission to the Naval Academy fail to pass the required mental examination. It is believed that this is chiefly due to want of proper instruction and time for preparation.

LIARS ABOARD IN BRAZIL.

Government Dispatches Flatly Contradict Rumors of Trouble in the South. LONDON, Dec. 1.—The advice from Brazil regarding the situation in Rio Grande do Sul are of such an extremely conflicting character that it is impossible to conceive the true situation there. A dispatch was received here from the Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs, stating that immediately on the restoration of the legal Government of the State after the disposition of the Dictator, Da Fonseca, the insurgents laid down their arms. The Foreign Minister's dispatch further says that Senator Ferdinand Lobos, who was sent to the State of Rio Grande do Sul as representative of the Government has been satisfactorily received by the people.

FATHER AND SON DEFAULTERS.

As Trusted Employes They Victimized a Publishing House for Years. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1.—It has just been discovered by the Concordia Publishing Company, printers of religious books, that Martin C. Barthel and Martin H. E. Barthel, father and son, two of its most trusted employes, are short in their accounts. Martin H. E. received an order for certain publications which he filled in, but neglected to turn over the cash, which brought about an investigation revealing the fact that the pecuniations of both were large.

GENERAL BUTLER RECOVERING.

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pressure on the brain was relieved by the outward flow of pus. Now General Butler is rapidly recovering his strength and will soon resume active work.

FISH CULTURE IN CANADA.

Most Satisfactory Results of the Season's Operations Up North. OTTAWA, ONTARIO, Dec. 1.—Fish culture has now reached a most important stage in Canada, and every year millions of eggs are gathered from the haunts of the various fish and artificially hatched in Government breeding houses.

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LIKELY TO GET A DIVORCE.

Report of the Commissioner in the Famous Guerrero Case. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—[Special.]—The divorce suit of Mrs. Henrietta A. Guerrero, nee Potter, of this city, is now before Judges Fell and Pennypacker, the master of the case, Effingham B. Morris, having made his report to the Court recommending that the judges grant the decree asked for. A rule for a final decree to declare the divorce absolute, taken out by Carroll R. Williams, counsel for Mrs. Guerrero, will be heard by the Judges of Common Pleas Court No. 2 Monday next.

STODDARD STILL IN BUSINESS.

A Celebrated Forger Whose Fertile Brain Work Cannot Be Repressed. NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—[Special.]—When Detective Morris, of Jersey City, captured the now celebrated forger, Edward L. Stoddard, and was subsequently taken to the jail in that city, it was supposed that Stoddard would be obliged to suspend business for a time. He is still carrying on business. It is believed that Stoddard is the author of the letters sent out in the name of Winnie Davis, Jefferson Davis' daughter, with the intention of swindling General Beauregard and other men in the South.

MANY PASSENGERS IN PERIL.

An Express Train Crashes Into a Local on the New York Central. TARENTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 1.—At 7 o'clock to-night the Chicago express came a-clip along at full speed, and before the engineer could stop the train it crashed into a Croton local train standing on the track in front of the station of the New York Central at this place. Fortunately no one of the many passengers was seriously hurt.

A JEWELER BADLY ROPED IN.

He Gives Up \$3,690 for Brass That He Thought Gold Dust. NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—[Special.]—Jeweler Ephraim Grinspan was the victim to-day of a gold dust game. He gave \$3,100, a check for \$300, dated January 1, for a bag which he believed contained gold dust. When he reached his place of business he found the bag contained nothing but brass filings.

CHILE WILL POSITIVELY EXHIBIT.

Official Assurance to That Effect Reached the World's Fair Officials. CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Acting Secretary of State Wharton to-day sent the following notice to the director General Davis, of the World's Fair: I have to apprise you of the receipt of a telegram from the Minister of the United States at Santiago as follows: "The Chilean Government confirms and continues the arrangements made by the late Government for Chilean representation at the Chicago Exposition. Special Commissioner Harlow will now visit Washington, and has great hopes to secure a splendid exhibit."

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A NATIONAL LEPROS HOSPITAL

Recommended in the Report of the Marine Hospital Surgeon General. WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—[Special.]—Walter Wyman, Supervising Surgeon General of the Marine Hospital Service, in his annual report to the Secretary of the Treasury, states that 32,992 sailors were treated in the various marine hospitals and dispensaries of the service during the fiscal year 1891. One thousand three hundred and thirty-seven surfmen and keepers of Life-Saving Service, were examined physically, of which number 89 were rejected for disease or disability; 1,082 pilots were examined for blindness, of which 29 were rejected.

DEATH OF NELSON DECKER.

The Actor's Attempt to Take His Own Life Not a Failure. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—[Special.]—William Nelson Decker, the well-known actor who made an attempt on his life, Wednesday last, at the Edwin Forrest Home, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning. A sensation was aroused at the home last Wednesday by the discovery of Decker lying in a pool of blood on the floor of his room shortly after the breakfast hour. A razor was found near him, with which he had inflicted terrible gashes in his throat and wrist there. It is said that the prompt summoning of physicians restored him temporarily, but death was only a question of time.

Just Like All Oriental Monarchies.

Mr. James says that the history of China is the history of monarchies. A powerful tribe under a powerful head conquers the country, and for one or two generations rules it wisely and firmly.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE Van Houten's Cocoa PERFECTLY PURE a most delicious substitute for Tea and Coffee. More healthful. One pound sufficient for 150 cups.

IRON AND STEEL BUILDINGS, ROOF TRUSSES, COLUMNS AND GIRDERS. PITTSBURG BRIDGE COMPANY, Thirty-Eighth St. no11-47-d

FREE! Every carpet sold made, laid and lined with cotton quilted paper FREE OF CHARGE. CASH PICKERING'S CREDIT The Housefurnisher, Cor. Tenth St. & Penn Ave. de9-77

MILLIONS IN THE TREASURY.

More Money in Pennsylvania's General Fund Than Ever Before. HARRISBURG, Dec. 1.—[Special.]—State Treasurer Boyer's monthly report, issued to-day, shows \$5,730,721 80 in the general fund, as against \$5,389,117 50 last month. This is probably the greatest amount ever in the general fund of this State, and would have been larger had not the expenses of the extraordinary session of the Senate, amounting to nearly \$200,000, been paid during the month.

WARREN'S MODERATE.

He Desires His Name to Be Stricken From the List of Heroes to Be Rewarded. SANTIAGO, Dec. 1.—President Montt has requested that his name be stricken from the list of the leaders of the revolution to whom Congress proposes to vote large sums of money for their services in overthrowing the Balraacceda Government.

Reading Collieries on Short Time.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—The announcement is made to-day by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company that all its collieries will, commencing December 1, reduce the hours of labor in the mines.

Those who come and see know beyond mistake about these fine, all-wool, imported

CASHMERE AND HENRIETTAS. Several hundred pieces—making the Greatest Sale these stores have ever had. Over 75 choice shades, 46 INCHES WIDE, 65 C. Then the Special Lot of CARDINAL, GARNET, WINE and NAVY BLUE All-Wool CASHMERES, 36 Inches Wide, at 37 1/2¢ interest a great many people.

That were imported to retail at \$2.50.

100 CHILDREN'S FUR SETTS. MUFF AND COLLAR. NATURAL OPOSSUM. FINE QUALITY. \$2.50 A SETT. Children's Handsome WHITE THIBETT SETTS—Muff and Collar—the later with head of the animal on, \$2.50 a Sett.

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Chamber Suits, Hatracks, China Closets, Leather Chairs Couches. A rare opportunity to get good furniture at bottom prices. Next week HOLIDAY GOODS will be on our floors for inspection.

JACOBS & MCGILVRAY,

51 AND 53 FEDERAL ST. P. S.—Goods purchased for future delivery stored at our expense. A Small Quantity of Liebig Company's Extract of Beef

Added to any Soup, Sauce or Gravy gives Strength and Fine Flavor.

Invaluable in Improved and Economic Cookery. Makes cheapest, purest and best Beef Tea.

A PLAINTIFF'S BRIEF

The best purchase is not that which makes you the happiest, but that which gives you the greatest number of reasons for being happy. In this China Closet your purchase is backed up by reasons as strong as a church buttress.

ONLY \$18

It is artistically beautiful, having heavy round fluted corner posts, glass on three sides, a neatly carved top, full width, drawer below, is in quarter sawed oak with best rubbed and polished finish, is exceedingly low in price, will last a lifetime, will soon pay for itself in protection to your China, and will give you an enjoyment in the possession of China which is impossible now.

Your China without a closet is like a fine painting with no frame. You lose all the pleasure of its possession, since it can never be seen, and it is in constant danger from its unprotected condition. Not until you investigate our prices will you have any idea how cheap our fine China Cabinets and Dining Room Furniture are. Our assortment is the largest and finest ever shown by us. O. McClintock & Co., 38 FIFTH AVE.