

OUR CRACK CRUISER,

Telect the Pirate, Now Formally Christened the Columbia, by

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER.

The Most Formidable Fighter of Merchant Ships is Launched.

AN INNOVATION IN NAVAL WARFARE

PHILADELPHIA, July 26.—Under a sun the intensity of whose rays seemed to make her sides vibrate, Cruiser No. 12, or, as the vessel has been popularly known, the "Pirate," was launched here this afternoon from Cramp's shipyard, and christened the "Columbia" by the Hon. J. P. Morton, the daughter of Vice President Morton.

In consideration of the time of year, and with a view to just such weather as the country is suffering under now, the Messrs. Cramp decided some time ago not to issue any invitations to the launch to-day, and in consequence there was a marked difference in the size of the crowd in comparison with that of previous launchings at the Cramps' yards. "Launching Day" at Cramps is always observed as a holiday, and with the exception of the gang of men at work preparing the cruiser for her passage down the ways, the army of laborers that early this morning were about the shipyard, were absent from the scene.

The business of getting the cruiser ready for her dip into the river was not an enviable one. The sun shone with a tropical intensity, and the ships, standing in their stocks, and the iron lying around the yard, seemed to act as a magnet to draw its full rays down upon the panting, perspiring men who were standing under it.

Although the launch was not to take place until 10 o'clock, by 1 o'clock men and women had begun to gather around the gates of the yard. At 3 o'clock, when the gates were thrown open, the crowd had increased to about 4,000 people, and this number was doubled by the time set for the launch.

Secretary of the Navy Tracy, Vice President Morton, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Commodore Schreyer, Congressman John R. Fellows, Commander Allison, United States Senator Chilton and Assistant Secretary of State Gurnell reached this city at 1 o'clock from Washington.

The distinguished party reached the yard about 3:30, and the Messrs. Cramp were presented with a bouquet upon their arrival, and then the entire company was escorted to the christening stand beneath the bows of the awaiting cruiser.

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TRYING FOR PARKS.

Allegheny's Citizens Suggest How to Beautify the City—Boulevard System Advised—Mayor Kennedy's Plan Has Started the People Thinking—Congratulatory Letters Received.

Beautifying the city is the subject uppermost in the public mind at present in Allegheny and some of the heaviest property owners there are suggesting desirable features to Mayor Kennedy.

The idea of rebuilding the streets by increasing the bonded indebtedness, as proposed by Mayor Kennedy, has started this train of thought. As a result the answers to the propositions which were sent out a few days ago by Allegheny's chief official are accompanied by suggestions of more or less value.

Nearly half a hundred property owners of Allegheny have sent in communications indorsing the plan as outlined in the circular.

Messrs. Boggs & Buhl, the heaviest taxpayers in the city, yesterday sent a reply to the Mayor's question. After indorsing the plan, and giving an illustration of the method of tax increase, they suggest the purchase of a large plot of ground in the suburbs for a park site, and advise the construction of a boulevard to further the beauty of the city.

The necessity of a park in Allegheny, the gentlemen go on to say, is unquestioned. The great benefit the city parks have already proven to the people of Allegheny is a source of pride and pleasure.

By the proper expenditure of money another park, that would be farther away from the busy traffic of the city, could be laid out, and this, with a good boulevard system, would add to Allegheny's reputation for beauty.

The suggestion meets with the hearty approval of the Mayor, although he is inclined to hear from more citizens upon the street improvement question before suggesting anything more.

W. J. Beckfield most aptly said: "If we do not wish to all so far behind our sister city, Pittsburgh, that she will attempt to take us in a suburb, we had better make some immediate action regarding our streets." Others harp upon the possibility of a big steal by unscrupulous contractors.

The Mayor's desk was fairly littered with these letters yesterday afternoon and the official plodded through them with a smile, despite the heat, for every one of them was congratulatory.

PATTERN MAKERS SWERVE.

They Meet, Organize and Promise Alliance with the People's Party.

Sixty odd pattern makers organized last night as the first People's party club in Allegheny county, and were officially accepted by representatives from the Executive Committee.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED YESTERDAY.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Residence. Includes Abraham Marx, John L. Carter, etc.

DIED.

BRYANT—In Chicago, Monday morning, July 26, 1892, ALEXANDER GILFILLAN BRYANT, in his 61st year.

CALHOUN—On Tuesday morning, July 26, at 3 o'clock, Mrs. CATHERINE CALHOUN, widow of the late James Calhoun, in the 71st year of age.

FULTON—On Monday, July 25, 1892, at 7:00 A. M. DAVID FULTON, aged 44 years, 5 months and 23 days.

GROGAN—On Monday, July 25, 1892, at 8 A. M., JOSHUA, son of John and the late Jane S. Grogan, in his 57th year.

HAMMER—On Monday evening, July 25, 1892, at 10:15, JOHN DAVID HAMMER, in his 89th year.

HUGHES—On Monday, July 25, 1892, at 8:45 A. M. Mrs. GRACE HUGHES, wife of James Hughes, aged 51 years.

KINKAID—Suddenly, on Monday, July 25, 1892, at 12 o'clock midnight, ROBERT KINKAID, of County Tyrone, Ireland, in his 67th year.

McGREGOR—On Monday, July 25, 1892, at 10:45 A. M., at his residence, 49 Magnolia street, HOMER J. MCGREGOR, Jr., aged 1 year 3 months.

NEE—At St. Francis Hospital, July 24, 1892, at 2:30 P. M., Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend.

OSBORN—Tuesday, July 26, 1892, at 3 o'clock, at his residence, 101st Pennsylvania Volunteers, and member of O. H. Rippey Post, 41, G. A. R.

REINHARD—On Tuesday, July 26, at 11 A. M., EVA REINHARD, aged 29 years.

RODGERS—Suddenly, at parents' residence, 18 Avery street, Allegheny, THOMAS R. son of S. R. and Celia Rodgers.

SCHUTTE—On Tuesday, July 26, 1892, at 11:55 A. M., Mrs. MARY SCHUTTE, aged 70 years, 11 months, 9 days.

WESSLER—At her residence, No. 18 Inlton street, on Monday, July 25, 1892, at 5:20 P. M., MARY E. WESSLER, widow of the late John D. Wessler, in her 74th year.

WILLIAMS—On Tuesday, July 26, 1892, RICHARD D., youngest child of David J. and Rachael A. Williams, aged 10 months and 1 day.

WINTERS—On Monday, July 25, at 5 P. M., ELIZABETH, wife of Daniel Winters, aged 39 years and two days, at her residence, No. 155 Sixteenth street, Southside.

YESTMAN—On Tuesday evening, July 26, 1892, at 7 o'clock, at Orono, PA., MORRIS OSWALD, youngest child of Morgan E. and Blanche D. Yeastman (nee Fullerton), aged 15 months.

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