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guns are accomplices, are equally unwieldy, cumbersome, costly and out of proportion to their efficiency. The fact is that the battle ships of to-day represent the expenditure of millions simply on theories, without any actual demonstration in practice.

For these reasons it will be no more than common sense for the United States Government to confine itself to a tentative construction of the big battle ships, and give its attention mainly to the results to be obtained from torpedo boats, white-backed armored vessels, and coast defenders of the monitor class.

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The question therefore arises: Will that portion of the Democracy represented by the minority of the National Convention control the Democratic legislation, or will the majority of the convention be able to do it? The ordinary proposition would be that a convention representing the party would be able to define its legislative policy; and that when the Democratic convention repeated the statement of this policy, and adopted in its place its radical and destructive platform, that became the party program.

Incidentally we may further remark that if the tariff is not reduced below the difference in labor cost between articles manufactured in this country and Great Britain—including, of course, the labor cost of the materials—the reductions from the McKinley schedule will be slight and unimportant.

MR. MORROW'S RETIREMENT. The statement of Controller Morrow that he will not be a candidate for reelection will cause general surprise, and even more regret. Few public officials have so fully possessed the confidence and esteem of the people. Three years ago Mr. Morrow was upon both the Republican and Democratic tickets, and his withdrawal probably has been successful even if he had been upon neither. It is certain that an effort will be made to induce the Controller to reconsider his determination, but he is quoted as positively declining to continue in the office beyond his present term.

HARD ON THE REPUBLICANS. Something of a political sensation has been started in Massachusetts by the claim that it is not such a startling novelty as it would have been in Georgia had not preceded her in the same road.

COSTLY EXPERIMENTS. English experts are beginning to be very positive with the opinion that began to be entertained some time ago, to the effect that the huge cannon which Europe has been making with such industry these many years are collectively a gigantic mistake.

There is no doubt that this decision is a wise one. It is quite possible that the further development of these costly battle ships, if not for their own operation should break down.

distinctly peculiar as claiming for its own party a monopoly of the carelessness and errors in the simple task of marking the ballots.

AN EXPONENT OF THE TIMES. The death of J. E. Crouse, of Syracuse, N. Y., the other day gives a new proof of the tenderness of the law. Although the nation at large had not heard much of him except as a man of wealth whose tastes exhibited themselves in spending a million dollars on his stables, his obituary disclose the fact that he was one of the multi-millionaires, his wealth being stated at \$20,000,000.

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Another peculiar phase of the same subject is the readiness with which those who disapprove of this evil accept the theories of those who are responsible for it, concerning its cause. The Philadelphia Press in calling attention to this cause of the Crouse fortune and after pointing out that the Standard Oil millions were created contemporaneously by the same method, proceeds to charge present favoritism to the Arnolds, to "the unfair advantage which the Canadian railway companies enjoy because of their exemption from the inter-State commerce act."

THE QUESTION OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY. The future of the People's party and Farmers' Alliance since the election been the subject of learned dissertations by journals of the received regime. The fact that the People's party in the late election presented enough strength to have turned the scale of an ordinary election has been lost sight of in the general hand-to-hand wrestling with which we remember that the new party displayed enough strength to have turned the balance if the Republicans and Democrats had been more equally divided.

TELEGRAPHING WITHOUT WIRES. A Revolutionizing Problem Solved Off the British Coast. LOUISIANA. It is announced that the revolutionizing problem of how to telegraph without wires has been solved. Since June 1st, constant electric communication has been maintained between the Needles Light House and the shore without any direct metallic connection.

BAKER'S FAMOUS SUBMARINE BOAT. Tested at Chicago by Officials of the United States Torpedo Service. CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—George C. Baker's famous submarine boat was informally tested in Lake Michigan, at South Chicago, in the presence of two members of the Torpedo Board of the United States Navy.

UNCLE SAM REDUCING HIS FORCES. Land Office Agents and Census Clerks Have Been Cut. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Within the next few days about 80 of the special agents of the General Land Office will be dropped from the rolls because of insufficient appropriations.

MY LADY PERPETUA. Proud she is indeed; why should you wonder that the stars she seems, glowing so far above her. Yet my thoughts may travel upward, even unto them.

ATLANTIC CITY IS THE RECORD HOLDER in the matter of having more saucions in proportion to its population than any other American city. The record is likely to bring the resort more, notoriety than fame.

METROPOLITAN FEATURES.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—What is good and what is bad luck is often very confusing. I met a man recently whom I had missed from the street for some time. He was hobnobbing jolly along with the aid of a cane. He told me he had fallen into a stone bath in the Bowery and sprained his ankle.

EVERY UDDER JERRY SIMPSON sees the evils and dangers of willful currency. Surely no further condemnation of the proposed repeal of the national bank tax is necessary.

CARDINAL LUYCKE'S death is a loss not only to the church of which he was so prominent a leader, but also to the whole human race, of which he was so progressive a member.

THE YOUNG KING OF SPAIN is not in vigorous health, and his mother deemed it judicious not to let him participate freely in the festivities attending the visit to Madrid of the King and Queen of Portugal.

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WHY do more people die of pneumonia, quick consumption and other lung troubles than in any other part of the world? Broadway. There you'll see a score or two of men coming out of the super-heated electric tram to stand in unbecomingly long lines to get a hot drink of tea.

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THE WEARING OF THE BLUE.

PITTSBURG was simply ripped V-shape up the back—Washington Post. Yale's victory over Princeton rounds out a magnificent football record. It was expected—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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A LOOK AROUND.

A DARK night gives you a better idea perhaps of the rapid growth of upper part of the Southside, than even a view on a clear day. To anyone who can remember how it looked ten years ago, this growth seems marvelous.

TWO "PROMOTERS" were discussing a scheme and a mutual acquaintance—also a promoter. "You can vouch for me, because I have been here since the first day that I was promoted."

IT IS a matter of fact, which is readily susceptible of proof, that nearly all the small alleys in the eastern part of the city are in an extremely filthy condition.

THE ENGLISH COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH has decided that grocers may weigh paper with tea, coffee, sugar and such commodities without the use of fraud upon the purchaser.

THE LONGEST electric railway in the world is under construction in Poland. The project is to construct a line from St. Petersburg to Archangel, a port on the White Sea, a distance of more than 730 kilometers (453 miles).

SIR ARCHIBALD GERKIE, of the British Association, after much careful thought and patient investigation, together with a number of other distinguished scientists, has concluded that the world is between 73,000 and 62,000 years old.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

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