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WYLLIE's voice is silent as the tomb in the present discussion between this country and Spain.

LAUGHTER is the most contagious thing in the world. As a key to success, remember that the world will laugh with the man who laughs, but you must weep alone.

THE peace at any price should cost the cost of a righteous war, but not the greater cost of a weak policy that not only means eventual war, but a whole brood of disasters.

HERE is a pointer for the local Benedict. A married man in a neighborhood town went to bed the other night with his boots on and in answer to his wife's query, said it was done to protect himself from her cold feet. Cool, wasn't he?

IN order to protect the newspapers published along its lines the Pennsylvania railroad has refused to run a fast special for the big New York dailies through territory now served by Philadelphia and Harrisburg papers.

WHEN a girl wants to go anywhere for the summer she commences in January to say that she wants to go, in February that she ought to be allowed to go, in March that she is going, and in April she begins to get her shirt waists ready.

THE Philadelphia Press diagnosed the case correctly the other day when it said that a Democrat may be returned from this Congressional district should the Republicans make an unpopular nomination. In other words, civil service should not apply in this particular case.

WHEN war was forced upon us, thirty odd years ago, no one was more ready to fight for the nation and no one fought more valiantly, than William McKinley. If war is to be forced upon us now he will be no less ready and valiant than then. But the very qualities that made him a good soldier then, make him the friend of peace now. There are up stronger advocates of peace than the veterans of a war. The most ardent advocates of war are those who never saw a battle.

A CORRESPONDENT sends a quotation from Loding's American history in regard to Benjamin Franklin's warning to his countrymen against placing any faith in Spanish offers of friendship during the revolution. Franklin felt that though Spain was unfriendly to England it was, by its nature, the enemy of all republican tendencies in America. With his keen perception he saw through the duplicity of Spain, pretending sympathy with the American colonies and yet intriguing to defeat their alliance with France. Franklin was perfectly right, and his fellow Americans of to-day have the same opinion of Spanish faith and promises that he had.

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAMS, aided by his colleague, Mr. Cornell, of Scranton, is endeavoring to have the United States government use more authentic coal on the warships now in service. The bituminous product has the call and the efforts of Mr. Williams and colleague are being blocked by the soft coal interests represented in Congress. If their efforts are successful in opening the market for anthracite it will benefit both the miner and operator in this region. While the representatives in other Congressional districts are working on this line, we fail to hear of anything that the Schuylkill man is doing. His time is otherwise occupied, and, besides, he isn't "cutting" coal these days.

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AT LEAGUE ISLAND NAVY YARD. Officers of State Naval Reserves Report For Duty. Philadelphia, April 4.—There was the usual activity at the League Island navy yard yesterday. Work is being pushed night and day on the eight old monitors. The Catskill and Nahant have been taken out of the dry dock, and the Jason and Montauk were put in. The Lehigh is ready to go in and the Mahopac, Manhattan and Canonau have been towed from the back channel to the docks, where they will be fitted up for service.

Eight officers of the New York and Massachusetts naval reserves, who have been ordered to the navy yard to take yesterday and reported to Commandant Cannon. The double turret monitor Montauk and the coast defense gunboat Nahant, which have been ready to sail for some days, have just received orders to sail. But it is expected that the Montauk will receive her orders today.

The five steam yacht Josephine, which the government purchased from P. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, arrived at the yard yesterday from Wilmington, Del., and will be immediately transferred into a harbor. The Josephine is 545 tons, 191 feet long, 25 feet beam, and draws 15 feet of water. She was built in 1898.

Croup instantly relieved. Dr. Thomas' Eucalypti Oil. Perfectly safe. Never fails. At any drug store.

Wittmann's Polar Expedition. Christiania, Norway, April 4.—The steam whaler Fridtjof has been secured for the Wittmann Polar expedition to Franz Josefland, instead of the Laura, as previously engaged. The Fridtjof is said to be the fastest Norwegian ship, and is fitted with the most powerful engines in Norway. She is now being outfitted and will be ready to sail from Tromsø for the Arctic on June 29.

Severe Snowstorm in Colorado. Topoka, Kan., April 4.—Reports received at railroad quarters show that a severe snowstorm is raging in Colorado, and is coming this way. About two inches of snow has fallen already. A high wind is blowing, and snowflakes have been placed on all engines to fight the drifts. The storm is most severe from Limon, Colo., westward, the worst drift occurring near the city of Aurora, where it is reported that Kansas are generally prostrated.

WHAT A BLESSING. Many People in Shenandoah Learning to Appreciate. What a blessing it is. Sought after by thousands. Shenandoah is finding it out. A simple, reliable, happy now. Nights of unrest, days of trouble. Any itching skin disease means this. Itching, just as bad, and just as bad to cure. But Doan's Ointment does it. Believes at once, and cures if you use it long enough. A specific for any itching of the skin. A blessing to a suffering public. Here's Shenandoah proof.

Spain's Disabled Fleet. Ordered to Remain at Cape Verde Islands Until Further Orders. Madrid, April 4.—The Spanish cabinet has decided that the torpedo flotilla is to remain at the Cape de Verde Islands until further orders. This is the fleet that was reported to have arrived at Porto Rico last Friday. Instead the fleet was dispersed by a heavy gale and compelled to put into Cape de Verde Islands, in a badly crippled condition, for repairs. The flotilla was under the command of a fleet composed of the armored cruiser Emperor Charles V., of 5,235 tons; the armored cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa, of 7,600 tons; and the armored cruiser Cristobal Colon, of 8,340 tons, which will accompany the torpedo flotilla to Cuba.

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THEY MINED IN ALASKA.

Lost Only Their Labor and \$10.10 Apiece in Six Months' Operations. Every one who had ever been in Alaska of course began at the opening of the Klondike era to relate personal experiences which in some way or other had connection with the search for gold mining. Many of them had a chance to make a fortune if they had only known, and others saw millions more or less, taken out of the ground with a broken shovel, and the man whose only capital it was come back to the States and live happily ever after, away from the site of the nugget which has been put into the hands of these men. There is an original flavor to one told by a soldier at present located in the United States army in this city.

IT was in 1898, when he was in the navy, that he was stationed on a vessel near Sitka. There was considerable gold being taken out near there, and an enterprising speculator got hold of a party of marines on the ship and induced them to buy his mine. There were 100 of them who finally went into the scheme, and they paid \$10 each for their own source of wealth. There was always a good deal of spurs time on their hands, and they easily secured permission to use this in working their claim. For six months the soldiers dug quartz by day and dreamed of sudden wealth by night. All were confident of being able to retire from the service with comfortable riches, and looked only on the poor officers, whose lives would have to keep on soldiering all their lives, not being in the scheme.

AT THE end of six months they had a large pile of quartz, and, leading it into all the old bars, bars and provision cases they could find, they sent it by ship to the nearest trading mill. Then followed weeks of waiting till the returns should come, and an air of solemn importance grew in each man's mind as to what was to be informed that he was worth thousands of dollars. At last the ship came which brought the returns from the assignment, and the gallant hundred gathered around the presence of the speculator, who said that the mine was now worth. That individual opened the message, and a grim smile crept on his face as he went through a short calculation on the back of the envelope.

"Gentlemen," he said, "you each owe the amount of 10 cents to the steamship company that carried the quartz. The gold in it was just \$10 short of the freight charges."

AND then he passed his hat, while one of their number sought out the ship's chaplain to hold in a short service.—Springfield Republican.

THE FUTURE STUARTS. The change of dynasty in England after Elizabeth, says J. N. Larned in The Atlantic, the arrival of the throne of a ridiculous sort of king out of Scotland with an offensive crowd of Scottish favorites at his back—put a strain on the sentiment of loyalty that weakened it greatly. It might have recovered from the half contempt that the first of the Stuarts inspired if the second had not put even harder trials on it by his party and insolence. The completion with which it was broken down, within one generation after Queen Elizabeth, could not have occurred if Elizabeth's crown had passed to a native English line of successors. In the result that ensued there was success and failure. Monarchy was overturned, but only to demonstrate that Englishmen were unprepared to dispense with it. If the future Stuart, then brought back to a restored throne, had possessed any kind of royal excellence, it is probable that the English mind would have been planted in the soil. Monarchy was overturned, but only to demonstrate that Englishmen were unprepared to dispense with it. If the future Stuart, then brought back to a restored throne, had possessed any kind of royal excellence, it is probable that the English mind would have been planted in the soil.

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