

WAS LAUNCHED UNDER OLD FLAG.

THE SECOND MAINE.

Splendid Fighting Machine Glided Down the Ways Safely, Cheered by Thousands On Entering the Water.

The big battleship, designed to be one of the most powerful fighting machines in the American navy, was christened by Miss Mary Probie Anderson, of Portland, Me., who was chosen by Governor Hill to name the battleship.

A mighty cheer went up from the throats of the great throng assembled in the yard as the Maine glided gracefully into the river, while those nearby, who had witnessed Miss Anderson's successful effort, greeted the young woman with enthusiastic hand-clapping.

It was a holiday at the Cramp shipyards except for the few hundred employees whose services were needed at the launch. The yard was thrown open to the public, and men, women and children covered every viewpoint.

In front of the prow was a platform filled with 500 invited guests. An unusually small party came from Washington. President McKinley, Secretary Long and others sent regrets. Rear Admirals Walker, Bradford and Melville represented the navy.

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CORN FAILURE OFFSET BY WHEAT.

Drought Will Cost Farmers at Least Two Hundred Million Dollars.

All doubts as to the existing condition of the great Western grain crops were set at rest Saturday by telegraphic reports from the largest producing states. The indicated average of corn yield in 300 districts of eight principal corn producing states, based on accurate reports is 49 per cent of the maximum crop.

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The health officer of the port of New York, Dr. Doty, has declined to hold a mosquito question in Staten Island and attempt to exterminate the pests.

MRS. MCKINLEY SUES.

Action Begun to Protect Her Interests. Mining Venture Involved.

Suit has been begun in the United States Court at Carson, Nevada, by Mrs. Ida McKinley, wife of the President, and Mrs. Mary C. Barber, against John Steele, William Hayes and others to recover possession of the Eljah mine, one of the patented claims of the Canton Mining Company which defendants are operating and also for \$100,000 damages for ore taken out and shipped by defendants during the period of occupancy of the mine.

A certificate was issued authorizing the First National Bank of Fredericktown, Pa., to begin business; capital, \$25,000.

The firemen employed on the main line of the Philadelphia & Reading railway have been granted an increase in wages from \$2.35 to \$2.50.

Secretary Long has announced the appointment of Capt. Samuel C. Leiby, judge advocate general, as judge advocate of the Schley court of inquiry.

General Maximo Gomez, asserts that he went to New York with a view of impressing upon T. Estrada Palma the necessity of coming to Cuba to be the first president of the republic.

The joint resolution authorizing the publication of 10,000 additional copies of the "Record of the Pennsylvania Soldiers in the American-Spanish War" has been signed by Governor Stone.

Gen. Hughes reports the first surrender of insurgents in the island of Samar, 500 men, with two field guns, 20 rifles and 70 bolos, giving themselves up.

The chief of police of Berlin has ordered the storage batteries removed from the street cars.

According to the statistics compiled by the Interstate Commerce Commission for the year ending June 30, 1900, the employees of the railroads of the United States numbered 1,017,653.

A second cable has been laid between Chefoo and Taku, connecting with Peking. The Germans also have had their line from Shanghai and Tientsin duplicated.

Mr. Russell, American Charge at Caracas, cables that the asphalt situation is unchanged, the attempt of a judge to oust the Bermudez company having failed and the judge being removed.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Governor Stone appointed the new capitol commission. W. Morgan Shuster has been appointed collector of customs for the Philippines.

A convent and 20 houses were destroyed by fire at La Prairie, Montreal, loss \$100,000.

James B. Ford has resigned as vice president of the United States Rubber company.

Frank Earle, a negro desperado, was taken from jail and shot to death at Vidalia, Ga.

A Chicago man is in London to introduce there the American steel skeleton style of building.

The strike of steel workers has raised the price of tin plate in Philadelphia from 20 to 30 per cent.

Seven cases of bubonic plague and two deaths from the dread disease are reported from Constantinople.

The plant of the Barmet carriage company, Cincinnati, was destroyed by fire. The loss was \$75,000.

Rear Admiral Sampson is confined to his residence at the Charleston navy yard by an attack of illness.

A. B. Smith, of Cleveland, O., has been appointed general superintendent of the Lake Erie and Western railway.

Larsen Steel and Compler Company at Chicago abandons attempt to import negro laborers.

Captain Harry A. Smith, of the Fifteenth Infantry, has been appointed military governor of Laguna province, Luzon.

The postmaster at Greenville, Pa., will be given five additional rural free delivery routes from his office on October 1.

Striking ice wagon drivers of Columbus, O., were granted a ten-hour day and pay for overtime and resumed work.

Judge Stevens instructed the jury in the Fosburg trial at Pittsfield, Mass., to bring in a verdict of not guilty.

Edgar W. Abbott, professor of languages at Butler university, Indianapolis, was drowned in Broad Ripple creek.

A Cleveland druggist was taken to New York, charged with the theft of \$27,502.

Mr. Carignani, Italian Charge, has submitted affidavits establishing the nationality of two Italians lynched at Erwin, Miss.

Orlando Copeland, aged 35 years, a coal miner, of Boston, Pa., was instantly killed by a fall of slate in the Brown No. 2 mine.

E. M. Smallwood, clerk in the railway postal service, was arrested at Indianapolis, charged with taking money from the mails.

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An Indiana man, who was delayed in getting a marriage license, threatened to sue a railroad for \$20,000 damages.

Mrs. J. D. Clark, of Latrobe, offered a reward of \$100 for information regarding the whereabouts of her husband.

Commissioner Rockhill, at Peking, reported the troubles there ended, and the international troops ready to withdraw.

A terrific explosion of petroleum at Batum, Russia, caused large loss of life and property.

STEEL TRUST SUES NEW RIVAL.

HEAVY DAMAGES DEMANDED.

Billion Dollar Combine Claims Kokomo Steel Company Infringes On Its Patent For Manufacturing Barbed Wire.

The billion dollar steel trust is showing its teeth at the newly organized Kokomo Steel, Nail, Rod & Roller Mill Company, which has been incorporated with a capitalization of \$1,500,000.

The new concern was formed to operate outside and independent of the trust and, in consideration of a bonus of \$17,000 given by the citizens of Kokomo, Ind., pledged itself to operate independently for a period of five years.

Although the competing company has not yet begun to erect its plant, the trust has taken steps to crush it by filing injunction proceedings in the Federal court, claiming infringement of patent in a machine for the manufacture of barbed wire and demanding heavy damages.

The new company asserts there is no merit in the claims of the trust, and that the suit is simply a subterfuge to throttle the trust.

What we want is to get the raw material into this country. A duty on refined sugar would be protection enough for the best sugar growers of this country.

Oil Explosion Costs Fifteen Lives. Cargo of Petroleum Took Fire and Flames Enveloped All On Board.

An explosion of petroleum on board the American schooner Louise Adelaide, Capt. Orr, which left Philadelphia April 24, and Portland, Me., June 4, for Stockholm, in the harbor at Stockholm, Sweden, resulted in the death of Capt. Orr, 10 members of the schooner's crew, four Swedish customs officials and a Brazilian consul.

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Eva A. Ingersoll, of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., widow of the late Robert G. Ingersoll, and administratrix of his estate, has brought suit in the district court at Butte, Mont., against several heirs of the estate of Andrew J. Davis to recover judgment for \$95,000, with interest from August 24, 1897, for legal services rendered by Ingersoll during the trial of the case.

Philadelphia Receives Big Orders From the Drought-Stricken Sections. Over a hundred carloads of vegetables and fruit have been shipped during the past fortnight from Philadelphia to Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and to the section lying south of these states in the Mississippi valley.

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SUGAR TRUST READY FOR CUBA.

Anxious to Get Raw Material in This Country. The Possibility of Island's Production Practically Unlimited.

The sugar trust is preparing to extend its business to Cuba. This is practically stated by H. O. Havemeyer and the result is expected to be of great importance to the sugar growing interests of this country.

The possibilities of Cuba in sugar production are practically unlimited," said Mr. Havemeyer Tuesday. "At present the world's production is about two-thirds best sugar, to one-third cane, which is a result of the cutting down of Cuba's product during the war with Spain.

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TO MAKE WAY FOR LORD LI'S SON.

AN ACCOMPLISHED DIPLOMAT.

The Empress Dowager Has Grown Suspicious of Chinese Minister to Washington and Will Recall Him.

A messenger arrived at Peking Thursday from Hsin-Fu. His dispatches state that Li Ching Fang, adopted son of Li Hung Chang, will soon be appointed minister at Washington in place of Wu Ting Fang, who is regarded with suspicion at the Chinese court.

Li Ching Fang (Lord Li) has already seen many years of diplomatic service. His novitiate was spent in London as secretary of the Chinese legation. Lord Li was sent to Japan and was minister at the Japanese court up to the outbreak of the Chinese-Japanese war.

The reverse of China brought Lord Li into disrepute, and he was charged with failure to keep his government informed of the Japanese military and naval affairs.

As in the case of the emperor, fortune's smiles have followed her frowns, and Lord Li was taken by Li Hung Chang to Japan, and as his secretary, took an important part in the negotiation of peace.

Lord Li is an accomplished diplomat speaking both English and French fluently.

The empress dowager has degraded Poo Tychin, the adopted son of the late Emperor Tung Chi and heir apparent to the throne, thus rendering his succession impossible.

Wang Wen Chiao and Lu Chan Lin, the anti-foreign ministers, are said to have fallen into disfavor with the empress dowager, who has decided to remove them from the cabinet in the near future.

Car Turns Over on Steep Bank. A Pullman Detaches From Train and Makes Complete Somersault—Eleven Injured.

One mile west of Marshall Pass, Colorado, a Pullman sleeper broke loose from the westbound passenger train on the narrow gauge line of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad Tuesday and rolled down an embankment.

Eleven passengers were injured, but none killed. The car turned completely over and landed on its trucks 14 feet below the track. The cause of the accident is unknown.

The Tornado Came. On Anniversary of Former One Twenty Years Before—Buildings Wrecked.

The tornado predicted by some of the oldest inhabitants of New Ulm, Minnesota, visited that section Tuesday, wrecking several buildings and injuring two men.

August Woodman and William Theobald, employed as carpenters on buildings being erected on a farm, sought shelter in a barn. The storm demolished the structure and the men were severely injured.

Other farm buildings were lifted from their foundations, and several fields of corn and grain were blown flat on the ground.

Maneuvers for Kaiser. Tourist Cruiser Meets the Hohenzollern and Performs Naval Tactics.

The Hamburg-American Line steamship August Victoria, bound on a North Carolina cruise, met the Hohenzollern with Kaiser Wilhelm II. aboard, near Bergen. The Auguste Victoria performed maneuvers with the Hohenzollern and the man-of-war Niobe.

The Kaiser showed his appreciation by special flag signals. The emperor and his suite boarded the Auguste Victoria and the passengers of the latter vessel aboard the Hohenzollern and inspected it.

Garment Makers' Strike. Secretary White Announces That It is Ended. General Secretary White, of the United Garment Workers of America, announced Friday that the strike of the yellow craftsmen was practically ended, except in the case of several firms against whom the workers have grievances.

White said the strikers would refuse to deal with the smaller firms until they comply with the demands for improved sanitary conditions. The strike effected about 70,000 workers.

Corbin and Chaffee. Will Reduce Army in the Philippines—Thirty Thousand Troops to Leave.

The conferences between Adjutant General Corbin and General Chaffee, recently held in Manila, will result in radical economical and administrative reforms in the army of occupation.

It is estimated that the total cost of maintaining the American army in the Philippines can be reduced by 69 per cent in the course of one year.

The principal change will be the reduction of the present force to between 20,000 and 25,000 men. The abolishment of the present army districts and three brigades, with permanent headquarters at Manila, Daguupan and Iloilo Cebu, will be instituted in their stead.

The troops will be concentrated at the three points selected, abandoning all minor posts.

NO CHANCE FOR SPECULATION.

Something Like 180,000 Disappointed Lead Hunters in Oklahoma—Drawers of Numbers Cannot Sell Them.

At the interior department there has been no provision made for the multitudes on the Oklahoma land borders that will be disappointed when the drawing for the claims has been held. There is no troop of cavalry there to preserve order, and no intimation has been given out that this force will be augmented.

The indications are that nearly 200,000 will have registered when the land offices close. There is an aggregation of only 15,000 quarter sections for the claims.

Persons. The interior department will notify the others to clear out. Their generally destitute condition is no concern of the government, and when the order comes for them to take themselves off it will have to be obeyed.

Any refusal will be dealt with by the war department. Claimants who have registered at Reno and Fort Hill, are reported to have arranged to transfer their numbers to others.

Secretary Hitchcock said these men have taken an oath not to do such a thing and to use their rights for their own exclusive benefit. There can be no speculation in these numbers.

Reports are heard of schemes for disposing of numerous town sites. The only town sites which have been authorized, are those of the three county seats. No one knows where others will be.

Erigand Ways Condemned. Rev. Nowlin Talks Plainly to Baptist Young People's Meeting at Chicago.

"The manner in which money is raised for our churches is often a disgrace and an abomination," said Rev. W. D. Nowlin, of Lexington, Ky., in addressing a meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union at the Second Baptist church, Chicago.

"When the church learns to adopt business methods and ceases holding people up, we probably shall find our finances in better shape."

While this conference was going on another was in progress at the Haven school, which touched on amusements. Rev. E. F. Jordan, of Green Island, Neb., declared dancing, card playing and the theater as wholly out of the question.

"In some of our young people's societies," said Rev. Mr. Jordan, "the desire for amusements comes dangerously near supplanting the desire for a higher spiritual life."

Property Conveyances. Commissioner of Internal Revenue Decides the Tax Rate.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes has decided in the matter of the rate of tax on conveyances of real property that all conveyances, where the consideration or value is \$2,500 or less, are exempt from tax, and that amount is to be deducted from the value of all conveyances where the consideration or value exceeds \$2,400.

Therefore, in a conveyance where the consideration or value is stated to be \$5,100, the \$2,500 would be taxable at the rate of 25 cents for each \$500 or fractional part thereof.

Long Line From Cleveland. Everett-Moore Forces Will Arrange Trolley Route—Short Link to Euclid.

It is announced from a semi-official source that the next move of the Everett-Moore forces in their scheme of consolidation will be to effect an entry into Pittsburg which is physically the natural successor of Detroit in the plan of absorption.

Only thirty miles of the distance between Cleveland and Pittsburg is uncovered by electric railways.

LARGE NUMBER OF WAR CLAIMS. Auditor Rittman of War Department Figures Them Up In His Report.

F. E. Rittman, auditor for the war department, has made his annual report to Secretary Gage. Mr. Rittman says that 7,639 Spanish war claims and 7,103 regular army claims were received during the past year, bringing out of the civil war up to 26,616; Spanish war, 16,976, and regular army claims up to 9,513.

Dewey to Try Schley. Accepts the Presidency and the Court Will Meet in September.

Secretary Long has responded to Admiral Schley's request, and ordered an official investigation of his conduct during the Santiago campaign. Admiral Dewey has been named as a member of the court, and will preside. It is probable that two rear admirals on the retired list will constitute the remainder of the board of inquiry.

The court will meet in Washington in September, and the hearings will be open to the public.

FOUND BRIDGE ON FIRE. Man Was Shot At When He Tried To Give the Alarm.

What appears to have been a deliberate attempt to burn a Burlington bridge across the Blue river, at Wyoming, Neb., and wreck a train was averted late Wednesday night, Frank Crawford tried the approach to the bridge in flames, and he hurried along to give the alarm, when he was stopped by a stranger, who told him to go no farther.

Crawford broke away, without effect. Much of the bridge was burned and traffic was suspended all day.

Hard Work Losing His Office. A. L. Fox, of Wabash Ind., after struggling for 16 years to separate himself from a postoffice that paid him 16 cents a day, has at last succeeded. He was appointed postmaster of Mier in March, 1881.

THE MARKETS.

Table with columns for Grain, Flour and Feed. Items include Wheat, Rye, Corn, etc.

Table with columns for Dated Products. Items include Butter, Eggs, etc.

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Table with columns for Sheep. Items include Prime heavy, Medium, etc.

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Table with columns for Property Conveyances. Items include Extra, medium weight, etc.

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