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REPORT ON NAVY NOT ENCOURAGING

PLAIN SPEAKING ON UNITED STATES SHIPS

Very Few Have Any Real Fighting Value—What New Vessels Will Cost.

Washington, April 28.—The naval programme for 1903, as presented in the Naval Appropriations Bill and the accompanying report, filed today in the House of Representatives, is one of unusual interest. The report does not take the optimistic view of the United States naval progress generally held, and Mr. Foss points out that comparatively few United States ships have any real fighting value. He accompanies this with a statement of the enormous amount and programme of other countries, particularly Germany. It is shown by the report that the total number of vessels of the United States navy built and building is 138, and the total cost will be \$255,082,230. The report adds: "While we have built and are building all told, 138 ships, compared with others few of them have any real fighting value. Our naval progress lies almost entirely in our 18 battleships, 8 armored cruisers and 21 protected cruisers. The rest of our ships would cut but little figure in actual war. Ships of the battle-line practically alone determine the naval strength of a nation."

Concerning new ships the navy the report says: "The committee recommended, that for the purpose of further increasing the naval establishment of the United States, the construction of two first-class battleships carrying the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance for vessels of their class upon a trial displacement of about 16,000 tons, and to have the highest practical speed and great radius of action, and cruisers, not exceeding 8,212,000 each; two first-class armored cruisers, not exceeding 14,500 tons trial displacement to cost, exclusive of armament and armor, not exceeding \$4,830,000 each; and two gunboats of about 1,000 tons trial displacement."

Other interesting features are provisions for a board of naval officers; to recommend a site for an authorized school at some point in the Great Lakes, an increase of the enlisted force of the navy by 3,000 men; provision for a new navy rating as reported by a naval board; the increase of the number of cadets at the naval academy by 500.

The statement shows that the appropriation bill carries \$77,650,936, which is slightly below the appropriation made last year. Some of the items in this total are the following: Pay of the navy, \$16,138,199; bureau of ordnance, \$3,109,000; bureau of equipment, \$5,397,202; public works, bureau of yards and docks, \$4,561,075; bureau of supplies and accounts, \$3,808,332; bureau of construction and repairs, \$8,585,824; bureau of steam engineering, \$3,083,000; marine corps, \$2,338,465; increase of navy construction and machinery, \$13,903,501; armor and armament, \$9,000,000.

NEW COPPER COMPANY.

Incorporated at Trenton With Authorized Capital of Eighty Million Dollars.

Trenton, N. J., April 28.—The United Copper Co., authorized capital of \$80,000,000, was incorporated here today. The company is authorized to mine, smelt and manufacture copper, gold, silver and other metals. The stock is divided into \$5,000,000 preferred and \$75,000,000 common. It is provided, however, that the issued capital stock shall not exceed \$5,000,000 preferred and \$45,000,000 common, except upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the directors of the company and the holders of two-thirds of the stock of each class. It is provided that the preferred stock shall draw six per cent. cumulative dividend, payable semi-annually. The articles have a proviso that the company may sell its entire plant with the consent of three-fourths of the directors and holders of two-thirds of the stock of each class. The registered agent of the company is the Hudson Trust Co., of Hoboken, N. J., and the incorporators are Horatio Whitridge Trumbull, New York; Arthur A. Brownlee, Princeton; John French, New York.

THE WHITE STAR LINE.

Shareholders Will Meet Next Month to Discuss Combine Proposal.

London, April 30.—The Morgans, who had until today the option of confirming or withdrawing from the provisional agreement by which the White Star line was to enter the Atlantic shipping combine, have notified the line of their intention to carry through their part of the agreement. The shareholders of the White Star line will meet in May to act upon the agreement.

The associated Press understands that J. Pierpont Morgan gets \$2,500,000 in stock of the shipping combine in return for his services in organizing and financing the combine.

GEN. OSBORNE DEAD.

Was United States Consul-General in London.

London, April 29.—United States Consul-General Osborne died at his residence in Wimbledon at 10.30 o'clock this morning. William McKinley Osborne was appointed consul-general at London by President McKinley on March 18th, 1897. He was born in Girard, Ohio, in 1842. He was a cousin of the late President McKinley.

RICH DISCOVERY.

Portland, Ore., April 29.—According to the Nome Nugget of February 11th, which has arrived here from the North, coming by registered mail by way of Dawson, a New York syndicate which has been for 18 months quietly prospecting the Tundra, between Nome and Three Rivers, has discovered that the Tundra plains, which skirt the Behring coast, contain millions of dollars' worth of gold dust.

DOMINION WILL GIVE SUBSIDIES FOR SKAGWAY AND WEST COAST ROUTES

Important Announcement From Ottawa—Montreal Bridge Bill Goes Over Until Next Thursday.

Ottawa, April 29.—It has been decided to give a subsidy to the Victoria, Vancouver & Skagway steamship route, also to the Victoria and West Coast, Vancouver Island, route as mentioned in this correspondence recently.

BRIDGE BILL.

The Montreal & St. Lawrence Bridge Co.'s bill for power to cross the river at Montreal was before the railway committee of the Commons today. Messrs. Ryan and Tarte said it was merely a speculation scheme of the Dominion Securities company's, and the former moved the bill till next session. One o'clock came before the vote was reached, and the measure went over till Thursday.

Guns for Ottawa.

The Chinese guns captured at Tientsin are to be brought to Ottawa and placed in front of the militia department, facing toward the street. The guns are brass and will be considerable of an ornament to the bill.

Railway Matters.

It is understood that no British Columbia railway subsidies will be proposed this year, but that anything which the government may do in aid of transportation at this session will be given with the object of providing facilities to accomplish the great influx of settlers into the Northwest Territories.

Railway Labor Disputes.

Hon. W. Mulock, in the House today, introduced his bill for the settlement of the railway labor disputes. It is intended by compulsory arbitration to prevent lockouts and strikes on railways. It will apply to all Dominion roads, including the Intercolonial. There will be seven boards, one for each province of the Dominion, and one Dominion board. The provincial boards will be formed one by one, one by employees, and one by those two parties. In the event of these not agreeing then the governor-in-council will appoint a third. There will be a Dominion board of five members, two chosen from seven of the provincial railway representatives, and two from seven representing employees, and a fifth by these four, and in the event of their not agreeing, by the governor-in-council. The Northwest is made a part of Manitoba for the purposes of the bill. The bill would make strikes and lockouts illegal. The boards are clothed with ample provision to go on with arbitration. Representatives on the boards will be elected for five years. The railways are to be divided into three classes. Each provincial board shall have a clerk to do clerical work. The awards will be final, and there can be no appeal in force until a new award is made. The Dominion board will have a registrar, who will keep his register at Ottawa. The bill will be under the charge of the Minister of Labor, and will not be passed this session. It will be left over so that parties interested may become familiar with it. The bill is approved by Messrs. Ralph Smith and Puttee.

TREATY RENEWED.

Buda Pest, April 29.—The lower house of the Hungarian diet today ratified the Anglo-Hungarian commercial and consular treaty with Mexico, which lapsed in 1867 after Emperor Maximilian was killed and had not been since renewed.

TOWN IN TEXAS WRECKED BY WIND

SIX PERSONS KILLED AND MANY INJURED

Frame Houses Were Torn Asunder by a Tornado—Fire Destroyed Several Buildings.

Houston, Tex., April 29.—The small town of Glenrose, the county seat of Somerville county, has been nearly swept away by a tornado. As a result of the fearful wind storm six are known to be dead and between 40 and 50 persons are injured.

Glenrose is located on the Paluxy river, in a valley. The tornado came down the valley, sweeping everything before it. It struck the town in the business district and about one-third of the houses were wrecked. A hard rain succeeded the storm and stocks were ruined, damaging what had not been destroyed by the wind. The western portion of the residence section of the town was struck. Here were located most of the fine residences. The frame houses were simply torn asunder and scattered. Their inmates had no warning of the impending calamity, and it was here that all the fatalities occurred. How many cannot be told until communication has been reopened. The residence of Mrs. Connel, one of those wrecked, caught fire, and with two others, was burned. The property loss is roughly estimated at one quarter of a million dollars. It may prove to be much greater when all the facts are known, for there are undoubtedly other sections which have been devastated up and down the river. It may be several days before the entire story of the disaster is known.

SENTENCE ON PRINCESS.

Will Spend Two Years in the House of Correction.

Capetown, April 30.—Princess Radwill, who has been on trial before the Supreme court on the charge of forgery in connection with notes purporting to have been endorsed by the late Cecil Rhodes, was sentenced today to two years' confinement in the house of correction.

SEVERAL FIRES IN EASTERN CANADA

METHODIST CHURCH AND ELEVATOR DESTROYED

A Blaze in Hamilton Mineral Water Factory—Residence for Women Students at Toronto.

Brandon, Man., April 30.—Early yesterday morning the Methodist church at Gosford and a school in connected therewith were entirely destroyed by fire. The loss, about \$2,000, is partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Elevator Burned.

Markham, April 30.—F. L. Hill & Co.'s elevator, containing 1,600 bushels of grain, was burned early yesterday morning. The loss is about \$3,500.

Fire in Factory.

Hamilton, Ont., April 30.—Pilgrim Bros.' mineral water factory was almost destroyed by fire last night.

For Africa.

St. Johns, Canada, April 30.—Nine men from the military depot here left this morning for Halifax to join the fourth contingent.

Arbor Day.

Quebec, April 30.—Arbor Day was honored throughout the eastern part of the province yesterday, and the time-honored custom of planting trees was upheld with as much ceremony in the ancient capital as on former similar occasions.

Reported Dead.

Montreal, April 30.—A. McDavis, for years a reporter on the Witness, and a native of London, England, died this morning after a brief illness, aged 40. He leaves a widow and five small children.

New Residence.

Toronto, April 30.—The corner stone of Massey hall, the new residence for women students of Victoria university, was laid yesterday.

Collapsed.

The old rough cast cottage in which ten years ago Herman H. Holmes, the Philadelphia murderer, killed the three Pitzel children and buried their bodies in the cellar, collapsed last night.

UNFOUNDED REPORTS.

Portland, Ore., April 30.—Miss Path Stever, a rescue worker among the denizens of Portland's slums, is in a dying condition at her home as a result of an assault made upon her on Sunday night by five men. She was walking along the street about 10 o'clock at night when five men met her and knocked her down, kicking her and choking her. Yesterday she became unconscious. Several dispatches are known to be bitter against Miss Stever, as she had induced a number of girls to leave their places. The police are searching for her assailants.

SUCCESS OF REVOLUTIONISTS.

Venezuelan Troops Defeated and Gen. Castillo Mortally Wounded.

Caracas, Venezuela, April 30.—General Gonzalez, president of the district of Guayana, was taken as a prisoner during the fighting of April 29th near San Antonio, when the government troops sustained a bad defeat and General Castillo was mortally wounded. The revolutionists are marching on the city of Guayana. A panic prevails at Guayana and Barcelona.

KIMBELLEY'S SUCCESSOR.

London, April 30.—At a meeting of the Liberal Peers this afternoon Earl Spencer was selected to succeed the late Earl of Kimberley as Liberal leader in the House of Lords.

LE ROI STOCK.

Bears Make a Raid on the London Market.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, April 29.—One of the biggest bear raids in the history of Le Roi stocks occurred during the last few days in London, according to cables received here today by Bernard Macdonald, former manager of the Le Roi No. 2. A week ago stock was at 150 pounds per share, and this afternoon in London was selling at two, holders who sold short on it having made \$5,000,000 during that time. No particular reason for it can be assigned except the fact that shipments recently were of somewhat lower grade ore than formerly, and that part of the miners were discharged from the name on account, as it is alleged, of depreciation in copper values.

SEVERAL DWELLING HOUSES ALSO BURNED

Twelve thousand Dollars Worth of Flour and Grain Destroyed—Woman Takes Paris Green.

Dunville, Ont., April 29.—The large brick flouring mills owned and run by John Brown, of this place, were completely destroyed yesterday. The loss includes \$12,000 worth of flour, wheat and other grain burned. The building and machinery were insured for \$10,000 and the contents for \$7,500.

Two Fires.

Dauphin, Man., April 29.—F. B. Race's dwelling house and contents were destroyed by fire on Sunday morning. Two thousand dollars insurance was carried on the buildings and furniture. The dwelling and household effects of Archibald McMillan, at Ethelbert, were destroyed by fire Saturday night. There was no insurance.

Committed Suicide.

Orangeville, April 29.—Mrs. John Turnbull, of Mono Centre, a small village ten miles northeast of this place, disappeared from her home early on Thursday morning. Her body was found on Sunday after a long search lying in a pile of brush a short distance from her home. She had taken a dose of Paris green. She was a widow and leaves four daughters.

The Failure of T. Dunn & Co.

Toronto, April 29.—Toronto wholesale houses are interested in the failure of Vancouver of Thomas Dunn & Co., wholesale and retail hardware dealers. The liabilities are given at \$275,000, of which \$150,000 is owing to banks in this province, which is said, however, to hold chattel mortgages as securities. A meeting of directors is called for May 6th.

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China Medal.

The militia department has been informed that a medal is to be issued commemorative of recent operations in China. It will have three clasps with the words "Defence of the Legations," "Siege of Peking," and "Taku Forts."

Labor Unions.

Ralph Smith, M.P., has been invited to address the Ottawa Ministerial Association on the subject of labor unions, and will do so on Monday next.

Shipbuilding in Canada.

Capt. James Farquhar, Mr. George Donk and Mr. A. Crowe, of Halifax, are here for the purpose of consulting the government in regard to a bonus on steel ships built in Canada.

Yukon Affairs.

London, April 29.—Hon. Jas. H. Ross, governor of the Yukon, who is a former Londoner, is at present in the city, the subject of a letter from Mrs. J. W. McIntosh, Governor Ross says that from advice which he has received within the last few days more people will go into the Yukon this spring than at any other time since the great rush. He believes the spring output of gold will be larger than that of last year, which totalled \$17,000,000.

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VANCOUVER NOTES.

Vancouver, April 30.—The wedding of Rosa A. Pierce, of Victoria, and Harry R. Mellon took place this morning at Christ church.

General Manager Newell, of the White Pass Railway, left this afternoon for the North, to remain there in personal charge all summer. He says no action has yet been taken by the Northern Commercial Company regarding the rate war, and until the lower river companies take action the White Pass will continue to make contracts for the season at the present tariff.

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Montreal Witness.

THE REASON WHY THEY TALK PEACE.

"Oh, dear! Two thousand more Canadians. I think we had better surrender before they come."

OFFICERS STILL IN VENICE JAIL

APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE REJECTED

It Is Probable That They Will Be Pardoned by the King on June 1st.

Rome, April 30.—The officers of the United States cruiser Chicago, who were arrested at Venice, remain prisoners there. An application for their discharge has been rejected. The Italian law does not allow the court to grant pardon in cases of assaults on the police.

Kept Aboard.

Washington, April 30.—Secretary Long has received the following cablegram from Capt. Dayton, of the Chicago, dated Venice, yesterday, in answer to the department's inquiry: "Capt. Dayton, Lieut. Cross and one marine on leave arrested. The principal charge was of resisting the police, which is serious under the Italian law. The sentence was, Wayne, four months and ten days, remainder three months each. I have not yet their full statement or a report from the court applied for. The residing of arrest was largely due to the pressing in of the crowd, and not understanding the language. An appeal has been made to Rome. It is impossible to explain all the circumstances by cable. I will make a full report."

GIRLS KILLED IN PANIC.

Crushed to Death While Trying to Escape From a Cigar Factory.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 30.—Several girls are known to have been killed and more than a score injured during a panic at the cigar factory of Harburger, Hollman & Co., 10th street and Washington avenue, at 12.15 this afternoon. The company employed over 600 girls. At the four o'clock the building was slightly injured, being caught in an elevator. Some persons cried "Fire," and immediately there was a rush for the stairway of the building. The crowd was so great that many of the girls turned back and rushed for the windows. Before they could be restrained from jumping a score or more had hurled themselves to the street. Ambulances were quickly on the scene, and the dead and injured were hurried to the hospitals. Those who were killed were crushed to death in the jam on the stairway.

SEVERAL DYING.

Drought in New Mexico is Causing Great Loss to Owners.

Santa Fe, N. M., April 30.—Reports from all parts of the territory indicate that sheep are dying by the hundreds. This lambing season and the number of lambs that will be saved will be unusually small. The range has practically dried up on account of the drought. Added to the loss of the sheep men in the territory are reports that grasshoppers are already eating havoc in the northern Rio Grande valley. Around Santa Cruz the insects are thick as leaves on the fruit trees and they are eating off clean early vegetables, etc.

IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES.

Another Favorable Bulletin Regarding the Condition of Queen Wilhelmina.

The Hague, April 30.—The morning bulletin issued from Castle Leeu regarding the condition of Queen Wilhelmina says she passed a quiet night, and that the feverish periods were more frequent.

POSTER MAGNUM.

Both chambers of States-General on Tuesday of today's news from Castle Leeu charged their presidents to convey to the Queen an expression of joy at the glad news of Her Majesty's improvement.

POSTER MAGNUM.

Poster Magnum, the well known representative of the Mutual Insurance Co. of New York, arrived in the city yesterday morning, accompanied by Mrs. Magnum. They intend to spend some time in Victoria.

Advertisement for 'The Wealthy Cabinet' and other products, including 'H. BOWES' and 'DR. FRANK DE WIT'.