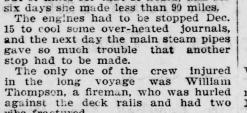


forts are being made by certain interested parties to prevent an exposure of one tremendous item of extravagance which has accumulated from year to year in the work of fortifying the coasts of the United States. It is not generally known, but there are corporate influences which have been exerted upon congress year after year for the express purpose of inducing that body to provide money for the building and installation of a large number of rifled mortars for coast defenses.

There are now in position, or under construction, 372 of these mortars, and the total number contemplated under the general coast defense scheme is no less than 500. These mortars cost an average of \$12,000 each, so that the cost of the mortars themselvs will aggregate fully \$6,000,000. To place these guns in position, providing them with the necessary carriages, and the usual heavy emplacements costs more than as much again.

It is estimated that the total expenditure on account of 12-inch mortars when the present coast defense s heme is completed will be not far from \$15,000,000.

It is an open secret in both the navy and war departments that the average battleship would think nothing at all of sailing right up against a whole battery of mortars, whereas it would hesi-



but 50 miles for that 24 hours, and for

ribs fractured. Capt. David Ingram, of Vancouver, who has circled the globe twice, was one of the passengers. He said that three times the voyagers felt that all hope was gone. Not a meal could be served in the saloon during the voyage.

IN NEWFOUNDLAND

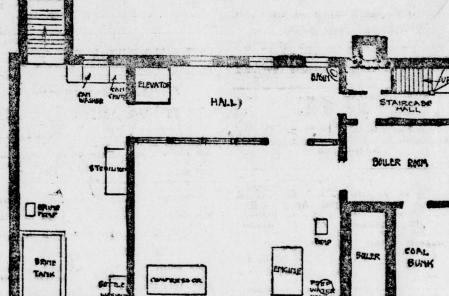
A Volunteer Force of 600 Men Being Or-

ganized-Relations With France.

The independent glass combine, re-cently organized in Huntington, West Va., will on Jan. 1 advance the price of all window glass 15 per cent. St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 27 .- The governor, Sir Henry McAllum, is arrang-ing for the formation of a colonial A. H. Pierce, the richest cattle man in Taxes, died on Wednesday at Pierce volunteer force to consist of eight companies of rifles, totaling 600 men. Station. He was many times a mil-It is proposed to establish the force lionaire, with widespread interests in after the beginning of the new year. The government, it is understood, is Texas. ready to provide the necessary funds. The funds will be exclusive of the naval reserves, the members of which have already been enrolled from among the fishermen around the coast. The volunteers will be recruited from the larger towns. The movement is very

Gist of the News. The above buildings will be of Milton red pressed brick and Credit Valley stone, with plate glass windows. San-Since 1898, 25,000 people have died with plague in Mysore, India. itary principles will be strictly adhered to, and the internal construction Frank McDonald, druggist, of Minwill be of steel, with expanded metal nedosa, and a partner of Dr. Roche, M.P., died suddenly Tuesday. and granolithic floors. The various ma-Bryan expects to get out his newschines, constructed on the most modpaper in Lincoln, The Commoner, about the middle of January. ern and scientific principles, will be placed as there indicated. Receiver Clark, of the Order of Chosen Friends, Indianapolts, says

On the extreme rear of the lot will be built stables to accommodate 35 horses, the ground floor being used for the wagons, and the upstairs for the horses. None of the chattels bought from the milkmen, whose routes have been purchased, will be used by the company. Suitable wagons for delivering bottled milk will be purchased, and all harness, cans and utensils will be entirely new. The object of the Sanitary Dairy Company, of London, Limited, is enable the citizens of Lonto to have their milk supdon under thoroughly sanitary plied conditions. It is firmly believed that the company will not only do a profit able business for its shareholders, but in addition perform a distinct service to the city by placing its milk supply on a sanitary basis. The milk supply of London is perhaps not behind that of any other city, and yet the conditions surrounding its production, collection, storage and distribution are such as could not possibly be approved by any person taking the trouble to investigate for themselves the existing conditions and surroundings of the industry. The milk is at present delivered from cans exposed to the dust and dirt of the streets and alleys, and to contagion. if there be any. There is no article of food which enters so largely into the diets of invalids, and children particularly, as milk, and therefore a special reason why it should be produced and delivered under the best and most sanitary conditions possible. It is a well-known fact that no article of food is more affected by exposure and susceptible to injury from its surroundings than milk, and yet no article of food is more exposed than the milk supply of London, handled as it is at the present time The company will purchase their milk only from producers, whose cows are well watered, fed and cared for, and whose stables and surroundings will be thoroughly inspected by a competent veterinary surgeon. At the central building, on Wellington street, the milk will be received, inspected and tested as to quality and purity. It will then be filtered, purified, pasteurized, cooled, and at once bottled and sealed, and put into cold storage until placed on the wagons for delivery. The company strongly recommend the use of none but pasteurized milk, but will supply to any who desire it, milk properly filtered, purified and cooled. Milk so handled will keep sweet for days longer than ordinary milk. There are at present about 125 milk dealers in London, delivering on an average between 8,000 and 9,000 quarts per day, whereas less than one-quarter that number could accomplish delivery under a proper system. The company have secured about onehalf of the routes of the entire milk delivery the 15th of April, 1901, and will thus be enabled to do a profitable business from the start. This undertaking will necessitate a large outlay of capital in our city for extensive sanitary buildings, with cold storage plant and all facilities for washing, sterilizing and filling bottles expeditiously carried on, under most rigid rules as to cleanliness. The premises will be open at all times to inspection of the health department of the city and to the public. The company has been formed for the purpose of taking over all the property and assets of the milk supply business of the promoters, including buildings. machinery. plant, bottles, real estate, stables, horses, cans, har-



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The mortar battery fires its shell up In the air at a distance of several miles, and it is not an extravagant state-ment to say that there is not one chance in a thousand of the shells striking a battleship moving even at the lowest rate of speed.

It is declared by those on the side that these mortars are the laughingstock of both the army and navy, but no one cares to undertake the simple est suggested, for the reason that the influences behind the construction of the mortars are so powerful that an officer suggesting such an experiment would get the worst of it sooner or later.

The simple facts of the case are that over \$5,000,000 has been spent in the construction of a type of gun, which, as everyone knows, could hit an ordinary ship moving in the water only by the merest accident, and even then the shell would have no initial velocity whatever.

A DEATH TRAP.

Toronto, Dec. 27 .- The coroner's jury has been investigating the circumstances attending the death of Fred-eri k Richardson, the G. T. R. engineer whose skull was cleft almost in two by a bridge truss while he was looking out of his cab near Little York, two weeks ago. The jury returned a verdict that the trestle of the bridge is too close to the track, and is a menace to the lives of employes of the road. The engine on which Richardson was when killed was one of the new Mogul type, and only 18 inches of space intervened between the side of the engine and the trestle.

INDECENT POSTERS.

Ottawa, Dec. 27. — In the Dominion Methodist Church, the Rev. Mr. Bland referred in scathing terms to alleged indecent theatrical posters which re-cently ornamented the billboards, and said they were a violation of every sense of propriety and decency, and were an open insult to every decent, self-respecting woman who walked along the streets. "I understand." Mr. Bland, "that it is the duty of the chief of police to regulate these theatrical pictures, and I can only say that in my opinion he has been too tolerant."

CHRISTMAS DINNERS FOR THE POOR.

Chicago, Dec.27.-The Salvation Army fed 6,000 persons on Christmas Day, and the Pacific Garden Mission served dinner to 1,000 male and female outcasts. At Kansas City-Five thousand poor people were guests at the Salvation

Army dinner. At St. Louis, Mo. - The St. Louis

Post-Dispatch provided 15,000 dinners for the poor.

At Cleveland - Hanna talked about Christianity and goodwill and said "God bless you" to 1,500 poor guests of the Salvation Army, who ate a ton and a half of turkey, a ton of chicken and 1,20 opounds of pork, with trimmings.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS CAUSE A STRIKE.

Chicago, Dec. 27 .- A strike among elerks of the registry division of the reneral postoffice menaced for a time the prompt delivery of thousands Christmas gifts. Extra hours of work wes the grievance of a score of operatives, who during the here a been compelled to habor 14 hours a day. The trouble was quickly adjustsuspended the leader of the strikers. The rank and file of the protesting clerks then returned to their labors, Supt. Marr, of the registry division, said: "The moils were flooded this year and there was no other way than to make the cierks work. We are handling 16 per cent more work this year than in 1899."

popular. The colonial cabinet has decided to await action by the imperial government before determining upon a policy with respect to the renewal of the French shore modus vivendi when it expires next Monday. The initiative will lie with Joseph Chamberlain, imperial secretary of state for the colonies who must either make another treaty with France or call upon the colony to renew the modus vivendi. Should the latter course be adopted by Mr. Chamberlain, the colony's opportunity will come, for by refusing to renew Mr. Bond will force Mr. Chamberlain to an

impossible position or be able to dictate ample concessions.

\$375 FOR A KISS.

Leon, Iowa, Dec. 27 .- The supreme court of Iowa has affirmed a verdict of \$375, rendered against R. W. Boeger, who forcibiy hugged and kissed Mae Brenner.

LITTLE GIRL DRANK A GLASS OF WHISKY.

New York, Dec. 27 .- Marie Horn, aged 2½ years, drank a full glass of whisky, in imitation of her father, and is now likely to die in the hospital.

A \$250,000 CONTRACT. Montreal, Dec. 27 .- Messrs. Malone & Popoure, who have the contract for the Montreal harbor improvement works, have, it is understood, received the contract for wharf-building and dredging at Sore!. The amount involved is understood to be about \$250,-

VILLE MARIE BANK DIVIDEND. Montreal, Dec. 27 .- The liquidator of the Ville Marie Bank, announces that a second dividend of 5 per cent will be paid on February, and that a third di-vidend may be paid later on. Alleady \$530,000 of the bank's note circulation have been paid off, although it was supposed to amount to only \$260,000, and the bills are still coming in.

HAVE HAD THEIR DAY.

Local Treatments for Catarrh Relegated to the Rear.

The surest and safest treatment for any form of Catarrh is an internal remedy, which acts specifically upon the blood and mucous membrane. Such a remedy is the new preparation sold everywhere by druggists as Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, a medicine in Pleasant tablet form.

These tablets contain in highly concentrated form, well known germ an-tiseptics like sanguinaria, gualacol, Red Gum and similar curative elements, and no one who suffers from any form of catarrh, and has experienced the inefficiency and inconvenience of powders, sprays and inhalers will ever go back to such antiquated remedies after once trying so pleasant a treatment as Stuart's Catarth Tabts and one which gives so much re-

lief in so short a time. Druggists sell Stuart's Catarrh Tablets at 50 cents for full sized package. and their daily use will effectually cure this troublesome and dangerous disease.

The danger from catarrh is that it is a short road to consumption, to chronic stomach catarrh and to catarrh of liver and kidneys. Most cases of deafness are cured from stoppage of the Eustachian tube as a result of cetarrh.

The Canada Atlantic Railway is being sued for \$5,000 by the widow of Joseph Paquette, whose son was killed in the yard at Coteau. The boy was her only support.

Miss Wilson, the matron of the Brockville General Hospital, has received a check for \$1,000 from a grate-American, who was a patient at the institution last summer.

there is no money to pay anybody. Rev. David Hutchinson, of Brant-

ton, N. B.

poisomed her husband.

ford, has been asked to accept a call

to the First Baptist Church in Monc-

Governor Scofield, of Wisconsin, has sent a Christmas pardon to Mrs Jose-phine Cherney, of Kewaunee, who

Mrs. Donohue, 28 years old, and Edward Fox, 35 years old, were badly burned on Tuesday at their home in Buffalo, while the stove was being blacked with a liquid polish.

Chief Government Inspector John W. Murray, of Toronto, who has been seriously ill for some time past, his many friends will be glad is. to learn, on the road to recovery.

No new developments have come to light in connection with the mystery surrounding the drowning of Patrick Kennedy on Saturday night last, in the River Thames at Chatham.

The club house of the Century Club, Ogdensburg, N. Y., was totally de-scroyed by fire Wednesday evening. Loss \$15,000. The club men had to run for their lives. James W. Wells was badly burned.

Sadie McKendry, a 15-year-old girl, told the Toronto police an extraordinary story of outrage Wednesday afternoon. Her assailant was a man at present unknown, who gagged her and forced her into a cab.

The secretary of the Cattle Breeders' Association received at Toronto on Wednesday an order for two car loads of dairy cattle to be selected and sent to British Columbia for the improvement of the herds out there.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company has let contracts amounting to over \$22,500,000 for reequipping the road. Some 2,030 new cars have been ordered, mostly pressed steel, and 45 Baldwin locomptives. Bob Owens, a guide in the north woods, was found dead in his camp near Minnehaha. N. Y., on Tuesday by a hunter. The guide had accidentally shot himself while cleaning his It is believed that the guide had gun. been dead at least a month.

Dr. W. George Beers died at Montreal Wednesday night of heart failure. Dr. Beers was the captain of the labrosse team which went to England in 1876, and played before Queen Victoria, and also wrote several works on the Canadian national game.

Justice Rose has granted an order for the winding-up of the Canadian Camera and Optical Company. The company was incorporated in August, with an authorized capital \$150,000, and paid up of \$32,675. On Nov. 24 the debts exceeded the subscribed and paid-up capital by \$22,000. The report from Washington that Britain, France and Germany had agreed to take joint stock in the Pan-American Panama Canal and proceed to complete it without consultthe United States, thus ignoring the Nicaraguan Canal project, is regarded in United States administration circles as only a bluff of the Panama people.

Sneeze and Blow.

That is what you must do when you have catarrh in the head. The way to cure this disease is to purify the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine soothes and heals the inflamed surfaces, rebuilds the delicate tissues and permanently cures catarrh by ex-pelling from the blood the scrofulous taints upon which it depends Be sure to get Hood's.

The non-irritating cathartic-Hood's

Among those already identified with the enterprise are W. M. Spencer, ex-Mayor, George Hodge, M.D., P. W. D. Brodrick, Banker, C. S. Moore, M.D., C. H. Ivey, of Hellmuth & Ivey, J. S. Wood, Detroit, C. Norman Spencer and others.

the amount of stock proposed to be

Shares may be subscribed for personally at the offices of Hellmuth & Ivey, corner Dundas and Richmond Streets, London, Ontario; or by letter to the same address, with power of attorney inclosed, up to the 10th of January, 1901, when the par list will be closed.

Bankers-Molsons Bank.

Solicitors-Heilmuth & Ivey, London.

TOP FLOOR. ness, books of account and agreements for the purchase of milk routes in the London, to the extent of not less than 4,000 quarts daily delivery, and such agreements for the supply of milk from farmers and producers as are in the possession of the promoters the sum of \$80,000. of the fully paid-up capital stock of the company. A very careful and exhaustive estimate made by the promoters, assisted by Mr. Amacker, of Philadelphia, widely known as an expert in this direction, indicates that the net profits for the first full year of operation, at a premium of 50 per cent. after providing for every anticipated expenditure, may be expected to reach \$13,000, equal to about 16 per cent on

increase as the company's field of operation enlarges. Although the shares

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would naturally command a high premium, yet, in order to make the company as largely as possible co-operative, the shares have been placed at \$10 each, and the first \$30,000 will be offered to the public at par in amounts from \$10 to \$500. The second \$15,000 will be sold at a premium of 10 per cent; the third \$15,000 at a premium of

20 per cent, and the balance of \$20,000 Terms of payment--Twenty-five pe cent on the 15th of January, 1901: 25 per cent on the 15th of February, 1901; and the balance on call of the directors of the company subject to 20

issued, which will be capable of steady days' written notice.

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