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THE MODERN WAR SHIP.

That the trend of naval evolution is toward larger ships, with fewer but heavier guns, is indicated by the plans of the latest ship laid down by the British admiralty. It is not usual to invest with any special ceremony the laying of the keel of a warship, such formalities being confined to the "christening" process performed at the launching. The fact, therefore, that this custom was departed from in Portsmouth on Monday, when the keel of the new battleship Dreadnought was laid with all the ceremonial of the corner stone of a great national structure, as evidence that great importance is attached to the construction of the ship. The keel was laid by Miss Douglas, daughter of Sir Archibald Douglas, commander-in-chief at Portsmouth.

The Dreadnought is the only battle ship to be laid down in England this year. She will carry no fewer than twelve 12-inch guns, each capable of throwing a 960-pound shell a distance of twenty miles. Her only other armament will be small guns for repelling a torpedo attack. British naval experts rate her fighting strength as equal to that of any three battle ships now afloat at the range at which modern sea engagements are fought. Although the Dreadnought's cost will be about \$7,300,000, it will be ten per cent. less per ton than that of recent battle ships. This is due to structural improvements which are being kept secret. The vessel is to be in commission in sixteen months.

As indicating the revolution of opinion in England in reference to the armament of men-of-war, it is noted that at the launching of the cruiser Natal at Barrow-in-Furness, Saturday, the head of the great ship-building firm of Vickers, Sons and Maxim, declared that "it is just possible that with the demands of naval strategy she will be the last of our British cruisers, the type in future being merged into battleships where high speed will be combined with great powers of offence and defence." And not only in Great Britain is this tendency manifest. Naval experts of many other nations express the view that the immense heavily armed ship is the war vessel of the future. It begins to look as if the world's navies will soon be made up of extremes—the monster battleship and the tiny torpedo craft.—Ottawa Citizen.

W. O. T. U.

The monthly meeting of the W. O. T. U. was held on Thursday afternoon last at the home of Mrs. A. J. Wilson, William street, the regular meeting place of the union. After devotional exercises and routine work, arrangements were completed for the county convention to be held here next week. One new member was then received into the Union and the Secretary handed in another name of one who will join in the near future. At a special meeting held last week two new members were received so this society is steadily growing. Mrs. Graham, the county president, reported having addressed a temperance meeting at Bothwell, where a lively interest was shown in the work. A Union was organized with Mrs. (Rev.) M. P. Campbell as president, and an enthusiastic little band of women who will do good service for the Master in this part of His work.

DREDGING WORKS

The Chatham Dredging Company is having a particularly busy time and the capacity of their three dredges has been taxed to their utmost. One of the dredges has been engaged by the Government on the work of making a harbor at Belle River, and when this work is completed the dredge will be removed to the river, where a cut will be made up to Jeanette's Creek station, and a road will be made for the convenience of the people of Tilbury who may wish to use the river for shipping and receipt of merchandise. A good road will also be made along the bank of the cut to a dock that will be constructed during the winter months. Another dredge is at Pelee Island, where a cut is being made across the island to allow a constant flow of fresh water, the work being under the direction of the Indian Department. In Dover the third dredge is finishing up the Rivard drain, that is nearly completed, the dredge will then be removed to the Boyle drain to complete this necessary undertaking.

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Starving in Chatham!

Men and Women Who Are in Need—
 Liberal Offer

There are scores of people in Chatham and vicinity who are starving in the midst of plenty. This is not because they are in need of food, but because they cannot digest the food they eat.

To help these unfortunate our leading druggists have recently received a large supply of Mi-o-na, the most recent discovery for the cure of stomach troubles.

Mi-o-na is an unusual combination of remedies for the stomach and digestive organs that heretofore have been little known in this country. It soothes and heals the irritated

mucous membrane of the stomach, stimulates the solar plexus, and strengthens the nervous system.

One little tablet out of a 50-cent box of Mi-o-na before meals, and you can eat what you like and when you like. You will have no more headaches, backaches, heart-burn, or indigestion. Mi-o-na will give you perfect health and strength.

If you cannot obtain Mi-o-na of your druggist, it will be sent by mail, post-paid, on receipt of price. Write us for advice on your case from a leading stomach specialist which will be sent free. The R. T. Booth Company, Ithaca, N. Y.

Local Briefs

Dresden's rate of taxation is 22 Mills.

A good range for sale. F. W. Morton's, Lacroix St.

Miss Carrie Snell has left for Essex to spend a fortnight with Dr. C. A. Snell.

Mrs. W. M. McVean and two children, Dresden, have gone on a trip to New York.

Tilbury public school has been closed, owing to an outbreak of diphtheria.

McKeough & Trotter are shipping a 66 inch 16-foot boiler to Toronto this week.

Excelsior Paint will give you what you desire—a nice glossy finish. Try it. Drew & McCallum.

The Bank of Montreal is selling the balance of the Scott Bros' stock of lumber at reduced prices.

The Harwich Agricultural Society will hold their fiftieth annual fall exhibition in Blenheim on Oct. 12th and 13th.

Mrs. A. R. McGregor and Miss Florence, are spending a few days with Mrs. Chas. Barclay, Murray street.

Mrs. W. J. Pearson and Mrs. A. C. Putnam, Blenheim, are spending a few days with Mrs. E. Putnam, Queen St.

Wanted, a bright young man about seventeen years of age, having a Collegiate Institute training. Apply at this office.

Mrs. Jas. Anderson left Saturday to spend a few days with her son in Buffalo, and will go to New York for a few weeks.

Rev. Wm. Shaw, son of A. J. C. Shaw, Thamesville, has given up his charge at Oakland, Cal., and has removed to Washington.

L. C. Howell, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Dresden, has been transferred to Waterloo, and Mr. Kerr, of Strathroy, has joined the staff.

Grain delivery is slower this season than it has been for years, as the farmers are taking advantage of the favorable weather to complete the fall work on their farms.

"An acre in Kent is better than a Principality in Utopia"—a city lot in Chatham is worth more than an acre in Kent—and will sell for more if you advertise it in the want columns of The Planet.

R. Riddell & Sons have just finished a fire escape for the Alexandria block. They are also getting ready three fire escapes for the Oddfellows' Hall in Wallaceburg and one for Hotel Garner.

E. J. Buzzard furnished accommodation for over three hundred guests at the Bungalow this season, and before another season will have made arrangements to provide a greatly improved service for double this number.

Hugh Kerr, of Park Ave. West, has just finished harvesting his crop of pears—200 bushels from one acre, of ground. He will also have several bushels of quinces from the same plot. This is a splendid yield for the amount of land in use.

Guns and Ammunition at Briscoe's. For sale by tender—Tenders will be received for the purchase of the brick house just west of Cherry's grocery, King street east, formerly Henry Smyth's; also for fine lot on east King street, just 50 feet east of Duke street, having a frontage of 52 feet, and running back to Creek, until 29th October. Some one will get a bargain in these properties. Why not you? Address S. Barfoot.

J. H. Oldershaw is expecting a car of lime and another of cement to-day, and he says the supply houses are finding it impossible to keep up with the great demand that there has been in this city this year. Building is practically at a standstill to-day for want of material, and the difficulty to get orders filled is greater than at any previous season.

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The usual opportunity will be given hunters during the present month to go after big game in the northern part of Ontario and we are advised by Mr. W. E. Rispin, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, Grand Trunk Railway, that he will sell, commencing October 10th, to all points, Mat-tawa to Port Arthur inclusive, and to all other points, commencing October 26th, return tickets at single fare, good to return until December 9th.

THE RACES

Results of the Trials of Speed Held at the Leamington Fair

The Leamington Fair, which was held Thursday and Friday of last week, was a great success. In the trials of speed some very creditable times were made, especially by Chatham horses. The following were the results:

FIRST DAY.

2.45 Class, Trot or Pace—Purse \$110.
 1. Jenn Blewett, L. Edmonds, Blenheim—4 3 2.

2. Bonnie Tex, Lethbridge Bros., Chatham—3 4 4.

3. Jim Kellar, Matthews, Ruscomb—1 1 1.

4. Dewey, S. Wigle, Leamington—2 3 1.

2.28 Trot or Pace—Purse \$150.
 1. Peter Miller, Miller and Brady, Chatham—2 2 2.

2. Atri Belles, Glassford, Chatham—1 1 1.

3. Lottie W. Wilson—3 3 3.

Time—2.30 1-4, 2.26 1-4, 2.32 1-4.

Starter—W. W. Wilkinson.

Judges—A. D. Brown and Wm. James.

Timekeeper—Oscar Sansbury and D. Prosser.

Half Mile Running Race, 3 in 5—Purse \$50.

1. Branch the 2nd, Wm. Rynall—1 1 1.

2. Kingford, C. Gage—2 2 2.

3. High Court, A. West—3 3 3.

Time—52 1-2, 55 1-4, 55 3-4.

The gate receipts were larger the first day than that of previous year, between 2,400 and 2,500 entries.

ROADSTERS.

S. Pickle, of Leamington, captured second prize for team of roadsters, R. J. Smider, of Harrow, first on roadsters. Most valuable team of any class, J. B. Pickering.

SECOND DAY.

2.40 Trot or Pace—Purse \$140.
 1. Jim Kellar, R. Mather—1 1 1.

2. Peter Miller, Miller and Brady—2 2 2.

3. John Menbers, T. Ellison—4 4 4.

4. Dewey, S. Wigle—3 3 3.

4. Hattie M., H. Mount—5.

Time—2.27 1-4, 2.26 1-4, 2.27 3-4.

2.21 Trot or Pace—Purse \$150.
 1. Atri Belles, J. Glassford—4 5 3.

2. Star P., J. Fox—5 2 1 4 4.

3. Patterson, L. Edmonds—1 3 5 1 1.

4. Texas J., A. Wigle—3 4 2 2 2.

5. Obadiah, J. Her—2 1 4 5 2.

Time—2.22 1-4, 2.24 1-4, 2.23 1-4, 2.23 1-4, 2.24 1-4.

Half Mile Running Race, 3 in 5—Purse \$50.

1. Sorrel Dan, J. Rose—4 4.

2. High Court, A. West—3 3 3.

3. Branch the 2nd, Wm. Rynall—1 1 1.

4. King Ford, C. Gage—1 2 2.

Time—56, 55, 56.

The largest crowd that the Society ever had was there on Friday.

THOSE LIGHTS

At the special meeting of the Council to-night the Chatham Gas Company will be prepared to submit a tender for the lighting of the city and for the installation of a modern system. With the installation of such a system would mean the purchase of dynamo that would furnish street lighting, ordinary incandescent lighting, and a continuous power service. It is understood the company will make the conditions liberal and leave the city free to terminate the contract at any time should the Niagara Company enter the city, as was intimated in Thursday's issue of The Planet.

NO SUBSTITUTE

has yet been found for cod liver oil. There are so-called extracts, wines and cordials of cod liver oil that are said to contain the active principles but not the oil itself. This is absurd on its face. You might as well extract the active principles of wheat and make bread with them. The best form of cod liver oil, that can be digested and assimilated most easily, is Scott's Emulsion.

We'll send you a sample free. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto, Ont.

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Seven Stores

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Now's the Time...

To think of CARPETS, CURTAINS, LINOLEUMS, RUGS, &c. We have made the buying of these goods comparatively easy this season—all our carpets selling at former prices, notwithstanding the heavy advance at the mills. Our stocks are now at their best and cash buyers will do well to see our range and get our prices before purchasing.

UNION CARPETS—

Full yard wide, wide range new reversible designs and colorings, matchless values at a yard 50c, 40c, 35c, 30c and 25c.

WOOL CARPETS—

From pure clean well scoured yarns, heavy firm weaves, full yard wide, choice designs and colorings, warranted in wear, at a yard 60c, 55c and 50c.

2 1-2 PLY ALL WOOL CARPETS—

Superior quality, extra firm weaves, warranted in wear, special at a yard 85c.

3 PLY ALL WOOL CARPETS—

New heavy firm makes, choice new designs and color combinations, full yard wide and reversible, special at a yard \$1.00.

TAPESTRY CARPETS—

Best English makes, in beautiful designs and colorings, splendid wearing qualities, at per yard 75c, 65c, 60c and 50c.

TAPESTRY CARPETS—

Suitable for bedrooms, etc., in choice patterns, at per yard 25c, 35c and 40c.

ENGLISH BRUSSELS CARPETS—

Wide range designs and colorings, at per yard 75c, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

LINOLEUMS—

Extraordinary values—Heavy Scotch and English makes, 3 yards, 3 1-2 yards and 4 yards wide, in handsome new floral and tile patterns, warranted in wear, special at a square yard 50c.

EXTRA HEAVY LINOLEUMS—

3 yards and 4 yards wide, very latest patterns and colorings, special at a yard 60c and 75c.

RUGS, RUGS, RUGS—

An immense range in great variety of weaves and styles, in every wanted size for room from 2 1-2 by 3 yards up to 4 yards by 4 1-2 yards at each \$2.50 and every price up to \$35.00.

NEW CURTAINS—

Just in; hundreds of pairs of new designs direct from the largest Nottingham makers, matchless values at a pair 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$3.90.

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The Northway Company, Ltd.

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

TILBURY

Oct. 5.—E. Dore, of Hamilton, is visiting friends here.

Harold Smith, of Quinn, left this week to resume his studies at Toronto University.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beno have returned from a three months' trip to the West.

John K. Warnock, of Tilbury North, has left for Leavings, Alberta.

J. C. Guillot, late of the Big Store here, who has been employed in the dry goods department of O. H. Bricker's store, Essex, for several months past, has severed his connection there to accept the position of floor manager for Jos. Appelbe & Co., Windsor.

The Tilbury Assembly Club are giving an At Home this evening in Palmer's Hall.

Oct. 9.—Mrs. Daigneault left last week on an extended visit with relatives in Montreal.

Frank Beno shipped a carload of horses on Saturday to New York.

E. R. Drumgole, manager of the Merchants' Bank, spent Saturday in Windsor.

Mrs. F. M. Seariff left on Saturday for Georgetown.

Miss Graham and Miss Tena Campbell, of Iona, were the guests of Mrs. (Dr.) McGill last week.

Gordon O'Keefe, of Mount Clemens, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. A. Coult.

S. S. NO. 8, CHATHAM.

Following is the report of S. S. No. 8, Chatham, for September, names in order of merit.

Class V.—Hazel Shaw, Harold Shaw, B. Stuart.

Class IV.—Sr.—I. Brown, P. Hill, W. Brissett, E. Brissett.

Class IV.—Jr.—E. Shaw, S. Turner, P. Turner, C. Shaw, P. Moir.

Class III.—B. Morgan, V. Shaw, E. Morgan, M. Brown.

Class II.—Sr.—T. Shaw, M. Moir, R. Shaw, R. Morgan, Alvah Duddy, L. Buckingham, Allan Duddy.

Class II.—Jr.—E. Sayers, M. Turner, R. Shaw, N. Buckingham, S. Duddy.

Part II.—C. Shaw, M. Wrightman, B. Shaw, M. Butcher, J. Moore, Thos. Moir.

Part I.—Sr.—L. Brown, L. Buckingham, John Hill, L. Morgan, L. Opeiling, M. Everett.

Part I.—Int.—M. Pels, G. Turner, F. Shaw, R. Kyle, W. Shaw, G. Butcher.

Part I.—Jr.—D. Buckingham, H. Pels, L. Shaw, A. Kyle, J. Brown, C. Comfort.

J. C. Hall,

Teacher.

CHATHAM TP.

The following is the standing of the pupils of S. S. No. 8, S. Chatham Township, for September; names in order of merit and attendance:

Class V.—R. Nichols, E. Dorey, D. Henry, C. Dawson, J. Colman, T. Ho.

Class IV.—L. Nichols, E. Stark, M. Colman, C. Colman, E. Oliver.

Class IV.—E. Moore, H. Colman, H. Ho.

Class III.—P. Weeks, N. Moore, E. Bowers, D. Moir, W. Ho.

Class II.—O. Yott, E. Moore, H. Ho, Colman, K. Melben.

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Sr. I.—P. Breggs, D. McNeillage.

Jr. I.—M. Breston, J. Bowers, M. Henry, L. Miller, V. Raymond, I. Moore, A. Baynard.

C. M. Rowe,

Teacher.

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THE TARANTULA KILLER.

A Giant Wasp That Is the Powerful Spider's Mortal Foe.

The tarantula killer has a bright blue body nearly two inches long and wings of a golden hue. As it flies here and there in the sunlight, glittering like a flash of fire, one moment resting on a leaf, the next on a granite boulder, it keeps up an incessant buzzing, which is caused by the vibration of its wings. No sooner does the tarantula hear this than he trembles with fear, for well he knows the fate in store for him when once his mortal foe perceives his whereabouts. This it soon does and hastens to the attack.

At first it is content with flying in circles over its intended victim. Gradually it approaches nearer and nearer. At last, when it is within a few inches, the tarantula rises upon his hind legs and attempts to grapple with his foe, but without success. Like a flash the giant wasp is on its back. The deadly fangs have been avoided. The next instant a fearful sting penetrates deep into the spider's body. Its struggles almost cease. A sudden paralysis creeps over it, and it staggers, helpless, like a drunken man, first to one side, then to the other.

These symptoms, however, are only of short duration. While they last the wasp, but a few inches away, awaits the result. Nor does it have to wait long. A few seconds and all sign of life has disappeared from the tarantula. The once powerful legs curl up beneath the body, and it rolls over dead.

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