

WORKING UP TO WAR.

United States Planning Itself on
Rapidly of the Past Week's
Preparations.

Ships Offered as Auxiliaries to the
Navy—Immense Order for
Shot and Shell.

Two Brazilian Battleships Secured
in England—Military Depart-
ment of the South.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—While to-day was not marked by particularly important events the history of the week just closed will form a record of what can be accomplished in a short space of time under the spur of necessity to provide for naval defense. Beginning with the appropriation of fifty million to be expended by the President without limitation, the government rapidly moved on to the placing of orders for enormous quantities of war supplies, the institution of negotiations for the purchase of ships abroad, the enlistment of men for the navy, the creation of two additional regiments of artillery, the commissioning of monitors, cruisers and rams, the manning of new posts along the sea coasts, and finally the rearrangement of the great military departments to meet modern conditions in military practice.

Hope for the best and prepare for the worst about represents the situation in the war and navy departments these days. The officials express confidence that there is to be a peaceful end to the present threatening difficulty; but meanwhile prepare serenely to meet their duty if events should shape themselves otherwise.

A most important and significant development is the decision of the house naval committee to place in the naval appropriation bill a provision for three new battleships, and the conclusion on the part of the secretary of war to issue an order creating a new military department, including within its confines that part of the country which would be in all likelihood nearest to the field of hostilities in case it should come to that. The order will create a command in the South.

The present department of Texas is abolished, and the headquarters which have been at San Antonio, Tex., for so many years are abandoned. In place of the old department is created a new one, the Department of the South. General Graham, at present commander of the Department of Texas, will command the new department. This department will include the states of Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

The officials of the war department are straining every nerve to improve that part of the defenses of the country confined to their care. It is a mark of unusual confidence in an executive officer to empower him to give orders without limit for the purchase of war material. Yet this is what the President and Secretary of War have done in the case of General Graham, chief of ordnance, and that officer has not shown any disposition to shirk this large responsibility, but has instructed every concern capable of supplying war material as well as rapid firing guns, shot, shell and material, to go to work at full capacity.

The navy department has now reason to believe it has secured the two warships Anson and sister ship now building in England for Brazil. It was stated to the cabinet by secretary Long that the ships at London, Lieutenant Col. Colwell, had almost completed the negotiations so far, however, the final notification from him that his offer has been accepted has not yet reached the navy department.

The President held a long conference about noon to-day with secretaries Alger, Long and Gage. It is presumed that the subject of discussion was the finances of the situation, a subject which could not be fully treated at the cabinet meeting yesterday owing to the short session. After the conference the statement was again made that the cabinet has characterized every utterance on the subject by the President's constitutional advisers, that up to date the administration have absolutely no knowledge of the matter of the dispute to the Maine, and that it has no report of any kind from the court of inquiry of anyone connected with it.

The board of naval bureau chiefs find it impossible to pass judgment in Washington upon the H. I. for naval service of vessels that may be offered for the auxiliary branch of the navy at the various seaports, so they have been aided in their work by the creation of a special board which undertakes to inspect the ports where ships may be offered and make a careful personal inspection of the various craft.

The war talk has had the usual result of bringing before the war and navy departments a perfect flood of suggestions and inventions. Many of these are most remarkable—balloons, flying machines, kites and the like, centipede like steamers with manifold propellers, and torpedoes of fearful and wonderful construction. Some of them are given attention and referred to the proper authorities for investigation, but not much is expected from them.

The war department will on Monday open bids for one of the largest orders of shot and shell for heavy calibre guns ever given, including armour piercing projectiles and deck piercing and torpedo shells. The projectiles are for the heavy fortification guns now mounted along the sea coast. The purchase is to be made under the \$50,000,000 defence appropriation bill, but is in anticipation of the fortification bill, which grants \$40,000,000 for a reserve supply of projectiles and powder.

Another gold hunter from the United States who is convinced and is convincing others that Victoria is a much better outfitting point than any of the American cities is H. I. for naval service. Cal. Mr. Ilyar is accompanied on his trip by Wm. Rose, A. Handyside and J. Norton. They arrived in Victoria last Friday, after looking over the cities to the south, and have decided to purchase their outfit here. The party is registered at the Wilson house.

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COMOX VALLEY.

The Farmers of This Neighborhood Thriving and Happy.

UNION, March 10.—On Monday, March 7, Dr. Millard, the health officer for the district, and sanitary officer John Thomson, of Union, made a tour of inspection of the farms in the Comox valley, accompanied by a correspondent of the Colonist, and they saw on their trip many first-class modern country estates with a large quantity of stock and all the latest farming implements.

At W. R. Robb's place, which is not far from the wharf at Comox, were to be seen many geraniums outside the house, and he has a most beautiful conservatory. There were many young lambs a few days old. At Hugh Grant's, the next place stopped at, a boiler and engine are operated. This farm produces a great quantity of butter and eggs. There were many young lambs, and here the painters had just finished work on the interior of his beautiful castle-shaped residence, and the carpenters were busy putting the finishing touches to the roof.

The next place was a large farm of 150 acres, owned by Mr. Tom Cains, who has a model farm. Mr. Cains offered to accept of the farm, which they gratefully accepted. Next was a farm of 100 acres, owned by Mr. Byron Crawford, where there is being erected a new wagon shed about 50 feet long. He has a threshing and engine and boiler, and all the latest farming implements on his premises. The next stopping place was at Duncan Bros., who keep a store at a fine farm at Sandwick post office. They have a beautiful place, good land and stock of all kinds as well as many barns and outbuildings. Mr. Halliday, next stop, teaches school, and although a man of mature age, having nearly reached three score and ten, is a very active man both in body and in mind. He is the possessor of a fine farm. Next was Miss Pierce's home and farm, where again everything appeared in apple-pie order.

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IN STAGELAND.

"Joe Cawthorn" in His Latest
Role—Farewell to the Popu-
lar Lindleys.

"What Happened to Jones" on the
Way—Jim Corbett as an
Actor.

Joe Cawthorn's performance of the light comedy stellar role in "Miss Philadelphia"—to be seen here to-morrow evening—has vindicated the judgment of the management in selecting him for the tour of this popular extravaganza. It was somewhat in the nature of a problem as to how a man who had become famous through his performances as a German dialect comedian, and who had practically no experience in any other line, could succeed in light comedy, pure and simple. That Mr. Cawthorn has achieved an enviable success as a star in this class of work is now an established fact. Nevertheless the acting public have insisted in no uncertain manner upon the introduction in the extravaganza by Mr. Cawthorn of a specialty, which by the way is naturally one of the features of the production. Mr. Cawthorn is supposed to be a vaudeville artist, and he has a beautiful voice, good land and stock of all kinds as well as many barns and outbuildings. Mr. Halliday, next stop, teaches school, and although a man of mature age, having nearly reached three score and ten, is a very active man both in body and in mind. He is the possessor of a fine farm. Next was Miss Pierce's home and farm, where again everything appeared in apple-pie order.

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Miss Phoebe Davies, the well known and popular actress, has made an en-

ormous success in the new play "Way Down East," which is still filling the Manhattan theatre, New York, at every performance.

Manager Wm. A. Brady has made an offer to secure Sir Henry Irving for his next American tour.

Anna Held will most likely be seen in Victoria the latter part of next month.

THE COTTON STRIKE.

Stubbness of the Weavers Keeps Idle
Many Fellow Laborers Anxious to
Return to Work.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., March 12.—It was fully expected that the end of this, the eighth week of the big cotton mill strike in this city, would see the end of the present difficulties, but the strike is still on. This is simply, as many think, because the weavers will not come to any terms with the manufacturers on the fine question of the right to work on the mill. There is a bitter feeling among the strikers outside of the workers, and many union members threaten to withdraw from the strike councils and let the weavers fight it out alone, and other unions will do the same. Some change is expected to take place in the strike situation within a few days.

"CITY OF PARIS" ARRIVES.

She Broke One of Her Propeller Shafts and
Was Therefore Three Days Late.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 12.—The American line steamer City of Paris, Capt. Watkins, which sailed from New York March 2, and was due here, arrived on the morning of March 9, arrived this morning, reaching her dock at 2:45 o'clock. She reports that her delay was due to the breaking of her starboard shaft, rendering the starboard propeller useless. The shaft broke on the morning of March 4, when 375 miles from Sandy Hook. The steamer was stopped for three days and the propeller disabled, after which she proceeded with the port propeller. Splendid weather was experienced during the whole passage. All on board are well.

PACIFIC CABLES.

Australian Colonies Resolve to Contribute
One-Third Towards Line to Canada—
Rival U. S. Project.

MELBOURNE, March 11.—At the conference of the colonial premiers to-day it was resolved that if Great Britain and Canada contributed two-thirds of the cost of the proposed Pacific cable, Australia should contribute the remainder.

It was resolved also that the proposed federal tariff should give preference to British products and in default of an early federal tariff, that the individual colonies should be recommended to give substantial preference.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The Pacific cable bill as agreed on by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce provides for the construction of a cable from San Francisco to Japan via the Hawaiian Islands, and grants an annuity of \$160,000 for twenty years, in consideration of which all United States government messages are to be there after and in perpetuity transmitted free. The government will also take full possession of the cable in case of war or other emergencies.

A CARDINAL ON REPORTERS.

He Addresses Public Men on the Folly of
Dealing Decisively With Them.

In his address at the New Orleans Press Club recently, Cardinal Gibbons said: "I had one piece of advice to give to public men more than any other, and that was to deal with the reporter. It has been my privilege and pleasure to come in contact with and to know a great number of reporters. I have steadily adopted a policy of absolute frankness with them, and I have yet to have a confidence betrayed. They have never proved themselves unworthy of the estimate I placed on them as gentlemen. It is the public man who conceals, whose very act of concealment is a perpetration of crime, and whose business they must be quick to perceive, it is this very concealment which the reporter to further conduct his investigations must be quick to get what, had he been in the confidence of the man whose manner provoked investigation, he would have understood and written intelligently about. And it is in this very confidence that much of the complaint against the reporter originates. Tell the reporters the absolute truth. Never deceive them."

ROSSLAND PLEASED.

Prospect of Larger Appropriations for Trail
District—Preparations for Extensive Work.

ROSSLAND, March 12.—Mainly through the efforts of the deputation appointed by the Rossland city council to interview the provincial government regarding the public needs of West Kootenay, but more particularly the Trail Creek mining division, the district will receive upwards of \$100,000 for public works. There is general rejoicing throughout the district in consequence. Of this sum Trail Creek will receive \$20,000 for roads, trails, a court house and additional educational facilities.

The Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Goldfields, owning the City of Spokane mine near this city, abandoned last summer to work properties near Revelstoke. They have, however, decided to reverse the order of things, and instead of operating in northern district will re-locate this camp. Work on the City of Spokane will commence in a few days. The Le Roi shipped 1,111 tons, and the Iron Mask 78 tons to the Northport smelter this week.

John Kirkup, it is understood, will be appointed gold commissioner for the Trail district in the near future. The B.A.C. is making extensive preparations for the commencement of development work on twenty mining properties which it owns in this camp. W. A. Carley is expected to arrive here in the next month to superintend the operations.

The appointment of R. G. McConnell as provincial mineralogist is well received in Kootenay.

Mrs. McGreor and Mrs. Grant, her daughter, left last evening on a visit to Ottawa.

IT BLEW A LITTLE GALE.

High Winds Hold the Small Craft
Prisoners—"Amur" Completes
Her Initial Voyage.

Launch of the Newest River Boat—
Departures for the North and
for the Orient.

It blew very fresh indeed yesterday morning, and indeed until after the noon hour, the smaller craft of the port wisely remaining idle at their moorings, and even some of the regulars finding difficulty in entering or leaving the harbor in the teeth of the blow. The steady, reliable City of Kingston was one of these, and for a time she appeared to be in the reverse of a safe position, her tiller ropes parting as she was swinging out of port, and the steamer, in consequence, lay at anchor. The gale until eventually brought up at the Brackman & Ker wharf. Repairs were made with commendable celerity, but it finally got away with her passengers and mails for the Sound. As she has no trip to make to-day, the delay will not in any way inconvenience the ship, although it may the passengers.

SOMETHING LIKE A RECORD.

The steamship Amur, of the K. M. T. & T. Corporation, arrived here yesterday shortly before five o'clock yesterday afternoon, as sharp on her schedule as a railway train, having made a remarkably fine trip down from Wrangell in the record time of 59 hours. Rough weather was experienced in Dixon's Entrance, and there the Cottage City was passed, not in any trouble, but determined to remain at anchor until smoother water was reached. Head winds offered further obstruction to speed, and the latter part of the run, which Captain Mears declares would have been made had all been favorable, in three hours' better time. Of the people making the down trip on the Amur, the best known were Hon. Mr. Dewdney and his party. There was but one outside passenger, a victim of pneumonia, who comes to Victoria for much needed hospital treatment. Five stowaways also accompanied the Amur, and were joined at the smartness of the passengers of two of whom in particular were badly in need of a bath when the dock was reached, and they forsook the coal. The Amur made a constant procession of steam and sail craft both going and coming, the majority, however, northward bound. She went no further than Wrangell on the present trip, but is expected on her second voyage to continue on to Skagway.

SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

With the high tide yesterday morning at 3 the new river steamer for the North that has been building for some time past at the marine railway, Esquimalt, was successfully launched, with little or no delay, and is now on her way to the north. The launch was particularly well suited to the work before her, having a draught of but two and a half feet when fully laden with a hundred tons of cargo, or six inches less. Who she is for is still kept in close secret as the exact definition of her route, and the management. Later in the day—at 5 in the afternoon—the barkentine Wrestler, which has been receiving extensive repairs on the blocks, was restored to the water, and is now in thorough sea-going condition.

SEALERS ARE MISSING.

Two hunting boats with their crews were missing from the Vancouver sealer C. D. Rand on Monday last, when that schooner was spoken by the California City of Puella. The Puella reported on arrival at San Francisco that as the weather was the reverse of dangerous when the men were missed, and the schooner not far off shore it is altogether probable that the hunters have rejoined their schooner long ere this.

Private Bankers Compromise.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 11.—Belcher & Co., private bankers, who suspended payment recently, offer their creditors 50 cents on the dollar. Local creditors have accepted the offer.

S. R. Robb, City Editor of the Vancouver World, is spending a few weeks' vacation in the city, left for home last night.

DISABILITIES.

Do you feel more tired in the morning than on going to bed? Do you have much ancholy sleep, poor memory, dry, despondent, want to be let alone, irritable? If you are troubled with Nervous Debility, if you are treated now you can be cured. If you wait you may wait a little too long. Many who wait become nervous wrecks. Don't wait. The sure, speedy cure is the GREAT

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FRIENDLY HELP.

The Society Shows That It Has Accom-
plished Great Good During the Year.

The Friendly Help Society's annual meeting was held yesterday and the reports showing the eminently practical work accomplished during the year were read to an interested gathering of twenty-five ladies and gentlemen. Bishop Perin and Rev. J. H. S. Sweet being among those present and delivering brief but instructive addresses.

The address of the president, Mrs. James Baker, referred to the satisfactory progress made during the year. The report stated that "Our excellent band of district visitors continues to investigate carefully and report promptly to the committee city and district, and we have no lack of willing workers to undertake the charge of these rooms and dispense clothing and orders for work to all those so situated, and we have no lack of strength to connect in one harmonious whole all the principal benevolent and charitable agencies of the place on the basis of the movement which had its origin in England thirty years ago, which has since then been adopted throughout Great Britain and America, and even in parts of Australia and Africa."

Among the societies working with the Friendly Help are the St. Ann's Benevolent Society, the Y. W. C. A., the Victoria Home Nursing Society, the British Columbia Benevolent Society, and the Salvation Army, all of which the president spoke in terms of high commendation. The report mentions too the obligation of the Friendly Help Society to the Victoria Home Nursing Society for the gratifying and valuable services of a trained nurse, Miss Elkinson. The report acknowledged among other things the gifts from the public schools at Christmas time, and complimented the society on the excellent services rendered by the secretary and treasurer. The report closed with thanks to everyone who had helped the work, including the Mayor, Market Superintendent Johnson and the press.

Mrs. Gould, the secretary, in her report stated that twelve regular meetings had been held during the year; and about 200 separate families and individuals had received assistance. The financial statement as presented by the treasurer, Miss Mary R. Lawson, was as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Grant from city.....\$500 00

Grant from provincial government.....25 00

I.O.O.F.....8 00

St. Saviour's Guild.....5 50

Public school children.....18 45

Donations and subscriptions.....198 85

Proceeds collecting cards.....62 15

Sale clothing.....19 25

Balance last year.....10 90

Total.....\$841 10

EXPENDITURES.

Groceries and meat.....\$496 80

Fuel.....122 75

Rent and board.....92 60

Clothing.....43 35

Nurses and medicine.....17 35

Mending boots.....10 05

Expressage.....11 00

Cleaning room.....8 00

Postage.....2 45

Stationary.....2 10

Sundries.....5 35

Balance in hand.....35 30

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The reports were considered very satisfactory and encouraging, and after their adoption a very able paper on

THE GERMAN POLICY.

Emperor William Alleged to Have Spoken
Against United States Inter-
vention in Cuba.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The Madrid Correspondence, according to a despatch to the World, prints to-night the following telegram from Berlin, received late this evening:

"I know from a sure source that last night at a family dinner party in the palace, at which was present Princess Irene, wife of Prince Henry, the Emperor's brother, who is a member of the German squadron in the Far East, William II uttered the following really startling words in consequence of a conversation having arisen in regard to Cuban affairs. The Emperor, placing the hilt of his sword on the table, said: 'What I declare is that as long as William II is Emperor of Germany, the Yankees shall not take possession of Cuba.'"

ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

Allegation of a Settlement Favorable to the
United States Contention.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The Press has the following from Ottawa: Sir Julian Pauncefote has informed the