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SECRET NEW BATTLESHIP FOR BRITAIN

Saying of Initial Keel Plate Was Done in Private

FIRST ON NEW PROGRAMME

Admiralty Guards Secret of Changes to Be Introduced—Will Be Only One Larger War Vessel in the British Navy

(Canadian Press) London, Feb. 3.—The new battleship, the keel of which was recently laid in Portsmouth dockyard, the first of the five armoured ships of the 1911-1912 programme, will be known as the secret ship. It is generally known that she is to be the largest battleship, but one of the British navy, that she is to have an anti-torpedo battery of six inch instead of four inch guns, as in older ships, and that there is to be a great improvement in the compartments to prevent sinking in case she is torpedoed.

Beyond this, however, the admiralty are introducing changes which are to remain a secret at least for the time being. Usually the laying of the first keel plate is attended with some ceremony and naval attaches and other invited. On this occasion, however, only the dock officials, Miss Evelyn Moore, daughter of Admiral Sir Arthur Moore, who performed the ceremony, and a few ladies were present. Newspaper photographers were rigorously excluded.

The ship is to be completed in two years, but it is quite likely that she will be ready for service before that time. Immediately her keel-plate was laid, work commenced putting other plates in position so that before the afternoon had passed the vessel commenced to take shape. In fact a great deal of the material was ready before the actual work of construction was commenced.

(Fortmouth, Eng., Feb. 3.—An attempt to save the submarine which sank yesterday here, with four officers and ten men, was made again this morning. There was a thick fog and operations were greatly hampered. Several divers on the spot, and a large number of naval divers have gone down to examine the wreck. It is thought unlikely that the lost vessel will be raised for several days.

INTERVIEW WITH THE PREMIER IN ST. JOHN Plan for Presentation of Request for Prohibition Has Been Changed

A N. B. Temperance Federation delegation will visit Premier Fleming in St. John between now and the opening of the N. B. legislature and will present to him their request for a prohibitory law. Originally it was planned to have this meeting in Fredericton on February 6th. E. N. Stockford, secretary of the federation executive, had a telephone talk with the premier this morning and the other arrangements was made.

WOMAN AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE ON THIS MISSION

Paris, Feb. 3.—The French government has entrusted an important mission to Morocco to a woman, Mrs. C. de la Roche, who probably knows that country better than any woman. She will leave on Wednesday next for Southern Morocco, which is the scene of a military expedition.

SCHOONER DAMAGED

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Feb. 3.—The schooner Rebecca Palmer, from Portland, Me., which was wrecked here yesterday afternoon with her load of cargo, was reported that when in the ice on Nantucket Island the schooner George F. Whitcomb sailed across her bows and carried away her jibboom with sails and rigging attached.

HARBOR WORKS AT ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Feb. 3.—The colonial council has unanimously adopted a bill granting a concession to a Danish company to deepen the harbor of St. Thomas and build wharves and docks for the largest of steamers, also shipyards and warehouses.

BANKERS' HOCKEY TEAM

TYPE OF MANCHU CAVALRY AT WAR WITH REBELS



MANCHU CAVALRY. PHOTOGRAPH MADE LAST NOVEMBER.

EDDIE DURMAN SAYS HE IS DONE WITH RACING

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 3.—Eddie Durman, the Toronto sculler, who holds the American championship title, announced last night that he was through with the rowing game, in which he has been conspicuous for many years. Durman's action is ascribed to his failure to get backing for his proposed race with Arnot on Toronto Bay this summer. The Australian sculler, who is the world's champion, demanded a stake of \$2,000 and \$1,000 for expense money. Durman's backers who have always come to his assistance in the past, failed to respond on this occasion.

Toronto Backers Fail to Finance Him for Match With Arnot—Scotch Curlers Visit the States

Durman's friends say that they do not believe he will retire, but that he will be ready to meet any challengers for the title which he holds. Detroit, Mich., Feb. 3.—The Scotch curlers who arrived in the United States yesterday from Canada, last night, were defeated by the Detroit curlers, 8 to 4. Montreal, Feb. 3.—The executive of the Club Canadien Athletique, postponed imposed a fine of \$100 on Pirie, for his failure in kicking Roberts, of the Wanderers, during last Wednesday's Wanderer-Canadian league match.

INSURANCE COMPANY'S STRANGE DISCOVERY

Employe Drawing Salary Fifteen Years After His Death Policy Was Paid

New York, Feb. 3.—After paying a salary for fourteen years to William H. Larbin, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has just made the interesting discovery that it paid a policy on his life and recorded him as dead in 1896. During all the years he had been thought dead, Larbin was working under his own name in the printing department of the insurance company, and living within a block of the company's office.

ALLIANCE ACTION ON THE MARRIAGE LAW

Delegation to Wait on Sir James Whitney—Common Civil Marriage Law for Dominion Sought

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 3.—Preliminary plans for a province wide agitation on the marriage question, were held at a meeting of the general committee of the evangelical alliance of Canada yesterday. The alliance represents the United Protestant forces of the dominion. Dr. N. W. Hoyer, president of the alliance, and Rev. E. D. Silcox, the secretary, were directed to interview Sir James Whitney and arrange for an appointment for a delegation. This delegation will present petitions from all parts of the dominion, and will also present a common civil marriage law for the dominion, and will also present a common civil marriage law for the dominion, and will also present a common civil marriage law for the dominion.

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TONG WAR DAMAGED ON PACIFIC

Three Chinese Busted Riddled and the Whole Coast Country is Disturbed

(Canadian Press) San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 3.—Pacific coast cities are in a state of alarm. Reported by Vancouver, B. C. found themselves today confronted with a Chinese tong war, which has already riddled riddled and mercantile and business of the great Chinatown districts ready to defend themselves. While tong wars are strictly Chinese affairs, they interrupt all business done with orientals and must be wiped out before the tongs in Portland, Oregon, San Jose, San Francisco, and other points may lay down their strictly modern automatic arms, which have replaced the hatchet of former days. At San Jose, Lee Kee, a member of the sup Sing Tong, a dead, and Wah Gai, a Hop Sing Tong man, is under arrest. This feud, starting in the hearing of a Hop Sing man, who was collecting a gambling fund, has spread over the efforts at the farm of Lee Kee, Compton, the supervising body of all the tongs.

THREE MURDERS, THEN SUICIDE

Bodies of Four Found—Detective Slay By Man Who Then Took His Own Life

Appleton, Wis., Feb. 3.—What is believed by the sheriff to be a triple murder and suicide, was reported to district attorney A. T. Jones yesterday, when the bodies of four persons all members of a family named Stahler, were found in a swampy place near here. One was a woman about three and three fourths years of age. Another was a man about 35 years of age. A third was a man about 40 years of age. A fourth was a man about 50 years of age. The bodies were found in a swampy place near here. One was a woman about three and three fourths years of age. Another was a man about 35 years of age. A third was a man about 40 years of age. A fourth was a man about 50 years of age.

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ST. JOHN'S HEALTH

January Report of Dr. Melvin Showing Cases of Contagious Disease

More Than in December, But Fewer Than Year Ago—City's Health Officer Gives Some Advice on Ventilation

The following table, as usual, gives the deaths, from all causes, for the month and the deaths from notifiable diseases. It exhibits the age, in groups, of those who died, and the deaths for the month compared with the corresponding month of last year. The following cases of contagious disease were reported in the city during the month. Those for December and the corresponding month last year are added for comparison:

Table with columns: Disease, Jan. 1911, Previous Jan., 1912, Deaths, Deaths, 1911, Deaths, 1910. Rows include Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Typhoid, Measles, Tuberculosis, etc.

From Notifiable Diseases. A window opened an inch or two at the top, at some distance from, and opposite to another opened a little wider at the bottom, is worth far more, so far as ventilation goes, than two or three times the open space at the bottom of one window, only.

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SIR EDWARD CARSON FIERY

Leader of Opposition to Irish Parliament Speaks at London Banquet—A "No Surrender" Cable is Received From Australia

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