

## Victorian On The Bagota

## Local Man Among the Adventurers on the Colombian Gunboat.

## Now Seeking Insurgent Cruiser Padilla to Give Her Battle.

Among the officers on the Colombian warship Bogota, which has gone from San Francisco to seek for the insurgent cruiser Padilla, is a Victorian, John

ogota, as the old Cutch is now called, is a brother-in-law of Mr. G. McNiffe, of the Savoy. Carrick was formerly chief engineer of the Pacific Coast steamer Umatilla. The Bogora is about

Officers of the Pacific mail steamers say will give the old Cutch a hard fight. The steamer Acapulco of the Pacific Mail S. S. Co., which arrived at San Francisco a few days ago, from South America, passed the Colombian steamer.

where she was waiting for the government warship Poas. The Poas was formerly the Pacific Steam Navigation company's Casimir. She is an elderly coaster of some 1,200 tons, and was purchased a few weeks ago by the Colombian government.

was at that port and the news that the Padilla was on the watch for her was received with perturbation by the officers of the Poas.

more than likely, the Bogota should be getting within fighting range and a warm engagement is expected.

ness soon be engaged in a sanguinary conflict—that is unless the Americans play the revolutionary game in the same comic-opera way that the Latins do in whose cause they fight. The

...two or three Englishmen only, and the Victorian among them, and the greater number of the crew have "pasts" in which fighting has been the dominating characteristic. Her officers have been trained in the science of modern warfare.

Those that lack discharges are without them because their method of leaving the service was not in accord with regulations.

H. Dutton is a graduate of Annapolis, and served with the rank of ensign on the converted yacht Gloucester during the Spanish-American war. He is the gun-boat's executive officer. Lieutenants Hitchell and

was through the Cuban, Philippine and Chinese campaigns. Colonel James H. Gregory, of the Colombian army, who is going to Panama on the Bogota, has a distinguished military record. The Bogota's crew is about 40 strong.

vanilla, and several of them should now be serving Uncle Sam on the battleship Oregon. In the Bogota's crew are three graduates of the United States School of Gunery. J. O. Clark, who is acting as ship's writer, was on the torpedo boat U. S. S. Albatross.

The Bogota before sailing mounted a 14-pounder in her bows. She has four rapid-fire six-pounders on her quarter deck, two Maxim-Nordenfelts amidships and two Colt automatic field guns mounted on the mainmast.

was one sailor's farewell message. "We would not be much credit to a Sunday school, and some of us could not get jobs in banks; but we can lick any bunch of our weight and numbers in white and all the rest of 'em."

The Bogota was bought by Colombian agents at Seattle. The Padilla was secured in England. When the Padilla was bought in England, by Salvador.

and his men made preparations to return to England. The Salvador government sought to make a contract with them to remain and continue in charge of the ship. This they refused, and thereupon Salvador made a second attempt.

known that the Padilla had been bought for the Colombian rebels, but had her English crew remained with her the fight, when she and the Bogota meet, which have been between Americans and British. It is supposed that

raquia now is an American. It is a romance of a small revolution that both the Colombian government and the rebels against its authority have to come to the Anglo-Saxon race for effective sea-fighters. And it is remarkable that

The explanation is probably that men who go into the naval service want action; they want war; they glory in the capture of the ship.

at home when they can find plenty of fighting abroad. In the United States navy they can only play "John Cox's traverse" up one hatchway and down another, while, even on such toy fighters as the Bogota and Padilla, they can

each other out of the water.

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**COALING AT SEA.**  
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Special Apparatus Being Placed on British Warships For Coaling.

says: "The Admiralty has just decided, as a result of the experiments in coaling ships at sea lately carried on in the Mediterranean and in the channel, to build some special colliers of greater displacement than the *Minotaur*."

paratus for coaling moving ships at sea, known as the Temperley-Miller Marine Cableway. The new collier will have specially designed holds and hatches, and it is estimated that 40 to 50 tons of coal an hour will be able to be passed from

We further learn that the United States battleship Illinois, now in Chatham dock yard, is fitted with the Lidgetwood-Miller Cableway, and can take coal from any collier she meets on high seas; and that while the Illinois was

**DIED FROM INJURIES.**  
Six-Year-Old Girl Fatally Burned at

Julia Moscow, aged six, died at Ladysmith on Tuesday night from the effects of burns received last Monday evening. The little girl was on her way home and passing close to a burning stump, when she caught her dress alight.

tance, but before the fire in her dress could be extinguished she was severely burned. She lingered in agony till 11 o'clock last night, when death relieved her awful suffering.