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MODERN WARSHIPS.

In the Navy Yard at Newport News, there was launched today the battleship Delaware, the latest fighting machine constructed by the United States. Newspapers across the border have for some time been publishing descriptions of this warship, and in the different paragraphs there has been no absence of superlatives. The Delaware is spoken of generally as the only machine passing anything about, but far and away ahead of any battleship now under construction or projected. Her armor is the heaviest and her armament the most powerful known; her speed of 21 knots is positively the highest for a vessel of this class, and her broadside will be twenty-five per cent. greater than that of any battleship ever built, or so far planned. In defense, the maximum protection is provided by both the armor plating and the interior design of the ship. She will carry a main battery of ten 12-inch guns, fourteen 5-inch guns, and the usual number of smaller pieces of ordnance. The Delaware's displacement will be 20,000 tons.

As against this, there is now building at Portsmouth, the battleship Neptune which will have a displacement of 20,500 tons, is 510 feet long, will have a speed of 24 knots, provided by turbines of 25,000 horse power, and will carry as her main battery ten 12-inch guns, all of which may be used in broadside fire. It will be noted that the Neptune will be not only four or five knots faster than the Delaware, but that she will carry equal armament, and will be somewhat heavier in construction. Moreover, the Neptune is not by any means the latest in British naval architecture. Since the completion of the Dreadnought some three or four years ago, two new classes of battleships have been designed which are considered in certain respects very much in advance, but the Admiralty continues the construction of such vessels as the Bellerophon, the St. Vincent and the Neptune in order that the Dreadnought squadron may be complete.

The New York Evening Post, a short time ago, entered into a discussion of the relative merits of the United States and British warships, and told some very unpleasant truths about the former, pointing out that in view of the indomitable record of 23 knots, it was scarcely wise to apply superlatives to the Delaware and the North Dakota. It was argued that as speed is of prime importance in these days, the advantages of 21 knots as compared with 23 are not really discernible.

HOUSE HUNTING.

The landlords of St. John literally gave the people by the thousands and are feeding from them every cent that can be extorted. Without the slightest reason or excuse rents have been advanced during the past four or five years, on an average, of almost fifty per cent, and previous to that time they were higher than was necessary. Property owners are vainly seeking for causes by which they may justify the policy they are pursuing, but the bottom of the whole thing is the real and genuine reason that there are so many houses in St. John to meet the requirements of the people. The demand is stronger than it ever has been; the number of available flats and houses is smaller. The result naturally is a better-seller run for the first place that offers twenty or thirty prospective lessees applying for every tenement which promises to become vacant, and these home-seekers bidding against each other, raising the rents to the great delight of the landlords. House-hunting in St. John has come to be a serious undertaking. It would be less troublesome if there were any possibility of the homeless ones ultimately finding comfortable quarters, but under present conditions scores of families must either suffer all forms of inconvenience in badly built, poorly arranged houses, or rent themselves in order to pay excessive rents. St. John houses are for the most part parlors, stairs and basements. Apparently the builders of flats have been possessed with the idea that a householder cares nothing about bedrooms or kitchen so long as there are double parlors. The prevailing form of architecture has thus been a Queen Anne front and a Mary Ann back. Bedrooms in which the door cannot be closed if the cover is left off the soap dish, kitchens in which there is no room to turn around a scullery of coal is brought in, and a long dark and chilly hall, are the prevailing fashion. In self-contained houses so called—though why this title goodness only knows—it does not matter whether there are two or three or four floors there is always a basement, as if people wanted to live underground. They will be below the surface long enough without living there. Basements are always damp

and are usually dark. Moreover they involve running upstairs from morning until night to answer innumerable calls at the door. Not one out of ten houses or flats in this city is adapted to convenient housekeeping.

If the landlords had anything attractive to offer there would be some slight excuse for fairly profitable rates, but under the circumstances the present charges are nothing short of extortionate. If the buildings were new, it by reason of the advances during late years in labor and materials they had cost much, no one would object to the owners seeking adequate returns on their investments. But very few houses have been built for rental during the past ten or a dozen years. They were put up in the days of cheap lumber and cheap work. They are earning now very high dividends on their original cost, and the greater expenditure for repairs or the prospective higher taxation do not justify the present advances in rents. A man who spends sixty dollars a year for repairs to a house could perhaps have had the same work done ten years ago for forty dollars, yet for this extra outlay of twenty dollars he demands one hundred dollars more in rent. The owner of a two-apartment house worth \$3,000 fears that next year his taxes may be raised eight cents on the hundred dollars. If his property is assessed as high as \$2,000—which is improbable—he will be asked to pay \$1.50 additional, and to reimburse him for this very doubtful outlay he is taking action a year ahead by putting \$30 more on the rent.

Truly we live on an age of philanthropy.

Mother (reprovingly)—Don't you know that you should never let a man kiss you?

Daughter—But mamma, it seems so forward for a girl to do the kissing.

"Sometimes I wonder," said Uncle Moses, "what do you call a man who is a truly loves work to do it?"

Man with the Bulging Brow—Awful sloppy, isn't it?

Man with the Bulging Nose—It isn't half as sloppy for me as it is for my overcoat's in sock.

When Governor Cleveland's son Richard was born his good friend Joseph Jefferson drove over to Gray Gables to congratulate the father on the child's weight.

"Fifteen," was the reply.

"Fifteen," said the attending physician, who had just come in.

Mr. Cleveland assured the doctor that he must be mistaken. "The child weighs fifteen pounds," said he; "I weighed him myself with the scales Joe and I use when we go fishing."

Reporter—But, Senator, in a government like ours don't you believe in the principle of rotation in office?

Minister—I certainly do, young man. That's why I have a revolving chair in my office.

"Does the baby talk yet?" asked a friend of the father. "No," replied the baby's disgruntled little brother, "the baby doesn't need to talk." "Doesn't need to talk?" "No. All the baby has to do is to yell, and it gets anything there is in the house that's worth having."

The bachelor girl looked down copy.

"You want to know why I never married?" she said. "Is this idle curiosity or do you mean business?"

"Business," replied the pert young man. "I ought to get a column of copy out of this interview."

Willie had tried by various means to interest his father in conversation.

"Can't you see I'm trying to read?" said the exasperated parent. "Now, don't bother me."

Willie was silent for almost a minute. Then, reluctantly:

"Awful accident in the subway today."

Father looked up with interest.

"What's that?" he asked Willie. "What was the accident in the subway?"

"Why," replied Willie, edging toward the door, "a woman had her eye on a seat and a man sat on it."

THE SIX DAY'S RACE

PRIDE KILLS FAMOUS WIT;
RECLUSE TO HIDE POVERTY

Smith Edward Lane Dies in Tenement—
Had No Food, But Kapt Salt He Wore
When Presented at Court.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Smith Edward Lane, who was once one of the wits of the Century and Union Clubs, an after-dinner speaker at the banquets of the Sons of the American Revolution and the St. Nicholas Societies and in the administration of Mayor Smith, 25, park commissioner of the city, died alone in his room in a tenement house today.

Though there was no fire in his room and the shelves of his cupboard held nothing but empty boxes and jars that had once contained food, the court suit of silk with small and silk stockings that Mr. Lane had worn at a levee of King Edward in 1903 were hanging in his closet, together with suits of evening clothes and the state sword that he had carried at his side when presented to royalty.

One of the two friends that Mr. Lane had left in the world said that Lane's pride had been with him to the end and that few persons knew that the one-time leader in Tammany, lawyer and clubman had been a miser for ten years where none could see his shame and poverty.

Mrs. Arnold, caretaker for the house where Mr. Lane had lived for seven years, knew that her solitary tenant had been ill for four weeks. He was in his last year, and though he tried bravely to conceal his infirmity, he had been forced to admit that during recent weeks he had been to see a doctor.

"Just a little trouble with the throat—nothing serious," was the way Mr. Lane explained his visit to the physician. But four days ago he had been unable to leave his bed, and Mrs. Arnold sent him to see a doctor.

This morning Mrs. Arnold knocked at Mr. Lane's door. He answered. A half hour later Charles D. Bergen, secretary for Mr. Ely, knocked at the door. He had come to remove the sick man to a hospital.

There was no response. Mr. Lane had died.

"Don't say that Mr. Lane died of starvation," said Mr. Ely's secretary, later. "That wouldn't be right. I think he died of pride; that was all."

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A CLOSE FINISH FOR
THE SIX DAY'S RACE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 5.—With only eight more hours to ride, the six-day bicycle teams in the six-day race at convention hall at the close of tonight's riding, were close to each other. Late today Mackay quit the race because of a broken wheel and Devonovich announced that he would finish the race.

Kramer and Moran; Hill and Demara; Root and Fogler; Mitten and Bergel; and Palmer and Walker, all 933 miles, 9 laps; Wiley and Cameron, 933 miles, 9 laps; Senhouse and Wilcox, 933 miles, 7 laps; Devonovich, 927 miles.

ELEVATOR CO. IN DEBT
FOR OVER FOUR MILLIONS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 5.—Today Henry F. Douglas, receiver of the Minneapolis and Northern Elevator Company, filed a report by the receivers of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Company, showing the claims against the former company up to date. The total debt contracted by the endorsement of and making of promissory notes for the benefit of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Company, has placed the Minneapolis Elevator Company in debt to the amount of \$4,400,000.

TRAMMEN ARRESTED ON
CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER

GUELPH, Feb. 5.—Conrad Kennedy, engineer, and Matthew Fleming, conductor of the freight train that was recently wrecked near Harrison, both residents of Stratford, were arrested today by the local constable. Wellington County Attorney Peterson had them up before Magistrate Saunders this morning on the charge of manslaughter. They were held till Friday.

Lady Patron—Mr. Photographer, which view of me do you think would be the most pleasing?

Photographer—Madam, if you would not take offense—

Lady Patron—Not in the least.

Photographer—Then I should say that your back view, madam.

WINS BACK MAN SHE
HAD SOLD TO A RIVAL

Four Months Ago Susanna Jengler Parted
With Peter Rossmann on Payment of \$325.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 5.—Peter Rossmann, 14th St. N. E. his first love—a device—one, by the way, he told, who less than four months ago formally sold her interest in him to her rival seemed as happy today as if heart to live and a tragic death had not marked the course of their love. Mrs. Rossmann, 11, Miss Susanna Jengler until three days ago. Last fall she was betrothed to Rossmann. They Mrs. Albin W. Rossmann, who came between them.

Mrs. W. Rossmann, 11, was young and attractive, and she had money. Rossmann thought, "My wife is the best I have ever had. I must have her back." He borrowed from Miss Jengler's savings. When the money was gone, he told her that he had sold her to his rival. Rossmann was calling on the widow. indignantly she told him to choose between them. Rossmann wavered, then chose the widow and her money.

"Then," said Susanna Jengler, "I must have my money back." Rossmann did not have the money she demanded. His excuse and promise did no good, and he was soon in the police station on the complaint of his recent fiancée. He sent for Mrs. Jengler. The widow came promptly, so promptly that she found Miss Jengler still at the station. They met, and the girl agreed to part with her fiancée for her \$325 which the widow paid.

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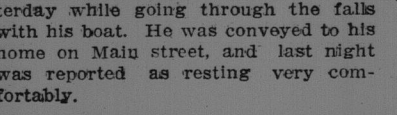
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BIRTHS.

BIRTH.—On Friday, Feb. 5th, to the wife of Harold G. Taylor, a son.

DEATHS.

LUNNEY.—In this city on the 5th inst., Thomas Lunney, leaving six children and one sister to mourn their loss.

FUNERAL.—On Monday afternoon at 2.30, PEACOCK.—At her parents' residence, 75 Thorne Avenue, on February 4th, Hazel E. Dorkis, youngest child of James and Alice Peacock, aged one year and six months.

FUNERAL.—On Friday, the 5th inst., interment at Fernhill cemetery, DELVEA.—At Brown's Place, February 5th, Sarah A. Belyea, wife of Captain Samuel Belyea, aged 73 years, of paralysis.

FUNERAL.—Monday morning, at 11 o'clock, interment at Brown's Place.

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CHIEF STEWARD WAS
SMUGGLING JEWELRY

Package Worth \$1,000 Traced to Him—
Held in Bonds for \$300.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 6.—This afternoon, Special Treasury Agent L. W. Zeam furnished information to United States District Attorney Whitehouse that the chief steward of the steamship Haverford, which arrived here Tuesday on a warrant alleging the smuggling of rings, diamonds and watches to the value of \$1,000. Price registered a package at the local post-office Wednesday to a Philadelphia promoter and from here the package was traced to Philadelphia where the address, it is understood, was arrested and the package in his possession and later in the day the arrest of Priest followed.

The warrant on which Priest was arrested alleges that he smuggled two gold rings each with three diamonds, one valued at \$300 and the other at \$100, and watch of the value of \$100 and a diamond pin of the value of \$200.

Priest is a resident of Liverpool and has been in the employ of the American Line for thirty years. Several arrests have been made for smuggling in recent years in Philadelphia and on information received the local customs officials are operating with the treasury agent to work on the information received and the result was that the arrests were made today.

Priest was arraigned before United States Commissioner Bradley and pleaded guilty and waived a hearing and was held in \$300 bonds for his appearance before the April term of the United States court in this city. Priest, on his examination, claimed that he was bringing the goods over from Liverpool at the request of a friend who requested that the same be forwarded to Philadelphia. Priest asserts that he did not know the contents of the package were foreign goods but that he understood the goods had been pawned and were being returned to the owner. Bail was secured and Priest was allowed to go so that he can sail with his ship when he leaves this port tomorrow.

"Advertisements on the scenery" exclaimed the star, "That's carrying commercialism really too far."

"It isn't commercialism," exclaimed the manager, "We want the scene to look like a real meadow, don't we?"

FOUND A FORTUNE
IN AN OLD TRUNK

Will Base Claim for \$20,000,000 Worth
of St. Louis Real Estate on
Ancient Documents

BUTLER, Pa., Feb. 5.—Documents found today in the lining of an old trunk are the evidence upon which the heirs of James Hillman will base claims to an estate at St. Louis said to be valued now at \$20,000,000.

Hannah Hillman, a daughter of James, went from Butler to St. Louis about 1890 and brought 1,000 acres of land near the site of the present St. Louis bridge, paying \$17 an acre for it. She willed the land to her father and the documents were placed in an old trunk which was not examined until today. It is said the land was never sold nor transferred and the heirs are preparing to reclaim it.

TURK AND FRENCHMAN
MEET ON THE MAT

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 5.—Yuseff Mah-moud, the Turk, defeated Raoul de Rouen tonight in a first round fall. The match was scheduled for a handicap, the Turk to throw the Frenchman twice in an hour. After fifty minutes of work without a fall, the Frenchman's manager announced his man would wrestle to a finish. Five minutes later the Turk secured the first fall with a half Nelson. After ten minutes work the second fall and the match was given to the Turk on what the referee decided was a foul.

JAPANESE COMPOSITIONS.

Japanese "types" have their troubles. K. Sugimura, literary editor of the Tokyo Asahi Shimbun, says that he especially admires the linotype typesetting machines. "Unfortunately we are unable to use them in Japan, for our language has forty-seven letters, as well as over 2,