

NEEDS OF THE NAVY.

Appropriation Bill Carries \$99,734,215—More Men Required.

Washington, April 28.—To man the new American navy an increase of nearly double the present force of enlisted men will be required, according to the report on the Naval Appropriation bill, submitted to the House to-day.

Relative to appropriations for pay and allowances of officers and men in the navy the report says:

The Navy Department asked for an increase of three thousand in the number of petty officers and men but owing to the fact that our present quota of 24,000 men in the navy is in excess of the authorized number of 22,000, the committee, after careful consideration, came to the conclusion that the present number of petty officers and men should be maintained, but that the present quota should be increased to 25,000.

Relative to the proposed monster battleship which is to be the feature of this year's naval bill, the provision reads:

One first class battleship, carrying as heavy armor and as powerful armament as any known vessel of its class, to have the highest practicable speed and greatest practicable radius of action, and the cost, exclusive of armament, not exceeding \$20,000,000.

On this subject the committee comments as follows: The great naval powers of the world are building battleships of larger tonnage, and a ship of nearly 15,000 tons, Japan is building one of even larger tonnage and more powerful armament than any other vessel of her ships, heretofore authorized to 15,000 tons.

The report contains statements from the office of naval intelligence, showing the activity of certain nations in battleship building, and a chart is appended showing the sea strength of the principal naval powers at present, and as would be the case were vessels now building completed.

INDIAN BILL PASSED.

Mr. Spooner Prevents Removal of Restrictions on Land Sales.

Washington, April 28.—The Senate today passed the Indian Appropriation bill. Several hours were devoted to a spirited debate on the question of removing the restrictions from the allotted lands of the Cherokees, Chickasaws and Choctaws.

RULES FOR RIO CONGRESS.

Short Speeches and Adherence to Programme Provided For.

Washington, April 28.—The third Pan-American Congress, which is to open at Rio Janeiro, on July 29, will close on September 1, regardless of unfinished business which may be on hand at that time.

SUES CONGRESSMAN FOR \$149,200.

Receiver for Ohio Firm Says W. A. Thomas Did Not Pay Stock Subscriptions.

Washington, April 28.—A suit for \$149,200, alleged to be due on account of unpaid subscriptions to capital stock, was filed to-day in the District Supreme Court by James W. McQueen, trustee in bankruptcy of the Jenifer Furnace Company, of Alabama, against Representative W. A. Thomas.

WANT BRONX MAN IN TRANSIT BOARD.

Olin J. Stephens, president of the North Side Board of Trade, has sent out circulars urging members to write the Mayor asking the appointment of a Bronx man to the vacancy in the Rapid Transit Commission caused by the resignation of John Chaffin.

LEAVE GIVEN TO CARRY REVOLVER.

"I will grant you a permit to carry a revolver to get your men," said Magistrate Pod in the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday morning, to Frank N. Cronheim, a Wyoming cattle puncher, who was done out of \$250 in a poolroom on upper Broadway.

DRYDOCK TESTS SUEZ.

The Dewey Likely to Have Trouble in Getting Through the Canal.

Washington, April 28.—The most exciting stretch of the long voyage of the drydock Dewey began with its departure yesterday from Port Said, and the apprehension of the naval authorities will be intense until the great floating structure passes safely through the Suez Canal and emerges into the Red Sea.

The proposed Panama Canal, with its deep, steep banks, would be utterly impassable by such a structure as the Dewey, and if that great oceanic waterway were completed according to any of the plans so far considered, such a dock as the Dewey, if required to go from the Atlantic to the Pacific, would be compelled to follow the Suez route or else pass around Cape Horn.

With the big dock now started through the flutia in the next four or five days. While the channel of the canal affords ample width for the dock to pass through with safety under ordinary conditions, there is much danger of the structure being driven ashore in a high wind. This condition being generally along the canal, the country being low for many miles, and a strong breeze is usually blowing from the Arabian shore. The peculiarity of the drydock afloat is the immense surface which it offers to the wind, and this has made the task of towing it especially difficult, even in the open sea.

The dock, from the moment it starts through the canal, is entirely in charge of the canal authorities, who preferred to use their own tugs and towing craft. All the buoys marking the channel of the canal have had to be taken up, and most of the shipping held up at both terminals or else forced into the "turn-outs," or reservoirs along the side of the canal, some of which have been especially dredged in the last few weeks.

PLANS FOR THE CANAL.

Commission and Salaries of Officials May Be Reduced.

Washington, April 28.—The Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals met this morning and discussed plans which, if carried into effect, may produce a material change in the Isthmian Canal Commission. It was decided that the commission, in accordance with the recommendation of the President, should be reduced to three members, and further, that two of the commissioners should live on the isthmus, while the third lived in Washington.

WIFE GREET'S DOWIE.

Deposed Leader Back in Zion City in Rainstorm.

Chicago, April 28.—"I am glad to be home again," with these words John Alexander Dowie, the deposed leader of the Christian Catholic Church in America, this afternoon stepped within the portals of Shiloh House, thus completing his much heralded entry into Zion City after an absence of several months, during which time he had been deserted by a large part of his followers and had been stripped of all ecclesiastical authority.

MRS. STILLMAN'S COACHMAN ARRESTED.

While Mrs. James A. Stillman, daughter-in-law of James Stillman, president of the National City Bank of New York, was visiting friends at 4th Street and Fifth avenue, yesterday afternoon, her coachman, George E. C. April 28.—In the case of the National Cash Register Company versus August Kieblatt, which has been on trial before a jury in the Supreme Court, the verdict was returned to-day for the company, awarding it damages against Kieblatt for the publication of a libelous letter containing charges against the National company.

NEW LEGAL FIRM OF RUSH & HARE.

Thomas E. Rush and Montgomery Hare have formed a co-partnership for the practice of law at No. 30 Broad St. Mr. Hare has resigned as Assistant Corporation Counsel, to which place he was appointed by George L. Rives, and which he has held for several years.

SECOND VERDICT FOR THE NATIONAL CASH REGISTER CO.

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BLAZE AT HOTEL MANHATTAN.

A fire on the roof of the Hotel Manhattan caused some excitement yesterday afternoon among the guests. An alarm was sent in, and the firemen were at the hotel before even the manager knew that there was a fire.

CONCERT BY ALL ANGELS CHURCH.

The choir of All Angels' Episcopal Church, the Rev. Dr. De Laney Townsend rector, will give a concert in the Astor Gallery at the Waldorf-Astoria to-morrow night. The choir will be assisted by Miss Edmé de Dreu, E. M. Waterhouse, Magnus Schütz and Ward Stevens.

THE FRENCH FLAGSHIP MARSELLAISE AT ANCHOR OFF 10TH STREET.

BALLOON SAILS 55 MILES. TO REORGANIZE IN FALL.

Count de la Vaux and His Two Companions Land Safely.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Pittsfield, Mass., April 28.—Into Berkshire's blue skies this afternoon at 3:36 the balloon Centaur was sent up from the balloon park of the Aero Club of America, with Count Henry de la Vaux, of Paris, as pilot.

It was the most perfect start in the history of ballooning in Pittsfield. Throughout the day there had been a cool, fresh breeze from the Adirondacks sweeping over the Berkshire Hills, and at one time it looked like a post-storm, but as the day waned the wind grew less gusty, and when the balloon arose there was only the lightest breath of a wind, which had swung around to northwest, carrying the voyagers over almost the identical course taken by the Centaur on the former ascension this month.

Delay was experienced in inflation. By an error the express messenger of the New York Express dumped the balloon equipment off at Danbury, Conn. last night, and it was not until noon that the valve and other fixtures of the airship were received. Then by hurried work the balloon was in position for inflation at 1 o'clock, and at 3:30 the gas was shut off and the trick of balancing up the great yellow sphere for the tender was begun.

Just before the start Count de la Vaux announced that he would sail for Harve on La Provence on May 3. He said the Aero Club and his American acquaintances had made his visit to this country a constant pleasure and that he was eager to return next year and assist the club further by giving it the benefit of his methods and experiences in long distance ballooning.

A great crowd cheered with enthusiasm when the Centaur left the field and those in the car responded by waving their hats. Immediately the balloon left the ground and rose rapidly, going soaring away until it had reached a height of 250 metres. Then came a drift to the south. For over an hour the balloon was in sight, and the big ball was now owned by the Aero Club. On the way up to Pittsfield the Aero Club bought two large balloons for use by its members.

PARISH, N. Y., SWEEP BY FIRE.

Parish, N. Y., April 28.—The business section of this village was almost entirely destroyed by fire to-day, which caused a loss estimated at \$30,000. In addition to the stores and business buildings destroyed, the postoffice was ruined and several houses were burned to the ground.

REAR ADMIRAL CAMPION'S VISIT.

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FRENCH FLEET HERE.

Anchored in North River After Ceremonies at Annapolis.

The French cruiser squadron sent to Annapolis to participate in the burial ceremony of John Paul Jones, anchored off 4th street, North River, yesterday morning.

The Marcellaise, which is Admiral Campion's flagship, led the procession up the river yesterday and was followed by the Admiral Aube, commanded by Captain Lefebvre, and the Condé, under Captain Huguet.

After the ships anchored, Admiral Campion, accompanied by Captain Zettl, his chief of staff, made an official visit to Rear Admiral Joseph R. Coehran, commander of the Brooklyn Navy Club.

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The Financial World.

Wall Street intelligence on trial—presents an exhibit, general security value demoralization, market quotations for the week showing tremendous declines—stocks of surest intrinsic worth most severely shrinking.

Reference to comparisons for the week shows declines like these: Great Northern down 16 points, Northern Pacific down 21 points, Pacific Coast down 9 1/2, Smelting 12, Amalgamated Copper 7, Anaconda 28, Colorado Fuel 15, St. Paul, 10, Northwest 8.

Wall Street intelligence on trial—has to consider these fundamentals: Railway earnings—elementary barometer—better than ever in the past—net gains relatively as great as gross.

Agricultural illustration appears in wheat, corn, cotton and other farm products continuing to find ready markets at profitable prices.

Industrially, for illustration, appears the superb financial position of the United States Steel Corporation, which now has on hand a "free" surplus exceeding \$50,000,000.

Railroad earnings North, South, East and West come in at higher and higher rate of increase. A striking example is Atchafalaya's report for the nine months of the fiscal year ended March 31.

Nothing that has happened lately, not even the terrible event of San Francisco, touches a single vital condition of the times.

Our overwhelming agricultural and manufacturing prosperity is steadily making the whole world our debtor.

Our vast manufacturing establishments are overwhelmed with work, and only out of a sense of patriotic sympathy and manifest duty consent to give precedence to orders that concern the rehabilitation of desolate San Francisco.

Our savings funds are running over with the thirty deposits of our toiling masses, whilst our banks, which have never before, and as to our great financial houses, they are freely providing not only for domestic issues of securities, but for the requirements of foreign enterprise and the needs of foreign governments.

It is not the view of important interests that the American security market is demoralized for good and all because of the raids that have been made upon it this week.

My personal judgment is that stocks bought under present conditions—stocks of intrinsic value—will yield large returns soon.

It is not merely my view; it is the view, the reluctant judgment of every bear upon the Stock Exchange, and many of these are careful inquirers into the business situation.

What actually are the controlling elements now? Railway earnings uniformly increasing are naturally encouraging, and from every industrial quarter, from every commercial quarter, as already in this review declared, the records certify betterment.

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Advertisement for Gold Seal Champagne, featuring the text 'America's Favorite Champagne' and 'Derived from the most luscious American grapes. Equals quality of French wines—costs only HALF as much.'

Advertisement for Brains, featuring the text 'BRAINS depend on selected FOOD. That's Graine-uts. THERE'S A REASON.'