

TEXAS CONTRACT AWARDED

Newport News Company Will Build Battleship for \$5,830,000.

NOT TO HAVE TURBINES

Navy Department, After Careful Consideration, Decides to Return to Reciprocating Engines.

Washington, Dec. 20.—One of the most animated controversies in the Navy Department for many years was ended today when the contract for battleship No. 35, the new Texas, was awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding Company.

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The general board's decision. One proposition favored by the general board was a combination of machinery by which small reciprocating engines could be used at slow speed, with turbines for high speed.

While the ship with reciprocating engines costs about \$100,000 more than the same ship with turbines, it was figured that in the American navy the vessels would be required mostly to make long voyages, where economy of cruising and the facility to repair damage to engines were important factors.

FIGHT AGAINST LORIMER

Bribery Charges May Come Up on Senate Floor.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The charges of corruption in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, to succeed Senator Hopkins will be aired on the floor of the Senate, unless certain Senators who are not disposed to accept what they term a "whitewash" report by the committee on Ethics and Elections, change their minds between now and the time the report is submitted.

The full committee had a meeting today and after some deliberation decided to adopt, with some minor changes in phraseology, the report of the sub-committee exonerating the Illinois Senator. There was no objection to the findings of the sub-committee, and there was no evidence that Senator Lorimer had been involved in the purchase of votes, but there was objection to some of the conclusions of the report and its scope.

A statement filed by Senator Heyburn is said to be an argument against eliminating votes of members of the Legislature who confessed to receiving bribes, on the ground that the statements of self-confessed perjurers should not be permitted to overturn the election.

VAN DEVANTER'S SUCCESSOR.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The circuit judgeship made vacant by the promotion of Judge Van Devanter to the Supreme Court of the United States will be filled, it is understood, by the promotion of one of the district judges of the 8th Circuit. Senator Sutherland, who was considered by President Taft for a place in the Supreme Court, has declined to permit his friends to urge his appointment as circuit judge. He says he prefers to remain in the Senate.

NICARAGUAN MINISTER RESIGNS.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 20.—President Estrada announced today that he had accepted the resignation of Manuel Lacayo, Minister of Finance, to take effect immediately. This portfolio will be taken over by Adolfo Diaz in conjunction with that of Minister of the Interior until January 1.

CONTEST WITH PANAMA WON

Right of Americans to Own Land on Isthmus Recognized.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The State Department has won a long standing contention with the government of Panama in obtaining recognition of the right of Americans to own land in that country.

NEARLY 60,000 POSTOFFICES

First Assistant's Report on Condition of Postal Service.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Dr. Charles P. Grandfield, First Assistant Postmaster General, in his annual report submitted today to Postmaster General Hitchcock shows that the number of postoffices in operation on June 30, 1910, was 59,580.

The number of postoffices established was 1,520 and the number discontinued was 2,623. Presidential offices, 2,538 postmasters were appointed and 4,756 first-class offices, 3,428 were appointed.

The policy of the department to make no changes of postmasters so long as their services were satisfactory was followed uniformly throughout the country.

An urgent matter which the department has authorized properly to adjust the salaries of assistant postmasters. Under the present system it frequently happens that an assistant postmaster receives a smaller salary than some of the clerks whose work he supervises.

It is also recommended that in the event of the death of a postoffice clerk in the line of duty provision be made for the payment of a reasonable sum to his heirs, as is now done in the event of the death of a railway postal clerk in the line of duty.

RECEIVER REPORTS TO COURT. John J. Mackin who was appointed in 1907 as receiver of the Real Estate Owners' Fire Insurance Company on the application of the directors for the dissolution of the concern reported yesterday to the Supreme Court that his receipts had been \$24,877 and his expenditures \$14,747, with cash on hand amounting to \$30,130.

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James Burke, of No. 48 East 52d street, plaintiff for his young son of the same name in the Fourth Municipal District Court, lost his suit yesterday for \$300 against Frederick Frank, of No. 41 East 52d street, because the son who was bitten by a dog alleged to belong to the defendant failed to describe properly the tail of the alleged offending dog.

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PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

Commissioner Brown Reviews Last Year in United States.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A comprehensive review of the progress made in American education in the last year is contained in the first volume of the annual report of Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, Commissioner of Education, made public today.

There are many activities closely related to education which have received a large measure of attention in recent months, according to Commissioner Brown. Libraries and museums, apprenticeship, public playgrounds, home and school associations, such interests as these are sometimes treated as just outside of the educational inclosure.

THE PEACE FOUNDATION.—The problem of determining how best to utilize the income from the \$100,000,000 which fund is occupying the serious attention of the trustees, but the more it is considered the more complex becomes the problem.

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- It is a list that sparkles with unusual holiday opportunity. As little as \$100 will buy one of the old square pianos that make splendid instruments for a clubroom or a school or for a beginner in music. You will note, too, that there is a large collection of good upright pianos whose quality is well known, selling for as little as \$100 each.

All Used Pianos We Sell Are Guaranteed By Us to Be Exactly as Stated

- And among the Used Pianos in this Pre-Christmas Sale you will find such names as Chickering, Knabe, Schomacker—names of the very highest rank in the musical world. People who know, prefer a slightly used instrument of standard make that has been rebuilt to one of those new pianos with a high sounding name but of unknown ancestry. If your piano money is limited, we suggest that you see these used pianos today before deciding on your investment. SEEING IS BELIEVING. And if you decide to buy one of these used instruments, and would later on care to exchange it for one of our regular pianos, we will offer you most liberal terms. Anyone of these used pianos can be bought on our special Christmas terms, which in many instances means a first payment of as little as \$5.

Table listing piano models and prices: Square Pianos (Walker, Bordecker, Benjamin, Young, Cummings & Jennings, Phelps, Waters, Weber, Spickers), Grand Pianos (Weber, Nuns & Clark, Steinway & Sons, Chickering), Upright Pianos (Campbell), Miscellaneous Uprights (Lawrie & Haynes, Hinds & Son, Hallet & Davis, Bradford, Herberd, Calenberg & Vaupel, Richardson, Peck & Son, Hinze, Goetz & Co., Demarest & Co., Schubert, Woos, Looschen, Doll), Used Players and Player-Pianos (Autopiano, Angulus Piano, Emerson-Angulus, Emerson-Angelus, Knabe-Angulus).

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