

READY TO KILL ASHANTIS.

PRETEXTS UPON WHICH ENGLAND WILL NOW MARCH TO KUMASSI.

Facts About the Young King Who Defies the Power of England - The Letter Which His Majesty Did Not Answer. Promp, King of Ashanti, sent word to the British the other day that he preferred war to terms of peace, and he was ready for war.

Some highly colored stories are being printed about the young king, who is only 20 years of age, and other accessories which, some writers think, should distinguish the court of an African potentate.

The young man rules over about 2,000,000 light-colored and fine-looking people, good-looking and well dressed, and the king is a man of war.

The present King is still under tutelage of his advisers. His mother is chief among his advisers. Weak and feeble himself, his counselors have shown no greater wisdom.

There are other grave charges against him. The Governor of the Gold Coast says that King Promp has committed atrocious crimes against his predecessors, King Kofi and others, so freely indulged. When Mr. Stanley visited the place of execution at the capital, Kumassi, in 1873, he called it a great Golgotha.

He saw some forty decapitated bodies, the latest victims, and countless skulls were piled in heaps in the courtyard of the palace. The street of Kumassi leads to this death grove, and the scenes it has witnessed for many generations past are among the most appalling in human history.

In fact, Ashanti, with its gold dust, its rich soil and its fertile soil, is something worth having in this day when even African deserts are not despised. The long and short of the matter is that the Gold Coast authorities, backed by the Imperial Government, have decided that it is high time to get rid of King Promp, break up the Ashanti empire and set up a British protectorate.

So last year, the Governor of the Gold Coast sent a letter to the King of Ashanti and all his nobles, asking them to accept British rule, to keep the peace, stop raiding for slaves, put an end to human sacrifices, accept a British protectorate, allow a British resident to live at Kumassi, and open a free trade with the British.

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BEARS IN A BAD WAY.

Sad Effects of the Long Drought on Their Prospects in Pike and Monroe Counties.

BLOOMING GROVE, Pa., Nov. 23.—The bears of Monroe and Pike counties haven't had very good times this year. The long spell of dry weather has had a killing effect on the berries of the late huckleberry crop; the huckleberry that is big and shiny and has more seeds in it than a gourd; the huckleberry that the Pocomo mountaineers have given the name of "black cracker," because the seeds snap and crack so when a person bites them.

And there, too, disappointment is looked for. The bears are passing food. A peculiarity of wild action is that nobody seems to know just how long it will last. It is not as if they have all seasons for their own. You find it on the ground, and it is not as if they have all seasons for their own.

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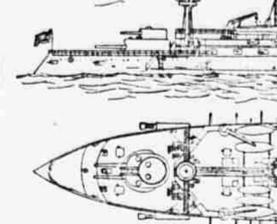
TWO POWERFUL FIGHTERS.

THE KEARSARGE AND HER SISTER BATTLE SHIP.

Enormous Offensive and Defensive Strength of the Two 11,500-Ton War Vessels Authorized by the Last Congress, and to be Bid for Next Week - Many Points of Superiority Which They Will Have Over the Greatest Foreign War Ships - Two Story Turrets and Their Advantages.

Bids will be opened at the Navy Department on Nov. 29 for the construction of two of the most powerful battle ships yet designed for the navy. Naval experts believe they will be superior to the best foreign ships of the class. They will be unlike any others in the general arrangement of their main batteries, and will have what is known as the double turret, or one placed above the other and both turned by the same power and capable of delivering the fire of all their guns at once, with an arc of fire greater than that of the four battle ships now building for the Government.

The new ships, when completed and equipped, will have cost about \$5,000,000 each, and when fully manned each will carry a complement of about 600 men and officers. They will draw less water than any other war ships of equal displacement, and will have greater speed and steaming endurance.



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Time this speed can be duplicated by the United States vessels, while it is not known that France will be able to do so. The Navy Department never has had any error regarding the maximum contract speed should be obtained under conditions that are not to be broken at any time upon a well-ordered ship.

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Their advantages are said to be a large saving in weight, which permits of more guns and more powerful machinery for the propulsion, a better concentration of fire, and the ability of the vessel to deliver a broadside simultaneously, or after a short interval of hitting a terrific blow to the target. No battle ship of the present type could withstand the hit of a double turret system as opposed by the construction on the ground.

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FROM A LOYALISTS' DIARY.

SIDE LIGHTS THROWN ON COLONIAL DAYS BY A BRITISH OFFICER.

The Story of Washington's Rejection by Mary Phillips Confirmed by Sir Frederick Robb's Diary - Old Loyalist Families in Canada and the United States.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—The private records of some of the United Empire loyalist families in Canada throw a side light here and there on the actors in the great drama of American independence. Through the kindness of the Hon. John Beverley Robinson of this city I have read a transcript of the journals of his kinsman, Sir Frederick Robinson, who was in New York in 1764, which confirm the story regarded by most historians as legendary.

Christopher Robinson of Cleasby, West Riding of Yorkshire, went to Virginia on the staff of Sir William Berkeley, the famous knight, who was in the colony called the "Old Tiger," because of the severity with which he dealt with the Bacon rebels.

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