

ARMSTRONG GUNS ARRIVE.

FORTIFICATIONS ON THE COAST READY TO MOUNT THEM.

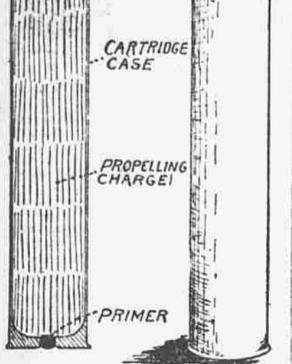
A lot of Machine Guns Also in the Big Consignment of Fifty-five Packages That Came in on the Etirra... A Large Quantity of Smokeless Powder—We Have Bought 800,000 Pounds of These Guns Aboard.

The Cunard liner Etirra, which reached her dock early yesterday morning, brought over a cargo of fifty-five cases of rapid-fire rifles and machine guns and a large quantity of smokeless powder, consigned from Armstrong, Whitworth & Co. of Newcastle-on-Tyne to Haring Bros. & Co. of this city.

This news will be welcome to the War Department. It was supposed that the guns were to be shipped on a steamer of the Atlantic Transport line and on a Wilson liner.

From her they were transferred to the Etirra, because she is a faster boat than the Wilson liner.

The guns were all purchased from the Armstrongs. Twelve of them were manufactured for the Brazilian Government, which released the Armstrongs from their contract that our Government might have them.



FIXED AMMUNITION, FIVE FEET HIGH, FOR 6-INCH RAPID-FIRE GUNS.

It was purchased in something over 900,000 pounds. While no definite information could be obtained yesterday as to the number of guns the Etirra brought over, it is believed that she brought the whole forty-six.

The guns are unlike anything made in this country. For that reason the ammunition for them was bought on the other side, since it would take altogether too long and would cost too much money to change the machinery in the ordnance plants in this country in order to supply the projectiles for the guns.

The rapid-fire guns are all Maxim and Nordenfeldt rifles, and are to be used for coast defence. The machine guns, it is said, are to be mounted in some of the ships of the navy. The mounting of the coast defence guns will proceed with all possible speed.

These rapid-fire guns are being built by artillery experts, both on account of their efficiency and the comparative small cost of discharging. It was said at Governor's Island yesterday that on account of the work that has been done on the emplacements, in anticipation of the arrival of the guns, the guns can be mounted in a little less than a week after they are delivered at the fortifications.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The Ordnance Bureau of the War Department has received information of the arrival in New York of the rapid-fire guns which the department bought in England three weeks ago. The guns are for the most part of the calibre of the guns mounted on the 6-inch guns in this country. They are of 4.7-inch bore, and as there is no ammunition made in this country which will fit them, it was necessary to purchase projectiles also in England.

Three hundred rounds of ammunition were procured with each machine gun. The projectiles are prepared to receive the shells which are to be fired from the guns. The projectiles are prepared to receive the shells which are to be fired from the guns. The projectiles are prepared to receive the shells which are to be fired from the guns.

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They were secured at the urgent request of Gen. Miles, President of the Ordnance Board, who held that the army's lack of guns of this type would protect the coast from the enemy's coasting, and prevent torpedo boats from entering the harbors. Slow-fire guns are at a great disadvantage against torpedo boats. So small is the target offered by torpedo craft and so swift their movement that they are almost impossible to hit with the heavy guns of the forts, and their slow fire would be futile against infantry charges. Rapid-fire and machine guns mounted along the coast from Portland Head to Galveston will make the harbor forts as impregnable to land attack as they now are to attack from the sea. In addition, the deadly fire of the rapid-fire guns would protect the fields from the enemy's coasting, and prevent torpedo boats from entering the harbors.

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SECRET AT NAVY YARD.

ONLY VISITORS WITH PAPERS TO BE ADMITTED HENCEFORTH.

Mayflower Nearly Ready to Sail for Newport—A. W. Very to Command the Collier Saturn—Converted Yachts and Tugs Lightly Armed.

Beginning to-day, the regular Sunday regulations for visitors to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, which provide that only visitors holding passes may be admitted, will be enforced on all days. The recent orders to arrest any person acting suspiciously, or taking notes, sketches or photographs without express permission, will be enforced rigidly hereafter. Another new order prohibits the smoking of cigarettes, even on the deck, and hereafter they have been the subject of the most strict orders on the vessels in the yard. The orders against giving out information concerning the progress of work in the yard are also to be enforced more strictly.

The crowds of visitors at the yard recently have materially interfered with the work, and it is almost certain that there has been some Spanish spy work here. The yard has been watched the alterations made on the vessels recently purchased and their armaments put in place.

The Mayflower took on ammunition yesterday and will be ready to sail to-night or tomorrow. She will go to Newport from the yard, and her entire complement of men vessel on board last night. Like nearly every vessel in the navy, the boat has her mascot, a small fox terrier belonging to a sergeant of marines. She has an embroidered blanket marked with her name, "Mayflower," and a small portrait of the ship's crew was made from the Vermont yesterday, and her entire complement of men vessel on board last night.

There is no doubt that Gen. Lee, since he testified before the Board of Inquiry, has been hunting for evidence as to the complicity of Spanish officers, and if, as is reported, a considerable sum of money was placed at his disposal for that purpose, the importance of his work will be greatly underestimated. He will probably go before the committee immediately after reaching Washington.

The Pope's Endeavor to Mediate Between the Holy Father and the Father of the Nation. ALBANY, April 10.—The Right Rev. T. M. A. Burke, Catholic Bishop of Albany, in his address to his congregation to-day, defended the Pope's endeavor to mediate in the Spanish-American crisis. He said:

It is proper that some allusion should be made to the efforts of the Holy Father to prevent the awful catastrophe of war between the United States and Spain. A few days ago, at a conference of Methodist ministers and at another conference of Baptist ministers, the idea of the Holy Father interfering in the interest of peace and harmony between the two countries was mentioned and decided. They declared that they were ready to do anything in their power with anything pertaining to the United States. These gentlemen should remember that 230,000,000 of Catholics throughout the world are of 8,000,000 of them in the United States.

When Germany, a non-Catholic country, had a dispute with the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, the Sultan's ambassador to the United States readily accepted the mediation of the Holy Father. Through his wise counsel the danger of war was averted. The Holy Father does not desire to meddle in political matters in the United States, but he is the Vicar of Christ, the Prince of Peace, and he is ever ready to do anything in his power to prevent a war between the two countries.

As a true devotee of peace, and as a true Christian, he seeks above all things peace among Christian people, and to prevent, if possible, the calamity of a world-wide conflict. He is ever ready to do anything in his power to prevent a war between the two countries.

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