

ARMY IS TO FORTIFY GUANTANAMO POST

Plans Presented to the President to Make It a Permanent Base of Operations.

ESTIMATED COST IS \$2,171,000

Cuban Ports to Be One of Series of Armed Posts to Control Panama Canal Approaches and Also to Have Nearby Base to Cuba in Case There is Trouble.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Brigadier General J. Franklin Bell, chief of the general staff of the army, presented to the President today the plans prepared for the establishment and equipment of the permanent army post at Guantanamo, Cuba by the Joint Army and Navy Board.

This board recommend that \$2,171,000 be expended in providing coast defense for Guantanamo, of which about \$1,500,000 should be for six 12-inch guns and eight 12-inch mortars, and \$125,000 for submarine defense providing for submarine torpedo boats as well as harbor mines and various forms of torpedoes; \$114,000 for searchlights and \$280,000 for a fire control system.

The question of fortifying Guantanamo has been considered not only with a view to establishing an adequate defense for the port, which is deemed a naval fleet cannot at all times afford, but looking to the necessity of having a base from which the United States can at all times intervene to preserve peace and good order in Cuba under the provision of the Platt amendment.

Another consideration taken largely into account was the advisability of establishing a series of armed posts, which would control the approaches to the Panama Canal. The report of the board discussed this idea, and Guantanamo was one of the principal places at which fortifications was urged.

It is planned by the War Department, which now has a small post at Guantanamo, to increase it to a command of two batteries of coast artillery. This is to be the beginning of the extensive fortifications which the general staff hopes will be adopted.

One of the arguments advanced in favor of fortifying the naval post of Guantanamo by the army is that in case of trouble with Cuba there will always be provided a sure base of action which will not require defense from the sea and at which landing parties can be certain of no local molesters.

The board upon the reports of which the pending plans were drawn was composed of Secretary Taft, Lieutenant General Chatfield, Major General Bates, Rear Admiral Thomas, Major General Storey, Brigadier Generals A. W. Greely, Crozier, Mackenzie and Mills, and Captain C. S. Speery of the navy.

MRS. VIOLA BYWATERS IS TOO ILL TO GO ON STAND

Her Possible Absence, However, Will Not Delay the Trial of Strother Brothers.

CULPEPER, VA., Feb. 16.—Everything now seems to be in readiness for the famous murder trial next Thursday, February 21st, of James F. and Philip J. Strothers for the murder of William F. Bywaters, with the probable exception of the appearance as a witness of Mrs. Viola Strother Bywaters, she yet being confined to her bed with a lasting and dangerous illness.

The case will be called at 10 o'clock Thursday, when, as it is now understood, both the prosecution and defense will announce themselves ready for trial, after which the work of procuring a trial jury will begin, but with what success remains to be seen.

Many claim that the jury cannot be gotten from this county but such will probably not be the case. The presiding judge will be Judge Thomas W. Harrison of Winchester, who has been designated by Governor Swanson.

The lawyers looking after the interest of the prosecution will be Major Micajah Woods, of Charlottesville,



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ville, and John Keith, of Warrenton, while conducting the defense will be Messrs. R. Walton Moore, of Fairfax; John L. Lee, of Lynchburg and John L. Jeffries, of Norfolk.

The trial will bring a great crowd to court—perhaps the largest in its history.

Danville to Have \$30,000 Theatre.

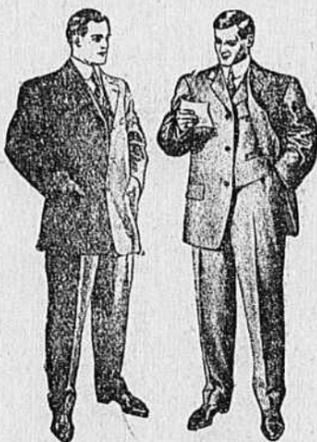
DANVILLE, VA., Feb. 16.—The deal for the construction of a new theatre in Danville has been practically closed. The new playhouse will be built on the site of the old Academy of Music, which was burned down. The site having been given to S. A. Schloss, the theatrical man by popular subscription. Mr. Schloss will build a theatre at cost of \$30,000.

Virginia Postmasters.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations of postmaster in Virginia: J. W. Davis, Rural Retreat; R. W. Garnett, Fannyville; S. T. Smith, Manchester; W. H. Parker Onancock.

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"The most popular remedy in Otsego County, and the best friend of my family," writes Wm. M. Dietz, editor and publisher of the Otsego Journal, Gilbertsville, N. Y., "is Dr. King's New Discovery. It has proved to be an infallible cure for coughs and colds, making short work of the worst of them. We always keep a bottle in the house. I believe it to be the most valuable prescription known for Lung and Throat diseases." Guaranteed to never disappoint the taker, by the Ideal Pharmacy. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.



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Engine Boiler on Steamship Bursts and Does Great Damage.

IMMENSE HOLE TORN IN THE DECK

Whole Ship Was Enveloped in Steam and the Passengers Were Terror Stricken and Officers Had Hard Work to Restore Order.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—News of a terrible disaster, which occurred aboard the ship on February 13th, and serious injury of three others, resulting in the death of seven persons, was brought by the Hamburg-American liner Valdivia on her arrival from Haytian ports today.

The explosion of the boiler of the donkey engine caused the disaster, and in addition to causing many casualties, badly damaged the steamer. A panic which followed the explosion when steam completely enveloped the vessel, added to the confusion and it was all the officers and crew could do to prevent some of the alarmed passengers from jumping into the sea. Ample evidences of the ruin caused by the explosion was presented by the appearance of the vessel. Her funnel was knocked over by the explosion. The upper deck ripped open and the upper structure generally damaged.

The explosion came without warning about 11:15 o'clock Wednesday morning. Three men who were near the engine were blown to atoms, and four other persons were killed outright. Boiling water and steam began pouring out of the great hole torn in the deck, and the steamer was completely enveloped, sinking on the upper structure and rigging from sight. The smokestack crashed down onto the deck, and bits of debris, which had been blown high in the air, fell in showers.

The injured were cared for as best they could. Several of the dead were horribly mangled. They were buried at sea.

The chief officer, who was on the bridge when the accident occurred was buried under the debris but escaped with slight injuries. All of the inner structures about the bridge were gutted, and all the life boats damaged. The general machinery was not affected, and the steamer came into port under her own steam.

MRS. HUNTINGTON MAY WED.

Friends Say She Will Become Bride of Her Late Husband's Nephew.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Feb. 16.—Intimate friends of Mrs. Collis P. Huntington say that before many months elapse the wedding bells will ring for her again, and that her late husband's nephew, Henry E. Huntington, with whom she divides the vast fortune left by Collis P. Huntington, will be the bridegroom. Henry E. Huntington was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from his first wife, Mary Prentice Huntington, in this city last July. The final decree will not be handed down until next August, and he is not free to marry until that time.

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NOTICE. To the voters and taxpayers of Newport News, Virginia: Beginning with today my deputy, Mr. R. A. T. Clement will call on you for a list of your taxable personal property in accordance with the law. I trust he may have your co-operation and that you will give the matter your prompt attention.

BERNARD W. CRUMP, Commissioner of Revenue. 2-14-1mo.

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WANTED—MACHINE AND BENCH hands for wood working plant. Apply EXPOSITION MILL CO., Potomac Hotel, Pine Beach. 2-16-6t.

WANTED—SINGLE MAN, OR MAN and wife, to occupy room with board on Boulevard, facing Hampton Roads. Directly opposite Exposition on car line. Good bathing fishing and use of row boat during summer. Address F., care Daily Press Office. 2-15-6t

WANTED—ALL PERSONS IN Newport News and on the Boulevard having rooms to rent during the Exposition to communicate with me. I shall secure accommodations in advance for visitors to the Exposition, and want your names on my register. E. G. ROGERS, 231 34th Street. 2-13-6t

WANTED—YOU TO LIST YOUR rooms with the Exposition Hotel and Accommodation Exchange. They will have unformed boys to meet all trains and boats and take the people direct to your house. H. B. BALL, Mgr. 2-10-1f.

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PROPOSALS WANTED. Sealed proposals will be received at office of Treasurer, Southern Branch, N. H. D. V. S. National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City County, Virginia, until 1.30 P. M., March 14th, 1907, and then opened, for furnishing Material and Labor for removing old and furnishing and installing new Plumbing Fixtures, in Buildings Nos. 46, 47, 54 and 55. (Barracks of Companies "E," "M," "N," and "O.") in accordance with instructions and specifications, copies of which, with blank proposals and other information, may be had upon application to B. A. BEESON, Treasurer. 2-17, 24, 3-4.

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ASSIGNEES' SALE.

ASSIGNEES' SALE OF SHOE MANUFACTURING PLANT, LASTS, TOOLS, MATERIAL AND FININGS.

The Assignees of the Putney Shoe Manufacturing Company, of Newport News, Va., acting under the authority vested in them by Deed of Assignment dated the 18th day of January, 1907, hereby request all parties interested to submit BIDS for the purchase of the assigned property, said BIDS to be opened at the office of Geo. A. Schmelz, Esq., Banker, at Newport News, Va., on Wednesday, the 20th day of February, 1907, at 12 o'clock M. The Assignees do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any bid submitted. Terms, cash. In the event that no satisfactory bid is received, the property in question will be sold at Public Auction to the highest bidder in front of the Court House Door, in the city of Newport News, Va., on Thursday, February 21st, 1907, at 12 o'clock.

The factory building was built in 1903, is of mill construction, hard wood floors, has a capacity of about six hundred pairs men's fine shoes per day and is in first-class condition for immediate operation.

The property will be sold in four lots as follows:—

1st—The three-story brick factory building, 120 feet by 40 feet with lot of land (100 ft. by 200 ft.), located on Wickham avenue and Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets in the city of Newport News; together with a detached boiler-house and engine-room containing 100-horse power boiler and 50-horse power engine, manufactured by the Erie Engine Works, and an electric dynamo; together with a portion of the shoe-manufacturing machinery contained in said factory which is specifically set forth in an inventory of same to be had of the Assignees. This lot to be sold subject to a certain Deed of Trust from the Putney Shoe Mfg. Co. to Walter Charnley, Trustee, dated the 10th day of October, 1904, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of the city of Newport News, Va.

2nd—All the remaining shoe-manufacturing machinery, excepting the leased machinery, lasts, patterns, dies, die blocks, tools, racks, office furniture, etc., contained in said factory.

3rd—All the cut soles, leather, materials and findings, etc., contained in said factory.

4th—All the manufactured boots and shoes.

Inventories of lots 2, 3 and 4 can be obtained by addressing either of the Assignees.

CHAS. W. LAVERS, 183 Essex street, Boston, Mass. GEO. A. SCHMELZ, Newport News, Va. Assignees.

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE. The above advertised sale has been postponed to February 27th for receipt of BIDS, and February 28th for disposal of the property by auction if a satisfactory bid has not been received.

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NOTICE to Shoe Store Keepers of Newport News Hampton, Phoebus

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