

ARTIFICIAL ICE NOW A REALITY

PLANT ARRIVED YESTERDAY AFTER LONG DELAY.

HAS LARGE CAPACITY

Will Be Operated Night and Day in Order to Supply the Demand—Ice Still Being Shipped From Miles City.

The machinery for the artificial ice plant arrived in the city yesterday after being in transit from Columbus, O., since June 10, and is now being set up in the factory building between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets south, where artificial ice will be manufactured within the next two weeks.

The plant has a capacity of 15 tons daily and six men will be employed steadily in two shifts, as the demand for ice in this city for the past few weeks has exceeded that of years. The plant consists of an extra large boiler for the purpose of condensing water, and several large vats which are used in connection with the manufacture of ice from ammonia. Some of the machinery is of an intricate nature and will require the services of an expert machinist to adjust.

The plant is the only one in the northwest of its kind and all of the ice will be manufactured from distilled water which passes through large pipes cooled by ammonia. The manufactured product will be pure and will surpass the natural article that was formerly supplied by Old Mother Nature during the winter months.

When the plant is in full operation some novel features may be expected, and it will not be impossible to freeze a large bouquet of flowers in a solid piece of ice. Several other tricks can be performed that will make the manufactured article resemble funny shapes and fancies.

Ice that was frozen last winter in the Yellowstone river is still being shipped from Miles City in order to meet the demand in this city. Two carloads arrived yesterday and the old fashioned product will be used here until the ice manufactory is in running order, when the new style will be adopted for keeps.

It will be operated by Yegen Bros. of this city.

NEWS OF RESERVATION

Jolly Dance Held Wednesday Night at Foster—Well Known Young Couple Married in Missouri.

(Correspondence from Foster.)

Miss Allie Nelson, who has been visiting at her parental home in Bedford, Iowa, returned to her home at Foster last Thursday.

Messrs. H. S. Ekleberry, Stanley and Jas. O. Lenik were Custer visitors Friday.

Mrs. Margaret Strang, the county superintendent, was at Foster Friday on business.

The social dance held at Foster Wednesday night was a decided success. Refreshments were served and all had a splendid time.

Messrs. Brown and Barnett of Hardin attended the dance at Foster Wednesday night.

C. V. Holsclaw returned to his home from Custer Wednesday.

Messdames Gowan and Swartz, from Custer, visited C. V. Holsclaw on Wednesday and Thursday and attended the dance at Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ekleberry and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Cable and Mr. Guy Logan were Sunday guests at the A. E. Callahan home.

John Starkweather was the guest of W. S. Bryan Sunday.

Harley Cable one of our enterprising young carpenters, returned on Friday from St. Joseph Mo., where he had gone on a wife-seeking excursion about three weeks ago. His bride returned with him and the young people will go to house-keeping in Hardin for the present.

H. S. Ekleberry spent Monday and Tuesday in Hardin, looking after business interests.

Jack Welton, our accommodating young mail carrier from Custer, attended the dance at Foster Wednesday night.

Miss Mary Rubencamp of the valley is visiting in Billings at present.

J. S. Tupper attended the Elks' carnival at Bosman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson, who have been visiting at the Ewers home, left Monday for a visit in Washington and Oregon and from there they will go to California, where they will spend the winter.

A. J. Boles of Ozark, Mo., has been the guest of Guy Logan the past week.

Harry Brown has been enjoying a visit with his friend, Fred Furell, of Toronto, Canada, the past week.

A. L. Mitchell was a Hardin visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. Harley Cable, who has been spending this week with Mrs. A. E. Callahan and daughters, returned to her home at Hardin Wednesday.

PYGMY SKELETON DUG UP.

Prehistoric Cemetery Discovered by South Dakota R. R. Graders.

Oacoma, S. D., Aug. 29.—A remarkable prehistoric burying ground has been cut into by railroad graders near here, and the remains of what appears to be a pygmy race have been discovered. The old burying ground is now a great deposit of gravel, and it is in this that the bones are found.

Some 50 skeletons have so far been unearthed. These are all of a race of dwarfs about four feet high, and physicians have pronounced them the remains of adults, not children. The bodies were buried standing or sitting. One of the skeletons, however, is that of a giant more than eight feet high. Near the giant's skeleton was found a number of copper implements, as well as several of bone. In one of the graves were two copper idols about eight inches tall.

LOCAL NEWS OF BELFRY

New Store Will Be Opened There By Man From Loveland, Colo.—Several Camping Parties Return.

F. G. Neville of Loveland, Colo., was in our city the first of the week. Mr. Neville contemplates putting in a large stock of clothing, boots and shoes and ladies' furnishings goods in Belfry. He has large ranch interests in and around Belfry.

Miss May Cunningham of Wayne, Neb., was a guest of Mrs. J. J. Holland Wednesday and Thursday. Miss Cunningham went from here to Joliet for short visit, thence on to Billings to visit with her aunt, Mrs. E. M. Hungerford.

F. A. Hall, president of the Yellowstone Park railroad, and Mrs. Hall, accompanied by Miss Coraline Bender of Milwaukee, arrived here from the east Monday morning. Mrs. Hall and Miss Bender will join a party of eastern ladies at Billings Wednesday to go through the park, returning to Chico Hot Springs for a rest.

County Surveyor F. W. Hines and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rich this week.

Dr. Smith of Alton, Ill., arrived in Belfry Monday, and is looking over the town with a view of locating here. It is to be hoped that Dr. Smith will decide to remain for Belfry in need of a good physician.

Mrs. J. Southwick and two daughters arrived in Belfry Monday from Clark's Fork Canyon, where they have been camping for the past four months. These ladies have put in a large portion of the time playing bridge and the rest of the time enjoying the beautiful scenery and the delightful climate to be found there. They will remain in Belfry until their trunks can be forwarded from Billings, and will rest here before returning to their home at Spokane.

B. G. Becker, president of the Mountain View Ranch company of Chance, was a business visitor in Belfry Friday and Saturday.

John Woodcock returned home this week from a three weeks' tour of Pacific coast points. Judge Woodcock was well pleased with that country, but has decided to remain with Belfry.

N. W. Staley, a prosperous merchant of Bear Creek, was visiting friends in Belfry Tuesday.

J. A. Underwood, one of Red Lodge's prominent citizens, accompanied by his wife, was a visitor in our city Monday.

LIKE ONE RISEN FROM GRAVE.

Frank Montgomery Has Returned to His Parents.

Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 29.—Like one risen from the grave, Frank Montgomery, 25 years old, has returned to the home of his parents in this city after an absence of more than a year. Montgomery left Lancaster last August for Garland, a town in western Maryland, to wed Miss Malvina Castle. At Hagerstown he procured a marriage license, but he strangely disappeared in that city. He states that while walking along the street he was felled by a blow on the head. When he recovered consciousness he was in a strange country in the custody of four men who threatened him with death if he attempted to escape. They finally entered Mexico and one night last June, while two of the captors were absent and the others were asleep, Montgomery escaped near the town of Alamo.

BOB TUCKER'S LONG PLAY.

Forty Hours at a Faro Table and Won \$3,800.

Saratoga, Aug. 29.—The longest single sitting at a faro bank recorded in recent years was ended at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, when Robert Tucker, the horseman, cashed in his checks at the Manhattan club. Tucker sat down at the table at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, buying \$2,000 worth of checks. His play was uninterrupted except for the change of dealers. He took his meals and his drinks of spring water from the layout.

The game ceased from one side to the other, Tucker never getting more than about \$3,000 to the good or bad in the whole period of play.

After 40 hours of play Tucker yawned and said that the game seemed hard to beat and he would cash it. He quit \$3,800 to the good.

STRAUSS TOURS WONDERLAND

NEW SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND LABOR COMING HERE.

HE DISCUSSES POLITICS

Party of Billings People Touring the Park Talk With Cabinet Member, and He Expresses a Desire to Visit This City.

Oscar S. Strauss, secretary of commerce and labor, who is at present touring the National park accompanied by Mrs. Strauss and their son, Roger, may visit this city on their return trip to Washington. The secretary and his family is at present on his vacation and recently spent several weeks in Los Angeles, coming direct from that city to the park.

On this trip the secretary has laid aside all of the cares of official life and is taking a much needed rest. Owing to the telegraph lines being tied up by the strike of the operators, Mr. Strauss' arrival in this state was unheralded and but few knew of his presence in this part of the country.

A party of Billings people who arrived from the park yesterday brought the news of his arrival there and in a conversation with the secretary, quoted him as saying regarding the strike of the telegraphers, that he did not think the situation warranted intervention by the president. When informed by members of the party that they were from Billings, Secretary Strauss expressed a desire to visit this city, but did not say whether or not he would do so. He will probably return over the Northern Pacific to St. Paul and at least stop off a few hours here, though.

When the members of the party asked him concerning the political situation, he said, "I am not in touch with the situation, and have not the slightest idea who will be the next presidential nominee on the republican ticket."

Secretary Strauss is probably the most obscure member of the cabinet in the public eye, and for that reason very little is known of him. His position does not keep his name in the newspapers as much as his subordinates' names. He is the youngest member of the cabinet in term of service, and although well known in the east, very little is known of him in this section of the country.

NEWS ITEMS OF JOLIET

Postmaster Whitney Will Begin Weighing the Mail Monday—Apples Are in the Market.

(Special to The Gazette.)

Joliet, Aug. 29.—Postmaster Whitney has received instructions to weigh the mail received and sent from this postoffice beginning with September 2. As this includes all the papers and packages as well as letters from Joliet, Fromberg, Geba and Bridger, the task will be a hard one.

Apples are plentiful now in Carbon county. This year's crop promises to be one of the best ever harvested in the Clarke's Fork valley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Celandier of Paradise valley, accompanied their daughter, Selma, to this place Wednesday, where she boarded the eastbound train for Des Moines, Ia., to be on hand for the coming term of school at Highland Park college.

Uncle Tommy Prewett of Fromberg made a trip to Red Lodge via Joliet, Wednesday.

The Judge Willis party returned from the National park on Wednesday's train. The party was composed of District Judge and Mrs. M. H. Willis of West Union, W. Va., Mrs. L. Whitney and Miss Hattie Headington of this place.

D. H. Morris, who has been engaged at work in the Forams store at Bridger, has accepted a like position with the Joliet Trading company.

Pat Monahan has his new residence completed, on the west side.

Dr. W. H. Allen has his new residence on the west side under course of construction.

The Eagle hall has just been provided with a new carpet that adds materially to the appearance of the room and will render the ritual work more quiet and satisfactory. Worthy President E. Meyer has presented the aerie with a large mounted eagle that now stands guard over the first station of the order.

CONTINUE TO REGISTER.

But 95 Have Registered to Vote at Special Election.

But 15 of the qualified voters registered yesterday for the purpose of voting on the question of granting a franchise to Yegen Bros. for a street railway at a special election which will be held September 14. Of this number eight registered with Registry Agent Wilson on the north side and seven with Harry Fish, registry agent on the south side. A total of 95 had registered up to the time the books were closed last night 51 of these on the north side and 44 on the south.

JAPANESE TRICK PURCHASERS.

British Steamer Jehou Arrived in San Francisco 538 Tons Short.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 29.—The British steamer Jehou, which arrived here from Moji, Japan, a few days ago, was supposed to have on board a cargo of 6,200 tons of coal. That amount was paid for and freight charged for the full cargo. When it was weighed by the custom house officers they found that there were actually 5,662 tons on the vessel, a shortage of 538 tons. As the cargo had not been touched, the consignees came to the conclusion that there was a shortage at Moji. The result has been several suits in the United States courts to find out when the swindling took place.

PAYS FOR DRINK WITH BAD BILL.

FRED COLLINS TRIES OLD GAME WITHOUT SUCCESS.

Fred Collins was arrested by Officer Lavelle for attempting to pass a bad \$10 bill at one of the houses in the red light district. It is alleged that Collins attempted to pay for some drinks in one of the houses and that the woman in charge of the house noticed that the bill was not good and called in Officer Lavelle, whose beat is in the district, and told him about it. Lavelle saw at a glance that the bill was not good and immediately took the man in custody. Collins claimed that the bill was passed on him at one of the saloons and Lavelle had him point out the saloon in which he claimed that he had secured the bill. Collins pointed out one of the saloons on Minnesota avenue and Lavelle took him inside and asked the proprietor if he had seen Collins in the saloon that night at all. The proprietor declared that he had not, and then Collins stated that he might be mistaken and had not gotten the bill there. He could not say where he did get it, if he did not get it in that saloon, so he was arrested.

The bill is a clever imitation made by pasting the two outside pieces of two old bank notes which were in circulation in 1850, at which time states were allowed to guarantee payment of currency, and these bills do not bear the words "United States of America," as good currency now does.

Men have been apprehended throughout the state for passing this worthless money, several of them receiving heavy sentences at Helena and Livingston recently. Much of this work has been done in Billings, but all of the bills previously passed have been had imitations in comparison to the one which Collins attempted to pass. Two men were sentenced to 30 days in this city last week on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses for passing a bill which was made by sticking two confederate bills together, and there have been numerous cases of this work reported to the police recently. The police are of the opinion that an organized gang of bad money men have been passing these bills throughout the state, and say that they are determined to put a stop to the practice in this city.

RIDICULES TALK OF WAR.

K. Ishii, Commerce Bureau Director of Japan, Touring United States.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 29.—K. Ishii, director of the bureau of commerce of foreign affairs, Japan, arrived in this city on his tour of the Pacific coast and was met at the station by a delegation of his countrymen and escorted to the Alexandria hotel. Tonight he will be the guest of honor at a banquet at the hotel at which Mayor Harper and other prominent citizens will be present. Ishii ridicules the idea of hostilities between Japan and the United States, and declared that his country was under the greatest obligation to the United States. He said that ownership of the Philippines by the United States was one of the great guarantees of safety for Japan.

FOREST FIRES IN CANADA.

Flames Beyond Control and Homes Are in Danger.

Parry Sound, Ont., Aug. 29.—Forest fires are raging in many parts of the surrounding forests upon the islands in Georgian bay between here and Midland. The heavens are lighted up at night by the glare of fires that exist in every direction. The fire rangers are powerless. Several houses of wealthy Canadians and Americans have been saved only by great effort. Pennsylvania Island, in the Moon river, has been burning for two months, and one of the most magnificently wooded islands in the archipelago has been rendered a waste of smoking pine. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of government timber has been destroyed. The fires were started through carelessness of campers or Indians, who neglected to fully extinguish the camp fires. The country is dry, and fires spread rapidly.

SECRETARY GARFIELD RETURNS.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Secretary Garfield returned Monday after a two-months' inspection of public lands. At the end of the week he goes to Ohio for a vacation.

BUTLER GETS THE PICKET

MISSOULIAN WILL GO TO CARBON COUNTY.

WILL BE REPUBLICAN

Former Manager of Missoulian Gets Paper Ahead of Numerous Others After It—Mr. Alderson, Former Owner, Will Remain in Red Lodge.

(Special to The Gazette.)

Red Lodge, Aug. 29.—The Red Lodge Picket was sold today to T. E. Butler of Missoula, after negotiations lasting during the last two days. The paper will continue to be issued weekly as a republican paper with a view to harmonizing the republican strength of the county and getting all members of the party together.

Walter Alderson, the owner of the Picket, has lately had negotiations with three or four more applicants, all anxious to get the paper, but Mr. Butler was the lucky man. Mr. Butler is well known in the newspaper world and comes well equipped to carry out his purposes with the Picket. He has been identified with newspaper work in Montana for 25 years, having been for many years subscription manager of the Anaconda Standard and of late business manager of the Daily Missoulian at Missoula. The Picket occupies a high rank among the weeklies of the state and Mr. Butler is assuredly capable of maintaining it where it has been placed.

Being asked if he had any immediate plans, Mr. Alderson replied: "I expect to remain here several months yet. I have some business interests to look after here. Next year I have some very attractive propositions offered me. I have spent my life in Montana, and I expect to be scattered around here the balance of my life in some more or less important field of endeavor. I shall certainly remain in Montana."

Close Labor Day.

(Special to The Gazette.)

Red Lodge, Aug. 29.—Red Lodge merchants have entered into an agreement to keep their establishments closed all day Monday next in order to give their employes an opportunity to properly celebrate Labor day.

Building at Amalgamator.

(Special to The Gazette.)

Red Lodge, Aug. 29.—Thirty-five dwelling houses are now in course of erection in the new town of Amalgamator, located three miles east of Red Lodge. The spur from the Yellowstone Park railway is also being rapidly constructed and it is anticipated that the new camp will be shipping coal within a month.

Sells Horses in Alaska.

(Special to The Gazette.)

Red Lodge, Aug. 29.—James Virtue, who some time ago shipped a large band of horses from Carbon county to Alaska, is reported to have met with great success in his venture, the animals netting him almost fabulous prices.

Billings Man Will Preach.

(Special to The Gazette.)

Red Lodge, Aug. 29.—Sunday Rev. Large, a Billings minister who is engaged in missionary work, will occupy the pulpit of Rev. C. E. Cunningham of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock the visiting clergyman will preach in Bear Creek.

Marries Red Lodge Girl.

(Special to The Gazette.)

Red Lodge, Aug. 29.—Late last evening a marriage license was issued by Clerk of the Court H. A. Simmons to Gus McDonald of Butte and Miss Jennie Tunnick of this city. The happy couple were united immediately after the issuance of the license.

DEFENDANTS FILE ANSWER.

White Horse Ditch Case Up Again Yesterday.

Separate answers to the five suits in which Ernest Wilson and wife, Henry Byam and wife, E. B. Lutes and wife, Fred Thompson and Fletcher Farrar are suing the White Horse Ditch company and Meyer & Chapman for the recovery and surrender of the notes which they gave the White Horse Ditch company in payment of stock, were filed with the clerk of the district court yesterday. Judge Fox rendered a decision on the injunction asked for in these cases last Saturday, restraining the defendants from transferring the notes without the contracts attached which were entered into between the company and the plaintiffs.

APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR.

Petition of Peter Yegen Allowed by the Clerk.

The petition of Peter Yegen to be appointed administrator of the estate of A. Goff, deceased, was heard and allowed by the clerk of the district court yesterday. The administrator's bond was set at \$400.

LOS ANGELES BUTTS IN.

On the Plan To Hold a Panama Exposition.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 29.—R. S. Hecht, representing the New Orleans delegation at the meeting of the American Institute of Bank Clerks here, introduced a resolution endorsing the proposed Panama exposition to be held in New Orleans. A resolution endorsing a plan to hold a similar exposition in Los Angeles was also presented to the association and created much criticism among the New Orleans delegates. It was stated by the New Orleans men that Los Angeles had stolen the idea from New Orleans.

BISHOP O'DEA SAYS LAW IS OLD ONE

DISCUSSES LATEST DECREE RELATING TO VALIDITY OF MARRIAGES.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 29.—The latest decree of the Holy See declaring that no marriages shall be valid among Catholics unless they are performed by a priest in the presence of two witnesses, but making exceptional provisions in case a priest is not available so that the parties may contract a common law marriage is not at all revolutionary or surprising in the measure. It is not a new law nor a new decree, but simply the adaptation of an old law of new conditions and new localities.

The foregoing statement was made by Bishop Edward J. O'Dea of the diocese of Nisqually, in discussing the recent decree of the Holy See. Bishop O'Dea said that the law of the church regarding marriages never changes. Continuing, he said:

"The church recognizes the irrevocability of the marriage contract, wherever or by whomsoever performed, providing the party is legally authorized to perform the ceremony in the country where the marriage contract is made. It has no power to annul the marriage contracts except, where before the marriage is made there existed an annulling impediment in which case the civil law would be in agreement with ecclesiastical law. There are certain degrees of consanguinity in which matrimonial alliances cannot be contracted and if it is done both the church and the civil authorities declare it to be null and void.

"If there has existed no annulling impediment, however, the church cannot interfere with the marriage even if it were inclined to do so. The parties are married so long as life shall last. As to the expiration of their sin in violating a church rule, that is a matter between the offender, the church and God.

"The church teaches the same doctrine as it did when St. Peter occupied the pontifical throne. If it taught the truth then, it is teaching the truth now, but if it was in error then, it is continuing in error, for it has neither changed its laws nor its teachings."

STOLE \$8 HOG 30 YEARS AGO.

Strange Story of William Pearson, Now of Palestine, Texas.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 29.—Governor B. B. Comer has relieved William Pearson, now a resident of Palestine, Texas, of the penalty of a crime committed nearly 30 years ago, the man having since that time become one of the prominent citizens of Texas, to whose good name the governor of the state, a member of congress, a member of the legislature and many others gladly testify. A full pardon is issued with a restoration of all civil and political rights.

Pearson was convicted in the circuit court of Clay county in 1878 of the theft of a hog valued at \$8. He was given a sentence of two years in the penitentiary. He served a short while and escaped, since which time he has been in Texas, where he has married and raised a family and become a leading citizen. Governor T. M. Campbell says that he has known him for many years and has found him in every way a good man and worthy citizen. Congressman A. W. Gregg and legislator J. J. Strickland say the same, all joining in an appeal to the governor of Alabama to grant clemency.

SEND CORTELYOU A BOMB.

Officials Are Reticent and the Details Not Learned.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 29.—The explosion of what appears to have been a large percussion cap in a package addressed to Secretary of the Treasury George B. Cortelyou created excitement in Nicetown, a subsection of the Philadelphia postoffice. The package, which was collected from a box in the northern section of the city, was received by Clerk Roberts, who says it was four inches long by two inches wide. What was inside the package, aside from explosives, the officials will not say.

FINDS STONE AGE RELICS.

Farmer Uncovers Perfectly Preserved Skeleton on Illinois Farm.

Kankakee, Ill., Aug. 29.—The perfectly preserved skeleton of an aborigine, who apparently lived in the stone age, was unearthed by Peter Baron, a farmer who lives four miles southeast of St. Anne. Every bone was in its proper place, and beside the head lay the remains of a war bonnet made of feathers. Beside the skeleton lay a rude stone ax and a stone knife.

CONSULAR CHANGES.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Church Howe of Nebraska, consul general at Montreal, has been appointed consul at Manchester, England. Albert R. Moravia of Arizona, consul at Bahia, Brazil, has been appointed consul general direct to Central and South America at a salary of \$5,000.

SEND MONEY BACK HOME

FOREIGNERS IN UNITED STATES REMIT TO OLD COUNTRY.

LARGE SUMS ARE SENT

Second Assistant Postmaster General McCleary Signs Drafts Aggregating \$1,250,000 Sent by Foreign Laborers to Native Lands.

Washington, Aug. 29.—"See how the money earned by foreign born people laboring in this country goes out of it to the folks at home," said former Congressman McCleary, now second assistant postmaster general. This exclamation was brought forth by the fact that Mr. McCleary was then engaged in signing checks made payable to the postal administrations of various European countries, and to Mexico and Japan. There were probably 20 of these foreign drafts, and the aggregate amount represented by them was more than \$1,250,000. It was his first experience with this part of the postal administration of the United States, as he has been in his present position only a few months, and has not been the acting head of the department heretofore at a time when these payments were being made.

Settlements with foreign countries are made through the New York postoffice. Postoffice department checks are sent to the postmaster at New York and he is instructed to buy exchange in settlement of the balances of the money order accounts of the various countries, and always those balances are heavily against the United States.

The drafts signed by Mr. McCleary the other day represented the balances for the third quarter of the fiscal year 1907, which ended March 31, last, the delay being due to the fact that it takes time to get all the reports in hand.

The exact amount represented by these drafts was \$1,270,688. More than one-fourth of it went to the Italian postoffice department, the aggregate of several drafts sent to the country being \$386,693. The next largest amount, \$202,321, went to Hungary; the next largest, \$150,000, to Russia, and the next in order to Austria, \$135,000. None of the other countries got as much as \$100,000 in this settlement.

The balance against the United States in Norway was \$80,250; in Sweden, \$64,200; in Germany, \$71,250; in Greece, \$38,675; in Denmark, \$10,700; in Belgium, \$23,855; in Switzerland, \$19,333; in Holland, \$8,037. Besides these several amounts of \$50,000 was sent to Japan and \$30,000 to Mexico.

It is said that most of the money going abroad is sent in small sums, from \$10 to \$100 each, so that the million and a quarter covered by those payments went to many individuals in the countries to which they were sent.

RUSSIAN NAVY.

First Real Step Towards Its Rehabilitation.

London, Aug. 29.—A contract has been entered into between the Russian government and the Hiswick works of the Armstrong-Whitworth company for the construction of three battleships, three cruisers, and four, and possibly five, gunboats. The total amount involved is between £8,000,000 and £9,000,000 (\$40,000,000 and \$45,000,000), and the time to deliver extends from the end of 1908 to early in the year 1910.

This is the first serious attempt to rehabilitate the Russian navy since its many disasters in the Japanese war, and is only a portion of a large scheme which includes the building of ships in America and Germany.

It is not yet decided whether the shipbuilding will all take place at Newcastle-on-Tyne, or partly there and partly at Genoa where, it may be remembered, two warships bought by the Japanese during the war were reconstructed after having originally been built for the Italian government.