

BATTLE-SHIP TEXAS.

THE INSIDE BUILT FIRST-WORK DE- LAYED BY CONTRACTORS.

The Richmond Will Give Two Prospects of Suffering from the Class of Fleets to Go.

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It has been over two months since the necessary material for the outside work on the battle-ship Texas arrived here, and the workmen are practically building the in- side of the ship first, as there are no plates for outside construction and no work can proceed without any advantage.

In this manner the contractors for mate- rial are delaying the work and damaging the yard in the eyes of the country. The construction of the two iron ships so far shows splendid work, mostly done by Portsmouth and Norfolk mechanics.

Great care and attention is devoted to every detail, and every piece of material that goes in the ships is selected and delivered by the contractors is re- ceived and sent back to the steel works. The balance of the heavy steel stem of the Texas has arrived.

WORK ON OTHER VESSELS.

The flagship Richmond, daily expected at the yard from Hampton Roads to be re- fitted for a cruise, is now in a class of mechanics that cannot find employ- ment on the vessels of the type of the Richmond.

TEXAS AND CRUISER NO. 8.

The new cruiser Atlanta is ordered here by the department to go in for a cruise, but as long as a ship in commission remains at the yard there is always something to do, so the work at the yard will be well supplied.

EXTENSIVE REPAIRS.

The yards and docks department will soon commence extensive improvements at the south end of the navy-yard in the erection of an extensive dry-dock for the work on the new hulls, among them electric-light works. This will be a great help to the yard.

WORK ON PLASTERING THE NEW MARINE BARRACKS IS ALL NOW TO BE DONE TO COMPLETE THE FINE STRUCTURE, AND THE WORK WILL BE WELL SUPPLIED BY THE 1ST OF NOVEMBER AND OCCUPY THE FINEST BARRACKS BUILDING IN THE COUNTRY.

NEW BUILDINGS ON THE BRIDGE SITE.

A ballot being taken resulted in the choice of the Mayor by a vote of 16 to 10. There were some thirteen white and half as many colored Republican voters present.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

The mysterious Western-Branch throat-cutting and drowning murder in which William Green, a boatman, was the victim, was before Justice yesterday and John Willis Ballard and John Wright, the accused, were sent on for trial. The evidence is mostly circumstantial, and the counsel for the accused will have the case before Judge Parker to-morrow on a writ of habeas corpus.

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