Greatest Dreadnought Of the Day Owned By Argentine Republic.

WHILE England, Germany, France, the United States and other great nations of the world are vying with each other for the possession of the greatest navy in the world and while Democrats and Republicans and Progressives are thrashing out the question as to whether or not this country shall build two or three warships annually the little Argentine Republic in South America came to the front and will soon have the largest battleship ever constructed.

This super-Dreadnought, the Rivadavia, was built in American shipbuilding yards at Quincy, Mass. The ship is now rapidly nearing completion and has already been moved from the yards where it was built. There is no other nation in the world that possesses a battleship equal in size to this floating fortress ordered by the little South American republic. Argentine is not in a position to boast of a very great navy, but she will soon have in action one vessel which would prove a terror to any other that it chanced to meet on the seas during a war.

It was Senator Tillman of South Carolina who advocated in the senate the building of the greatest vessel in the world for the United States, the largest and fiercest that it was possible to construct, and thus promote universal peace by having this monster vessel ready for a scrap at any time. Plans and specifications were rendered by shipbuilders for the greatest Dreadnought that could be constructed, but the plan was not looked on favorably by other lawmakers. The ship that Senator Tillman wanted to build was much larger than the largest in the world today, owned by Argentine.

The Rivadavia, which is now having the finishing touches put on it, is by no means the largest vessel in the world, but it does claim the distinction of being the largest war vessel. She is 585 feet long and has a beam of 96 feet, almost as wide as the Imperator, the German ocean liner, which is the largest vessel afloat. The warship, however, is not as long as the passenger vessel.

It is armed with a battery of six turrets and carries twelve twelve-inch guns. These guns are of the latest type and were bought by Argentina at a great cost. In other features the new battleship is strictly up to date. It will carry the largest crew of any ship in existence when finally mustered into service. The displacement of the huge fighting craft is 30,000 tons. The first trip was made even before the vessel

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DREADNOUGHT RIVADAVIA.

was finally completed, and it was carried from the ship building yards in Massachusetts to New York city.

The greatest battleship in the American navy is now rapidly nearing completion in the Brooklyn navy yard. She is the New York. The battleship New York is 573 feet in length, 95 feet 2⅝ inches wide and has a displacement of 27,000 tons. This new Dreadnought is 5,175 tons heavier than the Florida, the largest vessel now in service in the American navy, and her engines will be of 28,000 horsepower, 3,000 more than those of the Florida. Her major armament will consist of ten fourteen inch guns—these are two inches bigger than those of the Florida—and she will be protected by armor plate a foot thick at the thickest point. She, when finally completed, will cost $6,400,000 exclusive of extras, and three years will have been consumed between the time the first work was started and the final completion.

The Texas will be the name of the sister ship of the New York. Not only in size, but likewise in the caliber of the guns, these ships will eclipse anything in our navy. Heretofore the thirteen inch guns, which have not been used on any vessel recently constructed, have been the limit of caliber on naval guns. The New York and Texas, however, will each carry fourteen inch guns, mounted two to a turret and so arranged that all of them may be fired in a broadside or forward or aft at the same time. The arrangement of three turrets aft and two forward of the bridge is the work of the naval construction corps of the United States navy. Great Britain has followed this design in her new Dreadnoughts, and this is considered one of the highest compliments ever paid American constructors.

PERSIAN FINANCE.

Wherein the King Shows How to Raise the Spondulix.

CALLS ROYAL TREASURER.

Upon His Arrival In Dishabille His August Master Shows Him New and Original Methods by Which the Scads May Be Collected.

By M. QUAD.

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ONE morning the palace of the king of Persia was thrown into a state of great excitement by repeated calls for Murphy, the royal treasurer. The call went from room to room:

"Oh, you Murphy! Has anybody seen Murphy?"

It was ten minutes before Murphy came rushing into the king's presence to ask what was wanted. He was in such a hurry that he appeared in his bathrobe.

"I didn't know but that you had skipped back to Dublin," observed the king.

"Skipped back on what, your highness?"

"On what it takes to travel with—the long green."

"And where would I get enough of

"SPARE US!" CRIED THE PROFESSORS.

the long green to pay my way over twenty feet?"

"Murphy, you are my royal treasurer."

"I am, be gobs!"

"I sent all the way to Dublin for you because they told me you were a great financier."

"I am, be gobs!"

"They said that if you got a contract with the city of Dublin for $30,000 you could make $100,000 out of it."

"Just so, O ruler."

"And yet you have been a dead failure as my royal treasurer."

"But there has been nothing in the treasury to treasure, O you that make the sun to rise and set. You can't look into an empty basket and expect to find huckleberries."

Lesson in Finance.

"Huckleberries is good, Murphy—very good," smiled the king. "You are a good feller, though a poor financier. It's just the other way with me. I am a mighty poor king, but a deuce of a financier. Are you willing to take a few lessons from me?"

"I'll jump at the chance, O ruler."

"Then here you jump. Your salary is $1,000 a month, isn't it?"

"It is supposed to be, but"—

"But you don't see the color of my cash?"

"I've had 30 cents in the last three months."

"But you haven't Morganized anything for me."

"O guardian of the moon, I doubt if the great J. P. could raise $3 for you in thirty days."

"Well, we'll see what I can do myself. Your arrears of salary amount to—what?"

"Nine thousand plunks, O ruler."

"Read article 7 of the constitution of Persia, and you'll find it says that any person coming into the presence of the sovereign with a bath robe on can be fined 10,000 bones or lose his head, at the option of said sovereign."

"But I was taking a bath when you shouted for my instant presence."

"Then read article 8 of the constitution, and you will learn that any one but the king daring to take a bath in the palace can be sent to Sing Sing for twenty years. Murphy, you are up against it for sure."

"But, O ruler"—

Demand For Cash.

"Never mind the excuses. I owe you $9,000 back salary. Instead of taking your head, which I could do, I fine you $10,000. This pays off my debt and leaves me a thousand ahead of the game. Eh, Murphy? Could J. P. beat that? You may hand over the cash."

"But I haven't got but 70 cents of it, O king!"

"Then get up a game of poker with Schermerhorn, the real estate man, and beat him out of it. Murphy, you've got to learn that a financier is a man who can start on nothing and make a million a year. By the way, what has become of the royal swans I had in my lake?"

"Roasted and eaten long ago by your sacred majesty."

"So? I'm surely a deuce of a fellow, ain't I? Well, you go out and buy me six geese."

"But the plunks to pay for them, O ruler!"

"I see—more financing. Tell the goose man if he doesn't hand them over like one two, three, I'll pull a poll tax of $10 a year on every goose he raises. When you have the geese in the lake notify Professors Jed and Jedson, the great naturalists, that I want to see them here."

Murphy got a hustle on him, and in the course of a couple of hours three old ganders and as many female geese were paddling around the lake and the two naturalists were awaiting the king's commands.

Arrival of Naturalists.

"Gentlemen," said the ruler as they bowed before him, "I understand that you can name every bird and beast in Persia."

"We can, your majesty," was answered in chorus.

"You can tell a crow from a chickadee?"

"Just as easy as we can tell a cow from a mince pie."

"And a woodchuck from a bear?"

"Believe us, O king."

"Then take a little walk with me. I have some rare birds to show you, and I want you to give them a name."

The professors had no doubt they could, and they winked at each other and swelled out their chests as they walked along. When they reached the lake the king pointed and said:

"Behold the rarest birds in all the land."

"Rare!" repeated Professor Jed.

"Rare!" echoed Professor Jedson.

"That's what I said. Can you give them a name?"

"Why, ruler of a big chunk of Asia, they are only geese!" was answered.

"W-h-a-t!"

"Just three ganders and three goosies."

Just Plain Geese.

"And they are not a rare species of swan, right from the Tammany hall flock?"

"Not on your mother-in-law, O king!"

"And I've been stung?"

"They have sideswiped you the whole length of the train."

"But I call them nashadoodle swans."

"Geese, your majesty!"

"Then it is to be inferred that I am an easy mark?"

"Hem, hem!"

"Hem, hem!"

"Professors Jed and Jedson," said the king as he turned upon them, "are you well posted on the constitution of Persia?"

"We are," was the reply.

"Then you must know that to dispute your king is death, and you have disputed me.

"To giggle at your king is death, and you have giggled at me.

"To infer that your king is a bonehead and an Uncle Rube is death by boiling oil, and you have so inferred.

"To humiliate your king is death by driving you full of carpet tacks, and you have humiliated me by the same as saying that I don't know a swan from a goose.

"To regard your king as second class stock is punishable by death by being dragged around at the heels of an ass, and you thus regarded me when you thought I had got down to giving my lake up to six old geese. Murphy, what shall be done with such bold villains?"

"They must be put to death!" was the solemn reply.

"Spare us, O gracious king!" cried the professors as they grovelled before him.

Death to the Dastards.

"Nay, your reverence," protested Murphy in response to a wink. "These are prominent men and are guilty of the basest treason, and an example must be made of them."

"I think so, too, but"—

"Spare, spare!"

"But, Murphy, they seem repentant."

"We are, O king, we are!"

"And do you now believe those birds to be Tammany hall swans?"

"We do, we do!"

"Am I an easy mark?"

"Never, O king!"

"Um, um! Murphy, mebbe they'd like to contribute a modest check each to the cause of the heathen in the United States?"

"Willingly, most gracious one!" was chorused.

"And mebbe those modest checks would read for a thousand bones each?"

"They—they (with sighs and mental cuss words) would!"

"Well, then, I think I'll pardon you this time, but let it be a great lesson to you. Draw the checks and make your hike."

And when they had departed the king looked at Murphy with curling lip and said:

"And you call yourself a financier! Three thousand dollars today, and just as easy as falling off a log!"

"And, alas, a thousand of it was squeezed out of me!"

"It was, Murphy, it was, and that's where you aren't knee high as a financier, and I am nine feet tall!"

Trouble in the Museum.

"Life comes pretty easy to you, doesn't it?" said the cassowary, sticking its head through the bars of the alligator's cage.

"Yes; I've got a regular snap," answered the alligator, carelesly biting off the cassowary's head.—Chicago Tribune.

A Study in Ink.

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Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

R. N. SUTHERLIN, Register.

Serial No 027438

Notice of School Indemnity Selection

United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, August 19, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that the State of Montana, on May 28, 1913, applied for NE¼ SW ¼, N½ SE ¼ Sec. 22, N½ SW¼, SE¼ Sec. 23, N½ NW¼ section 27, township 25 N., range 19 E., M. M., and filed in this office a list of school indemnity selections in which it selected said land, and that said list is open to the public for inspection.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described land or any legal subdivision thereof, or claiming the same under the mining laws, or desiring to show said land to be more valuable for mineral than for agricultural purposes, or to object to said selection for any lawful reason, should file their claims, or affidavits of protest or consent in this office.

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Notice of Contest.

United States Land Office at Havre, Montana, August 25, 1913.

To Margret Young, of Big Sandy, Montana, contestee.

You are hereby notified that

WILLIAM D CRITES,

who gives Grand Forks, North Dakota, as his postoffice address, did on August 23, 1913, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead entry serial No. 06272, made June 20, 1910, for the south half (S½) section 28, township 27 north, range 13 east Montana meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that you have failed to cultivate one-sixteenth of the area of of the said entry during the second year thereof; that in fact you never did cultivate any portion of the said land; that you have failed to establish a bona fide residence upon the said land; that you have never resided upon the said land as required by law, and that you have wholly abandoned same for more than six months last past, and that said defaults still exist

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be canceled thereunder without your further right to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the delivery was made stating when and where the copy was delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and the postoffice to which it was mailed, and this affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter.

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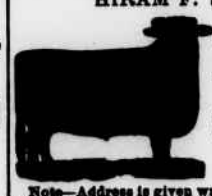

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