

# DOWAGER EMPRESS ORDERS MINATURE NAVY BUILT.

## HAS FAMOUS SEA FIGHT REPRODUCED AT THE PALACE

The Dowager Empress of China takes a keen interest in the affairs of the outside world. After the battle of the Sea of Japan she became imbued with the idea that a naval battle must be a spectacle worth looking at. So she ordered the construction of a miniature navy and on the sacred islands surrounding the imperial palace a number of naval engagements were fought for her delectation. The miniature fights were made as realistic as the most ingenious engineers in China could make them, and as nearly as possible the battle of the Sea of Japan was reproduced.

This story of the Dowager's attempt to bring the scenes of the outside world within her palace walls was told on the Manchuria yesterday by Hubert Vos, a New York artist, who has just returned from Peking, where he has been painting a portrait of the Dowager Empress.

Seven years ago Vos painted the portrait of Prince Ching. Through the Prince he was given the commission he has just completed.

The old lady gave Vos a sitting every morning at 5 o'clock. At the palace gates Vos was received by Prince Ta Chuan, who is minister of commerce, and Wu Ting Fang, Poor Yu, the spoiled pet of Washington society during his stay at the national capital, is little better than a doorman at the imperial palace, where he holds the job of interpreter.

Vos says that nobody in China is as well read in the traditions of Chinese art as is the Dowager Empress.

"She is a wonderful woman," said the artist. "When you think that in a land where woman has no rights, and a woman, but for forty-five years held down a throne to which she has no more title than I have, and this with the right of occupant hanging around, you have to take off your hat to her nerve and ability."

The most powerful man in China to-day, says Vos, is Yuan Shi Kai, Viceroy of Chili. It was Yuan Shi Kai who, six weeks ago, put 60,000 Chinese troops in the field to show the foreign military representatives that China could take care of any Boxer outbreak, or any other internal trouble, with her own forces. It was a great demonstration and opened the eyes of the military experts. Vos witnessed the maneuvers.

### BELIEVES BOYCOTT SERIOUS.

Commander of the Raleigh Comes Home on the Lines

Captain A. A. Baker, U. S. N., late commander of the Raleigh, which was ordered to Hongkong during the early excitement arising out of the Chinese boycott of American goods, was a member of the committee that believed the boycott was serious. The Raleigh was relieved by the Oregon. Captain Baker has come home to be retired at his own request. The Raleigh was not called upon to interfere in any way with affairs arising out of the boycott, but he believes it serious. Captain Baker will not discuss the boycott. He said: "If you want to know all about the boycott ask the Sperry Flour Company. It hit it hardest and I guess it knows more about it than anybody else. I'm only a sailorman and sailors know nothing about business."

The massacre of the American missionaries at Lienchow occurred shortly before Captain Baker left Hongkong and he knows nothing about it, he says, except what he read in the papers.

Passengers on the Manchuria say there was little doubt in the Orient that the boycott was directly responsible for the feeling which led to the murder of the missionaries. Other passengers declare that the missionaries provoked the natives by uncalled for or at least ill-advised interference with a native religious celebration. The finding of a skeleton in the missionary quarters is said to have contributed not a little to the feeling against the Americans. This skeleton was used for the anatomical instruction of medical students. The Chinese believed the bones were those of some Asiatic victim of a missionary spell and the story of how these strangers from America were desecrating the sacred bones of the Chinese dead aroused all the fanatical anger of the missionaries' yellow neighbors.

### VAN DUZER OF NEVADA OFFENDS THE COURT

Congressman Dodges a Sheriff's Deputy in New York City.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A sheriff's deputy was searching for Congressman Van Duzer of Nevada last week only to learn on Saturday that he had gone to Washington.

Van Duzer is interested in various mining propositions and has an office in the Broad street Exchange building. He sends out considerable literature and E. C. Bruen has printed a good deal of it. In August 1894 Bruen got a judgment against Van Duzer for \$44 for the balance alleged to be due on some of his printing.

Last spring Bruen's lawyer got an order for the examination of Van Duzer in supplementary proceedings. The congressman went to Washington. Thereupon he was adjudged in contempt of court. Last Tuesday Judge Conlan in the City Court issued an order to punish Van Duzer for the contempt.

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### PERKINS HEADS DEFUNCT ROADS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—George W. Perkins was to-day elected chairman of the Pere Marquette Railroad. His election to the same office in the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road makes him the executive head of the two properties. There have been no changes in the boards of these roads. Morgan interests declined to-day to confirm or deny the report that suits are to be started against the former owners of these properties. Perkins was in conference late in the afternoon with H. B. Hollis, who bought the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton and Pere Marquette roads for J. P. Morgan & Co., and W. Russell Harding, who was for a time identified with the Erie road. No details concerning the conference are obtainable.

### DR. PIERCE'S REMEDIES

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MAINS SIGHT VISALIA FARMER'S EYES ARE DESTROYED BY HIS "BOSSY."

Special Dispatch to The Call.

FRESNO, Dec. 5.—Six weeks ago Wherry Curtis was a healthy and robust farmer residing near Visalia. To-day he is totally blind and helpless, the result of the swish of a refractory bossy's tail. While engaged in milking one morning Curtis was struck in the eyes by the switching tail of the cow. Though the pain was intense the farmer did not think seriously of the occurrence until blood poisoning set in. He lost the sight of the one eye and then that of the other. Last night the Visalia band, of which the unfortunate man had been a member, gave him a benefit concert.

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It can readily be seen from this statement of fact that the members of the Mercantile Library may continue to enjoy its present form and benefits for at least six years to come. There is not, therefore, any immediate necessity for entertaining propositions to consolidate this association with any other institution. The present board of trustees, notwithstanding the above state of facts, has received and entertained such propositions from the Free Public Library and the Mechanics' Institute.

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D. E. MILES, President; GEORGE K. PIERCE, Vice President; A. A. BAKER, Treasurer; PELLHAM W. AMES, JOHN C. CURRIER, C. K. BONESTELL, JOHN S. DRUM, WALTER B. HORN, Trustees.

Those who oppose consolidation have issued the following letter to members:

To the Members of the Mercantile Library: The Mercantile Library was organized January 24, 1853, and has since that time been the names of persons famous in the political, literary and business world. Its existence is a part of the history of San Francisco. This library contains approximately 80,000 volumes. It has cash in bank amounting to \$20,000 and other property amounting to \$10,000. The term of the lease on the present location has yet six years to run. It has no debt, but the total annual deficit in running expenses of about \$4,000.

It can readily be seen from this statement of fact that the members of the Mercantile Library may continue to enjoy its present form and benefits for at least six years to come. There is not, therefore, any immediate necessity for entertaining propositions to consolidate this association with any other institution. The present board of trustees, notwithstanding the above state of facts, has received and entertained such propositions from the Free Public Library and the Mechanics' Institute.

The offer of the Public Library has received little or no consideration and will not be commented upon in this circular.

The offer of the Mechanics' Institute, however, has been seriously considered by a majority of the board of trustees and by a number of the members of the association, principally because of the fact that the Mechanics' Institute in the form of a life membership in that institution (valued at \$50) to the members of the Mercantile Library, if the two corporations are consolidated.

The president of the Mechanics' Institute has admitted in a public meeting of the board of that institution to properly accommodate and care for the 80,000 volumes that, under the present conditions, would be housed in this library. Had this admission not been made the congested condition of the Mechanics' Institute building would have accounted for their own property must be apparent to the most casual observer.

The undersigned committee and those whose views they represent are reluctant to believe that the trustees of the Mercantile Library, now so near the expiration of their term of office, have been so far unmindful of or so misapprehend their functions as to encourage or favor the offer which has been made to amalgamate the library of which they have been put in trust, whose existence it is their duty to conserve, not to destroy. They are, therefore, disposed strongly to maintain the integrity of the library as it now exists. But should there be a consolidation, the trustees of the Mechanics' Institute would be bound to accept of the terms of the offer of the Mercantile Library, and the trustees of the Mechanics' Institute would be bound to accept of the terms of the offer of the Mercantile Library.

The recent act of the Legislature of March 21, 1905 (see section 638 L, Civil Code), provides for the consolidation of the Mercantile Library and the Mechanics' Institute for the purposes, and by such name as may be agreed upon in writing, signed by a majority of the members of each association.

The Mechanics' Institute has issued a circular stating that the purposes of that institution are "for the diffusion of knowledge." This phrase does not appear in the articles of incorporation of the Mercantile Library, and may mislead the unwary for the articles of incorporation of the Mechanics' Institute expressly state that the purposes are "for the promotion of mechanical, industrial and economic sciences," and their purposes are "to disseminate the same." The Mechanics' Institute has no right to use the name of the Mercantile Library as far as consolidation of the two corporations are concerned.

The undersigned committee has issued an appeal to the members of the Mercantile Library in the hope that the same will be read and that the members will be induced to support the proposition to continue the library as it is. It is hoped that on Thursday, December 7, the day set for voting upon this proposition, the members of the Mercantile Library will express their emphatic disapproval of any proposition to consolidate with either of the other institutions.

The offer of the Public Library has received little or no consideration and will not be commented upon in this circular.