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FINEST IN THE NAVY

BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED AT NEW YORK CITY.

BUILT IN GOVERNMENT NAVY YARD TEST OF DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO COPE WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

New York, Sept. 30.—As the bands on the several warships at the navy yard played "The Star Spangled Banner" a new United States battleship slid down the ways into the water and Miss Alice Welles, granddaughter of President Lincoln's secretary of the navy, broke a bottle of champagne over the vessel's prow, naming it "Connecticut." Many thousands of people witnessed the launching of this, the first battleship built in a government navy yard since the ill fated Maine, large crowds gathering at the navy yard and at various points on the Manhattan and Brooklyn sides of the East river.

The launching was without hitch of any kind and was entirely successful. The Connecticut is a sister ship of the Louisiana and both vessels were authorized by an act of congress in 1902. The Connecticut was built in a government yard and under government supervision, while the Louisiana was built by a private shipbuilding firm at Newport News, Va. The construction of both ships has been followed with keen interest, as it was recognized that it was a test of the government's ability to cope with private enterprise. Much depended on this competition of construction, for if the Connecticut is completed before the Louisiana then most of the government shipbuilding will be done by the latter and it is expected the New York navy yard will be the shipbuilding center for government work.

The Connecticut when finished will be the finest and most powerful boat in the American navy and will rank with the most powerful battleships of the navies of other nations. Notwithstanding the fact that a new plant is to be created for the construction of the Connecticut this vessel is built at the same yard as the Louisiana.

The Connecticut is of steel, with a displacement of 16,000 tons and a maximum displacement of 17,777 tons. The vessel is 450 feet on the load water line, 456.4 feet over the 76.10 feet beam and 24.6 draught. The vessel is to be fitted for use as a flagship and when in commission will carry 42 officers and 761 men. She is not to exceed \$4,212,000 in cost.

ACTION IN GURNEY CASE.

Judgment Vacated and Fines Imposed Remitted.

Boston, Sept. 30.—After allowing time for the communications in the Phelps-Gurney case to reach Washington Governor Bates has made public various letters bearing on the subject. The governor informed the state department that the judgment against Third Secretary Gurney of the British embassy has been vacated and the fines imposed remitted. He says that Judge Phelps had expressed regret to the secretary by letter, a copy of which he forwards, together with a statement by Judge Phelps. Governor Bates suggests that the attention of the British ambassador be called to the breach of the laws of Massachusetts under the belief that the ambassador will take such action as the case may demand.

The governor also expresses regret that want of knowledge of the law has resulted in an error of judicial authority in Massachusetts and expresses the hope that the statement of regret by Judge Phelps may be recognized as a conclusive disavowal of any intention of Massachusetts courts to ignore international law.

ASSASSINATION OF BOBRIKOFF.

Senator Schaumann Said to Be Implicated in Son's Deed.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 30.—It is understood in an authoritative quarter here that strong evidence has been discovered that former Senator Schaumann, father of Eugene Waldemar Schaumann, the assassin of Governor General Bobrikoff, has been found to have been implicated in the crime. If adjudged guilty he will be subject to imprisonment for two to six years.

STEAL VALUABLE JEWELRY.

Bogus Telephone Inspectors Prove to Be Thieves.

New York, Sept. 30.—Jewelry and silverware to the value of \$15,000 has been stolen within the past ten days from twenty fashionable apartments in this city by young men representing themselves as telephone inspectors. All the thefts took place in apartment houses on Riverside drive and Central park west in the exclusive residence section of the city.

Wreck on New Haven Road.

Braintree, Mass., Sept. 30.—A passenger train on the Plymouth division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway was wrecked on an embankment about a mile west of South Braintree. Engineer William Adams was killed and Fireman Edward Cook had both legs taken off. The passengers were badly shaken up, but none of them were seriously hurt.

Large Number of Men Idle.

Meadville, Pa., Sept. 30.—The boiler-makers employed in the Erie railroad shops here went on a strike during the day. The men demanded the reinstatement of three members of a committee who had been discharged and on the reply refusing to grant the demand a strike was ordered. A large number of men are idle.

SEVERE FIGHTING NEAR MUKDEN

Japs Drive in Kuropatkin's Outpost After a Severe Engagement But Russian Troops Still at Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 30.—Sharp fighting has occurred near Mukden with the result that the troops of Kuropatkin have forced to retire from all outpost positions. The General Staff declares that the Russian army is still at Mukden. No news is heard from Port Arthur.

WAR DISPATCHES SUMMARIZED.

The Japanese have again resumed the offensive and the day's dispatches indicate that sharp fighting may be soon expected southeast of Mukden. St. Petersburg hears that the Japanese have taken Da pass, a strategic point in the mountain range about forty-five miles southeast of Mukden. Several other passes are now in their hands.

It is believed in St. Petersburg that Kuropatkin is withdrawing his forces to the less rugged country to the northwest of Mukden, where he may decide to give battle.

Japan has amended her conscription regulations in a manner which will increase her available fighting force by about 200,000 men. A new scheme of divisional organization is also contemplated.

WITH LITTLE RESISTANCE

RUSSIANS ABANDON DA PASS, SOUTHEAST OF MUKDEN, TO THE JAPANESE.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 30.—The British steamer Yiksang, trading in China seas, arrived here during the day and reported that she was stopped by a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer outside of the harbor of Chefoo. After her papers had been examined the Yiksang was allowed to proceed.

Jap Warships Blockading Chefoo. St. Petersburg, Sept. 30.—A special dispatch received here from Chefoo says three Japanese warships are blockading Chefoo. This evidently is under an agreement with China in order to prevent the possibility of any of the ships of the Port Arthur squadron seeking refuge at Chefoo.

Car Will Go Hunting. St. Petersburg, Sept. 30.—Upon the emperor's return from Southern Russia he will go to his hunting lodge at Bielowetz, on the border of Poland between Vilna and Kieff, for a fortnight's shooting.

Sweeping Changes Made. Sviatopolk-Mirsky Becomes Russian Minister of Interior. St. Petersburg, Sept. 30.—Prince Peter Sviatopolk-Mirsky assumed active direction of the ministry of the interior during the day. It is already apparent that there will be almost a clean sweep of the old Von Plehve regime. A number of the old lieutenants with the former minister have resigned. Both the chief of the gendarmery and the secretary of state for Finland, which powerful offices the late Von Plehve accumulated, will be divorced from the ministry of the interior, the new minister having firmly refused to have any connection with the police. M. Stuchinsky, who, as under secretary of state and director of the land department, acted in an advisory capacity in dealing with the Zemstvos, will, it is understood, be appointed secretary of state for Finland. He is distinctly a man of moderate views. General Ridenyev, it is also believed, will be chosen chief of the gendarmery, which will become an independent department. Ridenyev has just resigned the important position of chief secretary of the minister of the imperial household in order to be able to accept the position of chief of the gendarmery.

Japan Extends Service of Second Reservists to Ten Years. Tokyo, Sept. 30.—The emergency ordinance amending the army conscription law was gazetted during the day. It extends the service of the second reservists from five to ten years and abolishes the distinction between the first and second reserve conscripts. Reservists will be retired at the age of thirty-seven. A contemplated increase in the army involves a new scheme of divisional



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TO REPLY TO CHARGES

CONSUL GENERAL GOODNOW, AT SHANGHAI, GIVEN PERMISSION TO RETURN HOME.

DECISION IN CASE IS POSTPONED

OFFICIAL ALLOWED A PERSONAL HEARING BEFORE MATTER IS DISPOSED OF.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Acting Secretary of State Loomis has cabled Consul General John Goodnow, at Shanghai, permission to return immediately to the United States to answer charges preferred against him of maladministration of the affairs in his office.

All the papers in the case are in the hands of Mr. Peirce, the third assistant secretary of state, who has just begun the preparation of a report to the president on this subject. The effect of the decision to allow Mr. Goodnow to be heard personally will be to postpone final action in his case until near the end of the year. Meanwhile Mr. Peirce will devote himself to the preparation of that part of the report dealing generally with the subject of needed reforms in the American consulates in the Orient, for it is clear to the assistant secretary from his personal observations of conditions there last summer that the whole consular system requires radical changes. To inaugurate these will require congressional action and the president's approval.

FORCED TO RESIGN.

Secretary of Minnesota Republican Committee Steps Out.

St. Paul, Sept. 30.—James A. Martin of St. Cloud, manager of the pre-convention campaign of Judge Loren W. Collins for the Republican nomination for governor, has been elected a member of the executive committee of the Republican state central committee and will take an active part in the management of the campaign. Simultaneously with the election of Mr. Martin came the resignation of William E. Verity of Wadena as secretary and the election of C. H. Warner of Aitkin to that position. Mr. Verity resigned at the request of the members of the committee at his relations with former Congressman Joel P. Heatwole of Northfield, who, the members of the committee have reason to believe, is throwing his influence against Robert C. Dunn of Princeton and Senator Moses E. Clapp of St. Paul.

SPEAKS AT MISSOULA.

Senator Fairbanks Concludes His Tour of Montana.

Missoula, Mont., Sept. 30.—With a stop of an hour at this point Senator Fairbanks concluded his four days' speaking tour of the state of Montana. The early hour at which the meeting was held did not have the effect of preventing a large attendance or of diminishing the ardor of those who were there.

Senator Fairbanks made an argument for the retention of the Republican party in power, saying that it had shown its capacity by the record already made, and urging that its record in the past is the best guarantee for the future. He contended that all its policy had been demonstrated to the interest of all classes of our people, hence the unwisdom of a change, which could lead to experiments along lines that had already proved disastrous.

FARMER'S GREWSOME FIND.

Part of the Skeleton of a Man Who Succeeded by Cremation.

Shawneetown, Ill., Sept. 30.—While hunting in the woods near here George Porter, a farmer, found a part of a human skeleton and the charred remains of clothing lying in a pile of ashes. Hanging on a nearby tree was a coat in the pocket of which was a note signed by W. W. Hartin of St. Louis, who disappeared from his home in St. Louis about a month ago, stating that the writer contemplated committing suicide by cremation and that on that spot would be found the results of the attempt.

SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES.

Decision in Matter of Customs Stamps on Imported Cigars.

Washington, Sept. 30.—After a number of consultations with the president Acting Secretary of the Treasury Taylor has reached a conclusion in the matter of the custom stamps on boxes containing imported cigars. While no definite information is obtainable as to what the decision is there is reason to believe that it will be fairly satisfactory to both sides. Neither side obtained all that it requested.

Two Negroes Executed.

Philadelphia, Sept. 30.—James Oscar Webb and Samuel Archer, negroes, were hanged here during the day. Webb was executed for the murder of his wife and her mother in June, 1902, and Archer paid the death penalty for killing Policeman John Donovan, who was attempting to arrest him for robbery.

May Agree on One Ticket.

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 30.—The state central committee of the regular Republican and Union Republican factions met here during the day for the purpose of endeavoring to come to an agreement upon a common Republican state ticket in Delaware.

No Decision in Wisconsin Case.

Madison, Wis., Sept. 30.—The decision was not rendered in the La Follette case during the morning and the politicians of both factions are compelled to wait with what patience they can summon for another twenty-four hours at least.

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