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WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED

England's New Monster Will Be Armed Exclusively With 12 Inch Guns.

CEREMONY SIMPLE

Launching, by King Edward, Passed Off Smoothly.

GREAT BRITAIN THE FIRST TO PROFIT BY THE LESSONS OF THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR--NEW VESSEL, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL BE PRACTICALLY INVINCIBLE.

By Associated Press. Portsmouth, England, Feb. 10.—The monster battleship Dreadnought, which, when finished, will have cost seven and a half million dollars, was launched here today by King Edward. The ceremony was most simple, and all decorations and pageantry was forbidden by the king on account of the death of his father-in-law, King Christian of Denmark. The launching passed off smoothly and without an incident.

Great Naval Achievement. The launching of the Dreadnought, the largest and most powerful battleship of the world's navies, marks the first step in what the British admiralty claim as the greatest achievement in naval construction. On October 2nd, 1905, only a few days over four months ago, work was commenced at Portsmouth on the vessel, the first of what is to be known as the Dreadnought class. The promise was made then that she would be launched within six months. The admiralty has more than made good their boast and Britishers have another cause for pride in their navy. Another twelve months, all going well, the Dreadnought will be commissioned and join the Atlantic Fleet, thus beating all previous records in battleship building by six months. There are two reasons why work is being rushed on the Dreadnought. One is the great saving in cost; but the chief reason is that the ship is to some extent an experiment and it is desired to give her a good trial before commencing construction on any more of her class.

Watched Japanese Vessels. Great Britain it will be remembered, was the only power having attaches or observers on Japanese ships during the Russo-Japanese war, while expert British constructors were given every opportunity of learning where in the ships of Japan proved weak or strong as the case might be. These men were busy from start to finish of the war and immediately after the battle of the Sea of Japan came home with their data, which was submitted with suggestions, to a special committee on which sat not only the most experienced naval experts but the director of naval construction, Lord Kelvin, and a number of the leading private ship builders. The Dreadnought is the outcome of their deliberations, embodiment of the lessons of the late war in the Far East, a ship apparently invincible, capable at one discharge of her guns of throwing with unparalleled force twice as much metal as any foreign man-of-war now afloat, while her armor will render her immune from attacks by any enemy's guns, and safe claim even against torpedoes, fired at the usual battle range.

Details A Secret. The details of the Dreadnought's construction remain a secret so well has the admiralty guarded the plans. Efforts of naval attaches to gather information for their governments have been fruitless. No information is forthcoming, the answer to all enquiries being the candid one that Great Britain intends to maintain secrecy as to what her experts learned as a result of Japan's experiences for one year and by rushing to completion the Dreadnought will gain a year if not more in naval construction over all other powers except her ally. Usually when ships are building a board is placed at the head of the slip giving her name, displacement, principal dimensions, horse power and speed. In the case of the Dreadnought not an item in the design is revealed, the board containing the simple sentence "His Majesty's Ship Dreadnought, commenced October 2nd, 1905." When ready for sea the ship will displace 18,500 tons but this is the least remarkable thing about her for besides the ideas introduced as a result of the Far Eastern war Britain is placing on her new fighting machine the heaviest armament ever carried by a ship. In the past British vessels have carried four 12-inch guns throwing 350 pound shells; the Dreadnought will have ten of these weapons

PROPOSED INCREASE OF TROOPS IN PHILIPPINES

SECRETARY ROOT WILL PROBABLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO CONGRESS, THROUGH COMMITTEES, WHY SUCH AN INCREASE IS NECESSARY.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 10.—It is probable that Secretary Root will have an opportunity to explain to congress, through one of the House committees, the actual need of the proposed increase in the number of American troops in the Philippines which led to the passage between Secretary Taft and the Senate Committee on Appropriations recently, for it is stated to be the case that the War Department in moving in this direction, is simply following a suggestion of the State Department and it is probable the secretary will find it necessary, under the plan of holding a force ready for service in China to explain the facts to congress.

Eleven Midshipmen Will Not Be Granted Diplomas

By Associated Press. Annapolis, Feb. 10.—It has been officially announced that eleven midshipmen of the first class will not receive their diplomas on Monday on account of deficiencies in certain branches; but will be compelled to go to sea and be re-examined on May 15 next.

An Immense Bond Issue is Contemplated by Southern

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 10.—Announcement was made today that the Southern railway will ask the stockholders to authorize an issue of two hundred million dollars development and general four per cent mortgage bonds. Of

POOR WORK OF GREENE-GAYNOR

MAJ. GILLETTE SAYS WORK WAS NOT WORTH ONE-TENTH AMOUNT PAID FOR IT.

By Associated Press. Savannah, Feb. 10.—Major Gillette, United States Army was again on the stand in the Greene and Gaynor case today. His testimony was interesting. Major Gillette said the mattress sunk by defendants in Cumberland Sound was no more than bundles of brush; that it was not worth more than one-tenth the price the government paid for it; that instead of supporting the stones thrown on it the stones went right on through.

DIVORCE CONGRESS AT WASHINGTON

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 10.—Delegates from forty-two states and the District of Columbia, forming the divorce congress, will convene here Monday to perfect a permanent organization. Governor Pennypacker, representing the State of Pennsylvania, which originated the movement, will deliver an address. In the afternoon President Roosevelt will receive the delegates.

WELCOMES AN INVESTIGATION

PRESIDENT OF PENNSYLVANIA R. SAYS COMPANY HAS NOTHING TO CONCEAL.

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 10.—President A. Cassat, of the Pennsylvania railroad, upon being asked today what the attitude of his company was towards the investigation proposed by congress in regard to ownership by the Pennsylvania Railroad of stock of other companies, said: "The Company has nothing to conceal and will welcome an opportunity to have the true facts brought before the public."

STABBED WOMEN WITH POCKET KNIFE

St. Louis Fiend Who Delighted in Injuring Them Under Arrest.

Fourteen Victims During Evening of January 22.

"JACK THE STABBER" FOUND IN THE PERSON OF JOHN BRADY, 22 YEARS OLD, WHOSE OPERATIONS HAVE CREATED MUCH EXCITEMENT.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Feb. 10.—John Brady, 22 years old, was arrested today and confessed to being the man known as "Jack The Stabber," who has been creating much excitement during the last few weeks by stabbing women with a pocket knife.

A total of seventeen women and girls have been stabbed on the street, fourteen having been stabbed during the early evening of January 22. None were seriously wounded. Brady insists that he did not stab all of them but admits he does not know how many were victims of his knife. "I just took my knife and stuck it into them," said Brady in a high effeminate voice and with no show of emotion or excitement. "I don't know how the idea came to me. When I first stabbed women I delighted in it. Just one quick stroke and it was all over. I did not pick the women particularly. It did not make any difference to me so long as they were women."

FIRE RENDERS MANY HOMELESS

By Associated Press. Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 10.—The fire which broke out at Lattelon last night was under control by daylight. Four-fifths of the buildings of the town were destroyed and over one thousand persons rendered homeless. But four business structures are left standing. The loss is estimated at \$300,000 with but fifteen per cent insurance.

LONGWORTH IS MUCH BETTER

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 10.—Congressman Nicholas Longworth, who is suffering from an attack of tonsillitis, is reported much better today.



After Calvert Smith in Jacksonville Times-Union.

NORTH ATLANTIC FLEET IN PORT AFTER PRACTICE

Four Battleships at Port of Spain, Three at Barbadoes and Armored Cruisers at St. Vincent.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 10.—Four big battleships, the Maine, Missouri, Kentucky and Keokuk and several torpedo boat destroyers turned up at Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad yesterday. They form the best part of Rear-Admiral Evans's North Atlantic fleet and their purpose in entering the gulf of Paria, so near to Venezuela, just now, is to give the blue jackets an opportunity for a short leave after some of the hardest kind of drilling.

HOUSE TO TAKE UP COTTON QUESTION

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 10.—The House Committee on Agriculture has arranged a general hearing on cotton statistics, beginning on Thursday next. The Department of Agriculture, the census bureau, cotton manufacturers, planters and others interested will have an opportunity to be heard.

FIREMAN WAS BADLY INJURED

BABCOCK FIRE EXTINGUISHER EXPLODED AND HURT FIRE-MAN JOHN O'DONNOVAN.

Fireman John O'Donovan, of the Pensacola fire department, was badly injured yesterday about 2 o'clock, while at work in an effort to extinguish a fire on East LaRua street near the corner of Tarragona street. The blaze originated from a defective flue, and the department was called out by an alarm from box 47. Upon reaching the scene the firemen decided not to turn the water upon the cottage, and under instructions took the Babcock fire extinguishers and climbing upon the roof proceeded to extinguish the blaze.

EXAMINATIONS FOR CADETSHIP

IN THE REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE WILL BE HELD HERE ON FEBRUARY 26, 27 AND 28

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination on February 26, 27, 28, 1906, at Pensacola to secure eligibles from which to make certification to fill several vacancies (in March) in the position of cadet in the Revenue-Cutter Service, and similar positions as they may occur in that service. As the Commission has experienced considerable difficulty in securing eligibles for this position, qualified persons are urged to enter this examination. Applicants should at once apply either to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or to the secretary of the board of examiners at Pensacola for application Form 304. No application will be accepted unless properly executed, including the medical certificate and filed with the Commission at Washington. In applying for this examination the exact title as given at the head of this announcement should be used in the application. As examination papers are shipped direct from the Commission to the places of examination, it is necessary that applications be received in ample time to arrange for the examination desired at the place indicated by the applicant. The Commission will therefore arrange to examine any applicant whose application is received in time to permit the shipment of the necessary papers.

DOLAN CAPTURES CONVENTION OF MINERS

Declares Himself and Others Elected in Defiance of the Delegates.

Will Be Enjoyed from Taking Their Seats.

DOLAN SAYS WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS HE WILL GIVE THE WORLD STATEMENT OF HIS POSITION—NO BREACH IN NATIONAL UNION FEARED BY MITCHELL.

By Associated Press. Pittsburg, Feb. 10.—"Within twenty-four hours I will give to the world a full statement of my position," President Dolan made this statement this afternoon during a meeting of miners, after an attempt had been made to adjourn the convention before telling could announce the result of the recent election.

President Dolan had been trying for five days to get a report of the tellers committee before the convention but succeeded only after national Vice President Lewis had made an impassioned plea for the miners not to adjourn the convention before properly transacting business.

At the close of the report and without waiting for action by the convention President Dolan declared the officers named, including himself President, Bellingham vice president and William Dodd secretary and treasurer, elected for another year. Confusion reigned and appeals were made from the decision of the chair, which promptly ruled them out of order.

It was decided to take legal action, enjoining the newly elected officers from taking their seats.

WILL NOT AFFECT NATIONAL UNION

Indianapolis, Feb. 10.—President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, before leaving for New York tonight, where he will attend a meeting of the anthracite operators and miners next Thursday, was asked whether he thought the situation at the Pittsburg convention was not the result of a plot aimed at the national union. With a smile he replied: "I regret that I am not in a position to talk on the subject. There is no danger of any serious split that will effect the national union."

PROMINENT DIVINE IS IN PENSACOLA

REV. H. B. FOLK, BROTHER OF GOVERNOR FOLK, OF MISSOURI, IS HERE.

Rev. H. B. Folk, of Midway, Ky., one of the most prominent ministers of that state, is in the city, and will occupy the pulpit this morning and evening at the First Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Folk is on his honeymoon, having only recently been wedded, but being well acquainted with prominent members of the church consented, upon their request, to preach this morning and evening. Rev. Folk is a brother of Governor Folk, of Missouri, who is known all over the country. An excellent musical program has been arranged, which is as follows: Organ prelude—Gullmant. "Sing Alleluia Forth."—Buck. "Lead us, O Father."—Barnby. "We Praise Thee, O God."—Fling. "Jerusalem, the Golden."—E. "Savior When Night."—Sh. Postlude—Mendelssohn. Miss Allie Willis will pr organ.



Next Act Due on the Russian Stage. Cablegram—It is stated that the Russian revolutionary leaders are planning for a general uprising early in March.

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