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There are now building for the United States navy eight first-class battle-ships and four monitors. The battle-ships are the Kentucky and Kearsarge, authorized in 1895, the Alabama, Wisconsin, and Illinois, authorized in 1898. The Kearsarge and Kentucky will be in commission this winter, the Alabama, Wisconsin, and Illinois in December 1900, and the Maine, Ohio, and Missouri in the winter of 1902. Each of these battle-ships will be larger than the Iowa, five of them having a displacement of 11,525 tons each, and three a displacement of 12,500 tons each.

The four monitors—Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, and Wyoming—are to have a displacement of 2100 tons each. Each will carry two 12-inch guns and four 4-inch guns. The eight battle-ships will carry, all told, twenty 13-inch guns, twelve 12-inch guns, twenty-eight 5-inch, and ninety 6-inch guns, to say nothing of the lighter guns in the secondary batteries.

In this new navy we have twelve vessels with an aggregate displacement of 106,525 tons, carrying 184 heavy guns, all of improved models and with all the modern appliances as to rapid fire armament and smokeless powder. The 12-inch guns carried by the Maine, Ohio, and Missouri will be of great length and will have a muzzle energy of 48,000 foot tons, as against the 25,985 foot tons of the 12-inch guns of the Iowa. The rapid-fire 6-inch guns will have 6000 foot tons' energy, as against the 3204 foot tons of the 6-inch guns now in use. It is estimated that the improved ordnance will represent in muzzle energy an increase of nearly 100 per cent. over the old weapons.

In war power, in measurement by tons, in effectiveness, the navy now building for the United States is stronger than our present fleet of battle-ships and armored cruisers by 40 per cent., and it is infinitely stronger than was the whole of our navy of ten years ago. Later it will be increased by the three battle-ships, three armored cruisers, and six protected cruisers, provided for in the last hours of the fifty-fifth congress.

The terrible news of suffering and death upon the so-called Edmonton trail, brought down to Victoria last Saturday morning by the steamship Danube, and exclusively wired to the Star, has been followed by accounts in the morning papers of Seattle and Tacoma, giving some further details of the disasters which overtook so many of the unfortunates who tried to reach the Yukon gold diggings by the impracticable overland route. The Canadian authorities are certainly blameworthy for failing to warn prospectors and miners against attempting to go north over the Edmonton trail, which has never been in a condition to traverse with pack animals. The "All-Canadian route" to the Yukon is gruesome with the bodies of human beings, who perished miserably from starvation and scurvy.

The Countess de Castellane, formerly Miss Gould, made a most deplorable spectacle of herself yesterday in Paris, when she espoused the cause of the Royalist rioters and marched up and down at the head of a party of the would-be revolutionists, shouting "Vive l'armee!" It seems incredible that a woman born and bred in America, one moreover, who owes to her country's liberal laws and fostering protection that ample fortune which she now enjoys, should be guilty of assailing free institutions in another country, and attempting to overthrow liberty in favor of monarchical tyranny. It is safe to say that the countess will hear something from America very soon that will not flatter her vanity.

There is a winsome feeling of warmness about the June atmosphere this afternoon that causes pang of keen regret over the stoppings of Sunday. The premonitory symptoms of summer are about us, and with the budding of the roses come tripping along the summer girl, resplendent in the glory of brilliant colors, with the aurora borealis wreathed artistically about her straw hat. Truly, the acclamation of the people is gladstone that the long-enduring wetness of things is about to be followed by the days of dusty dryness.

A passport, a Dewey button, and plenty of cash are the three things needed nowadays for an American to travel in comfort through Europe. The button is more eloquent in its appeal for respect to the foreigner than any other talisman that could possibly be invented.

THE GROWTH OF RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 5.—Russia's trade, the Trans-Siberian railway and their relation to the trade of the Orient in competition with the United States are elaborately discussed in the current number of the Summary of Commerce and Finance, just prepared by the treasury bureau of statistics.

The fact that the Trans-Siberian road, which will bring the products of Russia's fields, forest and factories to the doors of China, is nearing completion, and that Russia is also

pushing a combined rail and water route through Persia and the Indian ocean seems to justify a study of the rapidly developing industries of that great nation, whose contiguous area exceeds that of any other country in the world, and whose population is only exceeded by that of China and the British Empire.

Discussing the question of Russia's trade relations to the vast Oriental market, in which the people of the United States now feel especial interest, the report calls attention to the fact that Russia, like the United States, has such variety of soil, climate and minerals that she is able to produce within her own borders a large proportion of the necessities and comforts of life. Corn, wheat, barley and rye furnish an ample supply of breadstuffs; vast stock-growing areas produce cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, wool, hides and meats in abundance; beet sugar is produced in great quantities; hemp and other fiber plants flourish in certain provinces; cotton is successfully grown in the extreme south; virgin forests promise an enormous lumber supply; coal, iron and other minerals required for manufactures are believed to be abundant, and her mineral oil is so plentiful and cheap that it is freely used for fuel, and is also becoming a serious competitor with our own in the markets of Asia and Europe.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Belasco-Thall company opened the second week of their engagement at the Third Avenue theater, appearing in "A Social Highwayman." The performance is excellent throughout, and the company is especially well cast. The bill will be changed Thursday night to "The First Born." Friday night the bill being again changed to "A Man With a Past."

Mr. Frohman, sending his comedy, "On and Off," to the coast, and which is at the Seattle theater tomorrow and Wednesday night, promises the excellence in every particular that has made his organization the standard in America. This company is under Mr. Frohman's personal management, and the same cast will present the play here as gave it for 100 nights at the Madison square theater, New York. E. M. Holland, Fitz Williams, Samuel Reed, Ralph Delmore, James Kearney, Jay Wilson, Essie Tittel, Margaret Gordon, May Lambert, Anita Rothe, May Galyer, Louise Douglas, and others make up the cast.

Religious Notes.

There are now 16 vacant places in the College of Cardinals.

The Christian Endeavor society reports more than 3,000,000 names on its rolls.

The Anglican Bishop of Labrador says that his diocese extends to the North Pole.

Some of the Western and Southern churches are taking action against liquor selling by excluding members who are in any way connected with that business.

The number of ministerial crimes is rapidly increasing. We hesitate to say it, because of the use made of it by malignant opponents of religion; but it is undeniable, and the rate of progress is rapid.—Christian Advocate.

"It is wise to capture the foreigners for Christ!" exclaims the Christian Advocate. "A lady from the mining country in Pennsylvania says that 1500 miners, all foreigners, have been won over recently to the Mormon faith. 'This has stirred my interest in home mission work,' she adds."

In a British work on the "Drink Problem," just published, it is stated that in Guinness & Co. (brewers) there are, among the shareholders, 175 persons bearing the title of "Rev.," and that they include bishops, deans, archdeacons, and canons. In four other companies there are 132 who are designated "Rev."

On June 7 the Trappist Monks at Getsemani, Ky., will celebrate their golden jubilee. Manager Martinelli, the Papal delegate, will be the celebrant at Pontifical mass, and besides numerous archbishops from all over the United States there will be in attendance all the abbots of the various monasteries in this country.

Joan of Arc, in anticipation of her canonization, is performing miracles in France. A young alsatian nun who had been unable to assimilate solid food for months, after praying to her, arose, made up her bed, and ate a hearty meal. So the Tablet reports. Three authenticated miracles are needed to enable the Pope to pronounce her a saint.

The vigorous crusade of the Catholic Total Abstinence union for the last four years against the Benedictine Brothers of St. Vincent's monastery in Westmoreland County, Pa., has had its effect. A few days ago, when the license year expired, the brothers failed to apply for a renewal of their license. From \$60,000 to \$75,000 worth of beer of excellent quality was annually brewed by them and sold to the retail trade.

The large majority of Russians of the orthodox faith will not pass a church or shrine in the street without uncovering their heads and crossing themselves. Travelers have seen intoxicated men who were staggered along observe this ceremony, and in the case of those who were too helplessly fuddled to walk home, the friend or relative who has accompanied a tipsy companion in a sledge or drosky has, while holding him in the vehicle with one's hand, performed for him the sign of the cross with the other, when passing a sacred place.

Tyndall's plan of purifying water by means of electric currents has been tried successfully in the Brugge canal in Belgium. After being subjected to a current of 1000 volts, the water became pure and palatable.

The Homeseekers' Opportunity. Pratt's Orchard Addition is all in large bearing fruit trees, lots are offered on very liberal terms to those who need homes, by Holman & Robinson, 112 Columbia street.

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BROWNE HAS A NEW PLAN

Will Again March to Washington.

AN ARMY OF SOVEREIGN CITIZENS

The Old Associate of Coxe is Pushing a Warfare Against the Trusts.

WICHITA, Kan., June 5.—Carl Browne, who first attracted public attention in 1894 by organizing an army of the "unemployed"—the commonweal—marching at the head thereof to Washington, getting into trouble on the way, and into more in the capital by not "keeping off the grass," has come to the surface again. He has a similar project, which, with the fruits of experience, he thinks will meet with signal success. His aim this time is to throttle the trusts, and to attain it is organizing a new political party, bearing the name of "Sovereign Citizens of the United States of America."

His home, he says, is in Calistoga, Cal., but for the present it is in his little covered wagon, which is painted to resemble a log cabin, similar to that in the "Uncle Tom" parades. He is touring the West in the interest of his new party, and for the past 10 days has been in Kansas. He is accompanied by his wife, who is a daughter of "General" Coxe. He holds street meetings, giving lectures on trusts, free silver, and anti-expansion, after which he proceeds to organize the club to feed his political party. He affects a frontier dress, wearing overalls, a leather box with fringes, high top boots, and huge slouch hat. He often illustrates his talks with rough cartoons and drawings, off-hand, on wrapping paper hung on the side of his wagon. He says of his project:

"I have been organizing the 'Sovereign Citizens' among the farmers for two years. I have been in seven states and territories, and can give the names of prominent citizens throughout the Union who have given financial aid willingly. I have been secret in the work, to put it on a sure foundation before letting the general public know my plans. The demands of this new party are few in number, and shall be presented to congress by this army of 'Sovereign Citizens.' The idea is to march to Washington as a petition on foot against trusts, to impress on congress the popular indignation against the encroachments of these monsters on the rights of the people.

"The plan is entirely my own. Mr. Coxe is not a party to it. A great many will say that I cannot do it, but they said the same when I organized my first march. I know how to profit by experience, and this will accomplish more than the first. I have secured a farm near Washington, on which the army will camp. There will be no violence, no lawlessness, or anything bordering on revolution. The provisioning of the army has received first consideration. The farmers, who are great sufferers from the trusts, will do that. A bushel of wheat from a small per cent. of them will, in the impression made on congress, amply repay every one. They are thoroughly alive to this point and are more than willing to assist."

Wichita, Kan., has been selected as the place for the mobilization of the S. C. of A. when it starts on its missionary journey to the national capital.

WHERE IS ELLIS THE ENGINEER?

Advice received from Wrangle announces the mysterious disappearance of Ellis on the evening of May 28, of J. C. Ellis, chief engineer of the tug Golden Gate. He was not found to be missing until the next morning, when he failed to report for duty. It was then thought that he had gone to Skagway, and the Golden Gate awaited the arrival of the steamer Oriskany from there, which brought the news that Ellis had not been at Skagway. Search was then instituted for the missing man, but without success, and it was supposed that he fell overboard in some manner and was drowned. Ellis resided in San Francisco, where he was a member of the Engineers' association.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following deeds were filed for record in the auditor's office Saturday:

- Patrick Welsh to Patrick Brown, lot 1, blk 23, Renton ad, lots 2 and 22, blk 7, Madison street ad, lot 16, blk 1, Hiawatha park, April 24, 1896, \$1. Adm. of estate of Henry L. Yesler, decd., to Mary M. Miller, n 10 ft o 3 and 6, blk 30, Maynard's plat, May 26, to correct deed vol 296, p 10. George A. Van Arsdall et ux, to C. A. Carr, lot 3, sec 18 tp 24, r 7, May 15, \$1. Charles P. Hayes to F. H. Folsom, sec 4, sw 1/4, sec 25, tp 21, r 4, Dec. 16, 1897, \$1. Lake View Cemetery Assn. to A. F. Haas, s 1/2 lot 742, Lake View cemetery, May 16, \$58.

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The Chicago's New Boilers WASHINGTON, D. C., June 5.—A report received at the navy department from the cruiser Chicago, now on her trip around the world, testifies to the favorable results obtained from the new water tube boilers with which the Chicago was fitted at the time of her general overhauling and remodeling. This is the first time that this style of boiler has been used on a warship of the size and type of the Chicago, and the favorable report as to their adaptability for vessels of her class gives great satisfaction to the engineering officials of the department. The vessel was run for a week on those boilers without bringing into service her four old-style boilers, and an average of between ten and twelve knots per hour was made during the time in spite of rough weather.

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