

TO INCREASE HER NAVY.

England Will Build Four Battleships and Twelve Torpedo Boat Destroyers.

The eagerly expected statement of the first lord of the admiralty, George J. Goschen, on the supplementary naval programme, was made the other day in the house of commons. It reviewed the original programme, which was considered sufficient, when it was framed, being based upon the two-power system, that the navy of Great Britain must be equal to the combined fleets of any two powers.

But, in consequence of the action of Russia, on the same system, the government was compelled to present a supplementary programme, paralleling the Russian increase of six battleships, which Russia proposed to begin in 1898. Only two battleships were taken into account in the original British programme, and the first lord of the admiralty announced that he now asked the house to grant four more battleships.

Continuing, Mr. Goschen said: "The Russian programme provides for four cruisers. We propose to build four and also 12 destroyers. It is estimated that the cost of the new programme will be £3,600,000 (\$40,000,000), making the entire expenditure for the new ships £15,000,000 (\$75,000,000). The battleships will be especially adapted for the passage of the Suez canal." Mr. Goschen pointed out that her majesty's government desired Europe to note that the proposal was not aggressive, but essential to maintaining a principle laid down. Nor was Russia's action a menace to Great Britain. She had the right to build such a fleet as she thought her position required.

SPY FOOLS THE SPANIARDS.

Special Government Agent of United States Sees Camara's Fleet Depart.

Diplomats and military and naval men are talking of little else now than of the remarkable exploits of a United States spy who was hounded in Madrid and Cadiz, and even dined with Admiral Camara before the now celebrated "Suez canal squadron" sailed from Cadiz.

The special government agent of the United States government, was a West Pointer, holding a commission as captain of the Second Texas Rangers. True name has not been disclosed. In Madrid he was Fernandez Del Campo. He arrived in Madrid seven or eight weeks ago in the guise of a wealthy Mexican gentleman. He hired a suite of rooms on the first floor in the finest hotel of the Spanish capital and was soon a great favorite in society, and was known by reputation at least, in every Madrid drawing-room. Fernandez Del Campo spent a month between Cadiz, the dock yards at Caraca and the arsenal of San Fernando. He stayed in Cadiz for a day or two after the departure of Camara's squadron. He witnessed this event on board one of the admiralty's launches. One morning three Spanish gentlemen were walking up and down in front of the Hotel de Paris as if they were waiting for somebody. They were detectives sent to arrest him. A week later he was in Tangier speaking remarkably good English for a "Mexican."

WOULD WELCOME ANNEXATION

Revolutionary Party of Puerto Rico Is Anxious to Be Joined to the United States.

Senor P. de Castro, one of the prominent members of the Puerto Rican junta of New York city, when asked as to the attitude of the junta, said: "When the junta was organized we were pledged to secure the independence of the island. That was more than two years ago. Such a thing as annexation was not discussed, because Spain was not at war with America. Since this war, however, all our people are with America. At a meeting on July 12, we decided to assist the United States unconditionally. The majority of us are in favor of annexation. Any talk of the revolutionary party of Puerto Rico resisting the invasion of Americans is nonsense. I was at the meeting held July 12 in New York city and never heard any such threat.

"I have grave doubts of our ability to make a republic of Puerto Rico, meaning, as it does, an internal strife, but annexation would be successful. The majority of Puerto Ricans in this country are heartily in favor of it. There are some few against annexation, but none who would counsel resistance to it by force of arms."

A GRATIFYING SHOWING.

Latest Report Shows That Practically All the States Have Satisfied Their Quota of Troops.

The war department feels that it has reason to be gratified with the results obtained under the first and second calls for troops by the president. The statement just issued shows that practically all the states have supplied the quotas called for in these two calls. It is explained that the discrepancy between this statement and the one published a week ago, which caused so much criticism and put several states, including Massachusetts, Nebraska and North Carolina, in the onerous condition of having contributed only a small number of the troops called for, was caused by the fact that owing to failures to make prompt reports these states appeared to be deficient.

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Ordinance No. 800.

An ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of Themis street, between Sprigg and Pacific streets in the city of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Whereas, The council of the city of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on the 19th day of September, 1898, in regular session, declared by resolution, that it was necessary to grade and gravel Themis street from Sprigg street to Pacific street in said city, and

Whereas, Said resolution was published in the DEMOCRAT, a newspaper doing the city printing, for two consecutive weeks, and no remonstrance having been filed with the city clerk by the resident owners of property on said street liable to taxation for such proposed improvement, within ten days after the publication thereof; therefore

Be it ordained by the council of the city of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as follows:

SEC. 1. That portion of Themis street from Sprigg street to Pacific street is hereby required to be graded according to the established grade thereof, and when thus brought to grade and the road bed shall be thoroughly settled, the same to be determined by the Street and Wharf committee, said part of Themis street shall be graveled thirty-two (32) feet in width and the depth as hereinafter set out, to-wit:

The gravel shall be four (4) inches deep at the outside lines of gravel and gradually increased in depth to the center of said road bed so that at a depth of ten (10) inches in depth, said street shall be graveled thirty-eight (38) feet wide. The gravel to be used shall be of good quality, subject to the approval of the Street Commissioner.

SEC. 2. The City Engineer is hereby required to make estimates of the cost of the work herein and file the same with the city clerk, and if the same shall be approved by the council, the city clerk shall thereupon advertise for proposals for graveled and portion of Themis street in the manner and with the material as prescribed by this and existing ordinances; said advertisement shall be in the usual form, the last insertion to be at least ten (10) days before the time advertised for receiving bids. If any bids shall be accepted, the city shall enter into contract with the successful bidder for said work, subject to all the conditions, limitations, stipulations and bonds now required by this and existing ordinances; and if no bid is accepted the city council may, by resolution, instruct the city clerk to advertise as in the first instance. If said work be constructed by contract or otherwise, the cost of graveled shall be apportioned, assessed, taxed and collected, as is now provided by ordinance, and the duties of the city clerk, city engineer and street commissioner in relation thereto, shall be in conformity therewith.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Passed by the council Dec. 5, 1898. WILLIAM H. COERVER, President of the Council, Approved this 21st day of December, 1898. WILLIAM H. COERVER, Mayor. GEO. E. CHAPPELL, City Clerk.

Ordinance No. 802.

An ordinance appropriating the City Revenue for the fiscal year ending on the 30th day of June, 1899.

SECTION 1. The sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) is hereby appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri as the same shall have been paid into the city treasury to the credit of said fund, for the current expenses of said city, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1899.

For making and repairing streets, officers fees and salaries, including officers fees and salaries in the Police Court, maintenance of Fire Department, attorneys fees and other fees in suits brought for or against the city, or in which the city has an interest, repairs to cemeteries, sanitary purposes, including expenditures approved by the Board of Health, repairs to court house and public square, repairs to jail and boarding prisoners, aid, provisions and transportation of poor persons and paupers, street expenses, hydrant rental for the protection, street lights (electric lights) and such other contingent and necessary expenses herein specified; said amount to be paid of said fund, by motion resolution or ordinance as shall be allowed by the City Council of said city during said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage.

Passed by the Council Dec. 19, 1898. WILLIAM H. COERVER, President of the Council, Approved this 21st day of December 1898. WILLIAM H. COERVER, Mayor. GEO. E. CHAPPELL, City Clerk.

Attest: WILLIAM H. COERVER, Mayor. GEO. E. CHAPPELL, City Clerk.

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PROBATE DOCKET

List of Executors, Administrators Guardians and Curators who are required by law to exhibit their accounts on the day and date below named, at the February Term, 1899, of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Jackson, Cape Girardeau county, Missouri, commencing on Monday, February 13th, 1899.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 1899. Hope Thomas D., guardian of Wm. M. Slinkard, a minor. Adams Frederike, guardian of minor heirs of Henry C. Ahrens, deceased. Abernathy Eli, administrator of the estate of Margaret R. Hope, deceased.

Baker John F., administrator of the estate of Tilemicus T. Jones deceased. Bruening William, administrator of A. H. Sebastian, deceased. Charles, guardian of Rudolph, Martha & Lydia Sander, minors.

Colyer Curtis L., guardian of Athel W. Colyer, a minor. Cotner Alfred, guardian of Elam W. Cotner, a minor.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 1899. Drum William W. and Thomas B. executors of the estate of John Drum deceased.

Guenter Charles, administrator of the estate of John Jourdan, deceased. Hatcher Julia A., guardian of James S. and Robert E. Hatcher, minors. Hinkle Peter M., guardian of George and Annie Jenkins, minors. Heise Henry, guardian of Albert G. Heise, a minor.

Howard Edward, executor of the estate of Wade H. Snamer, deceased. Knapth Thomas D., guardian of minor heirs of John M. Adams, deceased. Hays Henry W., administrator of the estate of John A. Cotner, deceased.

Horrell John A., guardian of Wilson, Emma and Joseph Howard, minors. Kiepe Charles, executor of the estate of John F. Kiepe, deceased.

Keeling William N., guardian of Thos H. and John S. Poe, minors. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 1899. Keller Frederick, guardian of Reinhold, a minor.

Knapth William F., guardian of Edna C. Summers, a minor. Kinder O. B. & G. C. executors of A. H. Kinder, deceased.

Lee Mary A., guardian of Viva Lee, a minor. LaCroix Jacob, guardian of his own minor children.

Lambaugh Jefferson W., guardian of Cora Beckmann, a minor. Lambaugh Jefferson W., administrator of the estate of Frederick Beckmann, deceased.

Mills Robert C., guardian of minor heirs of E. F. Mills, deceased. Miller James H., guardian of Jettie and Harry Layton, minors.

Miller William H., guardian of Albert T. Summers, a minor. Moglar Frank, guardian of Anna and Eva Hoeckel, minors. Miller Mollie C., guardian of Charles G. Miller, a minor.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 1899. Macke Charles H., guardian of his own minor children. McCullough B. L., guardian of minor heirs of G. W. Crader deceased.

Macke Julius, guardian of his own minor children. Oliver John F., guardian Josephine Bray, a minor.

Poe Albert H., administrator of the estate of Caroline Bauer, deceased. Poe Albert H., administrator of the estate of Franklin Creath, deceased.

Russell James W., executor of the estate of Mary L. Russell, deceased. Russell Narvena, executrix of the estate of Elam W. Russell, deceased. Roberts William J., guardian of Percy Statler, a minor.

Tablich Herman, guardian of Lulu Grunth, a minor. Schaefer William B., guardian of minor heirs of Jas. C. Cotner, deceased.

Seibert David B., guardian of Anna Engelhardt, a minor. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 1899. Sawyer Robert M., guardian of Ray W. Colyer, a minor.

Sander William G., guardian of Henry and Augusta Gross, minors. Sander William G., guardian of Bertha Sebastian, a minor. Story Antonia A., guardian of Alfred P. Story, a minor.

Stevenson A. K., guardian of Clark H. and J. C. Ried, minors. Schlugter Andrew H., guardian of Loyd C. Fullenwider, a minor.

Summers Emmett A., guardian of M. M. Williams heirs. Sides Robert W., guardian of his own minor children.

Sawyer Robert M., guardian of Robert Baldrige heirs. Stevenson Julius, guardian of R. L. Stevenson, insane.

Thompson & Bonney, administrators of the estate of J. C. Thompson deceased. Thompson D. C., administrator of partnership estate of J. C. Thompson & Son.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1899. Voges August, guardian of Henry & August Hoffmeister, minors. Wessell Henry, guardian of August Wessell, insane.

Wille C. A., guardian of Wm. W. & Anna B. Miller, minors. Webb Rebecca A., guardian of Wm. W. Webb heirs.

Wiley Eliza C., guardian of Martha E. Shorter, a minor. Waddie Jacob, administrator of the estate of R. R. Kynion, deceased.

Young James F., administrator of the estate of Joseph Young, deceased. Yates William H., administrator of the estate of James M. Yates, deceased.

Attest: HENRY PELES, Clerk of Probate.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Samuel Casey, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau County, at Jackson, Missouri, bearing date the 20th day of January, 1899.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to him for allowance within one year from the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

HENRY KIEHNE, Administrator. jan28-41-4w.

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