

NAVY DEVELOPMENT. A Good Year's Progress Reported by Secretary Tracy.

Peculiar Advantages Combined in the Construction of New Cruisers.

Superiority in Armor Plate and Heavy Guns. Development of Smokeless Powder.

Pacific Coast Requirements.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Secretary of the Navy Tracy in his annual report speaks first of new construction undertaken during the past year. Of this year the most important is, he says, the protected cruiser No. 13, of 7000 tons displacement, and a sister ship to cruiser No. 12. The peculiar advantages of these two cruisers consist in their extraordinary coal endurance and their high speed, in both of which respects they have no equal among the larger cruisers of the world.

ARMOR AND ORDNANCE.

On the armor question the Secretary notes the growth of its manufacture here, etc., trials of which have been fully reported before in these dispatches. The armor now in use was more severe than was ever applied at foreign trials, and the results have been in the highest degree satisfactory. Each of the armor plates made at the navy yard was superior to the English compound plate, while the nickel Harvey plate and the high carbon nickel plate were superior to all foreign plates they may, therefore, be pronounced in advance the best armor plate heretofore manufactured in Europe. There is a probability that within a year or two the armor-producing capacity of the United States may be quadrupled.

WALKS ON A BALL.

Achille Philon's Feat at the Press Reception.

Achille Philon, the nervy equilibrist who to-night became the central attraction for a season at the Mechanics' Pavilion, was given a press reception by the management of the skating rink last evening.

POWDER FOR COTTON.

Brown powder for general service in heavy guns continues to give excellent results. The most recent advance during the year is the development of a new powder, invented by Professor Monroe of the navy torpede works, which is being tested with great interest.

REMOVED PROJECTILES AND TORPEDOES.

The firms manufacturing armor-piercing projectiles have made improvements, and the difference in the weight of the shells of the navy today, compared with the situation a year ago, when it had not a single projectile that could pierce the armor of a battleship, is a matter of record.

PACIFIC COAST ORDNANCE FACTORY.

The Secretary says the development work of the Pacific coast ordnance factory during the past year has been most successful. The factory is now producing a large number of projectiles, and the work is being pushed forward with vigor.

HAD NOT A QUORUM.

Visit to the Veterans' Home by the Directors.

Yesterday was the time appointed for the regular quarterly meeting of the Directors of the Veterans' Home Association, and the session was to have been held at the home, but it was adjourned because of the absence of a quorum.

THE CHILEAN INCIDENT.

Compliments to the excellent on the Baltimore's men in Valparaiso. The Secretary details the story as it has already been told in this column. The Secretary says that the attack was without arms, and that the defenses. It is clear that their only offense lay in wearing the uniform of the country to which they belonged.

There are at present 400 men quartered at the institution, and all the available room is occupied. The water supply has been remedied, partly by nature and partly by artificial means.

Handsome Charley Dooley Slendered by the Apollo Belvedere.

Ever since Charley Dooley blossomed out as the Apollo Belvedere of the diamond he has been the recipient of much good-natured giving, both from press and public.

THEY COULDN'T HIT.

Poor Portland Downed by the Doughly Dukes.

Lookabough Gave Them Tea Bases on Balls, but It Availed Them Nothing—Jack Fanning Was an Easy Mark.

Once upon a time a player-manager, whose hind name is Glenavlin, delivered himself of what he thought was a great base-ball throw. He said that if a pitcher should ever be so indiscreet as to give his mighty widders of the willow over to six bases on balls they would lay out a victory which would give pain to the accomplices of the aforesaid pitcher.

Nicholas Lookabough of San Jose presented the player-manager with the opportunity of his life yesterday afternoon. Nicholas pitched a base-on-balls game equal to any ever lived over by Peter Sommers, late of Oakland.

He had no more control than a step-mother over a job-lot of children. Still, when Nicholas did not pitch, which was at rare intervals, those Portland young men seemed reluctant to do what they said they would, namely, hit the ball. Ten of them walked in first base, four of them made hits, and out of the entire combination they got but three shivered lumps.

When Glenavlin made that base-on-balls movement, the catcher of Jack Fanning appeared in April last without warning close to the pitcher's feet. The catcher was in the act of catching the ball when he was struck by the pitcher's ball.

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SIGHTS SEEN ABROAD.

Washington Ladies Recount Their Experiences.

Egyptian Pyramids, Donkeys and Marriages. Mosques of Turkey, Ruins of Greece and Buildings of Russia—Holland.

Special Correspondent OF THE CALL.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, 1891.—One by one the leading ladies of Washington society are straggling into the national capital. They come from the four corners of the earth, and many of them have traveled thousands of miles on their journeys home.

I had a very pleasant interview with Madame Romero, wife of the Mexican Minister, who, together with her husband, has been making an extensive tour during the summer months. She said:

Jiggs was the people who inhabit it. Jiggs was the people who inhabit it. Jiggs was the people who inhabit it.

While the Portland team was at Monterey a number of the ladies were evening discussing the peculiarities of a wealthy man in that vicinity. Jiggs was listening.

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PEISONAL NOTES.

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OBITUARY.

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IS IT J. W. TOBIN?

A Man Falls From a Train in Oakland and is Killed.

At 10:30 o'clock last night a man supposed to be J. W. Tobin of 1205 Fillmore street, San Francisco, fell from a Seventh-street local train, near Henry street, in Oakland, and fractured his skull, causing death.

The coroner was notified and took the body to the morgue, where, upon examination, a letter was found in his pocket bearing the above name and address.

LATEST SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE. Movements of Trans-Atlantic Steamers. H. H. Arrived Dec. 6.—St. Mir Gasconne, from New York.

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