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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1913.

Two Battleships.

The House Naval Affairs Committee yesterday voted to recommend the authorization of construction of two new battleships, six torpedo boat destroyers, four submarines, one supply ship, and one transport.

Secretary Meyer fixed the requirements of the fleet at three new battleships, two battleship-cruisers, sixteen destroyers, and a large number of valuable torpedo boat destroyers, submarines, and auxiliaries.

It also remains for the House to give effect to the naval committee's recommendation. The outlook for this is promising, despite the cautious opposition of those who would rather spend the public money for public buildings and the sincere misgivings of those who are worried by the mounting appropriations proposed by the Democratic majority.

It would be unwise economy to curtail the strength of the fleet to such an extent as to impair the authority of the United States among the powers. At the same time, the expense of naval administration must be reduced.

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the question at issue should be considered by disinterested experts, some of whom should be thoroughly versed in the intricacies of the problems, and all of whom, excepting those representing especially either the employers or the employed, shall take into due consideration the rights and needs of the public.

To the public, which is deeply concerned in the controversy, this looks like a fair proposition.

The Safety (?) of Travel.

If it is possible to gain an unbiased view of the problem of safety, or the lack of safety, in American railroad travel, the block signal and train control board, appointed under a resolution which Congress adopted after the disastrous Terra Cotta wreck in 1906, should now be possessed of it.

The board, headed by Prof. M. E. Cooley, of the University of Michigan, a distinguished engineer, has spent five years in investigating the subjects indicated by its official name. Likewise it has considered broken rails and the variable human element in railway operation.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

THE OLD VALENTINE. Some fellows call a box of sweets a valentine.

But I prefer the lace affair. Of long ago, I was trimmed with tinsel everywhere.

I loved that screen of pink and blue. For its merits sake, it was a little brother to a frosted cake.

Age Limit. Children under twelve are debarred from appearing in public in most States, and there also appears to be some sort of a rule applying to anecdotes.

They Go Together. "Why do they couple furs and feathers?" "They go together. When a woman spends a week's salary for feathers, naturally her husband makes a fuss."

February 13 in History. February 12, 1841—Henry VIII gets 2,000 ugly valentines. He was not popular.

Ice in Demand. "There will be a shortage of ice next summer, and then what will you do?" "I expect to sell enough ice this winter to enable me to retire," answered the ice dealer with a grin.

Another Sad Blow. He thought it was a valentine; it made him thrill. "Good! Be good! ran one line—'It was a bill.'"

As It Really Happened. The king was in his counting house running over the stubs of his check book and hearing the cost of living.

His Firm Mouth. "You have such a firm mouth." "Yes, I acquired that by keeping my lips compressed."

Graduated Thanks. "Your waltzers must say 'Thank you,' even when the tip is small."

THE OPEN FORUM. Suffragist "Ronnie" an Anti.

To the Editor: The opposition of "I. H. B." to woman suffrage, recently appearing in The Herald, is exactly the kind of opposition that we want. It is so weak in its argument and so anemic in its logic that it is rather more ludicrous than convincing.

"I. H. B." in her resting, having all that wants, love, protection, children—what else does she want? To go out into the world to support themselves or their dependent relatives, should want conditions made either more favorable or more endurable. It may be safely said that two-thirds of these women work because it is necessary to do so, rather than because they prefer it.

"I. H. B." lived in Florida. I am sure that she would be utterly unable to understand why a woman living in Vermont should want a vote for her. If she had recently dined at a home table provided by a good husband, she would also be unable to understand why a woman with an empty larder and many children should want laws that would prevent a dissipated husband spending his wages on drink.

Not having seen either Representative Heflin, himself, I am unable to rave about his looks as "I. H. B." does. I am willing to give him the benefit of the doubt and concede that probably his home is happy, well provided, and provided, but it is not the well that we are trying to cure—it is the sick that need our help.

The women who work and the women who need are as womanly, as willing to be mothers, and as willing to be homemakers as any women living. God made them with maternal instincts, and casting a ballot is not going to change the old laid plans.

To the Editor: After reading "I. H. B.'s" letter of the 11th inst. opposing suffrage for women, I am constrained to reply that I rather hope the letter culminated in the editorial rooms of The Herald. I would rather think that a mere young man, with a deplorable small acquaintance among women, wrote it than that there is even one woman so narrow of mind and soul in this age of charming progressive women.

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NATION'S MEN OF AFFAIRS IN CARTOON



TRUMAN G. PALMER, Statistician and Economist.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BY WOODROW WILSON THE STORY OF THE FIRST PRESIDENT BY THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Burgoyne Trapped and Beaten by the Patriot Militia—How Thwarted by Washington at Every Turn—How Determined to Capture Philadelphia. Washington Defeated by Cornwallis at the Brandywine—The British Pass a Gay Winter at Philadelphia, the Patriots a Sorrowful One at Valley Forge—Plot to Displace Washington.

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STATSMEN—REAL AND NEAR

By FRED C. KELLY.

John Dalzell, of Pittsburgh, and Seneca Payne, the old time tariffers, are great cronies. Now that Dalzell and Seneca are a few more of the old standard cronies are defeated, and Payne, stripped of his power, is left to sit on the lid all by himself.

It is a source of great satisfaction to Victor Mordock, the Kansas statesman with the sandy hair of curling-iron design, that he may have been instrumental once upon a time in saving a beautiful young woman from the pitfalls of a great wicked city, to-wit: New York, our thriving metropolis.

Victor and his wife were saying their first visit to New York fifteen years ago, and had dropped into an inoffensive looking restaurant in the downtown section of the city. They were young and full of enthusiasm, and were walking around to see everything.

At any rate this is what happened. The girl, after noting the look Victor gave her, suddenly pushed aside her glass, half-filled with the finest of beer, and began to drink, though her companion mildly reproached her for so doing.

Victor has always been a good student of human nature, and he thought he could read her reasoning, but he was wrong. In the first place, she probably was not a bad little girl, but had come to the big city from a small town and now for the first time was seeing New York.

Those who know Robert H. Gittins, the next Representative from Niagara Falls, are wondering how long it will be after he arrives here, before he begins addressing Speaker Clark as "Champ, and Leader Underwood as "Ose."

Stokowski-Ysaye Concert. Violinist to Appear with Philadelphia Orchestra to-day. The Stokowski-Ysaye concert at the New National Theater this afternoon, at 1:30, has attracted a great deal of interest since the musical and social leaders realize that the combination is rather a unique one.

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