

THE U. S. S. IDAHO.

THE IDAHO LAUNCHED

Notable Function at Cramp Shipyard Today.

FIRST-CLASS WARSHIP

A SISTER SHIP TO THE BATTLESHIP MISSISSIPPI.

Conspicuous Example of the Use of Electricity in Operating All Its Appliances.

PHILADELPHIA, December 9.—The United States battleship Idaho was launched at 12:20 o'clock today at the yard of the William Cramp Ship and Engine Building Company. The vessel was christened by Miss Louise May Gooding, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Gov. Frank R. Gooding of Idaho.

In addition to Gov. and Mrs. Gooding, Col. W. C. Hunter of the governor's staff and Chief Justice and Mrs. S. O. Stockinger, who comprise the governor's party, Idaho was represented by a delegation of citizens who arrived here from Washington today. This party was in charge of Gen. G. B. Williams, the Cramps representative at Washington, and was headed by Senators Frederick T. Dubois and W. B. Hey-

burn and Representative Burton Lee French. Besides these there was present a distinguished gathering of naval officers from the League Island navy yard and state and city officials. After the launching luncheon was served in the mold loft.

The battleship Idaho, which was launched



Miss Louise Gooding.

today, is a sister ship to the Mississippi, which was launched on September 30, and will be a battleship of the first class. When finished she will be a conspicuous illustration of the important factor electricity has become in the operating of a modern

FIREFIGHTERS' PRIZE

TROPHY FLAG PRESENTED TO ENGINE COMPANY NO. 1.

Commissioner Macfarland presented the Macfarland trophy flag to No. 1 engine company at 10 o'clock this morning. The trophy was won as a result of the annual inspection recently concluded. The company's general efficiency, quickness in action and general discipline rated the highest in the department. Capt. Henry Egloff of No. 6 engine company, which won the flag last year, surrendered it to Chief William T. Biddle, who in a brief speech the latter gave it to Commissioner Macfarland, who made the formal presentation to Capt. T. O'Connor in a congratulatory speech.

Drawn up in front of the engine house was the full equipment of No. 1, shined and polished in faultless style. The proud fire ladders looked the pink of perfection. The new uniforms and our firefighters' respective places during the ceremony. There were present besides Commissioner Macfarland, Commissioner Henry L. West and John Biddle, and the committee on inspection of the board of fire underwriters, the members of which are Ralph W. Lee, Myer Cohen, Henry L. Stimpert and the Hon. J. H. Brown. Commissioner Macfarland, in delivering the trophy to Capt. O'Connor, said:

Commissioner Macfarland's Speech.
"Heartily congratulations to you, Capt. O'Connor, and to all your men. This committee of prominent underwriters has made, at my request, a searching inspection of all the fire department stations and a comparison of their discipline records for the year. The committee reports a high state of efficiency throughout, and this enhances the honor of the award to you of this flag as the best company this year. The first department, we trust, will be rewarded for its admirable service by a reorganization which will give better pay, and at the same time hope to see our firefighters' facilities increased. Underpaid and inadequate in numbers and equipment, you are guards of life and property, and the assistance and good wishes of the citizens of Washington."

Capt. O'Connor's Response.
Capt. O'Connor, in accepting the trophy, said it gave him great pleasure as the representative of No. 1 engine company to extend sincere thanks to Commissioner Macfarland and the gentlemen composing the committee on inspection for the honor they had conferred in awarding his company the flag. Its significance was fully appreciated by him and his men.
"We may not always win the flag," he said, "but we hope that in the future, as in the past, we will be able to give our superior officers and the assistance and good wishes of the citizens of Washington."

The personnel of No. 1 engine company is as follows: Captain, T. O'Connor; Lieutenant, E. O'Connor; engineer, J. M. Wooster; assistant engineer, J. P. Rick; driver, J. S. Trodden; private, J. H. Lyon, J. H. Marti, P. Koeh, J. J. Sweeney, E. W. Tubbs and Charles H. Hurley.

Debate on Capital Punishment.
At the regular weekly meeting of the Columbian Debating Society of the George Washington University held last evening in the jurisprudence and diplomacy building, the question, "Resolved, That capital punishment should be abolished in the District of Columbia," was discussed by Messrs. C. A. Miller, M. B. Goodall, and P. D. Couden, for the affirmative, and Messrs. Donald H. McLean, A. G. Pollock and W. J. Lewis for the negative. The judges, Messrs. J. Dawson Williams, D. C. Mulholland and Edward S. Stewart, decided that the affirmative had won the debate and that first and second honors should be awarded respectively to Messrs. C. A. Miller and D. H. McLean.

Five passengers were badly hurt and more than a dozen others sustained slight injuries yesterday at Pittsburg when an electric car crashed into a second car, which had stopped to receive passengers.

TO AID PHILIPPINES

CHAIRMAN COOPER EXPECTS THE TARIFF TO BE LOWERED.

Results Looked for From the Visit of the Taft Party to the Islands—Money for the Schools.

"A tariff bill to relieve the conditions in the Philippines will be passed at this session of Congress, in my opinion," Representative Cooper of Wisconsin, chairman of the House committee on insular affairs at the last session of Congress, expresses this opinion concerning the outcome of legislation for the relief of commercial conditions in the Philippines. Mr. Cooper accompanied Secretary Taft to the islands and has made a study of the tariff needs of the islands. He says the United States tobacco growers need have no fear of the Philippine tobacco raisers, because of the quality of the tobacco grown in the islands and the limited production. In Mr. Cooper's opinion hemp is to be the product to which the Philippines will turn their attention rather than to tobacco and sugar.

"Much of the unwarranted apprehension which has existed concerning the effect that the importation of Philippine sugar into the United States would have on sugar growers in this country has been dispelled. The visit of the Taft party to the islands has been especially well impressed with the sentiment on this subject, as it was shown that the production of sugar in the islands is limited as compared with the amount of sugar consumed in this country. It was also demonstrated that the possibilities for a great increase in sugar production in the Philippine group are also limited."

Money for the Schools.
A bill providing for the setting aside of money realized from the sale of Philippine lands for the use of the schools has already been introduced by Mr. Cooper in the House, and he is confident it will meet with opposition. The measure sets aside 40 per cent of the receipts from land sales for primary schools and 20 per cent of the receipts from such sales for higher schools. Mr. Cooper's view is that these higher schools should be industrial or technical. He was especially well impressed with the work which American schools have already accomplished in the islands, but says the necessity for manual training and instruction in agriculture is apparent in all the islands.

Fertile Lands in Mindanao.
"In the island of Mindanao there are plateau lands as desirable as the most fertile lands in the United States," said Mr. Cooper. "Much of this is at such a high elevation that the climate is delightful, and the plateau will work wonders and soon bring about extensive land sales. Members of the Taft party who had read glowing reports which Gen. Chaffee and other officers made of parts of Mindanao were unable to believe them until they actually visited the island."

Banquet for Virginia Democrats.
Arrangements have been completed for the twenty-fifth annual banquet of the Virginia Association, to be given at the Riggs House Monday evening at 9 o'clock.

Among the speakers for the evening will be Senators John W. Daniel and Thomas S. Martin and Representatives John Sharp Williams, James Hay, John Lamb, Robert Z. Henry, E. Y. Webb, J. Taylor Ellison and H. D. Flood.

Grand Rabbi Zadoc Kahn died at Paris yesterday.

warship. Except for windlass and steering gear, practically all her other auxiliary machinery will be run by electricity and her two military masts will be fitted with apparatus for wireless telegraphy.

Description of the Ship.

The keel plates of the Idaho were laid in May of last year.

Her specifications are: Length on water line, 375 feet; length over all, 382 feet; extreme beam, 77 feet; trial displacement on a draft of 24.8, 15,000 tons.

The contract provides for a speed of seventeen knots. Motive power will be furnished by twin-screw triple-expansion engines of a collective indicated horsepower of 10,000, steam being supplied to the cylinders by eight water tube boilers set in four water-tight compartments.

The main battery of the Idaho will consist of four 12-inch breech-loading rifles, mounted in two turrets, eight 8-inch breech-loading rifles, mounted in four turrets; eight 7-inch breech-loaders, placed behind casement armor, and two 21-inch submerged torpedo tubes.

Secondary battery—Twelve 3-inch six-pounders, two one-pounder automatics, two one-pounder rapid-fire guns; two 3-inch field pieces, two machine and six automatic guns.

The main belt side armor will be a strip nine feet three inches in width, running the entire length, nine inches in thickness amidships, gradually tapering to a thickness of four inches fore and aft. The upper and lower casement armor amidships over the main belt will be seven inches in thickness, while the bulkhead terminals, the immediate vicinity of the 12-inch turret barbets, will have an armor of the same thickness. The mechanism of the 12-inch turrets will be protected with armor ranging from ten to seven and a half inches in thickness, the armor for the turrets themselves gradually increasing from twelve to eight inches. The armor for the 8-inch turrets will range from six and a half to six inches, and that for the barbets from six to four inches.

Ample quarters will be provided for the crew of 750 officers and men, with special attention to sanitation.

ANTI-GORDON FEELING

HOWARD UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SHARPLY CRITICISE PRESIDENT.

There was an apparent calm at Howard University today following the stormy revolt of students at noon yesterday, as exclusively described in The Star. During the forenoon the students gathered in groups in the dormitories or on the campus and discussed the demonstration of the day before. The opinion was fully expressed by them that President Gordon will have to go, and that his days of usefulness as the head of the institution are past. Several of the more intemperate students sought to place placards about the university denouncing Dr. Gordon and his alleged methods, but they were dissuaded from so doing by the more cool-headed leaders.

There were rumors of retaliatory measures against Prof. Gordon and his friends, also that the faculty will be urged to discipline the students who took part in yesterday's demonstration. Dr. Gallaudet, who is at the head of the committee investigating the charges against Dr. Gordon, declined positively to make any statement on the subject. He said the committee is inquiring into the charges.

Causes of Trouble.
An opponent of the president declared that Dr. Gordon had sought to introduce the "Lilly White" methods of some of the names of those who took part in the demonstration, and that yesterday's revolt was the result. Several of the students were asked by a Star reporter if another outbreak is probable. The replies were in effect that the uprising was not a spontaneous affair, but had been smoldering like a volcano for about eight months. It was added that Dr. Gordon's appearance hereafter at any gathering of students is liable to fan the smoldering fire into a flame and cause other upheavals.

"We know," said a student, "that Dr. Gordon's friends are securing a list of the names of those who took part in the demonstration, for the purpose of demanding disciplinary measures, but we do not fear the outcome. Dr. Gordon tries to make it appear that only about 100 students participated in the uprising. We assert that at the signal cry of 'Down with Gordon,' between 400 and 500 students joined in the hissing, cat calls, etc., and that fully 700 students in all are in the movement in opposition to the continuance of his administration at the head of Howard University."

Potomac Post Election.
At a regular meeting of Potomac Post, No. 11, Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic, held last night the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year: Commander, William O'Meara; senior vice commander, John H. Randolph; junior vice commander, William B. Neer; chaplain, S. C. Robb; quartermaster, W. L. Schmalhoff; surgeon, Edmund J. Duval; officer of the day, George W. Gladman; officer of the guard, Clinton Vermilion; representative on the board of management of the Soldiers and Sailors' Temporary Home, J. Tyler Powell; representative on the department relief committee, L. F. Callan; member of the memorial committee, S. C. Robb; representatives to the department encampment, W. H. Hoover, S. C. Robb, John W. Bradbury, George C. Harris, John H. Randolph; alternate, L. F. Callan, Edmund J. Duval, James T. Sheekels, M. J. Sauter, James L. Brown.

Lecture to Naval Medical Students.
Surgeon W. C. Braisted, U. S. N., delivered a lecture before the students of the Naval Medical School yesterday on his experiences during the Russian-Japanese war. He was enabled to observe several of the battles and made a study of the medical conditions.

"When the proper time comes I intend to give to the press a complete and detailed statement of the affairs of Howard University. I think the public is entitled to have this information because the university is supported by public funds. In connection with the trouble at Howard University it is said that a committee of graduates representing the various departments, with members representing the patrons and friends of the university, were appointed at an open conference held in Galbraith A. M. Zion Church last May, which presented a petition to the board of trustees at its annual meeting, May 31, praying for the removal of Dr. Gordon as president. The committee suggested that the board of trustees appoint a committee to consider the petition and such other matters as might be presented bearing on the conditions existing.

Students' Version.
It is a fact that Dr. Gordon does not possess the confidence nor even the respect of the student body.

"The graduates of all departments are practically united against him.

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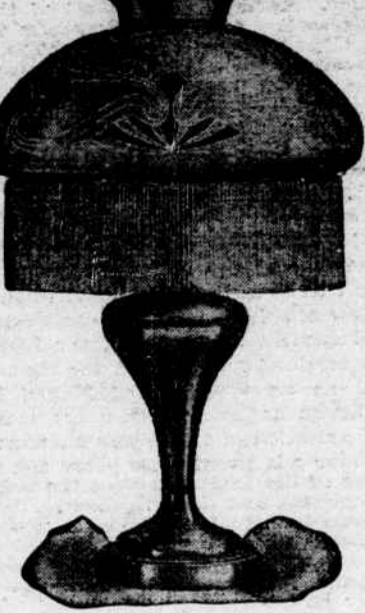
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ASKS FOR GUIDANCE

Waterways Commission Uncertain About Its Status.

TOPRESERVE THE FALLS

WOULD LIMIT USE OF WATERS OF NIAGARA RIVER.

Effect on Lake Superior of the Canals at Sault Ste. Marie to Be Investigated—Need for Caution.

The American section of the international waterways commission, consisting of Col. O. H. Ernst, U. S. A., chairman; George Clinton and George Y. Wisner, in its annual report to the Secretary of War on the progress made in the work devolving upon the commission calls attention to a number of questions which have been brought before it and expresses a desire for an expression of the wishes of Congress for its future guidance.

Since it completed its organization in September the commission has made progress in the collection of data bearing upon some of these questions, particularly those relating to the use of water at Niagara Falls, says the report, and to the regulation of the level of Lake Erie by works near its outlet.

The commission on October 28 adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That this commission recommends to the governments of the United States and Canada that such steps as they may regard as necessary be taken to prevent any corporate rights or franchises being granted or renewed by either federal, state or provincial authority for the use of the waters of the Niagara river for power or other purposes until this commission is able to collect the information necessary to enable it to report fully upon the conditions and uses of those waters to the respective governments of the United States and Canada."

Water Rights at Sault Ste. Marie.
The most pressing questions, according to the report, related to the use of water at Sault Ste. Marie, where the traffic through the canals constructed at the rapids is said to be larger this year than ever before. It being estimated that the tonnage will be exceeding 40,000,000 for the year. The quantity of water which will be required in the operation of the canals will be greater in the future, and says the report, in granting privileges the respective governments should not forfeit the right to increase the amount indefinitely. In this connection the commission has adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That in the opinion of this commission no further rights or privileges should be granted or conferred regarding the use or diversions of the water flowing out of Lake Superior, by either the government of the United States or Canada, until the commission is able to make suggestions for regulating the excess of these waters, or that, if such rights or privileges be granted, they be subject to any regulations that may be adopted by both governments."

The use of water for power purposes, the report points out, must be so regulated as not to affect injuriously the level of Lake Superior and the level must not be allowed to fall so low as to injure navigation or raised so high as to submerge the shores.

Commission's Status Undefined.
After a public hearing given to the parties in interest in this connection the commission tentatively adopted certain rules and regulations, and the report adds: "The enforcement of these rules and regulations calls for the executive action from

time to time of an international commission. The enforcement of rules to be established hereafter at other places or upon other subjects will probably likewise require joint executive action. It is not clear from the language of the law creating this commission that Congress intended to provide for a permanent international board. It is desirable that the status of the present commission as a permanent executive board be defined or a new board be created."

Questions Under Consideration.

Among the questions referred to by the commission are the following: The uses of the waters at Sault Ste. Marie for power purposes and the regulations necessary to insure an equitable division of the waters between the two countries and the protection of the navigation interests.

The suppression or abatement of the effect upon the levels of the lakes and upon their shores, and upon the River St. Lawrence.

The alleged differences in the marine regulations of the two countries with respect to signal lights, and the advisability of adopting uniform signals for both countries.

The advisability of building controlling works at the outlet of Lake Erie, including the effect upon the levels of the lakes and upon their shores, and upon the River St. Lawrence.

The diversion southward of certain waters in the state of Minnesota that now flow north into the Rainy river and the Lake of the Woods.

The effect of the Chicago drainage canal upon the levels of Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario, and upon the River St. Lawrence.

Delimiting the international boundary on the international waterways and delineating the same on modern charts.

The location and construction of common locks, and the protection of navigation in narrow channels.

Protection of shores from damage due to the changing of the level of the water.

According to the report some of the questions clearly come under the jurisdiction of the commission as constituted, while some questions and to extend the jurisdiction of the commission to all international waters between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. It is desirable that the wishes of Congress in this matter be more clearly defined.

Forty-Second Anniversary.
The forty-second anniversary of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church on 8th street southwest, will be celebrated tomorrow. A long program has been arranged. Among those who will be included in the list of speakers are Rev. P. J. Jordan, John Hammond, Dr. O. J. W. Scott, J. C. Waters, P. A. Wallace, J. B. Warner, J. W. Smith, A. Wilkins, P. J. Howard, Rev. B. T. Perkins, D. D. There will be short addresses delivered by the following citizens: J. C. Dancy, recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia; George H. White, ex-representative of North Carolina; Perry H. Carson, Miss Mattie Bowen, Mrs. E. V. Chase, Prof. T. M. Bent of Georgia, Mr. W. L. Hawkins of Wisconsin, Mrs. Bryant of Alabama, John W. Freeman of District of Columbia. Music will be rendered by Mrs. Gabrielle Pelham, Mrs. Louis A. Blagburn, Dr. C. Summer Wormly, Miss Eddie D. Lampton, and W. H. Fossett.

Held for Action of Grand Jury.
John Robinson was this morning in the Police Court held for the action of the grand jury by Judge Kimball on a charge of attempted criminal assault. Bond in the case was fixed at \$1,000, in default of which he was committed to jail.

LARGER FORCE WANTED

REPORT OF GEN. ELLIOTT, HEAD OF THE MARINE CORPS.

In his annual report, Gen. Elliott, commandant of the Marine Corps, makes a number of recommendations designed to increase the efficiency of the corps, the principal one being for an increase of 2,480 in the enlisted personnel of the corps, and another that the line be increased by 24 captains, 24 first lieutenants, and 12 second lieutenants.

He says the construction work at the Marine Barracks in this city is progressing rapidly and will probably be completed within the contract time.

The commandant says that all the officers at marine headquarters in the Mills Building are seriously overcrowded, so much so, he says, that most of the officers' quarters are not only made uncomfortable, but their efficiency materially interfered with.

"In view," says the commandant, "of the urgent necessity for increased floor space it is earnestly recommended that there be allotted to the headquarters of the Marine Building, or that provision be made for the rental of ample quarters elsewhere in the immediate vicinity of the Mills building. Under present conditions, owing to the limited space allotted to these headquarters, the Mills building, it is impracticable to afford storage facilities for the permanent and valuable records of the Marine Corps now stored in an inflammable building as the marine barracks in this city. It is necessary to refer to these records quite frequently, and much valuable time is lost for the reason that clerks are obliged to go back and forth between the Mills building and the marine barracks to obtain desired information."

FOR SPEEDWAY OPENING.

Program to Be Prepared for Next Tuesday's Event.

All plans for the formal opening of the new speedway next Tuesday were completed last night at the meeting in the Metropolitan Hotel of the Road Drivers and Riders' Association. The president of the association, Mr. F. V. De Graw, fourth assistant postmaster general, president and assistant committee of three, B. F. Macaulay, John H. Gheen and E. E. Taylor, Jr., to prepare the program. More than 100 members were present at the meeting and an enthusiastic opening seems to be assured. The idea to have a band on duty has been abandoned and instead there will be a bugler to call the horses to the start. The officials of the speed contests will be as follows: Starter, Dr. Charles F. Hadden; judges, John H. Brown, George Zuercher, and T. M. Bond. The speed contests will include a 2-40 trot or pace, 2:25 trot or pace, 2:18 pace and a free-for-all trot, and free-for-all pace. George B. and Black Eagle, the two protested horses in the 2:40 pace, will be permitted to run pending an investigation as to their records.

Osiris Lodge Election.

At the last stated communication of Osiris Lodge, No. 23, F. A. M., held December 6, the following officers for 1906 were elected and installed: Sydney R. Jacobs, master; William H. Landvoigt, senior warden; William W. Lewis, junior warden; Herbert P. Gerald (for eleventh year), secretary; William T. Fitz Gerald (for second year), treasurer; Theo. A. Hardin, chaplain; Thomas H. Unsworth, master; Carey R. Frye, senior deacon; Julius Reis, junior deacon; Robert A. Bates, senior steward; James R. Johnson, junior steward; John K. Becker, clerk; H. F. Gerald, C. E. Frye and J. Reis, proxies to the Grand Lodge; L. Cabell Williamson, delegate to Masonic board of relief; Frank A. Harrison, delegate to St. John's Mile Association; William H. Deshields, lodge trustee; Joseph Herzog, representative on Masonic Temple Association.