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**BEAUMONT, TEX., DEC. 4, 1900.**

**NEED OF A NAVAL RESERVE.**  
 Washington, D. C., December 4.—Lieutenant Commander W. H. H. Southernland, the officer in charge of the naval militia, has made a special report to the naval department upon the operations of that organization during the past year. Twenty states are shown to have an organized naval militia, comprising in all 567 officers and 5,309 petty officers and enlisted men. The naval appropriation act allotted the sum of \$60,000 for the militia, of which \$57,000 had been distributed among the twenty state organizations on January 1. The navy department assigned two vessels for the practice cruises of the militia, the Prairie, on the Atlantic coast and the Michigan, on the great lakes.

Through lack of facilities a vessel for the Pacific seaboard was not assigned. Contingents from Louisiana, Georgia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Maine took short cruises of about a week's duration each on the Prairie. The organizations of Ohio, Michigan and Illinois made practice trips upon the lakes aboard the Michigan.

Lieutenant Commander Southernland says there is absolute necessity of a national naval reserve, in addition to the present military organizations. This proposed innovation is not suggested with any view of displacing the present naval militia. The general government of the United States, says Commander Southernland, has no direct control whatever over these naval militia bodies. They are state organizations pure and simple, organized under state laws, and thus it is that in the event of war no member is under any obligation to answer a call of the president for any naval service. Then, too, it is pointed out that our opponent in a possible war of the future may be thoroughly equipped, first rate naval power, in striking contrast to our adversary of that therefore it behooves every department to create some reserve force, organized under provisions of federal law, and under the direct control of the department, ready at a moment's notice to reinforce the regular strength of the navy.

The naval reserve officer defined. He would be a commissioned officer, and his name upon the naval registry, in fact the sole officer of a reserve, the reserve would be the manning of the fleet; the overflow which would be the second reserve could be utilized by the navy department on matters of special duty.

San Francisco, December 4.—A large convention of the fruit growers of California, under the auspices of the state board of horticulture, is in session at Pioneer hall today. All fruit exchanges and associations in the state are represented, besides granges and farmers' clubs. A great variety of practical questions have been discussed.

The commissioners made special arrangements to have as many samples of dried fruits on exhibition in cases, showing not only sizes and quality of fruit, but method of packing, as can be obtained. The problem of fruit packing is to have special consideration during the convention, as there has been more or less complaint during the past year, especially from foreign houses, to the effect that California products in particular and American goods in general are poorly packed.

**IRISH NATIONAL CONVENTION.**  
 Dublin, December 4.—A great Irish national convention is in session today in the Round Room Rotunda, called to make provision of the United Irish League and the Irish parliamentary party. The convention is composed of prelates and clergymen of all denominations; all Irish Nationalist members and ex members of parliament; all members of the directory of the United Irish League and the chairman, treasurer and secretary of all divisional executives of the League; three delegates from each branch of the League, delegates from county councils, county boroughs, towns, rural district councils, town commissioners, boards of guardians, land and labor associations, trade and labor councils, branches of the United Irish League in Great Britain, and all other Irish associations. "The utter annihilation of all factions is the watchword of the convention."

**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION.**  
 St. Paul, Minn., December 4.—The agricultural lands in the four ceded townships of the White Earth reservation were opened for entry today. Entries are made under the homestead act, but the provisions of what is known as the free homes bill do not apply, inasmuch as they were opened to entry subsequently to the passage of the free homes bill which applies only to those lands that have been opened to settlement prior to May 17, the date of the bill. The pine lands of the reservation were sold at Crookston on the 27th of November, under the terms of the Nelson act of 1889.

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**WHITE MEN OF THE WORLD.**  
 The population of the United States is fifteen times as large as it was a hundred years ago. Sir Robert Griffin, the English statistician, in a recent address at Manchester, declared that the population of Europe and of the countries whose people are of European origin, was 179,000,000 a hundred years ago and is 500,000,000 now. This estimate includes, of course, the United States and all other countries whose people are of European origin. According to Mithall, the population of Europe was 175,000,000 in 1800 and 345,000,000 in 1890.

Sir Robert Griffin presented his figures to show that the three fold increase was remarkable in the history of European nationalities. The rate is certainly larger than that of any preceding century. This is accounted for in part by the fact that war and pestilence during the last half century have done little to keep the population down, but Sir Robert failed to mention the conditions that have prevailed in countries like the United States.

We have taken many people from Europe to place them here in conditions more favorable to growth in character and in numbers. Our increase in population for the decade ending in 1870 was 7,115,053. Of this number 2,281,142 were immigrants. The increase for the decade ending with 1880 was 11,597,600. Of this increase 2,812,000 were immigrants. Of the increase of 12,465,000 in the decade ending with 1890 some 5,247,000 were immigrants. The per cent of increase independent of immigration was 28 in 1842, 26 in 1850, 23 in 1880.

One conclusion reached by Sir Robert Griffin is that "the United States, having a larger European population than that of the British empire, may be considered as the most powerful state in the world, so far as population and resources are concerned." He adds: "No doubt Russia has a much larger population, but the inferiority of the units is so great that the pre-eminence of the United States is not in question."

It is a curious fact that the great European states, England, France, Germany, Russia, Austria, Italy and Spain, all showed a larger ratio of increase in population after the republic of the United States was founded. In the century from 1680 to 1780 the population of the countries named increased from 73,032,000 to 109,881,000. In the next century, or from 1870 to 1880, the population increased from 109,881,000 to 285,134,000.

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**SHE WILL BE SEEN AT THE RICE CARNIVAL AND STREET FAIR IN BEAUMONT THIS WEEK.**

Among the visitors who arrived in this city yesterday from Jacksonville was a party of ladies and gentlemen with the indefatigable Mr. Barnum, of Showman notoriety has nothing to do with, though here for the education of the curious.



The most singular and physiologically interesting member of the party is a woman, or rather two women rolled into one, who certainly is a rival of the famous Siamese twins, and very much more attractive in appearance than Messrs. Chang and Eng. Those who saw the Siamese twins during their life in this country will have a vivid recollection of the painful look that their features bore and the constrained movement of their bodies while walking in any direction. There is a total absence of this in the party who bears the name of Miss Millie Christine, whose four black eyes and dazzling rows of pearly white teeth light up a fair Creole complexion with an animation that is really attractive. This singular young woman is the offspring of parents who were slaves in North Carolina previous to the American civil war and has several brothers and sisters who are like ordinary humanity. During the struggle the family suffered considerable privation; but as curious illustration of the changes which have taken place in Southern society through the war and declaration of freedom from slavery, it may be mentioned that Millie Christine is now the owner of the plantation on which she was once a slave. As to the lady herself she is bodily one person though possessed of two heads, two pairs of shoulders, four arms, two pairs of legs, amalgamated curiously with one trunk.

One can only say that an hour's audience with her proved her to be a cultured, self possessed and accomplished person, who has a most singular attainment of being able to hold two conversations at the same time with different persons or the same person, can sing a duet very tastefully in two voices, soprano and contralto, can dance a masurka with singular grace and facility. There was no difficulty made in exhibiting the upper portion of dorsal connection, and it was done without any infringements of modesty by Millie Christine.

**DEBATE OF COLLEGE STUDENTS.**  
 Philadelphia, Pa., December 4.—Great interest is felt in college circles and among the general public as well in the joint debate which will take place tonight at the Academy of Music between students of the University of Pennsylvania and students of Columbia University. The subject is, "Resolved that the United States should establish a system of graded subsidies, based upon mileage navigated by registered American vessels while engaged in foreign trade." The agreement for joint debate between these colleges is for the term of two years, and probably for a longer period.

**GROCERS GATHER.**  
 Springfield, O., December 4.—The Retail Grocers' association, the most powerful organization of its kind in this state, is today assembled in annual convention with a large attendance on hand. The growth of the body has been so large during the past few years that it now ranks among the foremost grocers' organizations in the United States. A program worthy of much praise has been prepared for the occasion.

**LABOR ORGANIZATION ASSEMBLES.**  
 Louisville, Ky., December 4.—The American Federation of Labor was called to order by its president here this morning. A full attendance is present or in other words representatives are assembled from all sections of the United States. This rapidly growing organization is probably the strongest of its kind in the world. No county except this has such a finely perfected society of workmen. At the present moment efforts are being made to further the work of the body and in nearly all instances success has followed the energetic attempts of the assiduous workers.

**SENATOR M'COMAS' DAUGHTER A BRIDE.**  
 Washington, D. C., December 4.—Senator McComas of Maryland today gave away his daughter, Miss Mary McComas, to Mr. Clinton Goodloe Edgar, a young man generally well known here and throughout Maryland. The couple received several handsome gifts from the senator's associates. The wedding was attended by the cream of the society of the capital.

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