TO INCREASE NAVY.

Fifteen New Warships to Be Built at Once.

Will Be as Fast as the Fastest Vessels Now Building Abroad—To Have Big Coal Capacity.

A naval programme for presentation to congress, involving the immediate construction of 15 warships, has been adopted by the naval board of experts to whom the subject has been referred by Secretary Long, says the New York Tribune. It provides for three sea-going barbette turret battleships of 13,000 tons' displacement and a minimum of 18½ knots speed when the vessels are loaded to their deepest draught, or an average speed above 18 knots under ordinary cruising conditions; three first-class armored cruisers of 12,000 tons and 22 knots speed; three second-class protected and armored cruisers of 6,000 tons' displacement and 20 knots speed, similar to the Maine type, but highly improved, and for six protected cruisers [illegible]

The reduced speed of the [illegible] is uniformly about two knots less than that proposed at the preliminary meeting of the board, was brought about by the desire to secure unprecedented range of action on account of the increased responsibilities of the United States in the Pacific and the certainty that these vessels, or most of them, would be required to make up the fleet in that ocean. The sacrifice of speed to endurance was made with a view of securing vessels of at least 8,000 knots radius, or capable of steaming straight away from San Francisco to Manila and Samoa. The board decided that the Pacific rather than the Atlantic would be the chief theater of American naval operations in the future, and that while great sacrifices to the speed could safely be made for vessels attached to the outer line of natural defense on the east coast of the United States, abnormal coal capacity and high economy were prize requisites so long as distant possessions to the westward required protection. All the vessels, however, will be as speedy as the fastest vessels now building abroad, and they will be eminently more practicable in endurance, strength and formidability.

DESCENDANT OF A KING.

Family History of Lieut. Ord, Who Fell Fighting Before Santiago de Cuba.

When Lieut. Jules G. Ord fell before Santiago, fighting with the American army, there died a descendant of a king of England. His grandfather was the son of George IV. Had the law of primogeniture been followed the young man might have been wearing a crown instead of losing his life in the thick of battle.

The family has been known in America for a century. The first to come here was James Ord, a naval constructor of great ability, who was accompanied by a young man whom he called his nephew, but who was really the son of George IV., king of England. This boy, who took the name of James Ord, founded the house of the name in this country.

He was the father of Judge Pacificus Ord, an eminent jurist in California, who is now living at 1327 I street, N. W., Washington, and Dr. James Ord, who lives in Maryland and whose resemblance to the present prince of Wales has made him famous, as well as Gen. Edward O. C. Ord, who distinguished himself in the civil war.

SEAL LETTERS WITH WAX.

Trouble of the Postal Clerks in Puerto Rico with the Mucilage on Envelope Flaps.

Postmaster Robinson, of Puerto Rico, is experiencing some difficulty in handling the mail matter destined for the soldiers of Gen. Miles' army, because of the hot weather and humidity which prevails there. The mucilage on the flaps of the envelopes becomes moist, which causes the letters to adhere to each other, and in many cases they are mutilated in being torn apart, and some of them are unsealed when they reach the post office. This makes the service unsatisfactory, and Mr. Robinson has requested the department to issue an order requesting persons who communicate by mail with the soldiers in Puerto Rico to use sealing wax in sealing their mail. The department officials have the matter under consideration, and while they may not issue such an order they assert that it would be of advantage to the people if they would act on the suggestion of the postmaster at Puerto Rico.

UNITED STATES ARMY.

Strength of the Standing Forces Is 50,000, an Increase of 23,523 Men.

Col. Ward, assistant adjutant general, estimates the strength of the regular army of his country at 50,000 men. This is an increase of 23,523 men since April 30. At the outbreak of hostilities the standing army of this country consisted of only 26,477 men, which is known as the peace basis. During the months of May, June and July the regular army was increased by 22,523 men. It is understood that as soon as congress meets a bill will be introduced providing for an increase in the regular army of at least 25 regiments.

Music Affects Circulation of the Blood

It has been proved, as the result of experiments, that the circulation of the blood is affected by music.

Ordinance No. 598.

An ordinance to change the grade of North street from Spring street to Pacific street and of Ellis street from North street to Morgan Oak street.

Whereas, James B. Nesmith, city engineer of the city of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, duly authorized thereunto, did submit to the city council of said city, at a meeting thereof held on Monday the 3rd day of October, 1898, a profile showing the grade of North street from Spring street to Pacific street, as made by him, and did submit to said city council, at a meeting thereof held on Monday the 24th day of October, 1898, a profile showing the grade of Ellis street from North street to Morgan Oak street, as made by him, which profiles have been received and approved by said city council and the grades of said parts of North street and Ellis street shown thereon adopted as the permanent grades of said streets; therefore

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

SEC. 1. That the grades of North street from Spring street to Pacific street and of Ellis street from North street to Morgan Oak street, as shown by the book of "Profiles and Grades" drawn by Nicholas Garner, civil engineer, and approved by the mayor and council of said city on the 9th day of August, 1869, be and the same are hereby changed from those established in said profiles and grades, to the grades made by James B. Nesmith, city engineer of said city, as shown by the profiles of the grades of said parts of North street and Ellis street, submitted and adopted by the city council of said city on the 3d and 24th days of October, 1898 respectively, and said grades as shown by said profiles, are hereby adopted and established as the permanent grades of said parts of North street from Spring street to Pacific street, and of Ellis street from North street to Morgan Oak street, and shall hereafter be held and taken as such, and the city engineer is hereby authorized and instructed to make the changes in purple ink in said book of "Profiles and Grades" to correspond with said profiles of the grades of said parts of North street and of Ellis street, so as to show the permanent grades of said parts of North and Ellis streets as hereby changed.

SEC. 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed by the Council Nov. 21, 1898.

WILLIAM H. COERVER,
President of the Council.

Approved this 26th day of Nov. 1898.

WILLIAM H. COERVER,
Mayor.

{SEAL.}

Attest:
GEO. E. CHAPPELL,
City Clerk.

Ordinance No 599.

An ordinance abolishing the office of Auditor and repealing parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the city of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as follows:

SEC. 1. That the office of Auditor of the city of Cape Girardeau, be and the same is hereby abolished, and all parts of ordinances specially referring to the appointment, duties and salary of said office are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. The city clerk shall, hereafter, in addition to his duties as city clerk, perform the duties heretofore imposed by ordinance upon the auditor, and all officers of this city required by ordinance to make monthly reports to the auditor, are hereby required to make said reports to the city clerk instead, in the same manner and at the same time and with the same penalty for a failure or refusal to do so, as required by ordinance to be made to the auditor.

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

Passed by the council Nov. 21, 1898.

WILLIAM H. COERVER,
President of the Council.

Approved this 25th day of November, 1898.

WILLIAM H. COERVER,
Mayor.

{SEAL.}

Attest:
GEO. E. CHAPPELL, City Clerk.

Order of Publication.

In the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas, in and for Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1898.

Tuesday November 1st, 1898 and 10th day of September term.

Estate of August Schlueter,

Louis Schlueter, Administrator.

Order of Publication.

NOW on this day comes Louis Schlueter, administrator of the estate of August Schlueter, deceased, and presents to the court his petition praying for an order of sale of the real estate of said deceased, or so much and such parts thereof as may be necessary to pay the debts of said estate, which said petition was accompanied by a list of indebtedness as required by law showing that said estate is endebted and that said debts are unpaid, and that there is not sufficient assets on hands to pay the same, on examination thereof, it is ordered by the court that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased be notified that an application as aforesaid has been made and that unless the contrary be shown on or before the first day of the next term of this court to be held on the fourth Monday of January next, an order will be made for the sale of the real estate in said petition described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient for the payment of the debts and expenses of sale. And it is further ordered that this notice be published in some newspaper published in said county of Cape Girardeau for four weeks prior to the term of this court.

A true copy.

Attest: E. H. ENGELMANN,
dec10d3t Clerk.

To Whom It May Concern.

The undersigned, at the September Term of the Cape Girardeau Common Pleas Court of Cape Girardeau county and the State of Missouri, and on the eighth day of said term, was appointed referee in the cause of George C. Pacificus, plaintiff, against the South East District Agricultural Society and George G. Kimmel, President of the Board of Directors and Trustees of said Society, defendants, to hear and report, both as to law and fact, on all claims against said defendants, therefore, in pursuance of said order and appointment, I do hereby notify all persons having claims against said Association, that I will at my office in the Fougue Building, in the city of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on the 13, 14th and 15th days of December, 1898, proceed to hear all claims of whatever character which may then and there be presented against said defendants, and all claims against said defendants not so presented will be forever barred.

SAM M. GREEN, Referee.

Oct 25, 1898. [oct29-nov5-dec3-10t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the co-partnership estate of William Conner and Eli Deck, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Please, of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, bearing date the 17th day of October, 1898.

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.

WILLIAM CONNER,
nov26n22 Administrator.

Order of Publication.

In the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas in and for Cape Girardeau county, State of Missouri.

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1898.

Tuesday, November 1st, 1898 and 10th day of September term.

Estats of Philo L. Smith,

Robert G. Ranney, Administrator.

Order of Publication.

NOW on this day comes Robert G. Ranney, administrator of the estate of Philo L. Smith, deceased, and presents to the court his petition praying for an order for the sale of the real estate of said deceased, or so much and such parts thereof as may be necessary to pay the debts of said estate, subject to the homestead of the widow of said Philo L. Smith, which said petition was accompanied by a list of indebtedness as required by law, showing that said estate is indebted and that said debts are unpaid, and that there is not sufficient assets on hand to pay the same, on examination thereof, it is ordered by the court that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased be notified that an application as aforesaid has been made and that unless the contrary be shown on or before the first day of the next term of this court to be held on the fourth Monday of January next an order will be made for the sale of the real estate in said petition described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient for the payment of the debts and expenses of sale. And it is further ordered that this notice be published in some newspaper published in said county of Cape Girardeau for four weeks prior to the next term of this court.

A true copy.

Attest: E. H. ENGELMANN,
dec10n34 Clerk

To Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that I will, on Saturday, Dec. 10th, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., at site of the bridge, let the contract for the building a bridge across Goose Creek, on the road leading from Jackson to Dutchtown.

For further particulars,

Address, N. C. FRISSELL,
Road and Bridge Commissioner,
oct19n31 Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Official Statement

Of the financial condition of the Sturdivant Bank, at Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the first day of December, 1898.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	$131,885 95
Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on real estate security	
Overdrafts by solvent customers	1,078 06
United States bonds on hand	6,600
Other bonds and stocks at their present cash market price	14,000
Real estate (banking house) at present cash market value	22,000
Real estate other than banking house at its present cash market value	
Furniture and fixtures	
Due from other banks, good on sight draft	59,295 70
Checks and other cash items	882 06
National Bank notes, legal tender United States notes and gold and silver certificates	10,780
Gold coin	12,272 50
Silver coin, including pennies	895 50
Total	$259,088 33

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 50,000.00
Surplus funds on hand	15,000 00
Undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid	5,791 98
Deposits subject to draft at sight by banks and bankers	1,061 82
Deposits subject to draft at sight by individuals and others	175,229 81
Deposits subject to draft at given dates	12,984
Bills payable and bills re-discounted	
Total	$259,088 33

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU, } SS.

We, Robt. Sturdivant, President, and Louis Albert, Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ROBERT STURDIVANT,
President.

L. J. ALBERT,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of December, A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Witness my hand and notarial seal the date last aforesaid.

{SEAL.}

Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring October 31, 1902.

HENRY A. ALTHOLZ,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

EDWARD S. LILLY,
LOUIS F. KLOSTERMANN,
E. B. OLIVER,
} Directors.