

\$20,000,000 FEEDED PLATT AND DUTCHER FOR WAR SHIPS. DISCUSS MAPS AND DITCHED GHOST.

Secretary Long's Contribution Toward the Mighty Navy Which the Journal Has Advocated.

Three Armored Cruisers Almost Will Compare in Strength with the Biggest of Europe's Battle Ships.

Protected Cruisers Will Have Greater Tonnage Than Ever Before—\$1,000,000 for a Holland Submarine Boat.

Conference of an Hour Given to Effort to Learn the Present Status of Their Grab at the Public Treasury.

Plan to Rush Through Another Water Supply Job Balked by a Demand for a Public Hearing on the Measure.

The Scheme Involved the Purchase of Westchester Lands and Costly Improvements for a Reservoir.

18 War Ships to Cost \$26,000,000.
The Navy Department has planned to spend nearly \$26,000,000 for new ships of war, as follows:
Three armored cruisers at \$4,500,000 each.....\$13,500,000
Three protected cruisers at \$3,000,000 each..... 9,000,000
Twelve gunboats at \$275,000 each..... 3,300,000
Total.....\$25,800,000

Washington, Nov. 22.—Secretary Long's naval programme for new ships will involve an appropriation of nearly \$26,000,000 toward the mighty navy advocated by the Journal as a feature of its national policy. To this expenditure must be added about \$1,000,000 for the control of the Holland submarine boat invention and the purchase of some vessel of that type for the navy. This matter, it is understood, will be arranged by a special bill to be introduced early in the approaching session of Congress.

Secretary Long's programme would have been much more extensive only for the fact that there already are outstanding contracts for ships now under construction to the amount of \$18,000,000 and the great expense of keeping in repair the vessels now in commission.

Another consideration which has prompted the Secretary to keep the recommendations down to about \$26,000,000 is that there only are three concerns in the country which can build vessels of the battle ship type.

The armored cruisers will have an average tonnage of 13,000 tons. Some idea of the size of such a cruiser may be had from the fact that the tonnage of the Bear is 11,325 and of the vessels of the Maine class 12,500. In the Italian Navy the greatest war ship tonnage is that of the Lepanto, 14,400, while the great battle ship of the English Navy, the Magnificent, and a sister ship, have a tonnage of 14,900.

Three protected American armored cruisers will be three battle ships of a type heretofore unknown in the navy. The twelve gunboats will be of an improved Olympia type. Each will be of 3,000 tons displacement. The greatest protected cruiser tonnage now in the navy is that of the Minneapolis and the Columbia, 7,375 each.

The twelve gunboats have been recommended for service in the Philippines. Their type will be a compromise between a 3,000-ton and a 500-ton vessel, both of which classes have been considered. There are experts who contend still that the situation would be completely met by building gunboats of three hundred or four hundred tons displacement, such as were used by the Spaniards, and such as are represented in the captured gunboats at Manila. The difficulty in getting vessels of that size out to the Asiatic station would be solved, as they are easily transported in sections.

LONG TO REVIEW AWARD OF NEW CRUISER CONTRACTS.

New York Firm's Bid, Though the Lowest, Was Arbitrarily Rejected.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Secretary Long will reconsider the action of the Naval Board on construction, which declined to recommend the firm of Townsend & Downey for a contract for one or two of the six proposed cruisers, for which bids were recently opened. The greatest of the six proposed cruisers, for which bids were recently opened, was that of the *Albatross*. He has directed Admiral Rogers to make a full inspection of the firm's plant and report to him as soon as possible. The firm was the lowest bidder, and deposited a certified check for \$50,000 with the department. Two naval experts visited their plant and reported that they were unable to equip itself to fulfil its contract.

FOOD MAY CAUSE A FATAL ACCIDENT UNDER THE LAW.

Therefore the Suit to Recover on This Man's Policy Will Not Be Dismissed.

Hobart Miller, a lawyer, of Virginia, who had an accident insurance policy issued by the Fidelity & Casualty Company for \$5,000, died on July 11, 1898, from swallowing "hard, pointed and resistant" substances in food which cut through his intestines.

The company refused to pay the policy on the ground that it was granted against death from bodily injuries sustained through external violent and accidental means. The heirs brought suit, the company demurred, and yesterday Judge Wheeler, of the United States Circuit Court, overruled the demurrer, holding that "the food was eaten and not taken in the sense that it might be accidentally or otherwise injuriously done; it was merely placed where it accidentally caused the injury."

ORDERS AND TRANSFERS ISSUED IN ARMY AND NAVY.

Washington, Nov. 22.—These army and navy orders were issued to-day:

ARMY.—Brigadier-General Frederick Funston, accompanied by his family, will be transferred to San Francisco to assume the command of the 10th Cavalry, and report to the commanding general. Major General W. R. Wood, from New York to Texas; Lieutenant C. W. Plunkett, to temporary duty, near New York, for six weeks; to duty near New York, for six weeks; and S. F. Magill, from Michigan to Florida, December 15.

Silas B. Dutcher, president of the Ramapo Water Company, had a long conference at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday with Senator Platt and the Chairman, B. B. Odell. Mr. Dutcher waited until the Roosevelt breakfast was over, and then had his innings.

The conference lasted about an hour. It was said it had to do with the present status of the Ramapo Water Company, an action to dissolve which has been begun by Attorney-General Davies at the relation of William R. Hearst, a stockholder.

The Attorney-General's action for a dissolution of the corporation, however, has tied up Ramapo for an indefinite period.

In the Board of Public Improvements yesterday a little brother of the great Ramapo job came to grief.

The story is that Commissioner of Water Supply Dalton had ready a resolution approving the plan and maps for the acquisition of lands near Cross River in Westchester County for a new storage reservoir, and that the job would have been rushed through in the style planned for Ramapo had not rival real estate interests secured enough support in the Board to balk the scheme.

Just before the meeting, it is said, Mr. Dalton was told that if he attempted to push the resolution through, without providing in it for a public hearing, there would be a lot of trouble. Much whispering between President Holahan and Mr. Dalton followed. The result was that when the resolution was presented, it adopted it contained a clause providing for a public hearing at 2 o'clock on December 27.

Mr. Dalton submitted with map and plans a statement by Chief Engineer Birdall, that New York's present daily supply in dry weather is 250,000,000 gallons, and the daily average consumption in September last was 264,000,000 gallons. An additional storage capacity of 250,000,000 gallons was declared essential. Reference was made to the plans submitted by Commissioner Dalton for the acquisition of lands in the Westchester County section of the Croton water shed so that a storage reservoir might be sited thereon with a capacity of 1,000,000,000 gallons.

The Board of Public Improvements yesterday adopted unanimously a resolution deferring all action upon the proposed contract with the Ramapo Water Company for three months, that the Merchants' Association may have opportunity to investigate the situation at its own expense.

Commissioner Dalton did not vote. That the Ramapo snake is not scotched yet is shown by a remark of Bridge Commissioner John W. McLaughlin, who said that the Board of Public Improvements should make a report in favor of Ramapo, the Commissioner of Water Supply and the Board of Public Improvements would not be put in an awkward position.

"If Ramapo should be shown to be the best place to go," answered Commissioner Dalton, "I shouldn't hesitate to vote for it."

In response to a letter from the Merchants' Association, Commissioner Dalton asking permission to investigate the data regarding the Ramapo matter, the Board of Public Improvements recommended that the report be granted.

The directors of the Merchants' Association will meet next Wednesday and appoint a committee of expert engineers who will investigate the water situation thoroughly. The investigation will cost the association many thousands of dollars.

IN BRIDAL ARRAY, SHE DETERMINED TO DIE.

Jilted by Her Sweetheart, Marie Agnitch Dressed in White and Turned on the Gas.

Marie Agnitch had no further desire to live after her fiancé had jilted her, so she robed herself in what was to have been her wedding gown, turned on the gas, and prepared to die. This occurred yesterday in the house of her employer, Frederick Standinger, at No. 243 East Street, Williamsburg.

About a year ago she met Henry Kohlman and fell in love with him. He then lived in the house of her married sister at No. 43 Lorimer street. Two months ago they became engaged. They were to be married in December. A week ago the girl learned that Kohlman had another sweetheart, and the engagement was broken. Her sister's surgeon saved the girl's life. She will be arraigned in police court to-day.

CRANK WANTS \$27,000,000.

Demands It in the Custom House and Is Sent to the Surrogate.

A middle-aged man entered the law division of the Custom House yesterday and, approaching Chief Clerk McAvoy, exclaimed:

"How about that will which makes me the legatee of nine millions of dollars? I want it right away, hear?"

Mr. McAvoy went into an adjoining room and called a clerk.

"Have you found that will," asked his lawyer, "which has increased to twenty-seven millions the sum you have been going to?"

If you don't produce that will there will be trouble.

Mr. McAvoy suggested that the man go to the Surrogate's Office and his suggestion was followed.

WOMEN RIOTERS BURN AND HANG EFFIGIES.

They Show the Susquehanna Coal Co. What They'd Like to Do with Strike Opposers.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 22.—There was no further attack upon the employees of the Susquehanna Coal Company to-day by the women who rioted yesterday.

They hung five Ross William Thomas in effigy, and burned the effigy of Lewis Bush, who refused to leave his work when December 15.

MRS. JEFFREY'S HUSBAND CONSOLES HER WHILE LAWYERS BATTLE FOR HER LIFE.



Norah Jeffrey Consoled by Her Husband in Court.

She is in trial in Brooklyn for the alleged murder of her father, who was found in her home with his head crushed in. Lawyers spent most of their time yesterday in wrangling about points of law. Policemen told of the arrest of the woman and the attending circumstances. The case for the prosecution is about completed.

Policemen Tell of Her Maudlin Condition at the Time of Her Arrest for the Alleged Murder of Her Father—State's Case Closing.

NORAH JEFFREY, who is on trial in Brooklyn for the alleged murder of her father, is a tall, strong, sunken-faced young woman, not unprepossessing, but far from being a beauty. Her trial before Justice Jenks, of the Supreme Court, has progressed so far that practically the whole of the prosecution's case has been presented. There is no direct proof that the woman wielded the axe that killed her father. Her own statements, after the murder, are the strongest things in the case against her. She was maudlin drunk when she said these things—so drunk that she did not know or care what nonsense she uttered, say her defenders.

"I asked her," said Acting Police Captain Colgan, on the witness stand, "who killed her father, and she said she did not know unless he did it himself. Then I asked her if she might have done it without knowing it."

Not Like a Murderer.

The Jeffrey woman looked neither like a murderer nor a drunkard as she faced the jury yesterday. She has a large, clear, unintelligent eye, and a fine complexion. She was finely arched eyebrows. She wore a modest suit of black-black dress, black dotted veil, becoming black hat. She was finely arched eyebrows. She wore a modest suit of black-black dress, black dotted veil, becoming black hat. She was finely arched eyebrows. She wore a modest suit of black-black dress, black dotted veil, becoming black hat.

BEAR DEAD, HUNTER DYING BY HIS SIDE.

Henry Jansen Haight, a deaf mute, and defendant in a suit for separation, told his story in sign language yesterday as a witness before Justice Giegerich, in the Supreme Court. Haight is a millionaire. His wife, who is suing for a separation and an accounting of her husband's large estate for the benefit of their children, is also a deaf mute. The couple were married in 1868. They have two daughters, Mrs. Charles Hunt and Miss Eleanor Haight, both of this city. They and a son, David H. Haight, join with the mother in the effort to secure an accounting of the estate, which, they declare, is wasting.

WEBER AND FIELDS WILL 'CONVERSATION' IN LONDON.

Arrangements Made for Transferring the Whole Burlesque Company to Cooksneyden Next April.

Weber & Fields are going to invade England. So are Lillian Russell and Dave Warfield and—well, so is the complete galaxy which is now filling the stage of the little Broadway music hall.

Arrangements were practically concluded last night by which the entire organization will go to London in April and demonstrate for eight weeks what the spirit of American burlesque really is.

The arrangement is the outcome of negotiations which have been pending for the past two months between Weber & Fields and syndicate of Englishmen who are firm believers in higher ducation as the way "coon" serenades and burlesques should be sung and acted. Richard Warner represents the syndicate here.

The syndicate pays all expenses and a large percentage of guaranteed profits.

A compressed edition of "Hurdy Burdy," "Pousse Cafe" and "Helter Skelter" in two acts will be presented to the Londoners.

NEW SOUTH WALES WHEAT YIELD DOUBLED.

Sydney, N. S. W., Nov. 22.—The Government statistician announces that reports received regarding the present season's wheat yield indicate that this will be double that of last year.

Your Card Parties.

This winter should be equipped with the new Army and Navy Cards, just issued by the Mail-Naming Dept. of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Assn., St. Louis, Mo. They are sent them to all on receipt of ten 2-cent stamps. Our heroes on the few cards: Dewey, King of Hearts; Miles, Jack of Clubs, etc. Novel, up-to-date. Finest cards procurable at 25 cents.

MINE OWNERS TO FIGHT J. P. MORGAN

Capital of \$110,000,000 Organized Against Coal Monopoly.

Sixty-eight coal operators, representing a capital of \$110,000,000, and one-third of the total output of anthracite coal in the country, met yesterday at the Waldorf-Astoria. The object of the Anthracite Coal Operators' Association, which these men have formed, is to fight the big anthracite coal combine controlled by J. Pierpont Morgan. A combination operates principally through the Reading, Erie and Lehigh railroads, and the Coal Operators' Association asserts that oppressive freight rates are put upon the coal traffic from independent mines.

A new railroad is the principal object of the association at present. It will not reach to any ocean port, but will touch tide water at Rondout on the Hudson. It is said that Rondout will afford very good shipping facilities.

A Stage Debutante from California.

MISS FRANCES JOLLIFFE is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in California. She is a sister-in-law of Rudolph Spreckels, a son of the sugar king, Claus Spreckels, and will make her debut as an actress this winter in the play entitled, "Naughty Anthony."

The young lady, who has just attained her majority, attracted the attention of David Belasco at a reception given in London by Mrs. Potter, where he was introduced to her. She made known to him her aspirations for the stage, and after several rehearsals he assigned her a part in one of his plays.

HAMBURG, THE PIANIST, CHARMES HIS AUDIENCE.

The Noted Russian Composer Gives His First Recital at Mendelssohn Hall.

The formal introduction to the New York public of Mark Hambourg, the Russian pianist, took place at Mendelssohn Hall yesterday afternoon, when his first recital was given.

The programme consisted of eleven numbers of Chopin and Debussy's "Etudes" of Chopin and "A Grug Ballade" seemed to strike the audience most favorably. Indeed, the first Chopin Etude was played with a vehemence that took the house by storm.

In the Grug selection, although called a ballade, the composer seems to have crowded all that is wild, stirring, passionate and sad of Scandinavian music, and in the recital, the pianist's playing was particularly pleasing was Hensell's "Ave Maria," the beautiful legato movement of which, imitating the oboe stop of an organ, was played with almost the openness of a large.

Hambourg gives another recital at Mendelssohn Hall to-day.

TOO PROUD TO BEG FOOD, THIS FAMILY STARVED.

The Carmacks, Formerly Well to Do, Rescued from Cruel Want by Chicago Humane Society.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Suffering from lack of proper care and almost dead from starvation, Lafayette Carmack, his wife and three children were discovered last night by Agent George Nolan, of the Humane Society, at No. 202 Clybourn avenue.

Mr. Carmack and his wife come from well-to-do families, and when reduced to poverty were too proud to appeal for help to their relatives. When found they had been without food for hours. The children are aged fifteen months, three years and six years respectively. The youngest is so weak from lack of nourishment that it is doubtful whether he can live.

Carmack a year ago sustained injuries on the head which incapacitated him for work. He had been an expert accountant. His father is W. A. Carmack, said to be the richest farmer in Harvard, Ill.

STEAMER RACES IN, HER CARGO ABLAZE.

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The Crownwell liner Hudson, from New Orleans, was steaming at fifteen knots an hour when she passed through the Narrows yesterday on her way into port. There was reason for this haste, for a fire had been burning for two days among the cotton bales in the after hold and the crew had worked vainly day and night to quench it.

The liner made a brief stop at Quarantine, and then rushed on to her berth at Pier 9, North River, where a big force of longshoremen were set to work unloading the cargo in the forward compartments.

The Hudson had but eight passengers, and they were in the steerage. There was but one woman on board—the stewardess.

The vessel left New Orleans on November 15, with 2,200 tons cargo, and was off Capt. Henry at midnight on Monday when smoke began to work its way from the after 'twain deck section, through the pipe openings into the engine room.

The cotton stowed there was found to be ablaze, and steam at full pressure was sent through the low perforated pipes leading to that section. Holes were also bored in the deck and water poured into the burning cargo.

The stevedores were in no danger, as their quarters were forward.

By noon Tuesday steam was pouring from every crevice, and as there was no smell of smoke, it was believed that the fire had been extinguished. Captain Halsey ordered the after hatch to be raised cautiously, and when it came off a lot of charred cotton bales were exposed to view. The charred bales were hauled on deck, but below them were other bales that still smoldered, and after a score of bales had been removed water was sent through the hatchway. The hatch was replaced and the steam again turned on. Then the Hudson began her race into port.

When the cargo in the forward hold was removed at 9 o'clock last night, the Hudson was hauled over to the flats off Communipaw and beached. The after hatch was raised at 9 o'clock, but there were three fire boats near the vessel ready to turn on water the moment the hatch was taken off.

"A MESSAGE FROM MARS" MAKES A HIT IN LONDON.

Robert G. Anthony's New Play is Produced by Charles Hawtrey and His Company.

London, Nov. 22.—Robert G. Anthony's play, "A Message from Mars," was successfully produced this evening at the Avenue Theatre by Charles Hawtrey and his company.

It tells the story of a young man who is cursed with inordinate selfishness, which a messenger from Mars is sent to earth to cure.

G. S. Titherage, the Messenger, Miss Jessie Hateman and Arthur Williams shared the honors. The play was very cordially received.

MANCHESTER DECLINES TO GO ON THE STAGE.

The Duke of Manchester will not follow in the stageroad footsteps of his fellow peer, the Earl of Yarmouth, as has been recently reported.

His decision was made on Monday, when he received an offer from Nat. C. Goodwin to play the "Heavy villain" part in "The Lady and the Cowboy," at a self-selected salary.

The young nobleman declined the offer, and said that his only dramatic aspirations were amateur and not professional.

Mr. Goodwin and his wife, Marie Elliott, were the Duke's guests last summer in Ireland.

NEWS OF THE THEATRES.

Minnie Zellman will return to vaudeville, appearing at Hurler & Seaman's Harlem Music Hall, on Monday.

A new play, lyrically entitled, "Man's Enemy, or the Downfall of Paris," will shortly be put on the road by Harry F. King, and will be called "Hobbesville."

Richard Magill concluded last evening not to rent the "Cyrano de Bergerac" house next week, at the Garden Theatre, but to revive many of his successful plays. "The Best of Friends" will be put on for one week.

David Henderson, formerly manager of the Chicago Opera House, returned yesterday from Havana, where he has leased a theatre for the production of American melodramas.

Rehearsals on David Belasco's new comedy, "Naughty Anthony," began at the Herald Square Theatre on Monday.

Last night Lillian Russell indignantly denied the story printed in a daily newspaper yesterday, that she had been involved in a row, which resulted in a disfigurement. Her cab, jolting against a street car a week since, without doing the slightest damage, is the only cause she could assign for the story.

Julia Arthur will appear in "More Than Queen" at the Grand Opera House next week.

An extension of Walter Burns' plans to control for an English syndicate a half dozen of New York leading theatres and music halls, now on foot, is being discussed. No one else would know anything about the proposed deal.

FREE PASSES REFUSED. \$10 A DAY LICENSE.

As a Consequence of the Rome Aldermen's Action the Opera House Is to Close.

Rome, N. Y., Nov. 22.—A representative of the Board of Aldermen approached Manager Gately, of the Washington Street Opera House, a few days ago with the proposition that he give to each Alderman a free pass to each entertainment in lieu of license. Mr. Gately refused, but said he was willing to pay a reasonable license.

The Aldermen have passed an ordinance requiring a \$10 license each day for every show. The manager says this will oblige him to close the theatre, as such an exorbitant license cannot be paid.

The Opera House is owned by the Rome Savings Bank.

BOY 19 AND GIRL 15, COUSINS, ELOPE TO GET MARRIED.

He Has Thirty Whole Dollars and She Has Flounces Added to Her School Dress.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Charles Glover, nineteen years old, eloped to Wisconsin yesterday with Mabel Matthews, fifteen years old. A marriage license was obtained before leaving town and the ages of the couple appear on the official records as twenty-one and eighteen years.

Glover and Miss Matthews are cousins, and attended the Gresham School together until a year ago. At that time the young man left school and went to work for the Illinois Central Railway Company. He had \$30 and the girl had added a few dimes to her short dress skirts so that she would not look like a young school girl.