

ANNAPOLIS TO BE LAUNCHED TO-DAY.

Uncle Sam's New Gunboat to Take Her Initial Plunge This Morning.

The Late Admiral Porter's Grand-daughter to Christen the Ship.

Secretary Herbert, Naval Experts, and Other Men of Prominence to Be Present.

WORK ON HER ORDERED TO BE RUSHED.

Boilers Will Be in Her Before Christmas, and the Boat Will Be Put into Commission with All Possible Dispatch.

Preparations for launching the gunboat Annapolis this morning are being rapidly made at Lieutenant Nixon's Crescent shipyard at Elizabethport, N. J.

The ship is painted white and has a great number of her fittings already on board.

As soon as the tide is at the right stage this morning, probably about 9:30, the Annapolis will be launched.

Lieutenant Lewis Nixon, the builder of the boat, is a graduate of the Annapolis Naval Academy, and the boat is named after the city of Annapolis.

The Annapolis will be one of the most economical vessels for general cruising in the service of the United States.

In general appearance she resembles a steam yacht with auxiliary sail power, but beneath her decks she contains a destructive power sufficient to lay waste the strongest ship in the world.

CORTES MAY TAKE ACTION. Cleveland's References to the Cuban Question in His Message to Be Laid Before That Body.

Madrid, Dec. 22.—The Cabinet to-day discussed the Cuban section of President Cleveland's message to Congress.

The matter was considered in all its aspects, and it was finally agreed that as all the references to Cuba in the message affected the Cortes they must be read before that body.

MAKING POWDER FOR CUBA. Five Hundred Tons Being Manufactured at the Dupont Mills.

See Isle City, N. J., Dec. 22.—An order for 500 tons of gunpowder and other explosives has been received by the Duponts, and their mills at Carney Point, near Salem, on the Delaware River shore, have started running night and day.

AGED WOMAN ASSAULTED. She Sought to Take Her Husband Home from a Neighbor's When She Was Beaten.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Nellie Quilan was entertaining John Raymond, a neighbor, last night, when Mrs. Raymond appeared at the house to take her husband home.

Havana Railways in Trouble. London, Dec. 22.—The London agency of the United Railways of Havana announces that it will be impossible to meet the coupons falling due on January 1, 1897.

Bryan to Begin Lecturing. Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—W. J. Bryan arrived in this city this morning and left for Atlanta, where he will deliver the first of his series of city lectures.



The Gunboat Annapolis and the Young Lady Who Is to Christen Her.

SPANISH PAPER CALLS US THIEVES.

And Likewise Intimates That We Are but a Parcel of Cowards.

Declares We Are "Mixing Ourselves" in Affairs That Don't Concern Us.

Whole Spanish Press Grows More Bitter in Its Discussion of Cameron's Cuban Resolution.

ALL EUROPE MENACED BY HIS ACT.

Senator's Proposition, Madrid Thinks, is a Most Serious Interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine—Would Be Likely to Annex Cuba.

By Don Fernando Rodriguez. Madrid, Dec. 22.—In the discussion of the Cameron Cuban resolution the language of the press becomes more and more bitter against the United States.

El Dia declares that the United States are infringing all universal laws which regulate the peace of nations by mixing themselves up in affairs which concern them, fomenting rebellions, threaten-

ing wars, which they are not able to carry out owing to their being cowards.

Likens Us to Thieves. The attitude of the United States with respect to Spain, says this bloodthirsty paper, is "like that of a thief wishing to rob, only the thief is at once struck down."

"In conclusion," says this periodical, "Spain is wearying of sacrifices in Cuba, where she achieves no results, but will

OVERCOAT SALE EXCEPTIONAL!

There was a generous response yesterday to our offer of 400 \$50, \$45, \$40 and \$35 Overcoats for \$25.

Those who bought will no doubt spread the news, and we expect a bigger crowd to-day.

There'll be no disappointment (there never is at our sales), for we have added 60 more \$40 and \$45 Coats to the sale this morning, and even a few of the \$50 prizes are still left.

This sale embraces some of our choicest Kersey, Fur Beaver, Vicuna and Elystan Coats, tailored in the most fashionable manner, sizes 34 to 48, and most of them lined or half lined with pure silk or all silk lining, and it offers an exceptional opportunity to secure a High Class Overcoat at very much under value.

Open Evenings until Christmas. NEW YORK STORE. BROADWAY. COR. 31ST ST.



PILGRIM MOTHERS MEET.

Two Hundred Friends of Woman Suffrage Attend Their Fifth Annual Dinner.

The friends of woman suffrage flocked yesterday afternoon to the Tuxedo, Madison avenue and Fifty-ninth street, where the fifth annual dinner of the Pilgrim Mothers was given under the auspices of the New York City Woman Suffrage League.

About two hundred women were present, representing all the well known women's clubs in this city and Brooklyn.

A long table was stretched across one side of the room for the president and the guests of honor, Mrs. Marianne Chapman, Mrs. Donald McLean, Mrs. Theodore Sutor, Mrs. Edward Lauterbach, Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson, Mrs. Dr. Keating, Mrs. George Bishop, Mrs. Theodore Sutor, Mrs. Sarah Sumner Teall, Mrs. John H. Judge, Mrs. John W. Lovell, Mrs. Emily Van Buel, Miss Harriette Keyser, Miss Theresa Baranow, Mrs. Esther Hermann, Miss Emily Wakeman, Mrs. Hannah Secor, Mrs. Burgoyne, Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Cory.

Spain's Efforts to Pleas Us. The Imparcel says Spain ought to draw up a memorandum and forward it to Euro-

never weary of making sacrifices against thieves.

The Epoca, organ of the Government, publishes an article affirming that the American Congress provoked not only a constitutional but a political conflict with President Cleveland, since the Populists and Republicans roughly attack the Administration, which the Democrats are unable to desert.

Still the conflict, the Epoca says, is not only against Spain, but against all Europe as well, because Senator Cameron's proposition is the most absolute and serious interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine.

Grouped around the president's table were a number of similar ones. Their hostesses were Mrs. J. Beverly Robinson, of the National Woman's Suffrage Association; Mrs. Clarence Postley, of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Mrs. Corneilus H. Carey, Mrs. Esther Collins, Mrs. George Wallace, Mrs. John H. Crook, Mrs. Harry Wallerstein, Mrs. H. E. Herz, Dr. Phoebe Waite, Mrs. Milton Rathbun, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Charles Austin Bates, the Rev. Phoebe Hannaford and Mrs. Florence Kirkwood.

After the dinner, which was served at 12:30 o'clock, Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake made the address of welcome and introduced the league's new president, Mrs. Marianne W. Chapman, who told of "The

Way to Victory." Other speakers and their subjects were: Mrs. Donald McLean, "Patrolmen of the Pilgrim Mothers and the Present Day Mothers"; Mrs. Edward Lauterbach, "Emancipated Woman"; Mrs. Theodore Sutor, "Women in Music"; Mrs. Harriette A. Keyser, "A Symphony in Yellow"; and Mrs. Sarah Sumner Teall, "Early Heroines."

Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson, a niece of Henry Ward Beecher, recited a clever original poem entitled "Feminine Vanity," that wound up with: "Feminine vanity, O ye gods! hark to these men! Vanity's wide as the world is wide. Look at the peacock in his pride— Is it a hen?"

There were songs by Miss Maud Beach and Mrs. Ella Joelyn Horne, and Miss Gisela Frankl played a festival march of her own composition.

DEATH DEALS A DOUBLE BLOW. Merchant, Notified of His Daughter's Sudden Demise, Dies from the Shock.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 22.—Word was received in this city today of the sudden death of Samuel A. Haynes in Indianapolis from shock over the unexpected death of his daughter.

Mr. Haynes was formerly a resident of this city, when he was a member of the hardware firm of Graham & Haynes, of New York. A week ago Mr. Haynes's daughter, Mrs. C. P. Ball, of this city, died suddenly. Mr. Haynes was travelling in the West at the time, and could not be notified till she was buried.

Mr. Haynes was a member of the Hardware Club, New York, and a prominent worker in the temperance field. For the last few years he had been president of the Samuel A. Haynes Bicycle Company, of Indianapolis. He was about sixty years of age and leaves a widow, son and daughter.

New Ellis Island Ferryboat. The new ferryboat John G. Carlisle, to be used on the Ellis Island route, will go into commission to-day.

WEYLER TAKES THE FIELD

Places Himself Again at the Head of His Troops in Pinar del Rio—His Son Is with Him.

Havana, Dec. 22.—Captain-General Weyler, accompanied by his staff and his aide Don Fernando Weyler, who recently arrived in Cuba from Spain, left Havana 2 o'clock this morning on board the transport Lagarbi, proceeding direct to Madrid, at which place he arrived at 7 a. m. General Weyler was received at Madrid by General Arolas, and at 2 o'clock this morning proceeded to the field of military operations.

General Solano reports that the battle recently fought by Colonel Lara with the combined forces of insurgents under Martinez Rodriguez and other leaders, in the Oliva Hills, near Pinaras, was a more important engagement than was at first reported. It has since been learned that losses of the Cubans were upward of 1,000 killed or wounded, while the 100 of the troops was only one captain and twelve privates wounded.

Three thousand troops have sailed for Manzanilla to join the forces near that place in an attack upon the insurgents under General Garcia, who is now holding the road to Yucatan.

Two Gale-Swept Steamships. The two overdue British steamships, Mary and Edwin, from Gibraltar, reached port yesterday. They had been retarded by westerly gales. The forward bulkhead under the bridge of the Edwin had been stove in by a sea 14 feet over the starboard bow. The Manila was uninjured. Captain Bovey said he sighted vessels' and 150 feet long, floating bottom on December 13, in latitude 36.29, longitude 49.29.

Mayor Too Busy to See a Prince. Prince Khevenhuller, of Austria, called at Mayor's office yesterday with Colonel Fred Grant, but as the Mayor was busy with a Board of Estimate he did not get a chance to see him.

AT WANAMAKER'S

CHRISTMAS HINTS FOR TARDY SHOPPERS

Santa Claus will open our doors for you through day and evening to-day and to-morrow—after that, Christmas.

Winter in the air and by the calendar and Spring-time in the heart, but there is discount on the joy if the shopping is not done.

Abounding Christmas is all over the Store. Let us say things to you very briefly—our words may be helpful.

A quick walk through the Store collects all the news that follows. Just so may the choosing and buying be.

BOYS' CLOTHES Two chances—one for the boy, another for the kind friend that wants to give him a HOLIDAY SUIT.

This is very serious. It's about 300 Suits for Boys of 6 to 16 years—plain serge and fancy chevot, fancy cassimere.

Each a Suit for a little gentleman. Jackets are double-breasted. Trousers short. The price for a Suit is \$3.75—the values this season \$7—and all are new, fresh as though the tailor's goose still hissed o'er them.

As we write an old clothier remarks: "In all my scores of years I never saw equal Clothing Cheapness." Second floor, Ninth street.

RUGS Moquette—as you step there is a touch of velvet on your sole. Elegant but cheap. Color, material, design make the fine art contribution. Mechanics produce and cheapen. So much for so little; 18x36 in., 85c. 27x54 in., \$1.85. 36x72 in., \$3.

Cold type fitches tell nothing about size. See them. Smyrna, 400 at \$2.50. The size is 30x60 in.—big for the money. Smaller at less, larger at more, all cheap, remarkably.

FURNITURE Last night we owned 18 very choice mahogany Boudoir Desks. They are a great bargain at \$8.75. Perhaps you may get one if early.

Chairs, if handsome, make good holiday gifts. Here are six sorts at \$37.50, \$30, \$25, \$22.50, \$21 and \$15. All carved mahogany frames—some inlaid—upholstered in tapestry and fancy silk.

Another group of nine kinds, Mahogany and malachite finish, \$10.50, \$13.50, \$15, \$17.50, \$19.50, \$20, \$21, \$22, \$24.

Story is too long. Twelve sorts, \$6.50 to \$22.50. Ten sorts, \$5.50 to \$13. Eighteen sorts at \$4.50 to \$26. This little notice conveys 56 sorts of Parlor Chairs, and this is only a portion.

Buy to-day for ante-Christmas delivery. Fourth floor.

CHAFING DISRES A Chafing Dish is a good present for a man. Nickel plated, \$1.90. \$2.75, \$3, \$3.75, \$4, \$4.75, \$6.75, \$12.50, \$18. Bargains all.

Tea Kettles of brass and copper. They promote afternoon hospitality \$2.50 to \$15.50. Basement.

HAND-KERCHIEFS Marvellous Handkerchief selling, this, at the new-old-store. No secret about it. Quantity, quality and economical prices account for it. No sham about our 'Kerchiefs. They're what they seem—pure linen and pure silk. All sorts of prices, from 5c to \$65. We'll mention a few:

AT 12 1/2 CENTS EACH. FOR WOMEN—Fine hemstitched, hand embroidered corners. Good quality white, with lace edge. White hemstitched, with prettily embroidered initial. Plain white, sheer, hemstitched.

FOR MEN—Hemstitched, with printed borders. Unlaundered, hemstitched, with embroidered initial. Plain white, hemstitched.

SILK—Dainty embroidered and scalloped Japanese. Hemstitched Japanese silk, with embroidered initial.

AT 25 CENTS EACH. FOR WOMEN—Hemstitched, with lace edge. Scalloped and embroidered. Hemstitched, beautifully embroidered. Hemstitched, with open-work initial. Very fine, plain white, hemstitched.

FOR MEN—Plain white, hemstitched. Hemstitched, with embroidered initial. Hemstitched, with printed borders.

SILK—White, hemstitched, Japanese. Scalloped and embroidered Japanese. Handkerchiefs in white or colors. Broadway.

WOMEN'S FURS Muffs of Alaska Sable. The name is a fraud, for they are Brown Opposum. The value is \$5, price \$3. And they are well made and trimmed. Black Coney and Black Hare Muffs, 75c; London Seal Muffs, \$3.50.

All these Muffs and others are a part of a very special sale of small Furs that is going on here to-day. Second floor, Ninth street.

CHINA BARGAINS Interested in fine Taa China? Then you'll rest this. It isn't often de pleasure to share such opportunity with you. They don't often occur. Fish and Game Sets, Haviland China, mazarine blue, green, light blue, and yellow; border overlaid with gold filigree work. An appropriate painting on each piece, no two alike, and each on signed by the artist. Real worth \$50 a set, but a trade circumstance makes them

TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS. Dinner Sets, 113 pieces, English porcelain, royal flow blue decoration; they include Soup Tureen and 4 Meat Dishes. Were \$11 and fairly priced at that. Now your choice for

TEN DOLLARS. Dinner Sets, 113 pieces, vitrified china, includes Soup Tureen and 4 Meat Plates. Natural flower sprays and gold trimmed handle. These sets have been selling \$22.50. A large shipment, but only a few sets left. They will soon go at

FIFTEEN DOLLARS. FANCY WORK Dainty and delicate, but not refined beyond the bargain spirit. Sofa Pillows, \$1 to \$3.50—j-half. Toilet Bottles, 50c. Trimmed Scrap Baskets. Fancy Pin Cushions, Handkerchief Boxes and Sachets. Embroidered Photograph Frame. A picnic ground for gift buyers. Tenth street.

CANARY BIRDS A festival of bird-song. Birds, \$1.50; Cages, 50c to \$3.75. Hear them sing. Not exchangeable. Seed. Grave Manna. Basement.

SEWING MACHINES Haven't printed word about them all holiday time; but they go, go, go! They'll go more with the recipients get them as gifts. The Wanamaker Sewing Machine—up to date, first class, \$18, \$20, \$22.50. Sewing Machine prices long rule we sell the machines as merchandise. Basement.

JOHN WANAMAKER Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co., Broadway, Fourth Avenue, Ninth and Tenth Streets.