

TO BE BIG AND FAST.

New Steamer for the North German Lloyd Line Ordered.

The Contract Calls for a Larger and Faster Boat Than Any Now Afloat—To Maintain Average of 25 Knots.

The North German Lloyd line has just placed with the Vulcan Shipbuilding company, of Stettin, an order for a vessel which is to maintain an average speed of 25 knots a hour.

In the contract it is further stipulated that this forthcoming flyer shall have a length of 722 feet and an engine power of 45,000 horsepower.

Thus, in speed, horsepower and size, this new leviathan will exceed all others now afloat or building.

The nearest approach to her in the way of speed is the Hamburg-American steamship Deutschland, which is soon to be placed in service in the Trans-Atlantic route, and which is guaranteed by her builders to have a sustained sea speed of not less than 23 knots an hour.

But the engines which are employed in the Deutschland have an indicated horsepower of only 33,000, as against this racer's 45,000.

The contract calls for the vessel's completion in 1961. Before she is completed it is possible that the strong rivalry which exists between the two big German lines, the Hamburg-American and the North German Lloyd, may lead to the building of another still bigger and faster.

FINDS NEW MARKET.

Cabbage and Potatoes from the State of Virginia Will Be Sent to the West.

The western commission merchants who arrived at Norfolk, Va., for the purpose of bringing about closer trade relations between the truckers and fruit growers of that section and the merchants of the western cities completed their visit and left for their homes.

The truckers are pleased with the idea of a chance to relieve the northern markets by the shipment of a portion of their product to the west.

HUGE MASSES OF GOLD.

Rich Strike Is Reported to Have Been Made in a Cavern in the Andes District.

J. H. Brownlee, the provincial surveyor, has returned to Victoria, B. C., from Atlin, and says this winter it has been proven that a ledge of free-milling quartz extends above and below the discovery on Pine creek.

AUTOMOBILE EDUCATION.

A New Course of Study Opened Up at Columbia University, at New York City.

In line with the recent growth of interest in automobiles and their construction, the school of engineering at Columbia university has opened a new course in traction engines and automobile carriages.

MUST BE FORTIFIED.

Defense of Isolated Coaling Stations Is Advocated.

T. H. Gignilliat, Graduate of the Naval Academy, Argues That It Would Be a Real Economy.

In discussing the importance of isolated coaling docks and their defense, T. H. Gignilliat, a graduate of the naval academy, says: "There is now no other way by which great economy of warships can be effected in the event of hostilities than by the fortification of isolated coaling stations. It is probable that in the matter of actual economy in the protection of harbors the ratio is as great as ten to one in favor of land defenses, that is to say, \$500,000 expended at a place like Pearl harbor would probably in time of war leave vessels costing \$4,000,000 or more free to go wherever they would otherwise be of the most service, and such fortifications would be vastly more formidable to an attacking fleet than a battleship or cruiser costing ten times as much.

In other words, for \$500,000 batteries of mortars and disappearing guns more powerful than the batteries of our largest battleships could be placed at any coaling station, which, being more impregnable and having greater stability, with proper handling would outlast any battleship that could be built.

The value of shore batteries was more than ever established in the war with Spain, even by the doubtful defenses built by that government. England has foreseen the necessity of acquiring and fortifying coaling stations if she has foreseen nothing else in warfare.

HEIR TO A BIG ESTATE.

Walter Adamson Suddenly Finds That He Has Become a Very Rich Man.

Walter Adamson, a citizen of Durand, Mich., is heir to \$1,000,000 and more and has been wandering about the country for years unconscious of this fact.

In 1702, when Queen Anne ascended the throne, John Adamson, a wealthy citizen, died in London and his estate has been handed down until E. B. Humphreys, of New York, found that Alexander Adamson was the only living heir and had several children, of whom the Michigan man is one.

WAX INSOLENT IN PROSPERITY

Cabmen in Paris Not Only Raise Their Prices But Insult Passengers.

With the exhibition in full blast Paris cabmen are not only exorbitant in their charges but are often insulting. Mile. Jane Hading had a little experience with one of them the other day.

It is needless to say the money was immediately given and the cabman's number was taken, the popular actress having to find another conveyance in which to return home.

Town Duck Farm. On a duck farm near Fort Dodge, Ia., there were recently 12,000 ducks. They ate 100 bushels of corn daily.

Many Proposals Likely New. A Missouri spinster who is 60 years old has just inherited \$2,000,000.

Deadly In Rome. The mortality in Rome has been reduced within a few years from 25 per 1,000 to 15 per 1,000.

GEN. ALGER INVESTS.

He and His Associates Pay \$1,500,000 for 230,000 Acres of Southern Timber Land.

Ex-Secretary Russell A. Alger and his associates have just completed the purchase of 230,000 acres of choice long leaf yellow pine timber lands, situated in the counties of Escambia, Conecuh, Monroe and Baldwin, in Alabama, extending from the Alabama river on the north to the Florida state line on the south.

Gen. Alger and his associates will immediately organize a corporation to be known as the Alger-Sullivan Timber company. They will build on these lands several fine mills and the necessary railway tracks for carrying on the export timber business to which they will devote most of the lands.

From government reports it appears that the forests are fast being depleted, and hence the great wisdom of northwestern enterprise in securing this, the last large body of timber land in the south.

The American Car company of Detroit, Mich., of which the ex-secretary is one of the largest stockholders, it is understood, will erect extensive works at Pensacola for building cars.

SIAM'S FIRE PROTECTION.

King Interested in American Apparatus and Will Purchase for His Kingdom.

The king of Siam is planning to establish a fire department for his kingdom. His attention has been called to the fact that the fire department of New York city has something called a Siamese hose, and his majesty's curiosity is aroused.

With a view to obtaining the most advanced ideas of fire methods, the king's own representative, the Siamese minister, Phya Prasiddhi, has come to town. One thing he will learn about the "Siamese hose" is that it owes nothing whatever to Siam save the reputation of the Siamese twins.

SMOKE SHELLS TO BE USED.

French Officials Decide on an Innovation for the Artillery Service.

An innovation has been introduced in the French artillery service by the decision to furnish the guns with a smoke shell. Hitherto the cannon has been provided with melinite and shrapnel shells only.

This new shell is intended to be launched at an opponent's artillery, which, on bursting, will envelop it in a dense cloud of smoke, thus hampering the return fire. The new shell is the outcome of the introduction of smokeless powder.

AMERICAN OWNERS BARRED.

Cannot Hold Property in the Exclusive Japanese Settlements in Korea.

United States Consul General Horace N. Allen, at Seoul, has been seeking to obtain an interpretation of the treaty regarding the right of non-Japanese to own land in the exclusive Japanese settlements in Korea.

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Clubhouse on Gold Ledge. Capt. J. N. McCoy, an Assayer of Atlanta, Ga., Finds Good Ore in Heart of City.

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PRACTICAL MISSIONS.

Work Being Done by Colored Women at Washington.

Association Calling Itself the Colored Women's League Locating Day Nurseries in Crime-Hidden Spots of the Capital.

An association calling itself the Colored Women's League is doing some unique work among the 90,000 negroes of Washington, more than two-thirds of whom live in the slums of the capital.

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CONTINUE CHARTING OF LAKES.

Navy Department Will Investigate All Reported Obstructions to Navigation of Big Ships.

It is proposed by the navy department to continue the investigations and charting of all reported obstructions to navigation in the great lakes. This is an important work and will require a great deal of expert surveying.

The vessels in these waters have increased much in size as well as in numbers, and their increased draft brings them into contact with obstructions which were not necessary to consider in a survey of a generation ago.

FINDS AT FORT WORTH.

Skeletons and Indian Relics Are Discovered in a Populous District.

The finding of a skeleton of an Indian buried three feet beneath the surface at Fort Worth, Tex., a day or two since led to further search, and two more skeletons, one of an Indian, the other of a white man, were unearthed.

The discoveries have occasioned considerable stir among the residents of Field's addition, which is in one of the most populous portions of the city. The last two graves were found near the one discovered last week.

CLUBHOUSE ON GOLD LEDGE.

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THE LARGEST AFLOAT.

Col. Drexel's New Yacht to Be the Finest Private Ship Ever Built.

Col. A. J. Drexel, of Philadelphia, now enjoys the distinction of owning the largest steam yacht afloat, as the Margarita was successfully launched upon the Clyde. Over a year ago Mr. Drexel commissioned G. L. Watson, the famous British naval architect, to design a yacht for him that would be as nearly perfect as human ingenuity, aided by unlimited freedom as to cost, would accomplish.

Mr. Watson did not slight his opportunity. The Margarita's length over all is 323 feet; her load water line length, 272; beam, 36 feet 9 inches; draught, 16 feet 8 inches. A crew of 65 men will be employed on the yacht, which has a continuous double bottom, and will be fitted with Scotch boilers and triple expansion engines.

Her internal arrangements are so designed that every inch of space is utilized to the best advantage. The drawing-room, extending the full width of the ship, will be furnished in the style of Louis XV., the library in empire and the dining-room in Chippendale. The contract calls for a speed of 17 knots over an 80-knot trial course.

LEAKED DIMES AND NICKELS.

A Butte (Mont.) Man's Trunk Creates a Sensation in St. Louis Depot.

A trunk belonging to Charles Lenz, of Butte City, Mont., bulged open the other morning in the Union station baggage room at St. Louis and leaked dimes and nickels.

"You see," said Lenz, "I don't care about that trunk. It's full, of course, but the contents are only nickels and dimes. I'm interested in Montana mines. Out there everything costs a quarter. Every time I've received a nickel or a dime I've tossed the coin into that old trunk for mother."

The trunk followed Lenz on the next train. It contained a fraction over \$500, all in dimes and nickels, according to Mr. Bentley.

NOT ENOUGH CADETS.

A Growing Shortage of Men from West Point to Fill Vacancies—Provision for More Appointments.

An importance scarcely second to that of the increase of artillery is attached by the secretary of war to the clause in the pending army bill providing for the appointment by the president of 100 cadets at large to the military academy, at West Point.

FASTS FOR FOUR MONTHS.

The Case of a Young Indiana Woman Proves a Puzzle to Physicians.

Miss Paul Curry, the Howard county (Ind.) girl who on the last memorial day remarked to a friend: "On Memorial day next year you can decorate my grave," has now fasted 120 days and is still alive.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ORE.

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RAILS FOR RUSSIA.

The Biggest Single Shipment Ever Made Sent Out of Baltimore.

The steamship Samoa, which has sailed from Baltimore for Vladivostok, Russia, carried the largest shipment of steel rails ever sent to a foreign country.

The combination includes 29 of the 33 plants in the country which manufacture corrugated iron and cornices of buildings.

HE IS LEGALLY DEAD.

Estate of Missing Man Administered and Insurance Paid.

Absent Sixteen Years, Is Given Up for Dead and Wife Marries Again—Modern Enoch Arden Case at Gloucester, Mass.

A romance in real life, similar to that of Enoch Arden, but with more complications, has come to light in Gloucester, Mass. News of a former resident, who has not been heard from for 16 years, and who was supposed to be dead, his estate having been administered upon and his former wife having remarried, has been received.

After giving west Mr. Saville concluded to make a new start in life, cutting away from all former associations. He settled in Arkansas, where he again began life and in time rose to considerable local prominence, being at one time postmaster of Simpson, a town in Bradley county, Ark.

A few years later, having no further news of her husband, she again married, while Mr. Saville also took to himself a wife in his new western home. No children have resulted from either of these marriages, but Mr. and Mrs. Saville were the parents of three sons and a daughter.

MORE SCHOOLS FOR EMPLOYEES.

The Educational Plan to Be Extended to the Factories of Chicago.

The plan of having schools established in the large stores downtown for the benefit of the younger employes, as urged by W. Lester Bodine, superintendent of compulsory education, Chicago, will be pushed still further.

BATTLE WITH HAWKS.

Two Men Are Painfully Injured While Taking Eggs from a Tall Tree.

Pool Woll Young and John Hauptby had a thrilling escape from death while robbing a chicken hawk's nest. They had been trout fishing at Black creek and while on their way home saw the hawk's nest in the top of a tall pine tree.

Just as he was about to take the eggs he was attacked by six hawks. They struck him in the face with their beaks and beat him with their wings. Hauptby defended himself until he weakened and then when the birds made a fresh attack on him he fell, lodging in the lower branches of the tree.

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