

NAVY NEEDS MEN.

Embarrassing Situation Should Promptly Be Declared Before Congress Takes Action.

A treaty of peace with Spain would be signed before congress takes provisions for an increase in the enlisted strength of the navy that important branch of the government would be badly crippled.

Secretary Long will ask congress for an increase of at least 7,500 men, which will bring the enlisted strength of the navy up to 20,000.

SEA-SIGNALING DEVICE.

Improved Apparatus Given a Thorough and Successful Test at Hoboken, N. J.

An interesting test was made at the Hoboken (N. J.) pier of the North German Lloyd Steamship company of the new apparatus, an invention of John W. Hayward for signaling at sea.

WILL CAUSE A BOOM.

Decision to Retain All Vessels Purchased During War Will Keep Ship Builders Busy.

It is expected that the decision of the secretary of the navy to retain all the vessels purchased during the war will have the effect of causing a boom in American shipbuilding.

MONTH IN DRY DOCK.

Grounding on Coral Reef at Guantanamo Necessitates Thorough Overhauling of Her Plates.

When the cruiser Brooklyn went into the new timber dry dock a few days ago at the navy yard, Constructors Bowles and his assistants immediately set to work and inspected the vessel's bottom.

Bulgarians Honor Their Heroes. The Bulgarians have erected 306 monuments in commemoration of events in the Russo-Turkish war.

Norwegian Sculptor Dead. Brynjulf Bergsjen, the Norwegian sculptor who made the equestrian statue of Bernadotte at Christiania, is dead.

English Words with No Rhyme. About 5,000 words in the English language have no rhyme to them.

GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS.

Christmas Boxes to Be Taken to Manila for Our Boys.

Government Will Carry Good Things Which Friends Wish to Send—Must Not Include Many Sweets.

The quartermaster's department of the army is arranging to extend its good offices in the direction of transporting a reasonable amount of Christmas gifts to the American soldiers in the garrison at Manila.

EFFECT OF THE WAR.

English Statesman Thinks a Large Armed Force Will Hereafter Be Necessary in United States.

Rt. Hon. Leonard Henry Courtney, former deputy speaker of the house of commons and now unionist member of parliament for the Bodmin division of Cornwall, speaking at Tidesford, Cornwall, said that one of the consequences of the war with Spain upon the American people had been to create a spirit which must in the near future lead to a great transformation of American character and policy.

"Instead of being a self-contained, industrious, peaceful, and non-aggressive people," said Mr. Courtney, "the Americans, if they take sovereignty in Cuba, will have to keep a large naval and military force in order to make the influence of the United States felt."

"The war emphasizes the necessity of the peace proposals of the czar. If there had been an organized tribunal to settle international quarrels the Hispano-American conflict might have been averted even after passion had been aroused by the Maine disaster."

FORTIFICATIONS OF HAVANA.

Description of Guns, Ammunition, Sunken Masked Batteries, Etc., Sent to War Department.

The war department has received a detailed description of the fortifications of Havana. Besides old guns there are 43 new guns. These guns are principally of the Hotchkiss and Ordnance pattern, but there are a few Krupps among them.

The strength of the Spanish garrison in Havana is estimated at 100,000, evenly divided between volunteers and regulars. This strength would have been increased at any time by calling provincial troops to Havana.

The exact number of arms in Havana is not known, but the armament on hand in depots, artillery parks and stores of all divisions of the army of the island of Cuba is: Mauser rifles and carbines, 131,015; Remington rifles, 137,974; of private guerrillas, 14,000; total, 282,989.

Great ingenuity has been displayed in the construction of masked batteries. Closely underlying much of the soil in the vicinity of Havana is coral rock, easily excavated. Trenches are cut in it, and from short distances nothing is seen to indicate the existence or extent of defensive works.

WILL BUILD WARSHIPS NEXT.

Marvelous Development of Shipbuilding by the Japanese Government.

Latest reports to the state department tell of a marvelous development of ship building in Japan. United States Consul Harriss, at Nagasaki, says that there has just been delivered there the largest steamship ever launched outside of American and European waters. She is the Hitachi Maru, built by the Mitsui Bishi company, at Nagasaki, and her displacement is 11,660 tons.

Words in the English Language. There are now over 250,000 words in the English language, acknowledged by the best authorities, or about 70,000 more than in the German, French, Spanish and Italian combined.

BOAT FOR NAVAL RESERVES.

Hittites Men to Get the Converted Yacht Frolic, Formerly Owned by Senator Hanna.

The converted yacht Frolic, formerly the property of Senator Mark A. Hanna, will be brought to Chicago from Norfolk, Va., to be used as a training ship by the Illinois naval reserves.

When Gov. Tanner was in Washington recently he visited the navy department for the purpose of securing one of the converted yachts for the benefit of the Illinois reserves. Secretary Long promised him the Frolic, which is a larger boat than the Wasp, but after the Wasp had been stripped of her armament and relieved of every possible burden she still drew 10 1/2 feet of water and the Welland canal will only accommodate vessels having a draught of nine feet or less.

Gov. Tanner has been notified to send three officers and 20 men to Norfolk for the Frolic. The navy department will furnish a commander, navigator and engineer to see that the journey is made in safety.

TO REMAIN IN MANILA.

Admiral Dewey's Presence with His Fleet Will Be Needed for Some Time to Come.

Secretary Long said that Admiral Dewey had not made application for leave of absence and he would remain at Manila as long as the situation demanded his presence there.

Admiral Dewey will not leave Manila until the Philippine question has been settled by the peace commissioners at Paris. Everything is quiet at Manila at the present time, but Aguinaldo realizes that his representatives at Paris will not receive any recognition at the hands of the peace commission. He may be disposed to make trouble. The administration has perfect confidence in Gen. Otis to handle the situation whatever it may be, but at the same time it is the intention of President McKinley to keep Dewey at Manila for the moral effect his fleet would have if anything disrupting should occur.

Following should become restless and commit any overt acts, the desire to interfere might manifest itself again and his representatives may undertake to cooperate with the insurgents. For these and other reasons Admiral Dewey's presence at Manila is just as necessary now as it was three months ago. In addition to this, when the Washington authorities intimated to Dewey a short time ago that his presence here was desirable, he replied that he had better remain at Manila. Since then nothing has been said about Admiral Dewey leaving his post.

NEARLY READY FOR SERVICE.

Three Ships of Navy Could Be Put in Commission if There Were Sailors to Man Them.

Three ships of the navy are now practically ready for service, but none will be commissioned for the present on account of a lack of men. Both the Chicago and Atlanta at the New York navy yard are ready for service, except some parts of their battery which could be put in place in a week, if crews were available.

The battleship Indiana was moored close to the wall, when a rumbling noise was heard, and the whole wall slid into the water. Several huge stones narrowly missed striking the Indiana's bow.

The big ship was at once warped astern and was made fast to the wooden wharf. Some of its officers made an examination of the fallen wall and found that the accident had been caused by the rise and fall of the tide.

American Beer in China. Several American brewers are successfully introducing their product in Hong-Kong by first furnishing the same gratuitously in many places and then agreeing on a price that leaves both the retailer and the brewer a good profit.

Cost of Havana Cigars in Paris. The finest brand of Havana cigars fetches \$1,500 a thousand in Paris.

Bulletin Financier.

Vendredi, 9 décembre 1898.

COMPTOIR D'ORANGES (CLEARING HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Etat Membre du Clearing-House.

Table with columns for various banks and their balances, including Citibank, Mercantile, and others.

MARCHE MONETAIRE.

Table showing gold and silver prices, including Louisiana Gold and Silver.

OMANGES.

Table listing various orange products and their prices.

VENTES A LA BOURSE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Table listing stock market transactions and prices.

ACTIONS ET BONS.

Table listing various stocks and bonds.

MOUVEMENT DU COTON.

Table showing cotton market activity and prices.

MARCHE DE LIVERPOOL.

Table showing Liverpool market prices for various goods.

MARCHE DE HAVRE.

Table showing Havre market prices.

SCORRE ET MELASSE.

Table showing prices for molasses and other products.

RESCAUX.

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Bulletin Commercial.

Vendredi, 9 décembre 1898.

Le Board of Trade donne les cotations suivantes pour les lots de chargement de café.

Table showing coffee market prices and other commodity prices.

MARCHE DE LA NIE-ORLEANS.

Table showing prices for various goods in the New Orleans market.

MARCHE DE NEW-YORK.

Table showing New York market prices.

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VINS ET LIQUEURS.

Table showing prices for various wines and liquors.

PROVISIONS.

Table showing prices for various provisions.

LA BOURSE.

Table showing stock market prices.

CHANGES.

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies.

PRODUITS.

Table showing prices for various products.

PRETS ET FOIX.

Table showing interest rates and other financial data.

PRODUITS DE LA CAMPAGNE.

Table showing prices for various products from the campaign.

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