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AS TO NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

A conflict between the senate and house over naval appropriations was not expected, the general impression having been that the former body would be more liberally disposed than the latter.

The senate adopted an amendment reducing the number to two and the matter will probably be settled by a conference of the two houses, since it is hardly probable that the house will accept the senate's amendment.

The opposition to the large appropriation for additional battleships was led by Senator Gorman of Maryland, on the score of economy. It was urged that under existing circumstances the government ought not to enter contracts for additional war vessels involving so large an outlay and that it would be unwise and unsafe to do so.

In defending his position Senator Gorman made some statements and admissions which are interesting as showing that the condition of the treasury is far less favorable than it is made to appear by the monthly statements of that department.

He asserted that against the \$150,000,000 now in the treasury, not including fractional currency nor the \$100,000,000 reserved for the redemption of greenbacks, there stands a charge of \$146,000,000 which congress has appropriated prior to this session which has not been disbursed.

He said that there are charges against the treasury today which would consume all of the funds in the treasury outside of the gold reserve, so that in point of fact the treasury would not have a dollar beyond the redemption fund if it should meet the charges against it.

With this fact confronting it and the practical certainty that revenues will not greatly improve under the present tariff law, it is a question whether congress should appropriate so large a sum for additional naval vessels as is carried by the house appropriation bill.

There can be no doubt that public sentiment is favorable to the policy of building up the navy as rapidly as practicable, but in doing this the financial condition and the resources of the treasury must be considered, as well as other demands upon the government that cannot be disregarded.

It is indicated, however, that the house will strenuously insist upon the larger number. A DISCREET RULER. The speech of President Kruger to the Transvaal parliament furnishes further evidence of the good judgment and sound discretion of the chief executive of the South African republic.

with negotiations to relieve them from claims on account of unpaid interest, which, if completed for the three and one-half years, would run into tens of thousands of dollars.

The Elkhorst road, standing alone in its contention for equitable rates as between Omaha and Lincoln, has not received much encouragement at the hands of Omaha shippers.

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We note with satisfaction renewed activity in brick manufacture in this city, an industry which has suffered almost total collapse in recent years. Anything that will strengthen the demand for brick will work incalculable benefits to this community.

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THE STEEL POOL AT WORK.

Probability of the Combination Being Halted Into Court. One of the first fruits of the formation of the steel and iron pool will be the closing of the works of the Ohio Steel company at Youngstown, which have been turning out nearly 1,000 tons of steel daily.

Some of the stockholders are also discontented. They are the owners of mills which have been consuming the product of the Ohio Steel company. They took stock in it to help it along, supposing they could secure all the steel they wanted at a profit.

TERSE TRIFLES. Texas (St. Louis): You can't tell anything about a man by his trimmings.

Philadelphia Record: "Money may be the root of all evil," says Mansuy Philosopher, "but everybody is on the root for it."

Chicago Tribune: "My wife wants a lot of statues to put up in the front yard," said Mr. Goodell, the eminent contractor, who had stood at the altar of his own down town. "Send her three or four tons of the best you've got, and mail the bill to me."

Indianapolis Journal: Rev. Mr. Williams-Brother Backslide, I was shocked deeply to see you in the company of a common drinking saloon. Think of the example to the young. Brother Backslide—Yes, I know, but none of the drug stores keep the kind of goods I want.

GET A MOVE ON. Washington Star. In this hour of renovation Miss O'Connell should not only pause over the mud legislation.

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