

NEW VESSELS FOR THE NAVY

Facts About the Auxiliary Fleet Purchased by the Government.

SCOUTS, PATROL AND SUPPLY VESSELS

Tremendous Strength, Three- and Fighting Capacity of These Monitor Battle-ships Now on the Stocks.

In the hurry and rush of war preparations, says Harper's Weekly, the Navy department has found it necessary to buy an extensive auxiliary fleet of yachts, tugs and colliers to assist in naval operations.

Among the newer additions to this fleet are (1) The U. S. Columbia, renamed the Wasp, formerly owned by J. H. Laidox. It was built in Philadelphia. It is of steel, is 180 feet 8 inches long, 22 feet beam and draws 15 feet of water.

There are two armored fighting positions, the water line being below the pilot house and about the bow turret, the after one just about the mainmast and up in the superstructure. The forward one will be ten inches thick and the cap over it will be six inches thick, and the after one will be six inches thick, and a position for either the admiral or the signal officer during combat.

CONFLICT IN THE MILITARY LAWS

Hampers the Government in Calling for Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The object of most concern at the War department this morning was the calling out of volunteers. This turns out to be a much more complicated question than was at first supposed.

PURCHASES ABOARD.

The purchases of war ships abroad for the navy have been four, the New Orleans, formerly the Amazonas, and her sister ship, the Albany, formerly the Aboumail, both of which were being finished in England for the Brazilian navy.

One of the most important purchases of ships by the navy was that of the four Morane planes, built in France, and the two Rio. They are fast ships, capable, it is said, of making twenty knots an hour.

THREE GREAT BATTLESHIPS.

Three more of our battleships, the Illinois, Alabama and Wisconsin, are rapidly advancing toward the time of launching, and by the fall they will be ready to be put in the water.

South Americans Join Spanish Navy.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The Herald correspondent in Montevideo telegraphs that a son of the famous dictator, Sandoz, who is a Uruguayan naval officer, is now serving on board the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya.

Passenger Steamers Are Safe.

It was a relief to the plant steamers who suspended their trips between Tampa and Havana, they possibly fearing seizure in the event of hostilities.

Tennessee Sends Greeting.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 19.—Governor Taylor today sent the following telegram to President McKinley.

Starts the Whistles at Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 20.—As soon as the news was heard here of the president's signing the Cuban resolutions and the ultimatum to Spain manufacturing establishments in different parts of the city were notified and the action of the president was made known to the people of Chicago and suburbs by the blowing of whistles and the ringing of bells.

Insurgents Suspect Hostilities.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The Herald from Matanzas says: It is reported from Matanzas that the insurgent government of the province, at the head of which is Pedro Betancourt, chief of all the insurgents there, has issued a circular suspending hostilities throughout the territory under his command.

CURTISS TURNER'S FUNERAL

Final Services Over the Body Held at Family Home.

SKETCH OF THE YOUNG MAN'S CAREER

His Work as an Engineer and His Interest in the Public Affairs of Omaha—Why He Went to Alaska.

The funeral services over the remains of the late Curtis C. Turner were held at the family residence, 3318 Farnam street, yesterday afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock.

The last rites received from Mr. Turner announced him as in the best of health and was satisfied with the progress he was making. Mr. Turner was a man of high character, full of activity and very much liked by all who met him.

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There is nothing else in the world like it. Believing in the great thing of thousands pushing up for the final fight with the hills—trees, goats, sheep, men with sledges, men with packs, men with moccasins.

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SKETCH OF MR. TURNER.

The following sketch of Mr. Turner was prepared by one of his intimate friends and associates in the different organizations in which he was interested.

Curtis C. Turner was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner, who are numbered among the pioneers of Omaha, having come to this city in 1858.

Mr. Turner was a man of fine physical appearance and marked force of ability. His mind was directed to the study of the sciences, and his views were broadened by education, by constant reading, by acquaintance and conversation with many of the best minds of the country.

ADVOCATE OF GOOD ROADS.

Mr. Turner was an enthusiastic advocate of good roads. He had given the question much study both from a scientific and from a popular standpoint.

Residence of John G. McNeal Ransacked and Robbed.

Burglars broke into the house at the residence of John G. McNeal at 2524 Pierce street, while the family was out visiting friends, and made a good haul.

LITTLE BOY DIES OF DIPHTHERIA.

It is reported that several pupils at the school here died of diphtheria.

End of the Case Which Elected Some Official Sympathy.

The young son of Lulu Peoples, who was recently elected to the last stage of diphtheria, died yesterday evening at 222 North Twelfth street.

Rise in the Missouri River.

The bottom of the Missouri is again rising, and quite a chance can be noticed in the current.

ATTRACTED BY THE KLONDIKE.

In the summer of 1897 the Klondike fever began to attract general attention.

Petition Dismissed.

In the case of Louis Fleischer and others against the Nebraska Cyclic company and others, the petition of the plaintiffs has been dismissed.

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