Our Sea Forces.

STOOD FOR PEACE WITH THE PRESIDENT

the writer recently spent, is full of instruc-Every Inch a Fighting Man Nowof the navy in war time. The place is assuredly no sinecure. Mr. Long reaches his Stirring War-Time Work in the Navy Department at

John Davis Long, the head of our fighting navy, is one of the leading figures of hour. Around the hotels in Washington they are inclined to poke a little fun at Mr. Long as being essentially a man of peace and good will, who has suddenly woke up to find himself in the very front of a fighting nation. The gossips tell you that Mr. Long is the president of the peace society, and that war is about the last thing in the world with which he is really in sympathy. As a matter of fact, Mr. Long is not the president of the peace society. and never was. The story is probably based on the fact that during the Anglo-Venezulan episode he did attend a meeting of the friends of peace on that particular occasion, and did speak in a sense favorable to the adjustment of that difficulty with England without recourse to arms.

However much Mr. Long may be for peace on general principles, it is quite certain that he has been all the time actively pushing forward the increase of our new navy, and that the excellent condition in which our naval forces are found, now that the actual pinch of war is on, is in large measure due to the energy with which he has conducted the department ever since he became its head. There was a passage in Mr. Long's last report, made in November, 1897, which gives us a pretty clear idea of his view of war generally, and of the part which he considers our navy has to play in maintaining the honor and interests of

the nation. Mr. Long says in that report. "Our remoteness from foreign powers, the genius of our institutions and the devotion of our people to education, commerce and industry, rather than to any policy that involves military entanglements, make war to be thought of only as a last resort in defense of our rights, and our military and naval establishments as a peace force for the preservation of order and never for ag-While all this is, therefore, an earnest of peace as the normal condition of our national life, there is no question of the necessity, the wisdom and the economy, to the same end, of an effective navy, in view of the vast extent of our coast and the possibility of attack from the sea upon our great cities, where the concentration of population and property is enormous." Enruestly for Peace.

Mr. Long was entirely in accord with President McKinley throughout the diplomatic negotiations with Spain which were finally cut short by the action of congress That is equivalent to saying that he would have liked to have seen Cuba gain her in dependence without the firing of a gun by the United States, if that had been possible But now that the war has come, there is no man in the country more in earnest to see it pushed to a speedy and successful conclusion than Secretary Long. Moreover, there is no man in the country who has done more vigorous work toward making that conclusion possible.

A very close friend of the secretary's re ports him to me as saying in a recent conversation: "Of course I was and am very earnestly for peace always, and I did think that if the president could have been given a little time, the result would have been the independence of Cuba without a war. However, war has now come, and it is useless to speculate further on what might have been



J. D. LONG AS A HARVARD GRADUATE Of course I am and always have been heartily for the independence of Cuba. I believe it is manifest destiny. It has got to come. The struggle of the Cubans has been going on for forty years and the hold of Spain has been weakening all the time. Not only on the ground of humanity and the necessity of giving peace to the island, but on the ground that the condition of things there had become an intolerable nuisance to the United States we were bound at some time to bring about the termination of the disorder there. That time has now arrived.' The delay in bringing the crisis to a solution by armed force was in every way ad-

vantageous to this country. Every hour of

It is a marvel how some men will risk their lives by sheer neglect. They sleep away entirely oblivious of the danger creeping upon them. Men can hardly be made to realize that a little sputtering spark of disease which might be stamped out in an instant may mean death if it is allowed to keep on. Dyspepsia, con-Dyspepsia, con-stipation and liver complaint seem like trifling matters but the surely as a spark will blow up a keg of If your health is not strong

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and digestive organs.

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said further, that every hour thus gained by the president's cautious policy was needed, and that the country is getting the benefit today of the preparations which were carried on under cover of the diplomatic negotiations.

right of way over all others, no matter

before him. A representative in congress

ante-room nowadays is crowded all Jay

ong. Mr. Long's private secretary, Mr. L.

endeavoring to expedite matters. Many

come to seek some appointment under the

acting temporary officers on the secretary

of the navy. The pressure for these places

is enormous. There are many more appli-

cants than the department can possibly ap-

point. Others come to urge upon the sec-

also has precedence of general callers. The

flexible rule. Generally twice a day in these war times A day at the Navy department, such as he has to leave his department and go across to the White House to see the president. In doing so he runs the gauntlet of the newspaper men, hungry for "the latest reports." Mr. Long has a soft side for newspaper men, office promptly at 9 o'clock every morning. After thirty minutes with his mail the and usually stops long enough to give them stream of people who are waiting in the a good natured word even if he cannot suplarge ante-room begins to pour in upon him. It is the etiquette of the department ply them with any real, live news.

Secretary Long has had a well-rounded that whenever a senator arrives he has the career. He is a Maine man by birth and a Massachusetts man by adoption. He is now now long they may have been waiting there in the sixtieth year of his age, but he looks younger. If it were not for the mingling of considerable gray with his otherwise blonde hair he might easily pass for a man on the sunny side of fifty. He is of middle height, H. Finney, flits in and out among them, but gives you the impression of being a short man because of his stoutness. He probably tips the scale at something over 200 new law which throws the appointment of pounds. His complexion is florid, and his grey eyes twinkle with the good humor of a man who has lived wisely and well, and is, on the whole, quite satisfied with the world and his own part in it. He has a retary the adoption of various devices and voice that is peculiarly pleasant to hear; inventions which they are satisfied would a musical, persuasive voice, that has stood greatly add to the efficiency of the navy, him in good stead not only on the public



SECRETARY LONG AS HE IS TODAY (AGE 60.)

was much interested in a conversation platform as a campaign speaker-in which between Mr. Long and a couple of senaand smart looking man to whom they desired the secretary to "give another chance." It seemed that this young man had been rejected by the authorities at Annapolis because he was suffering from progressive myopia. The practice of the Annapolis examiners is very strict on this point and it would seem obvious that a naval officer with defective eyesight, con stantly growing worse, is not a desirable addition to the navy. Yet senators and representatives are continually pleading to have such young men given another year's trial, in the hope that their eyesight will

be improved. Dispatches of all sorts are continually coming in, and the secretary is kept busy between whiles dictating answers to them Communications from the department of navigation, which deals with the personnei of the service, detailing the officers to the various ships and ordering the ships hither and thither, have to receive prompt attention. The bureau of ordnance makes another large daily demand upon the secretary's time. This bureau deals with all matters relating to ammunition, projectiles, weapons and armament generally, and just now it is simply overwhelmed with letters suggesting all manner of new appliances, every one of which receives a courteous reply. The bureau of equipment makes another considerable call on the secretary's working hours. This is the bureau which furnishes all the equipment of the ship-the ropes, the sails, the anchors, and especially the coal. The coal buying for the navy is in itself an enornous business, and the providing of coal stations and the furnishing of a dozen lighters at one point or another, to carry the

coal to our war vessels, is in itself a large

The bureau of accounts is another branch of the naval service which gives Mr. Long a great deal of hard work. This bureau has to do with the purchase of supplies, which are all bought under bids, except in cases of emergency. An interesting fact in this connection is that the Navy department is now fitting out a large refrigerator vessel, an experiment never before made. This vessel is to be filled with ice and stocked with fresh meats, poultry, vegetables and every necessity of that kind, for maintaining the health of our crews. Another new feature of Mr. Long's administration is the hospital ambulance ship, the Solace, a magnificent vessel of 4,000 tons, equipped and fitted with all modern surgical appliances. This ship will sail under the rules of the Geneva Red Cross association, and will be free from attack. The women of the country have shown great interest in this new departure, the like of which was never attempted in

any previous naval war. Yet another share of the secretary's time s called for by the bureau of construction and repair, which has to do with the building and repair of our ships. All the new ships that we have been buying of late in other countries have to be put into condition under the direction of this bureau. It was at Mr. Long's initiative that the army and navy board was established, to which the Navy department contributes one member and the War department one member. This board is now kept busy in continuous session, and is doing a great deal of useful work in keeping the two departments in effective touch with each other, so that there is no clashing, but the fullest co-operation, all along the fighting line. What is called the naval war board is also in daily session at the department. Admiral Sicard is at the head of this board, and its other members are the leading naval officers at present in Washington. This board determines the strategic movements of our fleets, follows closely from hour to hour every changing phase of the blockade at Havana, and directs the assignment of

the different squadrons. Tedtous Duties. At half past 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Mr Long makes his escape from the flood of visitors—the department doors are closed to the general public at 2 o'clock-and then to find him devouring the pages of a good he begins to sign his mail. He is kept busy writing his signature for a full hour, during which time he writes his name about 300 times. Then the chief clerk of the department makes his appearance, bringing with him a large mass of papers, offers of serv-ice, requests for the naming of ships, sug-gestions for advice of all kinds. No letter

role he has scored in years past some briltors who had brought with them a young liant successes-but in private dealings with men. It used to be said of him when he was governor of Massachusetts that he could refuse a man who asked him for a favor in such a charming manner that the mar went from the executive chamber better pleased than if his request had been granted.

Reginning His Life Work. Graduating from Harvard before he was 19 years of age, he was admitted to practice law two years later. He was not heard of in politics until 1874, when the little town of Hingham, Mass., where he had been living for several years, sent him to the popular branch of the state legislature. After one year's service he became speaker of the house, and held the chair for three successive sessions. In 1877 he was chosen as lieutenant governor of the state, and in the year following was put up for governor and elected. That campaign was made remarkable by the candidacy of the late General Butler, over whom Mr. Long was elected by a



D. LONG AS GOVERNOR OF MASSA CHUSETTS (AGE 40.)

majority that was flattering, when it is remembered that General Butler at that time had the largest personal following in Massachusetts. As governor Mr. Long served his state three years. Later he gave it six, years' service in congress as one of its representatives, and it was there that friendship with Major McKinley was formed, which resulted, when the latter became president, in Mr. Long's being asked to take the naval portfolio. He lives in very modest style at the cap-

ital. His family consists of his wife, his oldest daughter, Miss Margaret Long. 24 years of age, who is studying medicine at Johns Hopkins university; his younger daughter, Miss Helen Long, who is of great assistance to him socially, and his little son. Pierce Long, a bright boy of 10, who is busy with his schoolbooks and his bicycle. Mr. the domestic side of his life has always been very happy. He is jealous of his evening leisure, and callers at the family hotel where he lives who come on business not cordially welcomed. He believes that after a hard day's work at the department the serenity of the lamplight hours should cares of the Navy department have been dropped, tramping sturdily around the beautiful squares and circles of the capital. Mr. Long is, by the way, a teetotaler, and almost a non-smoker, his limit being one cigar a day. He has always had a friendly side for woman suffrage and for civil serv-

There is a strong literary side to our sec retary of the navy. He has made a good translation of Virgli, and his addresses on many public occasions have been marked by a scholarly finish that shows him to have been a deep student both of history and rhetoric. The evening hour is quite likely novel, and he has been heard to say that convict him his attorney, in order to give he still likes best the stories of Scott, him the completest vindication, placed his lighted him as a young man. "David Cop-perfield" is a pet book with him, and since was startling. With blanched face and the trouble with Spain reached the acute quivering lips the accused stared in agony stage he has read it all through again for at the court and stammered: "Mein Gott, about the twentieth time. Punctually at shudge, I can't tell you a lie. I know I shall

SECRETARY LONG AT HIS DESK it was improved to the utmost in putting the subjects is left without a reply. The hum-navy closes his book and says "good night."

Often enough in these exciting days newsto offer the department in the way of a papaper correspondents come around and try triotic bint is sure that his letter will be ourteously acknowledged. Between 4 and 5 | if he has anything in the way of later news, o'clock, the secretary leaves the department but the secretary's well earned slumber is and when he goes he always leaves his desk not easily disturbed, and there must be a genuine "emergency call" to deprive him "No arrears of business" is his in-JAMES W. CLARKE.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

The world's telegraph lines stretch 904,704 It takes thirty-seven specially constructed and equipped steamers to keep the subma-rine telegraph cables of the world in repair. The Masonic festival in San Francisco bas

mong numerous interesting exhibitions a sword cane presented to George Washington Massachusetts claims to have more different kinds of native trees than has any king-

dom of Europe. The number exceeds fifty, among them being nine large oaks. Chicago's police force last year cost \$3,-457,665. The officers made 83,680 arrests, recovered stolen property valued at \$390,-628 and fines were inflicted amounting to

The deer forest of Kinloch, in Sutherlandshire, which comprises about 40,000 acres, has been let by the duke of Sutherland to Arthur J. Balfour, the rent being £1,000 for the season.

The most northerly white residents in the orld are Rev. Mr. Stringer and wife and Rev. Mr. Young, missionaries of Herschel island, which lies just above the seventieth parallel of north latitude It is stated that the Turks have turned

into mosques 328 churches, destroyed 568 other churches, killed 100,000 men, women and children, destroyed 2,493 villages, driven 500,000 from their homes, while 100,000 have perished from starvation. Captain Charles Weaver of an Arkansas

ompany wears a sword that was first carried by his great-great-grandfather in the revolutionary war, next by his great-grand-father in the war of 1812 and again by his uncle, who was killed in the civil war at the battle of Arkansas Post.

The pioneers of Chicago, comprising peo-ple who were residents of the town prior to 1849, are to dine together at a hotel in that city on Thursday evening, May 26. Judge H. W. Blodgett, their president, is to make an address telling of his sixty-five years' experiences in the city.

One can speak by telephone from Berlin with any part of Germany for three minutes for 25 cents; for a conversation with any place outside of Germany the fees range between 50 cents (Prague) and \$1 (Budapest.) A conversation between the Berlin connections, or between Berlin and its nearest suburbs, costs 6 cents.

In proportion to the population there are more Smiths in Scotland than in England, for in Scotland one person in every seventy is named Smith, while in England only one person in every seventy-two is a Smith. The Smiths are well up in Ireland, beating such favorites as the O'Briens, the Ryans, the Connors, the O'Neills, the Reillys, the McCarthys and the Dohertys, the four leaders of the Smiths in Ireland being the Murphys, Kellys, Sullivans and Walshs.

The greatest electric searchlight in the world, now being erected at Fort Monroe to guard the entrance to the Chesapeake, has a beam of light nine feet in diameter. It will illuminate an object 100 miles off and can be seen on the clouds at even a greater distance. The light is gathered into nine-foot beam, which has an estimated intensity of 90,000,000 candles. The light revolves six times a minute. It was manu-factured in France, but American generatng apparatus has been substituted for that built abroad, and the dynamos, engines and boilers are to be duplicated in case of acci-dent. The beam of light from the lamp will illuminate a newspaper at a distance

SOME LATE INVENTIONS.

To prevent water from becoming impure in passing through lead pipe a tin lining is placed inside, the space between the tin and lead being filled with cement.

A new tool for painters and plasterers has in elastic reservoir for the reception of paint or plaster with a nozzle, by which it s slowly discharged to the brush or trowel. A new lamp burner has an asbestos tip set in a slot at the top of the burner with a felt filling piece interposed between the tip and the wick below, thus forming an inde-

A New Yorker has patented a toothbrush with an aluminum back and handle, the bristles being placed in a separate flexible plate which springs into the back and can be removed for cleaning or replaced when

Two western inventors have designed a butter mold which forms a cake with a curved recess in the top and a small central opening which permits the water to escape to the bottom of the dish as fast as the ice

A Canadian has designed a collapsible blind for arched windows, in which the slats are all pivoted on a rod placed at the center of the circumference of the arch, to be drawn upward to the top of the arch from each side by cords. Punctures in pneumatic tires can be tem-

porarily repaired on the road by an elastic band designed to be wound around the tire a number of times, with a fastening device at each end, which draws the edges of the strap tighter than the middle. Fruit can be picked without bruising by ising a new Canadian device in which a flexible tube running to the bottom of a pole has a fixed jaw at the top and a mova-

ble jaw operated by a rod on the pole to close the jaw over the fruit and break the Flies are killed as fast as they are capcarrier, run by clockwork, with one of the supporting pulleys inside a casing, which shuts down on portions of the carrier and brushes the flies off at intervals as it re-

volves. shoes which has an eyelet stamped into the leather, with a hook hinged on one side which shuts and holds the lace as soon as opening at once when the knot at the top

is untied.

A neat little attachment for bicycles con-sists of an air-pressure indicator which shows the hardness of the tire without the necessity of soiling the hands to test it, the new device consisting of a cylinder to controlled piston inside of which rises as

TOLD OUT OF COURT.

A Scandinavian attorney defending some boys for stealing a jug of "drink" said to the jury: "Yentlemen of the yury, there is yust two tings in dis case, a yug and a yag. First come the yug and then the yag. The yug and the yag make all the trouble."

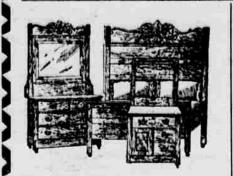
An answer recently filed by the learned "council" for the defendant in a New York court contains the following: "The defendant denyes that the description of a contemplated tailrace of about one rod and four inches across defendant's land is contained son. He enjoys walking very much, and is in aney water right to run or flow water but to be seen nearly every afternoon, after the is put in plaintiff's complaint from wheels in plaintiff's head."

> A young lawyer having some enemies a the bar came into a Tennessee court one morning to defend a client for maintaining a nuisance. Another attorney remarked, "If Mr. - insists on retaining that lawyer he will soon go bankrupt," to which another replied, "Yes, but you know Mr. is famous for maintaining a nuisance."

A German on trial many years ago i western Ohio for maliclously cutting a neighbor's cow had so convinced his attorney of his innocence that although the evidence against him was totally insufficient to Cooper, Thackeray and Dickens, which de- client on the stand and asked him point blank, "Did you cut the cow?" The effect addressed to the department on any of these half part 9 o'clock the secretary of the go inde hell if I do. I cut dot cow."

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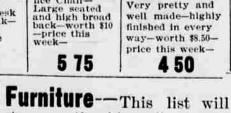
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