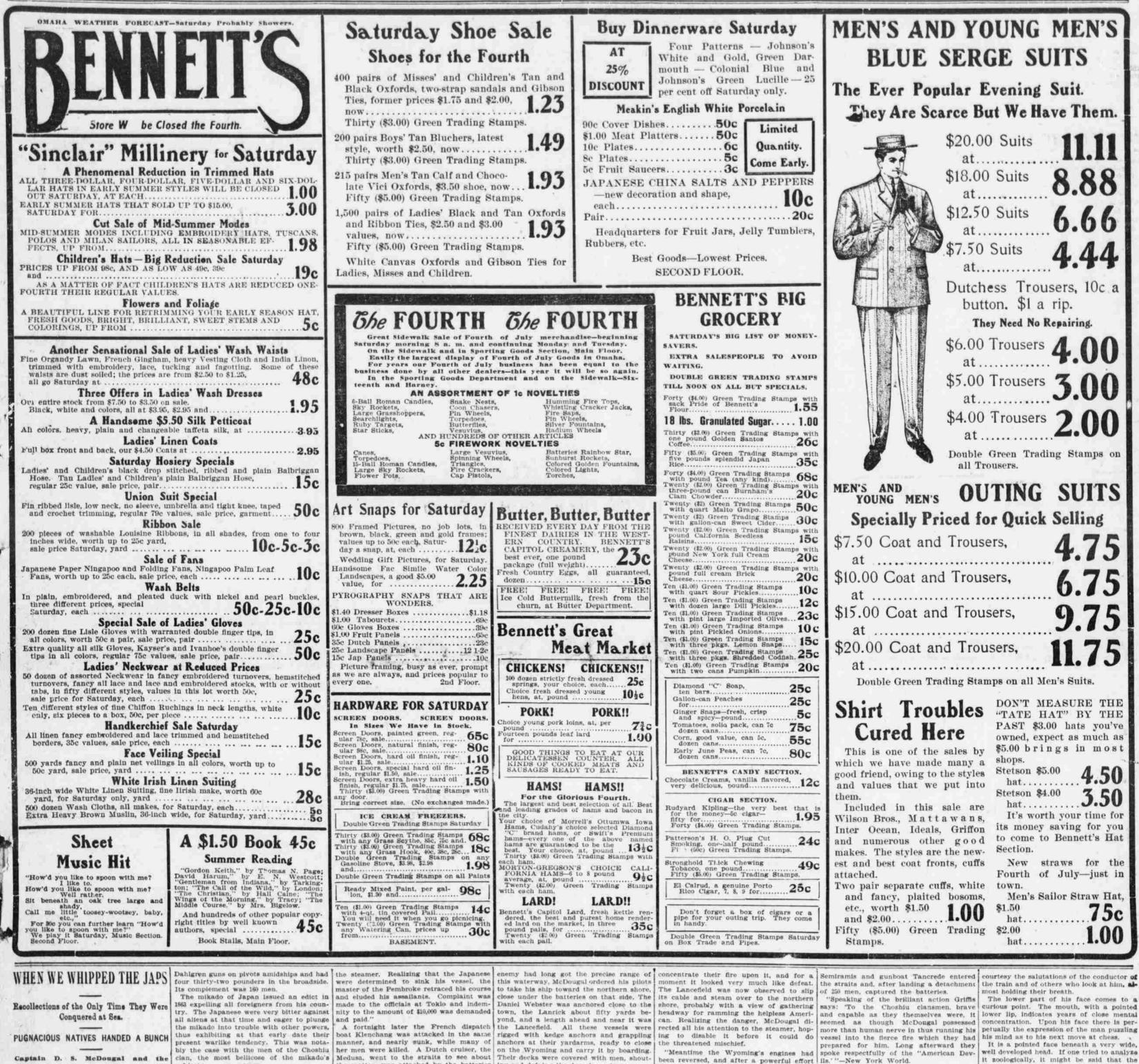
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Frigate Wyoming Cleaned Out the Japanese Navy and Riddled the Shore Batteries.

In these days of Japanese prowess on the sea it is a matter of satisfaction to the people of the United States that it was through their influence that the island nation received its first introduction to western civilization. Furthermore, though few people remember it, the United States is the only nation that has ever conquered Japan on the seas.

The chapter of history in which Uncle Sam taught the mikado's people that his ships and seamen were something to be feared was written away back in 1863, and its pages are almost hidden in the mass of stirring events that were occurring at that time. For our civil war was at its height, and happenings in far-off Japan, no matter how important, were too far away to attract attention. But the story of the conflict between Japan and the United States read today makes the affair em so important that the only wonder to us is that it did not result in something re serious.

In fact. President Roosevelt, in speaking of it, said: "Had that action occurred at any other time than during the civil war its fame would have been echoed all over the world."

The United States steam frigate Wyoming (Captain David Stockton McDougal) was the ship that figured in the battle. It had been sent to cruise in Aslatic waters a keep an eye out for confederate comerce destroyers, especially the Alaban:a, iel Webster, without the slightest warn-

subjects.

with 24-pounders.

and the small Japanese fleet with such What McDougal Had to Face. The first move of the Choshiu men was to erect immense batteries on the Straits of Shimonoseki, the western entrance to sinking her.

the inland sea, called the "Gibraltar of the Japanese Mediterranean." The straits are Next, the French gunboat, the Tancrede, got in range of the batteries and war three miles long and a mile and a half boats of the Japs and was sunk; and not wide, edged with high bluffs. On these long afterward a Japanese steamer, which bluffs the Choshlu men erected seven batthe warriors mistook for a foreigner, was teries, mounted with thirty-two, twentysent to the bottom after nine officers and the fact that most of their shot took effect four and twelve- pounder guns of the latest nineteen seamen had been killed. pattern, some of them having been pur-

American Runs the Gauntlet.

hased in America and others in England. It may be seen by this that the Choshlu Besides they had a navy of three ships. men were having all kinds of fun, and it he iron steamer Lancefield, the brig Lanrick and, with the irony of fate, the bark really was a shame to spoil it. But Cap-Daniel Webster! These ships were armed tain McDougal and the Wyoming were in the neighborhood, and in no too good

With their floet and the batteries, the humor and when the news of the indignity Japanese commanded the straits com- to the Pembroke reached the doughty pletely, and it was a difficult matter for a American commander he proceeded to take the matter into his own hands, though the ship to pass without being shot to pieces, Wyoming was all ready to sail for nome. for the mikado's men were good shots

even in those days. Determining to proceed to the scene of The American steamer Pembroke was the hostilities, "he dropped anchor," says Macfirst vessel to find this out. On June 25, lay, "at the eastern end of the straits on 1963, it entered the straits, bound for Na- the evening of July 15, having first learned gasaki. It followed the custom of drop- that the Lancefield drew no more water ping anchor and waiting for slack water. than his own ship. Early the next morning The account of what happened next is the Wyoming rounded a point of land, given in Edgar Starton Maclay's "History when one of the batteries opened fire, the of the American Navy." first shot striking the ship just above the engine room, cutting away some rigging-"Soon after the Pembroke came to, the

Daniel Webster moved by and dropped an- ample evidence of the accuracy of Japachor a short distance from it. No sus- nese gunners. Making no reply to this the picions of foul play seem to have been en-Wyoming steamed on until it rounded ansight of the town and within long range of "About an hour after midnight the Dan- all the batteries and the Japanese warships.

the Lanrick approached, her crew shouting mud, evidently marking the edge of the at this critical juncture it ran aground and four wounded.

the matter, was attacked by the batteries ing and defying the Americans to come on. "Making directly for those vessels, Mcsuccess that four of the Medusa's men Dougal shook out his colors, but reserved five-knot current and sunken rocks would were killed and five wounded, and thirty- his fire, intending to attack the vessels one shots took effect in her hull, nearly first and give his attention to the bat- into play on the Lancefield, and soon

teries afterward. The sight of the American flags seemed to have acted like oil on the fire, for now the Japanese opened from ond carefully aimed shell from the forward other batteries with savage ferocity. Mc-Dougal's shift from the main channel somewhat disconcerted their plans, as seen by

on the Wyoming's rigging. Observing a As if not satisfied with the work, the shell good opportunity to deliver a few blows McDougal opened with his pivots and starboard guns, and with such effect that one battery was torn to pieces and silenced at the first broadside.

Yankees Could Shoot Straight Then.

"Keeping steadily on for the ships, the Wyoming, when nearly abreast of the squadron, was fired upon by the Daniel Webster, by which two men, William Clark and George Watson, were killed, the latter by a chain shot. About the same time a shot from one of the batteries killed a marine. The Americans were now firing from every gun in the ship, and with splendld effect, as was shown by the clouds of earth and broken gun mountings that were hurled into the air. jured.

"Aided by the strong tide the Wyoming swiftly passed down the straits, so that the Japanese gunners in the ships, although firing with admiral rapidity, could discharge no more than three broadsides. One time to count their losses. The action had good physical machine. of their shells killed all of the crew of lasted just one hour and ten minutes, in tertained by the captain of the Pembroke, other promontory, when it came within full the forward thirty-two-pounder except three which time the Wyoming had been struck the curious shape and expression of his

ships, which she rounded to with the in- five rounds, or nearly one for every min- anxious roving, is really benevolent. He

"-New York World. it was backed clear of the mud and into

deep water. Maneuvering as well as the HOW HE LOOKS AND ACTS admit of, McDougal got his two pivot guns

Short Range Sketch of John D. Rocke. eleven-inch shells were doing their awful feller, the Standard Oil work on the hull of the steamer. The sec King.

pivot gun crashed through the side of the Would it interest you for a change to if the scientists are right, and evolution Lancefield, one foot above the water line. ead about John D. Rockefeller-something pierced the boiler and came out on the other side, tearing a great hole in the hull. besides an attack on his fortune or an acount of the way he constructed his trust? speeded over the water and exploded in Would you pay attention to a feeble effort

the town, a quarter of a mile away. to tell you what the most powerful man in kindly at heart and wanting to do good and "In an instant the Lancefield was enreloped in a mass of steam, smoke, flame the United States looks like? If so, read and cinders. Scores of men threw themon:

selves into the sea. Two more shells were then sent into the Lancefield to insure its iestruction. The pivot guns were then turned on the Daniel Webster, which ship the first place, is splendidly shaped, very eyeing him too closely; the look lasts only had been keeping up a destructive fire. A few well-directed shells settled its fate, and it followed the Lancefield to the bottom. McDougal was now able to devote his entire attention to the shore batteries. He deliberately retraced his course The face is tanned dark brown from outthrough the straits, keeping up a most effective fire, so much so that, although greatly exposed, his vessel was scarcely in-

If it is true that Mr. Rockefeller has

"The Wyoming had now passed the pierced its hull. The ship had fired fifty- look in the eyes, in spite of a certain

Senator Bacon Sees Sultan. which was pursuing its course of destruc-ing, opened fire on the Pembroke, and soon noticed a line of stakes driven into the tention of making a target of them. but use of the action. Six men were killed anxious roving, is really benevolent. He CONSTANTINOPLE, June 30.-The sul-The Wyoming carried two eleven-inch and anchoring near the bark opened on main channel. Rightly guesaing that the where six batteries and the squadron could "Four days later the French frigate deterential, and returns with punctillous sented Senator Eacon of Georgia. man car with a politeness that is almost Leishman, the American minister, who pre-

Examiner.

elephant's brain and the fox's cunning had

combined to produce the physiognomy of

the most successful man in the great Amer-

He is a big old man, wide shoulders stoop-

ing; intelligent, light blue eyes, looking out

always sideways, never straight ahead. His

splendidly developed head offers the phre-

ologist a most tempting field, bare as it is,

shall make us all baid some day, removing

the last animal hair, we can find comfort in

the fact that Mr. Rockefeller's hairless

He is a pleasant-faced old man, really

be liked. He takes a boylsh interest in what

litle fun he has-he ran beside the moving

The friendly look in his eye changes some-

times to a fleeting but distinctly unpleasant

look of menace when he sees strangers

ously polite old man is again before you.

When you see this very powerful man

leading his absolutely simple life, above all,

refraining from any ostentatious display or

any waste of human labor, you feel thank-

ful that such very great power is placed in

hands that do so little harm .- San Francisco

Teething Baotes.

the summer months, are more or less sub-

giving Chamberlain's Colle, Cholera and

Children when teething, especially during

head is by no means ugly.

train like a boy of 5.

ican game

Mr. Rockefeller has absolutely no hair on his head, no beard, no eyebrows or eyelashes. And yet, curiously enough, the effect is in no way repulsive. The head, in

hig, well developed on top and at the sides. a second-the deferential, almost obsequi-The brain in there that has beaten the American business men, overcome legislatures, made laws or ignored them, is a big brain, capable of plenty of work.

of-door life; the shoulders are wide, though stooping; the hands powerful; the legs and arms must at one time have belonged to a

broken down his physical health, overwork of the brain has certainly destroyed a very ject to diarrhoea. This can be controlled by

Diarrhoes Remedy in sweetened water as directed.

very strong man. "After passing the last battery and getting beyond the reach of the Japanese guns, the Wyoming came to and the men had

more than twenty times, ten shot having face. It is naturally a kindly face. The