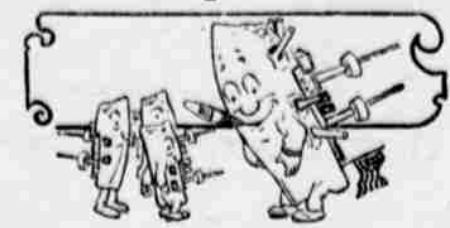


Gossip of Washington

What Is Going On at the National Capital.

New Ships to Make Our Navy Lead All



WASHINGTON.—The navy department experts figure that the United States navy will be the first in rank in the world when the four new battleships proposed by Secretary Newberry have been completed.

The approximate time of the completion of these ships is the close of the year 1911. By that date there will have been completed these four: The Delaware and Dakota and the Florida and Utah.

The specific points made by the experts, however, is that the four new ships which have been suggested are to be of 25,000-ton displacement each and will carry eight 14-inch guns. Such a squadron of battleships will be unlike and superior to anything in naval history, both as to displacement and to main battery.

The astounding but absolutely true statement is made by the navy experts that the 14-inch guns will be effective at ten miles. It is also stated by these experts that Great Britain, after the appropriation by congress for the four proposed battleships, will never be able to regain its lead in modern battleships over the United States. England's greatest proposed battleship, the Fondroyant, is, according to the details in the United States naval bureau of intelligence, inferior to the Florida or the Utah.

The report that Great Britain was building a 13.5 gun has been run down by the naval authorities here and they state that it is not true. It is also stated that there is no foundation whatever for the report that Germany is building, or projecting even, five battleships, each of which is to carry 12 12-inch guns.

It is admitted now that the United States stands second on the list of naval powers, and this is largely because the United States naval relative power depends on modern ships against which twenty or more of the British so-called battleships do not count and are not to be taken into account, because not one of them could approach within five miles of any of the United States battleships even of the Alabama class. Above that class in the United States are the South Carolina, Michigan and, of course, the American Dreadnaughts are all above that class. In other words, the United States has ship for ship, built and building, better and more powerful ships than Great Britain has built and is building for the next three years.

The navy department confidently expects to see the prediction of the experts realized in 1911 and the United States will lead the world in naval power. The experts declare that when the statement is made that Great Britain has at the present time 54 battleships against 29 of the United States, it only means an apparent numerical excess and that when the ships are compared one with the other, there are more dead or obsolete types and classes in the British navy than in any other navy.

Alcohol School Opened by Government



The government has now opened its alcohol school in the city of Washington for the instruction of the people of the United States in proper methods of making and using the denatured product.

For this purpose a model still has been erected close by the department of agriculture which is big enough to work up 25 bushels of corn a day, converting that quantity of grain into 75 gallons of 95 per cent alcohol—that is to say, 95 per cent, pure. The plant represents the smallest outfit that can be conducted profitably on a commercial scale.

The farmers cannot very well see it for themselves, so arrangements have been made by which they may learn about it. Agricultural experts from the experiment stations in every one of the states are to go to Washington, examine the alcohol-making outfit, see how it works and listen to a course of lectures explaining its management. It will be their business when they go home to teach the farmers how to put up and how to operate plants of this character.

Hearty Welcome for "Joe" Blackburn



IT is pleasant to have Senator Blackburn back in our midst again, to see his great, stalwart form swinging through the streets, to meet his semi-cynical, semi-humorous smile and to feel his hearty hand clasp, but it is difficult to think of him in any environment save that of the senate chamber where he passed so many years. There has never been a member of that distinguished body more frankly, more genuinely and generally popular than "Joe" Blackburn. No matter how widely one differed with him in politics, it was impossible not to like him, for there is nothing about him to dislike. He is a prince of good fellows, a generous friend and a magnanimous foe. When the battle is on he fights with all the fight there is in him, but he is as quick to forgive

Mint "Makes Money" for Your Uncle Sam



THE director of the mint has "made money" for the United States in more ways than one. He is rejoicing because the government made a profit during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, of \$10,541,371 on the coinage of silver, nickel and one-cent bronze pieces.

This represents the difference between the price paid by the government for the metals and their coinage value.

The original deposits of gold bullion in the mints and assay offices during the fiscal year amounted to \$207,415,984 and uncurrent United States gold coin of the face value of \$4,020,668 was received for recoinage.

Silver bullion purchased for subsidiary silver coinage during the year aggregated 18,819,279 standard ounces, and mutilated and uncurrent United States silver coin of the face value of \$1,162,982 was recoined.

The coinage executed by the mints during the fiscal year 1908 amounted to \$197,235,377 in gold, of which \$106,182,429 were in double eagles, and \$4,829,060 in eagles of the design prepared by the American sculptor, the late Augustus Sain Gaudens.

The amount of subsidiary silver coin executed was \$16,530,477.

OFTEN THE CASE.

Women Struggle Hopelessly Along, Suffering Backache, Dizzy Spells, Languor, Etc.

Women have so much to go through in life that it's a pity there is so much suffering from backache and other common curable kidney ills. If you suffer so, profit by this woman's example: Mrs. Martin Douglass, 52 Cedar St., Kingston, N. Y., says: "I had a lame, aching back, dizzy spells, head aches, and a feeling of languor. Part of the time I could not attend to my work and irregularity of the kidney secretions was annoying. Doan's Kidney Pills brought me prompt relief."



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Too Much for His Mind.

"My first impulses," wailed the Sad-Eyed Individual, "are invariably good. In fact, I think that I may venture, without fear of undue exaggeration, to say that they are very good. But I never act on them! I always act on second thoughts. This trait in my character has ruined my career, because my second thoughts are always bad! In fact, I think I may say, without fear of misrepresentation, that they're punk."

"Well," suggested he who was listening, "why don't you wait until third thoughts, and act on them?" Mournfully, despondently, the Sad-Eyed Individual shook his head. "My dear sir," he groaned, "I never had three successive thoughts about anything in my life!"

BRIGHT SIDE TO BUSINESS.

Occasional Flash of Humor Enlivens Chase After Dollar.

It is supposed that business letters are deficient in humor. Still there have been exceptions, and the latest, sent by a member of the well-known wholesale soap-making firm of (let us say) Cake & Son, is one of the most brilliant. A retail dealer in a small way had sent for a consignment of their goods: "Gentlemen (he writes) 'wherefor you have not sent me the soap? Is it because you think my money is not so good as nobody else's? Dam you, Cake & Son! wherefor have you not sent the soap? Please send soap at once, and oblige yours respectfully, Richard Jones. P. S.—Since writing the above my wife has found the soap under the counter.'"

JOY WORK

And the Other Kind.

Did you ever stand on a prominent corner at an early morning hour and watch the throngs of people on their way to work? Noting the number who were forcing themselves along because it meant their daily bread, and the others cheerfully and eagerly pursuing their way because of love of their work.

It is a fact that one's food has much to do with it. As an example: If an engine has poor oil, or a boiler is fired with poor coal, a bad result is certain, isn't it?

Treating your stomach right is the keystone that sustains the arch of health's temple and you will find "Grape-Nuts" as a daily food is the most nourishing and beneficial you can use.

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