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The Ohio, another acquisition to Uncle Sam's growing navy was launched at San Francisco, last Saturday.

The president has fixed the date for the return trip home to Canton on Monday next. Mrs. McKinley's health has so much improved that her physicians think she will be able to travel by that time.

Up to a few years ago beneficiary orders were very reluctant to insure women. But after a thorough test it was discovered that women live longer than men. Every country reporting on the matter show that two-thirds of the centenarians are women.

The new Gathman gun, which is now undergoing tests by the government has so far proved a great success in every respect. It is an 18 inch gun and throws a shell or aerial torpedo, weighing 2,000 lbs. which contains 630 lbs. of gun-cotton. The projectile can be thrown nearly 5 miles and it is claimed will equal in destructive power 10 shots from the 12 inch gun in use in the navy.

Some 50,000 machinists throughout the country have struck for a nine hour day with a scale of wages equal to the ten hour a day scale. They ask that they only be required to work nine hours a day but insist on the same pay as they were receiving for ten hours of labor. A great many of the employers have agreed to concede to their demands and it is thought that others will soon.

"This," says the Atchison (Kan.) Globe, "is the marvellous age of Northern Kansas. The farmers are raising more wheat every year, more corn every year, more alfalfa every year, fattening more hogs every year, the price of land is increasing every year and the farmers are getting better prices for everything all the time. They are getting more for eggs and butter than ever before. Thousands upon thousands of dollars worth of implements are being sold to the farmers every season. Farmers are getting rich. All values are on the increase, and the banks are full of money. The most shiftless are living well and the industrious getting rich. No such plenty was ever known before, and it seems like a healthy condition. Some say the end is not yet, that more manufacturing will be the next step."

According to the Scientific American, the army Quartermaster at New York city has been ordered to close contracts pending with steam ship companies whose vessels ply between that city and the West Indies, and give as the reason the fact that such companies have offered to carry troops and army supplies cheaper than the government could do it. This the Scientific American is inclined to doubt, and gives for its skepticism the fact that one cargo carried by the Crook, and reported by the government, was done at a saving of over \$12,000 from what it would have cost had the civil lines carried it. That paper goes further and greatly deplors the fact that if our transport system is destroyed, and another exigency like that with Spain arises, we will be in the same plight we were then, and be handicapped for months in transporting troops and munitions of war. Therefore our transport system should be maintained at its present high standard.

The labor problem is getting a little nearer to the scientific every year, and the toiler who a few years ago labored on with but little thought of anything except how he would make both ends meet, now joins his fellow laborers in considering the best methods of improving his condition. Up from the ranks of labor

have come such men as Carnegie, Schwab, Phillips, and many others as brilliant financiers. Their daily necessities were their intellect and many of them, after they join the ranks of Croesus, can be relied upon to champion the cause of their fellow toilers whom they have outstripped in the scramble for a competency. Every year brings us something new in the way of mutual assistance and co-operation where by the rights of the working classes are being hedged around by new ideas which will safe guard them. Though such combinations of capital never was attempted as are being culminated today, apparently without an effort upon the part of our Napoleons, yet its officiousness seems to be curbed, and each year sees it more willing to confer with the labor leader, and to lay their plans upon nearer mutual grounds. This is a healthy condition of things and reminds us that true socialism is approaching the earth. The word "socialism" is a stretch in many a good man's nostrils yet, but not as it was a few years ago. It don't convey the same ideas to us now that it once did, but it is beginning to mean that the earth and the fullness thereof belongs to all mankind and that for the amelioration of the race must be manipulated for his mutual benefit. The laboring classes are producing the leaders who are moving the world and shaping its destinies. Then why should not their objective center be to better the condition of those from whose ranks they sprung.

Great Britain's Plight.

The agitation in favor of the adoption of a revenue tariff with several strong protective features as a means of providing the money needed to pay Great Britain's Boer war debt continues, and the protectionists are now strengthened by the support of the London "Times," the most powerful newspaper in England, and the "Daily Mail," which is influential because of its large circulation. These two newspapers are opposing a further increase in the income taxes as a means of meeting the present financial crisis.

There is something in this for freetraders to think about seriously. England is now practically in the same situation the United States occupied when it was trying to get money with which to prosecute the war against rebellion, and later when it was confronted by a war debt of practically three billions of dollars. The republican protective policy was adopted at the beginning of the civil war and it was maintained during all the subsequent years up to 1891, when the enormous war debt was being reduced. Not only protection serve to provide the revenues needed to meet the burden imposed by the prosecution of the civil war, but it encouraged and built up the industries that have given this country first place in the fight for the markets of the world.

During all the years that the United States was reaping the benefits of protection the manufacturers of England, aided by a strong minority of the American people, were doing their utmost to break down the protective wall and open our markets to an invasion by foreign made goods. Now the conditions are practically reversed. This country is fast becoming the commercial master of the world, and England confronted by an enormous war debt, finds her foreign trade dwindling and is beginning to feel the effects of domestic industrial depression.—Cleveland Leader.

ASHTON ITEMS:

Old man Manchester and Paul Chelowski went to Chicago with two cars of cattle of their own raising. The Manchester cattle were many of them thorough Pol Angus and were the best bred and best "finished" cattle that have been shipped from this point in a long time.

J. P. Taylor is shipping logs to Omaha almost daily.

Corn planting is nearly finished and any one who fails to finish this week will be late.

Geo. Marvel & Co. are breaking ground to day for the cellar of their

new brick store north of the Badura block.

The quarantine has been raised on the small-pox and scarlet fever, and the red and yellow flags are not to be seen in Ashton any more, (we hope forever.)

The Beatrice Creamery Co's. energetic manager, Mr. Wilcox, is pushing business and the loads of cans coming daily are eye openers to the tenderfoot.

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