

backs.'

FlagshipofCommodore Perry able force for those times. **Opened** up Japan to the Commerce of the World, and Now a Boston Firm WillStrip Heron the Junk Heap.

Boston .-- Just at this time, when the from our anchorage. As we proceedfinest fleet ever assembled under one | ed up the harbor, boats fled away from flag has started on its record-breaking us as though in mortal fear. voyage, it is interesting to record the passing of the last of the vessels that and shipshape the city officials took made up the squadron under command heart. Swarms of picturesque manof Commodore Perry when he sailed darins came off to challenge the into the Japanese harbor of Yedo in strange arrivals and to draw around July, 1853.

"Queen of the fire vessels of the guard boats. They even tried to make western barbarians," she was once fast their boats to our ships. called. Now she is to be demolished. Exit the Saratoga!

It is still a name to conjure with in had not come to Japan to be put under far Japan. And in American history sentries. He notified the mandarins the stanch old sea fighter will be insep- that his vessels were not pirates and arably linked with Commodore Mat- need not be watched. They pleaded thew Calbraith Perry's epoch-making Japanese law. He replied with Ameritrip to what was then a land of mys- can law. They still insisted. He notitery and of dreams. For that trip and fied them that if the boats were not the commercial treaty signed there instantly withdrawn he would open opened up the Japanese empire to the his batteries and sink them. That was commerce of the world.

Battered and full of years, the grand stood not on the order of their going." war holk has been lying dismantied at League Island navy yard. Now she belongs to Thomas Butler & Co. of Bos- country," said priest and soldier to ton. She will be taken to Philadel- one another.

phia, where will be performed the last sad rites of this former pride of the ! American navy.

Only Seven Survivors.

There are those who will mourn her ern world. The farmer, standing knee with a personal loss. Seven men yet deep in the ooze of the rice fields, live who made that memorable trip paused to marvel. with Perry in the fifties. All but two Had the barbarians harnessed vol-

When seeking trade, the Dutch had been willing to sink dignity and to treat with anyone. Therefore they frigates and two sloops of war. For equipment, we mustered 61 guns and

said of our arrival: "The popular com-

motion in Yeddo was beyond descrip-

tion. The whole city was in an up-

roar. In all directions were seen

mothers flying with children in their

arms and men with mothers on their

"We were quite unconscious of all

"By the time we were well anchored

the fleet the customary cordon of

"This began to look like being in

custody. The American ambassador

entirely convincing. The guard boats

"The fire vessels of the western bar-

barians are coming to defile the holy

Japs Gazed in Wender.

The boatman at his sculls and the

junk sallor at the tiller gazed in won-

der at the rainted ships of the west-

were pigs, reasoned the Japanese. Surely these western "hairy barbarians" must be the same. When they 977 officers and men-quite a respectfound otherwise, messengers were kept running at breakneck speed be-"Such a warlike apparition in the tween the Sho-gun's city and the seat bay, small as it was, created a treof the mikado's government. mendous sensation. A Japanese writer

At last the bunio, who had been able to see only the "admiral's" subordinates, because he was not of suffcient importance to gaze upon the august features of the ambassador, announced that two daimios had been appointed to receive the mysterious papers so carefully guarded in caskets, which the "king of the power that had

this confusion in a city of more than whipped Mexico" desired to send to 1.200,000 souls. We had no idea we the "Lord of Creation." had frightened the empire so badly, "Some three miles from our anchoras the capital was 40 or 50 miles away age," says Dr. Sewall, "a little semicircular harbor makes in on the western side of the bay. At the head of

it stood the village or hamlet of Kurihama. That was the spot selected for the meeting of the western envoy and the imperial commissioners. And ary hall of audience.

landed under cover of their guns.

"We were not quite 300 all told, but every one was in full uniform and armed to the teeth. The commodore had given orders to make as magnificent an appearance as we could, for the purpose of impressing a people who lay much stress on show. Yet our little body of men were few in number to confront 5,000 native troops drawn up on the beach to receive us. Outshone the Japanese.

"Crowds of curious spectators lined the housetops and grouped on the hills in the rear to witness our landing. Radiant uniforms, trappings and ensigns were everywhere-but we compared favorably. Commodore Perry had, in fact, outshone the Japanese. "The Japanese regiments seemed to have ben cut out of rainbows and

sunsets. But if they were lively, their officers were not. For they sat in silent dignity on camp stools in front

gun came, with all ceremony, to treat were to be conveyed to the court. with him, he was received by Lieut. They were to be thus conveyed in a Contee as the commodore's represen- richly lacquered chest of scarlet protative. The commodore himself could vided for the purpose. The two not be seen. In spite of all the wily gorgeous negroes, who had followed oriental could do, the American am- the boys, opened the boxes in silence, bassador remained aloof, and im- and in silence drew out the papers, pressed the Japanese official mightils done in red and gold most magnifias a great man by this very exclusive- cently ... They laid them on the scarlet coffer.

"The imperial commissioners were much impressed. They had never seen black men before except in their stage plays, when actors used burnt cork. Therefore, they estimated that this 'admiral,' as they knew him, must be a man of supreme power. Prince Iwami handed to the interpreters a formal receipt for the documents.

"The commodore announced that he would return in the spring for his re-ply. After a further brief conversation the conference closed, having lasted not more than 20 minutes. It had been witnessed by not more than 50 or 60 persons of both the countries engaged. Yet that short meeting was to lead to the opening of Japan."

The actual landing took place on July 14, 1853, and is commemorated by a single shaft of granite rising 33 feet into the air, placed on the spot where Perry landed from his ships. This monument was erected in 1901. The treaty was not concluded and signed until March of 1854, when Perry returned with a greatly increased fleet to get his answer. At first the Japanese held out "that no American there the Japanese erected a tempor- women should be brought to Japan." **Commodore** Perry informed them that "It was a memorable scene. The if such a clause were put in he would two frigates steamed slowly down and be afraid to return to America. Thereanchored off the harbor. How big, after all was good humor, the clause black and sullen they looked to the was stricken out and the treaty of natives! Our little flotilla of 15 boats commerce was signed, throwing open the ports of Shimoda and Hakodate.





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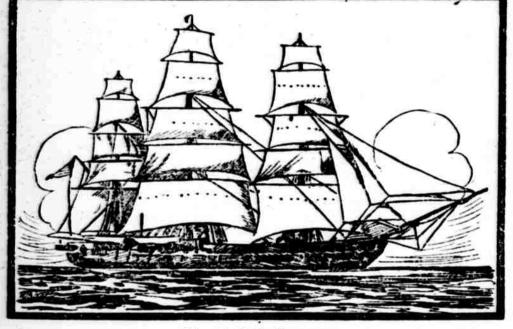
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The U. S. S. Saratoga.

of these seven survivors havy risen (canoes? With wind blowing in their high in the naval service and now hold teeth and sails furled, the monsters the rank of rear admiral. The seven curled the white foam at their front, are' Rear Admiral Edward C. Robie, while their black throats vomited Rear Admiral John H. Pushur, Rear sparks and smoke. To the gazers at a Admiral Oscar F. Stanton, Rear Ad- distance, as they looked from their the right kind of man for America to miral George Balch, Rear Admiral Ed. village on the hilltops, the whole win Fithian, Dr. John S. Sewall and scene seemed a mirage created by the ple. William Speiden, who went out to breath of clams. Such. their child-Japan as purser's clerk, and has been hood's beliefs taught them, must be connected with the New York customs | the case. house for years.

Dr. Sewall is the Rev. John S. the harbor, like a flock of frightened Sewall, D. D., of Bangor, Me. He is guils. They fied. Then paused, to see an emeritus professor of Bangor's how far behind the strange visions theotogical seminary, and is enjoying were now. Surely they were doomed. a rest from his labors after 36 years for there closer and closer plowed the of faithful service.

"When I finished my college course wind to propel them. at Bowdoin I was in debt," said Dr. In Yeddo there was terror worse Sewall, in reminiscent vein. "I saw a than death. Her 1,250,000 souls knew chance to satisfy my desire for the sea the fear of supernatural things. With and pay off my debts at the same alarmed faces the people thronged to time, so I shipped for a cruise on the the shrines to pray. They hastily Saratoga. She was then fitting out to packed their valuables to send off to go to the far east to relieve the ship the houses of distant friends, or to St. Mary's, which had been on that bury. In the southern suburbs, thoustation several years.

"We were out there two years before Commodore Perry arrived. Wil- All who could left to go to dwell with liam S. Walker of Boston was the captain of the Saratoga. Rear Admiral Staaton was then only a midshiman on board, in the same mess land. Junks and scull boats from with me during a part of the voyage. Arrival of the Fleet.

"The fleet arrived off the coast of panted in the government offices. Japan on the eighth day of July, 1853. The lookouts at the masthead echoed carefully for this visit. He had read through the fleets the rousing call, much about Japan; he knew what its 'Land ho!' We rushed on deck. There resources were, so far as they were it was at last. A dark cloud on the known at all, by foreigners; he knew northern horizon, still shrouded in their quaint customs and the value mystery, still inspiring the imagina. they set upon ceremony. Therefore

"Not until our force had disembarked and formed on the beach did the commodore show himself. No Japanese had seen him up to that time. He had remained to them a mysterious presence, who would only appear when the duly qualified ambassadors of the emperor came to treat with him-and they must be princes of the blood.

"As our lines formed, the commodore stepped into his barge. Instantly the fleet was enveloped in great crowds

of smoke. The guns were thundering Calbraith Perry to have been a greatout a salute that echoed among the er naval man than his more famous hills back of the village. In all the brother, Commodore Oliver Perry, In negotiations he had played the Japafact, the two are often confused. Benese people's own game and had ensides opening up Japan to American veloped himself in mystery. trade and to western civilization, he "This was not child's play. It was

was the greatest naval educator of his not an assumption of pomp inconsisttime. His life may be briefly summed ent with republican simplicity. Comup as follows: modore Perry was dealing with an ori-1-While yet a lad he was a naval

ental potentate according to oriental ideas; and results proved his sagacity. At this time Commodore Perry was 59 years old, a man of splendid physique and commanding presence. He was

send on such an errand to such a peo-

"Within the hall sat the Japanese 5-He founded the naval apprenticecommissioners on chairs. The imperiship system. al commissioners were Princes Idzu 6-He was leader of the campaign

Boats dashed here and there about and Iwami, and they were surrounded by their kneeling suite. The vacant seats opposite were taken by the commodore and his staff. He entered the pavilion escorted by two gorgeously comparisoned blacks, preceded by two great ships, and no sail caught the richly uniformed pages bearing the precious caskets containing the official

papers to the emperor. Ceremony Not Long.

> "The ceremony began. It was very exception. The sturdy commander of brief. At a signal the two boys in blue the Saratoga was survived by three brought forward in slow and impres- daughters, one of whom became the sive fashion the rosewood caskets con- wife of August Belmont, the multimining the mysterious papers which millionaire of New York.

> > Done at Home gand this to

March in the year of

COMMODORE MC DERRY Commodore Perry's Record.

officer in the war of 1812.

fence in naval warfare.

the coast of Africa.

navy.

2-He chose the location of the first

3-He was the father of the steam

4-He first demonstrated the effi-

ciency of the ram as a weapon of of-

to extirpate the foreign slave trade on

7-He commanded in 1847 the

largest squadron which had ever as-

sembled under the American flag.

8-He opened Japan to the world.

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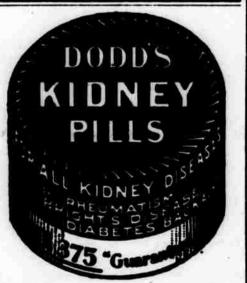
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drawn by the United States treasurer in favor of Mr. Cleveland, in whose presidential salary a discrepancy had

The check for a million which Mr. been detected. It was for one cent Countess Meherenc de St. Pierre, of would become scarce and the squaws St. Brienc, province of Brittany, in would become powerful and master Pierpont Morgan is said to have sent only. Mr. Cleveland was not in urgent France, has just returned from a lone- the men. I offered them ten dollars to Mr. Cortelyou is in keeping with need of the money, so he had the

tion with an indefinable awe, just as it he was determined to out-Chesterfield had years ago in our studies at school. the Japanese themselves. "Our squadren comprised two steam When the representative of the Sho-

expedition. But the Indians would EXPLORED THE BLEAK NORTH. French Countess Traveled Far in In hospitable Country.

not permit me to shoot any game. by some old medicine man long since dead, was that if a woman were ever permitted to shoot moose or elk game

sands of homes were emptied of their

contents and of the sick and ~ged.

Couriers on horseback had first

brought details of the "calamity" by

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