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NEW ELEMENT IN WARFARE guu at the proving grounds at Fort Hamil-ton, where he witnessed its range, accu-real test and was utterly condemned by outcast class of blacks, fit for prison if they racy and destructive power. Within a short naval officers for no reason at all. It was have not just been released to do duty for time Dom Pedro abdicated, a republican only after the hardest kind of a fight that the country which released them. They do

everything.

Authorities Discuss the Work of the Dynamite Cruiser Vesuvius.

chief fighter.

the revolters to flight.

BUILDER IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER IT **Confident it Will Revolutionize Mod-**

ern War Methods-Former Commander Has a Good Word for It.

NEW YORK, June 17 .- The United States dynamite cruiser Vesuvius evidently began fifteen-inch dynamite guns at the Presidio finally permitted to fire just three shots, one the Santiago harbor fortifications Monday with three of its giant abells. Army an1 navy men are talking about it as reverently as if it were something supernatural. They generally compared it with Ericsson's monitor, and said it is a hundred times more sixty-five feet in diameter. Of course it destructive. Deborden Wilmot is the repremust not be forgotten that the Vesuvius is sentative of the Pneumatic Torpedo and using guncotton. Guncotton is only one-Construction company of New York, which fifth as strong as nitro gelatine. designed and built the cruiser Vesuvius and sold it to the government after it had undergone a series of severe tests.

"The Vesuvius," said Mr. Wilmot, "has a battery of three pneumatic guns, mounted in the bow at a fixed angle of 18 degrees The guns are fifty-five feet long, fftcen inches bore and built rigidly into the vessel. From all I have read about Monday night's trial with three shells I am convinced that It has not shown half of its ability.

'What can it do? It can drop 500 pounds of nitro gelatine nearly two miles away with accuracy. It can repeat this fifteen times in ten minutes. That means three and three-fourth tons of high explosives thrown on the enemy's ships or forts or whatever the object of attack may be. It would wipe a city off the face of the earth. The nitro gelatine is half as strong again as dynamite. Imagine the effect of three and three-fourth tons of it. The moral effect of a bombardment by the Vesuvius must be tremendous. By way of illustration let me tell you one fact. The dynamite cruiser Nictheroy put an end to the late

Brazilian revolution without firing a shot. Its mere presence was enough. Dom Pedro, the emperor of Brazil, sent Admiral Saldana ta Gama of the Brazilian navy up here to and out how the pneumatic dynamite gun said: worked. The admiral was deeply impressed.

Moral Effect Great.

strongest kind of prejudice against it in forces of the United States. The most an-"I'd rather be with that gun than against "he remarked to me, standing beside the the navy, just as there is against my boat noying and the least numerous are

target.

department have advocated its more ex-

tensive use. The only thing deterring them

is the absence of a convenient as well as a

fitting means of firing it. The great dyna-

Holland Believes in It.

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mite guns at Fort Hancock and at

the light of experiments."

Nictheroy in New York with one small less and decided to tear out its dynamite Cuban attached to Spain. He hat is the been transferred from the sheriff to a Dr. dynamite gun. Its coming was reported by guns and turn it into a little gunboat. For- Cubans, and will fight well, although he tunately they had no money available with has not much military genius. telegraph as it approached the Brazilian coast. It steamed into Rio Janeiro harbor which to dismantle and refit it, and it lay From such information as the army has and cleared for action. There was nothing around awaiting destruction until the the third class, made up of Spanish reguto fire at. The mere news of its advent put war broke out and there was such lars, will be the most numerous and least "The Vesuvius has not one small dyna-

caliber is fifteen inches. I can give you a suggestion of their force. There are three near San Francisco. As a test one of these guns sent a projectile containing 200 pounds of nitro gelatine across the Golden Gate into one of the mountains, one mile away. warfare, at least with regard to vessels of The explosion of this shell dug a crater in its size and kind." the solid rock thirty-five feet deep and

Chief Engineer Albert Dixon of the Naval Auxiliary board, now in this city examining "Most naval officers," said he, "have a

"Where a shell strikes from one of the guns of the Vesuvius the havoc is awful. One after they have served on it they get to like of its projectiles dropped in the midst of it. a regiment would eliminate it from the war. was destroying derelicts. It has three guns, Against a ship the Vesuvius would be deadly. One of its big shells dropping on coming out at an angle of 30 degrees. They are fifty-four feet long and fifteen feet of the deck would crush through the armor that length protrudes above deck. The leadpart and would shatter the ship. If one of ing device is peculiar. A section of the these shells exploded within fifty feet of a gun, including about ten feet of the breech, modern man-of-war it will render it useslips down on a ball and socket joint, and less, for the detonation will throw the bear-

into this the projectile, containing 200 ing of its engines out of line, dislocate the pounds of guncotton, is passed. Then the shaft, and thus the ship will becove a mere section is raised into position and the gun is ready to be fired. Many of the leading artillerists of the "The range is found by range finders, and army are in favor of using high explosives. and in their communications to the War

is not more than a mile and a half.

the

Presidio are to a certain extent regarded in FIGURING ON THE CHANCES. Army Men Discuss Merits of Spanish

John P. Holland, inventor of the subma-

rine boat which bears his name, was enthusiastic over the favorable reports received Cuba recently have been discussing the prosof the practical test of the Vesuvius. He pects of an early encounter of the troops

government was set up and Mello began his the government could be induced to build it not give or expect quarter. They never revolution. Admiral da Gama was his and it was a stepchild and was blamed with fight in bodies, but scatter in the bush and About four years ago the have some craft of the woods and the trail. 'The Brazilian government fitted up the board in Washington concluded it was use- Another sort is the volunteer. He is a Chinese girls, Kim, Yup and Tue Lun, has

a demand for vessels that it had to be feared. They have not been well she has, she has not made them public to be put in commission. I hear cared for by Spajn, they have no such dismite gun, but it has three big ones. Their that even after its arrival at Santiago cipline as the men of the United States its commander had to beg to be allowed to army, lack of food has reduced their energy, have a shot at the Spaniards, and he was they have no hostility for the Cubans, and they will fight because they cannot chose from each of its guns. The results seem to do otherwise. Some of the army officers to have been remarkably successful. I be- who have been looking into the condition of lieve it will create a revolution in naval the Spanish troops say they will not be surprised to hear the subjugation of the Spanish in Cuba will be very much the same

task as the army undertook in the Mexican war-when the progress toward the City of yachts and tugs for the coast defense fleet. Mexico was scarcely obstructed. None of served several months on the Vesuvius. the Spanish soldiers have ever been in anything like a battle. They have been beset prejudice against the Vesuvius at first, but by small bands of insurgents when they could not avoid them. The experience of I put in four months on it. Our duty meeting with armed forces that will not

run will be a revelation to them. To the marines of our forces the experience they have been having is new. Not one in ten has had service except barrack

experience, varied by daty on board ship in times of peace. The infantry and cavalry have had some fighting experience. They have learned on the plains some lessons about tackling foes who skulk and run, and who form ambushes. Army officers look

for interesting reports as soon as General Shafter's men get ashore and are afforded a the guns are almed by pointing the versel chance to use their Krag-Jorgensen tilles. in the line of fire. The guns themselves "If," said one of them, "there are any Spancannot be moved. The extreme range is ish to be found in the bush and the open, three or four miles, but the effective range our infantry and dismounted cavalrymen

regardless of the weather. Only those who have come in contact with the regulars of the plains know anything about them.

and American Soldiers. "Unless Blanco and Pando have been con-WASHINGTON, June 17.-Army officers ccaling the good qualities of their fighting Castellar Presbyterian church. Mrs. Keysor going to his home at Tioga, Pa., who have been receiving the news from men. and thus have deveived us to lead us also spoke to the class upon the pictures in on, it is my opinion that in an engagement the Children's building and the Art buildour troops will make it plain that in the ing at the exposition grounds in order to proceeded to the baggage room, where with the Spanish. The information of the open or in fortifications our men will out- enable the scholars to better appreciate "Now perhaps they may give the Vesuvius War department is that three different match them. We will wonder very soon them.

a chance. There always has been the classes of fighting men will be met by the why Shafter wanted as many as 15,000 The children of the upper grades at Cass

In the kindergarten the little ones were Custody of the Lun Sisters Transrefreshed by a shower of peanuts. ferred by Order of the

Equity Court. The care and custody of the three

Wykoff, a female missionary who returned from China some months ago and is spending a few weeks in Omaha. What this woman will do with the girls is not known, as she has not formulated her plans, or if Shortly after the arrival of the Chinese in this city to take part in the operation of the Chinese village at the exposition grounds, Wah Lee, a Lincoln Chinaman, assisted by others, secured a writ of habeas corpus for the Lun girls, who were employed as actresses in the Chincse theater. The girls were found in the Chinese quarters at Thirteenth and Chicago streets, together with some thirty-eight other Chinese girls and women. In his application for the writ, Lee alleged that in his opinion the girls were brought to this place for the purpose of eventually being sold into slavery. The case was put on for a hearing and oc-upled the attention of the court for several days, the decision being handed down this morning. After the girls had been passed to the custody of the missionary the woman went out to hunt a boarding place for them until she could make some arrangements for their

final disposition.

CLOSING THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Are All Turned Loose for

ing exercises today. The graduating class

troops to capture Santiago and clean out the east end of the islant." School were invited by the children of the Eighth grade to attend a musicale. The Eighth grade to attend a musicale. The

Drunken Brawlers Makes Night Hideous and Get Away Without In-

BUYING EXPOSITION STAMPS

Great Demand for the New Issue Keeps the Postoffice Clerks on the Keen Jump.

With the exposition stamps on sale the postoffice is busier than ever. Crowds stand around the stamp windows continually waiting for a chance to buy some of the novel stamps and if the present brick demand keeps up the supply on hand at the office will be exhausted in a few days. The demand for the 1 and 2-cent stamps is the heaviest, one firm buying 20,000 of the 2-cent stamps. One clerk has been kept busy since the stamps arrived filling the orders which have been piling up for the last six months. The demand for complete sets of the stamps comes mostly from collectors in all parts of the world and few sets have been sold as yet other than those which were ordered through the mails.

PICKPOCKETS WORK AT DEPOT was no gentleman because he had stopped Three Cases in Which Travelers Lose

Their Money and Railroad Tickets.

Scarcely able to walk, being so far gone in way painfully to the police station Thursday and reported that he had been robbed of his money and railroad tickets by pickpockets. Hendrix said he was on his way to Cain, Ia., to die. He is in a pitiful condition. The police will care for him until his friends come for him.

J. McGrew of Auburn, Neb., had his pocket picked of his purse containing two notes for \$150 each and a quantity of silver money yesterday. Mr. McGrew did not discover his loss until he was aboard his train robbed at the union depot just before he got

aboard his train. S. F. Leak was the victim of a Thursday night. Leak had ordered his baggage sent and

Following it, to the he depot. had his trunks checked, and then started across the tracks to the train. Reaching there he discovered that his pocket had been cut out and that his purse contain ing \$15 in cash and a number of railroad passes had been taken.

terference from Police.

A quarreling pair of drunks-a man and a woman-made life and the night hideous for

residents on North Twentieth street in the small, still hours of the morning. For fully an hour they squabbled and scrapped and swore at one another in the street near tho den of Ak-Sar-Ben and no guardian of the peace came near to rid the disgusted inhabitants of their presence.

The pair came up from the direction of Lake street in a buggy, the horse running at full tilt. Suddenly the horse was brought up with a jerk and a highly indignant woman jumped out of the vehicle, while the man was roaring out curses loud and deep that could be heard for two blocks down the street. The profanity and the obscenity awakened several people who were asleep. Further repose was out of the question so long as the nocturnal carousers continued to discuss their differences.

The "lady's" escort tried to force her to return to the seat in the rig, but she distinctly and repeatedly screamed that he off at a saloon to get a drink and had left , her in the buggy all alone for half an hour, while he shook dice with some friends in-

side and had a good time generally. At last it seemed she was forced to get in again, and, while the fuss was going on consumption, J. W. Hendrix, dragged his fast and furious, the horse helped to settle the matter, to the intense relief of the residents of the street, by dashing away south on Twentieth street at a dead run.

SUDBOROUGH'S CASE PUT OVER

Preliminary Hearing Again Postponed on Account of the County Attorney Being Engaged.

The case of the State against T. K. Sudenroute home. He is confident he was borough, charged with embezzling the funds of the Pacific Express company while he was its chief clerk, was called in the county court, but owing to the fact that the county plekattorney was engaged in one of the other was courts the case was passed until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

No One Hurt by the Stampede. WASHINGTON, June 17 .- A special to the Star from its correspondent with the Dis-trict of Columbia volunteers at Tamps, Fla., No one was hurt by the starapede says: in the district camp last night.

End of the Year Cames and the Pupils Vacation. Yesterday was the closing day of the Omaha public schools for the present school year. There are no recitations being held and about all the business that is being transacted is the giving out of the grade cards for next year. The examinations closed durwill find and fight them with good appetite, ing the early part of the present week. The Eighth grade of the Commenius school

had an interesting program at its graduat-