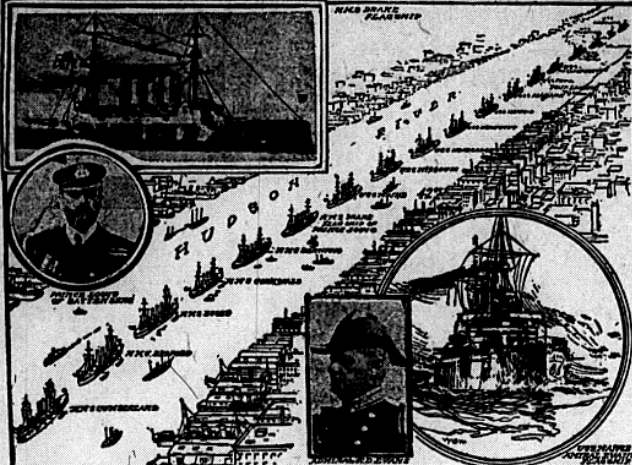


American and British Fleets Together Make Most Magnificent Naval Display



How the American Battleship Fleet Escorted Visiting British Ships Up the Hudson, Royal Guest and American Admiral in Charge of the Ceremonies.

CHINA WILL BE WORLD POWER.

Probability of Great Advancement in Near Future.
China's army has roused the wonder of the foreign military officers who are watching its maneuvers. They say that its improvement and intrinsic efficiency are little short of marvelous. This indicates that China occupies a position in her military progress, but in the arts, the sciences, the industries of peace and the moderations of government. If China enforces with her physical bulk those qualities of statescraft that have been shown by men like Li Hung Chang and Wu Ting Fang she will take on the importance of a first power—a power greater than that of Japan, as her four hundred millions are greater than Japan's forty.

HIGHER PRICES FOR DIAMONDS.

Owners of South African Mines Keep the Output Small.
An advance of 10 per cent in the price of diamonds has just been announced. This is one of three advances of similar magnitude during the present year, and a fourth is expected in the next few months. This percentage would make the total advance in eight years 200 per cent. A stone that at the beginning of that period cost the dealer \$17 costs him \$47 today. The diamond mines of South Africa yield about 98 per cent of the whole output suitable for ornament. The glory of the ancient mines of Brazil, India and Borneo has departed. Concerning the real capacity of the South African mines little is known. The workings are done in secret and this secrecy attends the whole process up to shipment. The stones permitted to get to the public may represent a tenth of the actual product or a thousandth part of the possible; the facts are hidden. That the untrammeled operation of the mines would result in making diamonds common and reduce them to low station on the list of the precious metals is widely suspected. There is not the slightest prospect of any such commercial blunder.—Philadelphia Ledger.

PRESERVING HISTORY IN NAVY.

Suggestion Made That Famous Names Be Perpetuated.
"I saw in an article in last Sunday's Press," remarked a retired naval officer, "that all the ships of Prince Louis of Battenberg's squadron except the Drake bear historical names recalling glories of the British navy. Why don't we perpetuate the names of historic ships of our navy of other days? All other nations do it just when we win a victory and take a ship we seem to get ashamed of it and drop the name of the successful ship or the captured one from the very list as soon as possible."

QUAIL PLENTIFUL THIS YEAR.

Restrictive Laws Tend to Increase Game Supply in the State.
The quail season opened Friday in Illinois and will last until Dec. 30. A period of forty days is considered unusually numerous this season throughout central Illinois, and the advance guard of hunters report fine flocks. Restrictions placed upon these birds by the game laws in the last few years are having their effect, and the sport at the present time is fine. Hunters report a steadily growing opposition among farmers to trespassing upon farms in search of game, and it is difficult to find fields that are not marked by warning signs or with owners on guard. Prairie quails are more plentiful with each season. J. W. Grapes of Bloomington went to Big Island, returning with twenty quails. Restrictions placed upon these birds by the game laws in the last few years are having their effect, and the sport at the present time is fine. Hunters report a steadily growing opposition among farmers to trespassing upon farms in search of game, and it is difficult to find fields that are not marked by warning signs or with owners on guard. Prairie quails are more plentiful with each season. J. W. Grapes of Bloomington went to Big Island, returning with twenty quails. Restrictions placed upon these birds by the game laws in the last few years are having their effect, and the sport at the present time is fine. Hunters report a steadily growing opposition among farmers to trespassing upon farms in search of game, and it is difficult to find fields that are not marked by warning signs or with owners on guard. Prairie quails are more plentiful with each season. J. W. Grapes of Bloomington went to Big Island, returning with twenty quails.

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Disgraceful Scenes Attend Opening of New Brewery at Joliet.
A temperance crusade of gigantic proportions has been inaugurated in Joliet. The movement has been stimulated by the disgraceful scenes attending the opening of the Citizens' brewery. Free beer and luncheon were dispensed all day and evening and hundreds of men and youths became more or less intoxicated. The climax came when it was learned that a number of students from the Joliet high school had gone to the brewery during the noon hour, indulged in liquor until they became maudlin and then returned to the school.

COMMENDS FRIEND OF STORK.

President Roosevelt Has Warm Greeting to Mayor of Alton.
Birth records of Alton show that Mayor Edmond Beall's crusade for larger families has pleased the stork greatly to increase the number of his visits to the city, until now he stops there several times each day. In 1904 there were only 464 births, while in ten months this year 748 were reported. Mayor Beall has just returned from a trip to Washington, where he met and was warmly greeted and congratulated by the president. The mayor relates his experience with keen satisfaction.

NINETEENS FOR WIFE BEATERS.

Alton Judge Has no Mercy for Husbands Who Are Recalcitrant.
Husbands who fail to contribute money for household expenses in Alton may face the whipping post. Magistrate Benjamin Rose, an Alton police judge, thinks seriously of acting upon suggestion of a young woman who has written him signing herself "Citizen," commending him for his efforts to establish women's rights in allowing the prudent housewife to pick her husband's pockets and urging him to use his influence for the establishment of a whipping post for recalcitrant husbands. She flatters the magistrate by praising his wisdom with that of Solomon and says she surely will solve the divorce problem. Recently Judge Rose sentenced James Burton to jail for wife abuse. He had admitted that he had deserted his wife because she picked his pockets 10 cents. He has received many communications from women who have written him urging him to keep up the crusade against thoughtless husbands.

CHILDREN IN RACE WAR.

A race war between the negro pupils of the Palmer school, one of the public schools of Springfield, and the white pupils of St. Mary's Roman Catholic parochial school, which had fair to result fatally to some of the combatants, was quelled by the police, and Clarence Cousins, a negro boy, was arrested, having in his possession a loaded revolver and thirty-five rounds of ammunition. Other boys had revolvers and rifles, and wholesale arrests were made. The fight occurred in front of the Palmer school.

WEALTHY FARMER IS MISSING.

Police Authorities at Mount Carmel Searching for Henry Huffinger.
The police authorities of Mount Carmel have sent out information regarding the disappearance of Henry Huffinger, a wealthy young farmer, who has been missing since the middle of last month. It is feared he has met with foul play. The young man had gone to a village several miles away to make some purchases, but since then has not been seen. A number of small articles were found scattered along the road, indicating he had started on his way back home. There is no news to his whereabouts. About five weeks ago Clyde Shoveller, a young merchant, disappeared from Mount Carmel and nothing has been seen of him since then. When last seen he had considerable money with him, and his wife, who has offered a reward of \$500 for information leading to his whereabouts, fears he has been murdered for his money and his body thrown into the Washburn river. Both men were well known in southern Illinois.

ALLEGED SWINDLER IS CAUGHT.

Man is Said to Have Worked the School Supply Scheme.
Word was received by Sheriff C. N. Clark of the arrest at Lexington, McLean county, of a man who is wanted in this county for swindling the Farmers' Loan and Trust bank at Fisher out of \$125. The game worked by the man was elaborate. He obtained from school officials their names by representing he was a member of the staff of a Chicago supply firm. These names were then forged to orders, which he represented at the banks as having been given to him for supplies for the school. The scheme was tried on the banks at Rantoul and LeRoy without success, but it worked at Fisher, and it is said that a bank at Mahomet also cashed orders amounting to \$30.

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Rural letter carriers will hereafter refuse to take unamped mail from the boxes along their respective routes. Hereafter the carriers have been dropping unamped mail in the boxes and deposited the penalties for postage, but such methods will not be permitted in the future. The stamps must be affixed to the mail matter will be left in the box.

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The final details in the transfer of the Jupiter No. 2 mine property at Duquoin have been completed between the Manufacturers' Fuel company of Chicago and Messrs. C. F. and L. B. Kelly and Thomas Howell of Duquoin. The purchase price was \$35,000.

SENTENCED NEGRO DIES.

William Martin, one of the leading republican politicians of Will county, former court treasurer and lieutenant of Congressman Cannon, has been sued for \$100,000 by John Larson, treasurer of the Independent Mining company of Idaho Springs, Colo., who has also taken out a warrant for Martin's arrest for slander. All the parties in the mining company are well-known Joliet people.

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