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THE CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN.

REPORTS from New York are to the effect that the Democratic Congressional campaign committee has been unexpectedly successful in raising money for the canvass. The chairman of the committee, Mr. Griggs of Georgia, is comparatively unknown to national politics, but he has been shrewd enough to obtain the assistance of some of the strongest Democratic capitalists in the East and as a whole the committee is a formidable one.

It will be seen that there is nothing in the situation to justify any great amount of optimism on the part of Republicans. There are some seats which the party is sure of holding, but in virtually all districts in the North and the West there is going to be a hard contest. Democracy will be backed in the fight by the Free Trade League and will not suffer from a lack of money in any district where it has a chance to win.

Among the New York papers there are mutterings of discontent with Depeu. They intimate that he was never much of a Senator, and since his marriage he is getting to be worthless as a story-teller. It appears he is too fond of telling the clever things his wife says.

DEMOCRACY AND THE FUTURE.

ASTERN dispatches report that in a recent address before the University of Chicago Dr. Benjamin Andrews argued that democracy as a social and political organism is now approaching a crisis through which it cannot pass without undergoing radical changes. He is quoted as saying: "Democracy of the type which has become familiar to the modern world is passing away never to return."

are in despair simply because they are so impatient they wish the world to change in a day and old evils to be eradicated over night. The impatient ones are always despairing. The great party of the people, however, is very far from feeling despair.

When the recent congress of negro business men was under consideration at Richmond there was some curiosity as to how the delegates would get along with the "Jim Crow" cars and the hotels. They settled the question by coming to town in Pullman palace cars and putting up at hotels owned by negroes.

GAMBLING EXTRAVAGANCES.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN once summed up the circle of life in the statement: "Poverty begets thrift, thrift begets wealth, wealth begets idleness, idleness begets extravagance, and extravagance begets poverty." The round of the circle appears approaching a completion among the richer classes of New York.

From Saratoga come similar reports of excessive gambling. One authority quotes expert gamblers as estimating that upward of \$2,000,000 a day is wagered on horse races alone, and though such estimates appear unreasonable, other experts present figures to show that the bookmakers alone pay in the aggregate as much as \$10,000 a day for the privilege.

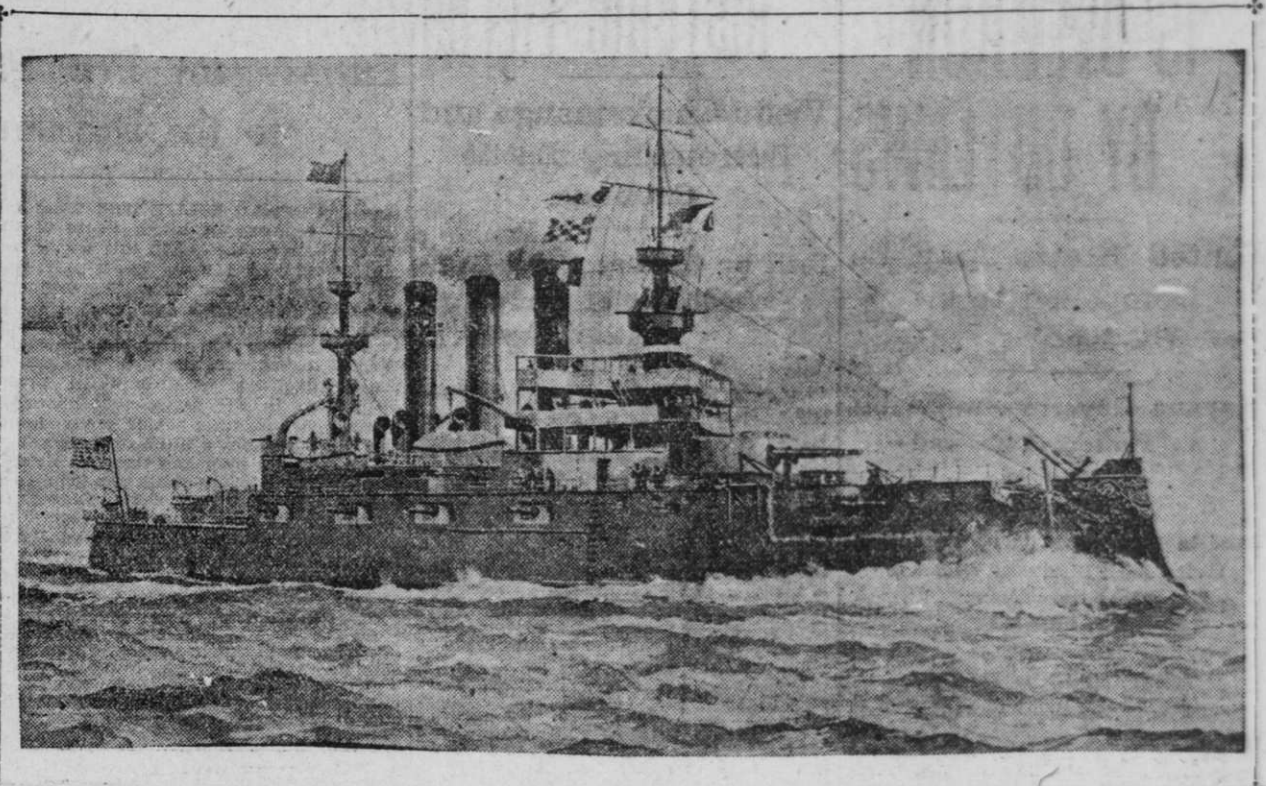
It has long been known that the proportion of men and women who can stand up well under the blows of adversity is much larger than that which can resist the temptations of prosperity. Doubtless therefore a good many of those who are now squandering their wealth in the extravagances of Newport and Saratoga and New York will be better off when they have been reduced to poverty and forced to go to work again.

A British parliamentary paper giving statistics of the merchant marine of the kingdom gives the total number of masters and men employed in the service in 1901 at 225,443. By reason of wrecks and other sea dangers 1025 seamen lost their lives.

A New York syndicate has been organized to manufacture wine, whisky and other liquors in the form of compressed tablets that can be carried in the pocket and converted into a drink by simply dissolving them in water.

In reviewing the recent "young negroes' congress" at Atlanta a writer for the Independent says that while there were over 5000 delegates to the congress "the saloons of the city took in not an extra penny on account of the visitors."

FOREIGN BATTLESHIPS SWIFTER THAN OUR VESSELS OF LIKE CLASS



NEW BATTLESHIP MAINE, THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY, THAT COMES UP TO THE SPEED REQUIREMENT OF EIGHTEEN KNOTS, BUT IS NOT AS SWIFT AS EUROPEAN VESSELS OF THE SAME TYPE.

THE new battleship Maine has practically a trial speed of eighteen knots and meets the requirements of the contract with little or no margin. It is somewhat disappointing that she did not do as well relatively as the other nine battleships built between 1890 and 1900, all of which exceeded their contract speeds by .547 to 1.449 knots on their trials.

The engineer force in the British navy, officers and men, is short of its number allowed. There is a deficiency of ten feet, staff and chief engineers and forty-one engineers and assistants. In the engine-room ratings there is a shortage of 181 mechanics and 529 stokers.

An Austrian battleship named Bebenberg is to be launched next month at Trieste, where another of the same type named Arpad is under construction. These two ships are really coast defense ships, but have engines of 11,900 horsepower, calculated to give a speed of 18.5 knots.

Three of the largest steamers of the Russian volunteer fleet have been taken off the line and transferred to the Russian navy at Sebastopol as cruisers in reserve. The steamers referred to were the largest and best of the volunteer fleet, namely: Kherson, 10,225 tons, built in 1885; Moskva, 11,700 tons, built in 1888, and Smolensk, 11,850 tons, built last year.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

IRON BEDSTEAD - Subscriber, City. This department has not been able to discover when iron bedsteads which are so generally used of silver, platinum and all precious stones except the diamond, and is the weight adopted by the Mint.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Judge D. K. Trask of Los Angeles is at the Palace. Colonel William E. Daugherty, U. S. A., is a guest at the Occidental.

A CHANCE TO SMILE.

It's funny, but there isn't half as much ceremony and red tape to marrying these days as there is to graduating. -Atchison Globe. Strawber-Did anything happen while I was out? James-Yes, sir. No one called to collect a bill.-Life.

HONOLULU SUFFERS

Flames Badly Damage a Block in the Business Part of the City. HONOLULU, Aug. 25.-Honolulu has been visited by another large fire, this time right in the heart of the business part of the city.

WEIGHING CATTLE-W. N. City.

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A WEEK OF MERCHANDISING.

IT was a merchandise week last week. There was nothing going on in Wall street to attract attention, the crop situation showed no changes sufficiently pronounced to affect values and the week was confined to buying and selling groceries, dry goods, etc., in the old-fashioned way of our forefathers. And a very good and safe way it was, too, it may be remarked in passing, when failures were fewer than now, when nervous prostration had not become part of the programme of the average business man, and when, if men did not get rich as rapidly as they do now, they had a much more comfortable time in getting there.

London has a prophet named Baxter who has foretold marvelous and terrible things to happen to the world between 1906 and 1920, but as he does not predict anything at all as happening in the United States there is reason to believe he is crazy.