

EMBARKING THE TROOPS

The System Followed in Transporting British Soldiers.

The Old Method Condemned and Supplanted by the Present-Ship That Have a Total of 757,001.

Lieut. W. L. Howard, of the Naval Intelligence Office, has recently made an interesting report to the Navy Department on the embarkation of British troops for South Africa.

"Great Britain, to a greater extent than any other power, is constantly engaged in the transportation of troops to and from her distant colonial possessions.

"The whole of the troop arrangements are in the hands of the Admiralty, which contains a separate department under charge of a naval officer of high rank who is styled director of transports.

"Experience has condemned the practice of maintaining a number of 'troopships' built specially for the purpose of carrying troops, for in time of war the crews would be required for the fleet and in time of peace the system is costly.

"These vessels when engaged are divided into three different classes, officially designated as transports, troop freight ships, or store freight ships, according to the terms of the contract.

"The transports have all to be fitted and inspected according to specifications prepared by the admiralty, in which accommodations being worked out with extreme care.

"On arriving at the number of ships necessary to transport a considerable body of troops the calculation is ordinarily based upon gross tonnage.

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"At each of the main points of embarkation a number of naval officers are stationed, the senior being assigned as principal transport officer.

"The non-commissioned officers of each company are then called to the front, the company divided into groups according to capacity of mess tables, each group placed in charge of a non-commissioned officer who is given the number of his mess and directed to march his detachment on board.

"In each compartment of the deck is a large bin with several sections, in which the hammocks are stowed, rolled lengthwise with blankets inside and the clews tied around.

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GOLD MINES IN VIRGINIA

A Claim That Many Can Be Worked With Considerable Profit.

Boston Capitalists Engaged in Putting in a New Plant With Improved Machinery Near Culpeper—A Nugget Worth \$180—The Yields of Various Shafts in Former Years.

CULPEPER, Va., Feb. 10.—What is known as the "Peninsula" of the Rappahannock and Rapidan rivers is historic, it having been the scene of several battles during the civil war.

"The principal form of the gold found in these mines is in pyrites of iron in connection with sulphur and antimony. Prof. J. A. Holmes says of these mines in a book recently published: 'These gold fields are well developed, for there are sufficient evidences of a remarkable output, and that of the Virginia mines to date amount to \$3,200,000.'

"The horse transports are generally ships that are used in the live cattle trade. The horse decks are above the water line. The docks are laid in cement, with heavy rounded fore and aft wooden strips for the animals to brace their feet.

"The heavy wagons of the field telegraph company, bridging battalion, field hospital, etc., are stowed loaded, with covers on, on top of other cargo, so that no weights come to be passing property.

"The guns and waggons of the artillery batteries and ammunition columns are stowed in the holds with wheels on and waggons loaded with shells and shells in the magazines.

"The transport arrangements are admirable. The day previous to the embarkation of a certain unit, an advance party arrives at the ship from the camp or barracks with the heavy luggage, which they stowed and learn the interior arrangements of the ship.

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NAVAL LEGISLATION NEEDED.

The Work of Designing Battleships Remains at a Standstill.

Until Congress passes upon the question of shunting for ships of the Navy no further progress can be made toward the designing of the new battleships and armored cruisers authorized more than a year ago.

Admiral Highborn says that it will be a useless expenditure of money and waste of time to begin the plans for battleships which may be entirely changed by the course Congress may pursue.

Admiral O'Neil, the Naval Ordnance Chief, has proposed no limitation as yet from either naval committee relating to the probable time when the armor question may come up for consideration.

Admiral O'Neil contends that the American Navy, which has assumed a position second to none in the world, cannot afford to accept an inferior plate for the finest ships it is to build, even though the price is considerably in excess of that paid for armor protecting the sides of the Indians in the market.

USES FOR OLD RAILS. An Increase of 100 Per Cent in the Price of Scrap Steel.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 10.—Owing to the increase in the production of open-hearth basic steel, scrap steel has increased in price 100 per cent during the last six months and the shortage has become a serious one.

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The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

Table with financial data for December 31, 1899. Columns include Outstanding Assurance (\$1,054,416,422.00), Assurance Applied for in 1899 (237,356,610.00), Examined and Declined (34,054,778.00), New Assurance Issued (203,301,832.00), Income (53,878,200.86), Assets December 30, 1899 (280,191,286.80), Assurance Fund (\$216,384,975.00) and all other Liabilities (\$2,688,834.03) (219,073,809.03), Surplus (61,117,477.77), Paid Policyholders in 1899 (24,107,541.44).

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A WOODEN INDIAN BRAVE.

Charged With Electricity, It Wrecks With Max Pfundheller. NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Max Pfundheller, a very bold and cunning character, was charged with electricity, dealer weapon than ever live red-skin brandished.

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GRANDSONS OF LI HUNG CHANG. They Enter Vanderbilt College to Study American Customs. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 10.—T. Y. Sung and C. H. Sung, grandsons of Li Hung Chang, have arrived in Nashville to commence the study of the English language and American customs.

SAVED FROM THE MOB. A Motorcar Which Killed a Child Narrowly Escapes Vengeance. NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—John Burke, of 165 East 162d Street, motorcar of a Third Avenue electric car which killed Paul Sprockow, eleven years old, of 45 Oak Street, at Chatham Square yesterday afternoon, had a narrow escape from an infuriated mob, which declared that he was responsible for the tragedy.

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