

RESENT CRITICISM OF BATTLE SHIPS

Naval Officers Declare Conclusions of Writer on "Soft End" Vessels Not Justified by Facts.

NOT INEFFICIENT, SAY SOME

They Point Out Also That Ships Named Are of a Design That Has Been Abandoned—They Were Designed Fifteen Years Ago, But Not Completed Until 1894.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 25.—Officers of the Board of Construction of the Navy Department and some line officers were free in their criticism of an article in the current number of the Navy pointing out alleged serious defects in the construction of the Oregon, the Massachusetts, the Indiana, the Iowa, the Kentucky and the Kearsarge, owing to the fact that these are "soft end" ships and would be easily wrecked by a few well directed shots from a hostile ship.

The spirit in which the article is written seems to indicate a failing in the Navy Department which many naval officers on duty there are quick to resent. Especially is this true of members of the construction corps. It is pointed out that the author apparently has done nothing other than to compare an old and almost obsolete design of battleship which was in favor fifteen years ago to the most modern design, at the same time drawing conclusions which reflect on the navy.

As for the value of "soft end" war vessels in general, it is not admitted by some of the best posted naval officers that they are inefficient, although the newer vessels are in most cases built with a continuous armor plate.

Several officers of the Board of Construction were somewhat aroused that intricate problems of naval construction, which they are studying continually, should be dealt with so lightly. Other officers heartily endorse the criticisms made, which simply reflect a certain seivice sentiment which frequently found expression before.

The battleships Indiana, Massachusetts, Oregon, Kearsarge, Kentucky and Ohio, which are mentioned in the publication were designed over fifteen years ago, although they were not all completed until 1894.

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ALCOHOL SETS STREET AFIRE.

Barrel on Wagon, Drops, Bursts, Cigarette Butt Lighted—Bang!

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., June 25.—A barrel of alcohol that had fallen from an express wagon in Orange street today caused much excitement by the barrel bursting. The fumes of the spirits permeated the atmosphere.

Somebody carelessly threw a lighted cigarette butt upon the sidewalk. A whiff of wind blew the fumes in its direction, and in an instant the entire street from curb to curb was a mass of blue flame, frightening horses and causing women to flee in terror. The flaming liquid flowed into a sewer manhole, and there followed a deafening explosion. The heavy iron cover was hurled high into the air.

Houses were shaken, and persons rushed from stores and houses only to see the cobblestones and macadam pavement aflame. Some one sounded an alarm of fire and the department responded. By the time they had the hose attached to the plugs the fire had burned itself out.

Sergeant Mitchell Returns.

Police Sergeant T. A. Mitchell returned to the city yesterday after spending two weeks at his old home near Charlottesville.

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MISS LOVING COMPELLED TO TELL HORRIBLE TALE

(Continued from First Page.)

Sneed had told him that Theodore Estes had brought me home the night before in a drunken and unconscious condition, and he wanted me to explain to him what it all meant. I went over and knelt down by father and put my arms around him and he put his arms around me, and as soon as I could speak I told him that while I was in Lovingsston Theodore Estes had asked me to go driving with him; that I first refused, but that on Annie Kidd's insisting I did go finally, but thought we would go only a little ways. I did not put my hat on; just thought it would be a short drive. We first drove out towards Oak Ridge station, drove out about half a mile to Oak Ridge station, then turned around and came back. He drove down through Lovingsston and stopped at his house. He told me he was going in his house a minute, would I wait there and hold the horse until he came back. He was in the house about five or six minutes. He came back and we drove on down through Lovingsston, through the Gap and down below Mr. Coleman's old place and turned around and came back towards Lovingsston. Just before we got to the Gap, he took out his bottle of whiskey and asked me to take a drink of it, and I did take a swallow of it. I told father I thought it must have been drugged, because I immediately began to get dizzy and couldn't see things; everything commenced to dance before me and I asked him to take me home at once, back to Lovingsston. When we got to where one road turns towards Lovingsston and the other up to the mountain road, instead of turning towards Lovingsston he started up the mountain. I asked him to take me home at once, that I was feeling very badly and was sick, to please take me. He did not answer me at all, but drove on as rapidly as possible. Father then asked if he attempted to assault me. I told him that he had forced himself upon me. I tried to resist him. I tried to push him off; I screamed but I suppose no one heard me; that I resisted all I could, but I could not keep him back; that he forced himself upon me and that I then lost consciousness and did not remember anything after that until I was at Mrs. Kidd's house that night. When I told father that, he got so white and unreal looking that it scared me. I ran out to mother and told her I believed I had killed my father."

Witness told of his excessive drinking in 1887, and while in the Legislature. He had delirium tremens, lost his practice and sold out. Sprags lasted sometimes for weeks. He took the Keeley cure in 1895. He checked up at the instance of his wife and friends. He had drunk nothing for two months before the homicide.

The rest of Judge Loving's direct testimony was corroborative of evidence already adduced. Just before he shot, Judge said he used the words: "You are the young man that takes young ladies out at night buggy riding and drug and ruin them."

Cross-examination concerning his statement made at the preliminary inquiry, Judge Loving admitted he said he was not insane. He could not remember whether he said he had acted deliberately. His last two sprags were in October, 1895, and February, 1907. He didn't think he then had delirium tremens. He stood the cross-examination well. His whole testimony consumed forty-five minutes.

Few interrogatories were made by the prosecution.

Harry Sneed Follows.

Harry Sneed, who related the drive incident to Judge Loving, was the next witness. He found his niece in bed. Annie Kidd was bathing her head with camphor. The girl was unconscious; did not recognize witness; half open eyes rolling wildly around. She even asked who her uncle was. Estes insisted that a doctor was unnecessary, but when witness started to go, ran ahead for the doctor himself.

W. B. Lee told Sneed later that the doctor said that Lizzie was drunk; that Sneed should inform Loving. Witness said he informed the accused as narrated.

Witness, cross-examined, said he told Loving he found his daughter unconscious. "Did you attempt to stop Judge Loving when the latter went in quest of Estes?" "Can't say I did. I rode over to Lovingsston to see what happened."

Witness told Judge Loving that the couple returned late at night, though he did not know the hour. It was after dark. He wouldn't admit it was 7:45.

The prosecution asked if Sneed hadn't gone after Loving Monday at the instance of Mrs. Loving to prevent trouble. The question was forbidden.

Says Ryan is Taking No Part in Trial. Reverly R. Harrison, of Amherst county, who is attending the trial of Judge Loving, said today that the report that Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, is backing Loving, is incorrect. Mr. Harrison said that he was in a position to say that Ryan was taking absolutely no part in the trial.

TRUSTEE'S SALE. TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS.

By virtue of a deed of trust executed by Nathaniel H. Turner and Ellen D. Turner, his wife to the undersigned as Trustee bearing date the 11th day of March, 1902, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Newport News, Virginia, in Deed Book No. 22, page 258, and at the request of the holder of the notes therein secured, I will sell at public auction on the premises (No. 126 32nd street), in the City of Newport News, Virginia, on Saturday, June 29, 1907, at 10 o'clock of that day, the following described property, to wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of ground, lying and being in the City of Newport News, Virginia, and described as follows, to wit: Beginning for the same at a point on the southerly line of Thirty-second street at the distance of three hundred feet easterly from the intersection of easterly line of West avenue with said southerly line of Thirty-second street; thence running easterly along said southerly line of said Thirty-second street twenty-five feet; thence southerly parallel with West avenue one hundred feet; thence westerly parallel with said Thirty-second street twenty-five feet; thence northerly one hundred feet to the point of beginning between Washington and West avenues; being lot No. 37, in Block No. 183, on a certain map entitled "Map of Part of the City of Newport News, Virginia," which said map is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Newport News, in Plat Book No. 1, page 3.

This lot is to be sold subject to a deed of trust recorded in Deed Book No. 22, page 257, said Clerk's Office securing the principal sum of \$3,150.00, upon which there is now about \$470.00 of interest due, the payment of which principal and interest the purchaser of the above property will have to assume.

Terms: Cash. JOHN WEYMOUTH, Trustee. W. T. CHAPIN, Crier. June 18, 1907. 6-20-10t.

tried to resist him and could not. I tried to scream, but I suppose no one heard me.

"This story swept over me like a thunderbolt. My daughter was my pride (sobbingly). I admired her purity. I would have killed any man who whispered anything about her. To know that she has been thus defiled rendered my heart strings and there was no power that could have restrained my hand."

Judge Loving was so overcome, he said: "I must ask the court to excuse me a moment. He bowed his head for a minute and wept.

Witness, before this climax, stated that he refused to go to Lovingsston after Lizzie for fear he couldn't restrain himself. In an interview with his daughter, he told her he would be guided by what she said.

The girl stated that Estes induced her to drink liquor. Dizziness followed almost instantly. Shortly after the alleged attempt, she became totally unconscious. The outrage occurred when Estes, against her will, took her into a side road.

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