

WANT BIG WARSHIP.

NAVY GENERAL BOARD WOULD ASK CONGRESS FOR GREAT VESSEL.

The Dreadnaught Proposed Would Displace 40,000 Tons and Cost About \$20,000,000.

Washington, May 11.—Congress will be asked next year to appropriate for one battleship, a mammoth dreadnaught, displacing 40,000 tons and costing about \$20,000,000, according to tentative plans of the navy general board, made public today. This year the navy department asked for three battleships and got one, it did last year, when the department called for two.

During the debate on the naval bill this year, members of congress interested in the navy became satisfied that while there were two extreme factions, one advocating appropriations for two or three first class battleships a year and the other with "no battleships" as a slogan, an overwhelming majority in both houses could be counted upon to vote for a single dreadnaught. This situation has been impressed upon the general board and as a result the permanent building programme may be revised to a one basis, with provisions for adequate colliers, destroyers and other auxiliary crafts.

This one battleship, however, will be a monster, if the board plans materialize. It would have a displacement of 40,000 tons, and would be just about one-fourth larger than any ship yet authorized by congress and would rank as the largest and most formidable craft of war in the world. The plans contemplate giving the dreadnaught engines that would drive her through the water at the rate of 25 knots an hour—faster than the unarmored "greyhounds" of the navy could travel a few years ago, without sacrificing anything in more powerful batteries or seaworthiness. Just what the armament would be has not been announced, but it certainly would be equal to that of the last ship authorized, which is to carry a main battery of 12, 14-inch rifles, mounted in four turrets, three guns to a turret.

WINTHOP COLLEGE

Scholarship and Entrance Examination.

The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 4, at 9 A. M. Applicants must be not less than sixteen years of age. When scholarships are vacant after July 4 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for scholarship examination blanks.

Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 17, 1913. For further information and catalogue, address Pres. D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C.—Advt.

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MEXICANS IN TROUBLE.

AWKWARD SITUATION SEEMS TO BE LOOMING UP.

Railroad Line is Cut. All Fuel Oil Used in Locomotives is Brought by This Route.

Mexico City, May 11.—What may become for the government a more awkward situation than that caused last week by rebel successes in the north was the cutting today of the railroad from Tampico to San Luis Potosi. Over this route all the fuel oil used by locomotives is moved, and it will now be necessary to ship from Tampico to Monterey.

The Tampico-Monterey line has been cut repeatedly, and has only been temporarily repaired. If this is cut again and the rebels prevent repairs between Tampico and San Luis Potosi it will be necessary to use the west coast ports as a makeshift. The oil on hand is sufficient only for two or three days. Any condition that would prevent a further supply would result in the practical suspension of transportation.

The last week has shown little if any improvement in the situation for the government. Concriptions have continued; more troops have been mobilized in the north and in the State of Morelos, but they have not yet been able to do anything but act on the defensive except in a few instances. The regions are overrun by rebels and the towns occupied are so widely separated and so numerous as to make specification difficult.

The Zapata forces are active and do not hesitate in taking the initiative in attack. The Zacatecas garrison was reinforced today by Pascual Orozco, Jr. with 200 men. Torreon has been isolated. Gen. Telles, in command of the operations around Monterey, has made only questionable gains. The government does not admit reverses in Sonora or at Reynosa, near Matamoras.

SUCCESSOR TO DR. PEARSON.

Theological Seminary Trustees Elect the Rev. M. Richards of Davidson.

Columbia, May 9.—The trustees of the Columbia Theological seminary have elected the Rev. M. Richards of Davidson college, N. C., successor to the late Rev. Robert G. Pearson, D. D., an instructor of homiletics and English Bible. Dr. Pearson died some time ago. Rev. Mr. Richards is a son of Rev. John G. Richards, Sr., and a brother of John G. Richards, a member of the State railroad commission. He is a South Carolinian, though for a number of years he has resided at Davidson, in the capacity of pastor of the college church, where he enjoyed great popularity. Fifteen years ago he was graduated at the seminary to which he returns as an honored alumnus and teacher. For a time he was on the faculty. It is thought that Dr. Richards will accept the place tendered him and will arrive at the opening of the fall session.

Marriage.

Immediately following the usual Sunday morning services of the Trinity Methodist Church at the Opera House Miss Lula Hodge and Mr. R. D. Butler were married in the presence of the congregation by the Rev. D. M. McLeod.

The young couple are from the Stateburg section of the county.

Some Random Thoughts.

The clipping from the News and Courier's Columbia correspondent covers the salient points in the call of the State President of the Farmers' Union for more activity among the local unions. It is idle to criticize the union and its officers when you, Mr. Farmers, have not lifted a hand to help shape a better policy.

Commissioner Watson writes me that he will try to be at the next meeting of the Sumter County Union. It is to be hoped that those unions that failed to respond to the request of the County Union for a report on the good the union has done and the two or three things the union needs most will at this meeting contribute their share to the written record.

Another very important matter for the locals to thrash out before the county meeting is what you will do toward promoting a county fair. To the writer it seems like a "fair call" to suppose the farmers of the county will subscribe and pay over two thousand to four thousand dollars, being 20 per cent of the proposed capital stock of a county fair, when they would be hopelessly in the minority in the management of it, when they could get so much more returns by putting the same money into the Union Brokerage Company, where they own and control every dollar.

As Bro. J. M. Kolb said at the county meeting: "That much currency added to the capital of the Union Brokerage Company would make of it a real selling produce exchange that would do as many times as much good as a county fair." The next meeting is to be a big rally for a county fair. The locals better give a careful heed to Bro. Kolb's warning and continue to study how to build up the union, rather than go into the untried field of a county fair.

I am reminded just here that Charleston County Union men say they have buried the union and planted a \$17,000 monument to it in the money lost in the Mississippi Warehouse company. We kept out of the Mississippi Warehouse company because it would not stand an investigation. Will we be less careful in the fair proposition, and may be build us a monument to a dead union?

I am not opposed to a county fair, but I am opposed to side-tracking the work of the union for the more spectacular twenty thousand dollar fair. Read carefully the letter from the Sumter County Union copied from the Progressive Farmer, and see if there is not outlined in it a more pressing need for the farmers of Sumter County than a twenty thousand fair. That a county exhibit, something like the county school day, Boys' Corn clubs and Girls' Tomato club institute combined can be held to advantage I have no doubt, but better have none at all than to tie up ten to twenty thousand dollars in it. E. W. D.

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

Dabbs Calls on Farmers of State To Organize.

Columbia, May 8.—"There was never a more opportune time for farmers to organize than now, and I wish this call would be so loud that every farmer worthy of the name could hear and would give heed," said E. W. Dabbs, president of the State Farmers' Union, in a public call to the farmers of the State.

In his call Mr. Dabbs deprecates the lethargy displayed by the farmers of the State, and says that they are more prone to criticize than to organize and put their shoulders to the wheel of advancement. He urges all the farmers of the State to join their local organizations and to make the State Union a vital, driving force for the benefit of the farming interests of the State. He avers that the indifference now displayed cannot make for a centralized, co-operative strength in the State Union, and looseness of attendance at the annual meeting soon to be held, at which the policy of the administration of the union will be shaped for another year, and the election of officers will be had, will have a deteriorating effect on the organization.

Mr. Dabbs said that the Farmers' Union should be represented at the National Convention by more than one delegate, but that such representation is all we are entitled to unless more local unions are organized before the Annual State meeting.

In commenting on President Dabbs' call, Col. E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture, commerce and industries, this morning said:

"There are now more reasons why the farmers of South Carolina should maintain strong local and county unions than ever before. The reasons President Dabbs gives are good and strong ones, but when we look forward to what the coming cotton season holds in the vitally important matter of the price per pound the producer will get for it, in the light of indicative facts, I do not hesitate to say that it is of supreme import-

NEW CROP RULES MARKET.

INTEREST OF TRADE CENTERED ON CONDITION OF CROP.

If Temperature Fails to Warm Up and Rains Come Bulls Will Gain Advantage.

New Orleans, May 11.—The interest of the cotton trade this week will probably almost wholly centre on the new crop situation. The old crop did not attract much attention last week and it promises to attract less this week. Old crop holdings are gradually being transferred to the new crop months and from now on October and December promise to become more active than July.

The new crop is in a more or less critical condition because of the droughty conditions in the Eastern belt and the continued low night temperatures. Probably this latter feature is of more importance than the first, although market writers are giving it less prominence. If temperatures do not warm up this week and if rains do not fall in the Atlantic the bulls will be given a decided advantage. Already much replanting has been necessary, some sections reporting even the third replanting and continued unfavorable condition will have a tendency to increase the necessity of it. This may lead to some abandonment of acreage and would mean a late start for a part of the crop, which in some measure would offset the large area originally broken for cotton this year. Principally, it will be a weather market this week.

The increased exports of late have been surprising to nearly every one, but there have been few signs of a good forward business in the spot department. How spinners are going to view the new crop is a big question, which all traders are anxious to solve. Any signs that exporters are selling spinners cotton for fall and winter delivery will probably be the signal for bull activity in futures this week, while continued holding off will encourage the short side.

CLEMSON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Exercises Will be Held June 8th, 9th and 10th.—Program.

The Faculty and graduating class of the Clemson Agricultural College requests the honor of your presence at their commencement exercises June eighth, ninth and tenth nineteen hundred and thirteen Clemson College, South Carolina.

Programme.

Sunday, June 8, 11.30 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon, Rev. Howard Lee Jones, D. D.; 8.30 p. m.—Closing exercises, Y. M. C. A.

Monday, June 9, 11.30 a. m.—Literary Society exercises, "Calhoun," W. H. Frampton; "Palmetto," T. W. Perrin; "Columbian," H. A. Hagood; 2.00 to 5.00 p. m.—Exhibition of shops and laboratories; 5.00 p. m.—Military exercises—drill, sham battle and dress parade; 8.00 p. m.—Alumni address—D. R. Tison, Allendale, S. C.; 9.30 p. m.—Open air reception to visitors and students.

Commencement Exercises.

Tuesday, June 10, 10.30 a. m.—Address to graduating class—President George A. Denny, Ph. D., LL.D.

Senior Class Speakers.

D. L. Cannon, T. F. Davis, A. C. Turbeville.

Delivery of diplomas. Award of trustees' medal. (Saturday, June 7, 8.30 p. m.—College Glee Club entertainment.)

Notice of School Election.

Notice is hereby given of a school election in Middleton township, School District No. 21, Wednesday, May 28th, between the hours of 8 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of voting on one and one-half mills extra levy for school purposes.

Only qualified electors, showing registration certificates and tax receipts on personal or real estate property, may, by law, be allowed to vote.

The voting place will be at the Argyle School house, By order Sumter County Board of Education.

F. M. DWIGHT,

Chairman District Trustees No. 21.

ance that the cotton growers of the South approach the fall months with a solidly organized front. Resort to expedients, and plans that are uneconomic cannot longer save the price of cotton to the producer. The hour has struck when organized, intelligent action must be taken and the logical channel is the Farmers' Union. I have been aiding Secretary Reid in his work of organization recently as much as I can, for I realize fully the imperative necessity for the farmers to be prepared to help themselves."

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