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ARGENTINE FINANCE.

Buenos Ayres, September 9.

The Argentine Parliament today adopted the Bill obliging all bankers and limited liability companies, established in Argentina, to show a balance sheet to the Government authorities every three months. A Bill was also approved increasing the capital of the Banco de la Nacion de Argentina from 50,000,000 to 100,000,000 paper piastres. Another Bill provides for the liquidation by this bank of the Banco Nacional.

TACKLING ANOTHER TRUST.

The Attorney-General of New York State has confiscated the private correspondence of Mr. Oler, President of the American Ice Trust. There were found many documents which, in the opinion of the authorities, prove that the Trust has infringed the Monopoly Law, has used objectionable means in fighting competition, and has fleeced unconscionably the consuming public. The District-Attorney has consequently received instructions to institute proceedings against the Trust.

ACCIDENT ON BOARD THE "INDIANA". NARROW ESCAPE.

A report issued by the Navy Department states that on the 5th instant a fire broke out in the coal-bunkers of the battle-ship "Indiana", which is under repair in League Island docks. The fire was extinguished before it had done any great damage; but the shell-room was in danger and had to be cleared, the shells being so hot as to burn the hands of the men carrying them.

REDUCTION OF ATLANTIC FARES.

The White Star Line have given notice of a reduction of 22 1/2 dollars for first-class passages on board their East-going ships.

The Cunard Line yesterday gave notice in New York that the new passenger fare for the Eastern voyage on board the "Campania", "Lucania", "Caronia" and "Carmania" is 72 1/2 dollars, on board the "Umbria" and "Etruria" 57 1/2 dollars.

THE OCEAN RACE.

In New York the greatest interest is being taken in the voyage of the "Lusitania". The newspapers have given elaborate charts, figures, and similar details; and, certainly, no steamer's arrival will be hailed more enthusiastically than the "Lusitania's", if she should, as is estimated, on her initial progress, break the Atlantic record.

On Wednesday morning a message was received in New York from the captain of the "Lusitania" stating that the vessel was 1,189 miles distant from Sandy Hook; he expected to reach Sandy Hook at 4.30 a. m. on Friday.

New York, September 12.

A wireless message has been received stating that at 11.20 p. m. on Wednesday the "Lusitania" was 150 miles East of Sable Island.

THE MANOEUVRES IN EAST PRUSSIA.

SOLDIERS FOR HARVEST WORK.

By command of the Kaiser, the brigade manoeuvres of the 1st Army Corps will be omitted. The Division and Corps manoeuvres will be limited to six days and end on the 24th instant. The General Commanding has ordered that, during the manoeuvres and up to the date of the discharge of the soldiers whose term of service has expired, from 15 to 20 men of each company shall be allowed to do harvest work.

A NEW WHITE STAR LINER.

TO BE LARGER THAN THE "LUSITANIA".

London, September 12.

The White Star Line has ordered a new steamer to be built by Messrs. Harland & Wolff. Her dimensions are to exceed those of the "Lusitania". She is to be 850 feet in length, and is to be fitted with specially constructed turbine engines which are to save 12 per cent in the cost of fuel.

ROYAL BETROTHAL: A CURIOUS MISTAKE.

It is reported from Copenhagen that a curious mistake happened to a royal telegram announcing the engagement of Prince George of Greece to Princess Marie Bounaparte.

The Crown Prince Christian of Denmark is at present in residence at Aarhus, and Prince George addressed a telegram to him there informing him of his engagement.

DECLINE OF HORSE-BREEDING IN ENGLAND.

Earl Carrington, the President of the Board of Agriculture said in a speech at High Wycombe on Wednesday that the number of foals bred this year was ten thousand less than last year's total. The constant diminution is a positive danger to the country. He hoped, however, as the result of the consideration which has been given to this subject by the War Department and the Board of Agriculture, to be able to make practical proposals for a plan that would put an end to this precarious state of things.

THE VANCOUVER RIOTS.

MENACING POSITION.

All the Chinese domestics and mill hands at Vancouver have struck as a protest against their treatment. They are arming themselves in preparation for the defence of their quarters. The whites are very bitter over their defeat, and it is feared that further attacks will be made upon the Orientals.

THE PERIL GROWING.

Vancouver (B. C.), September 10.

The Japanese inhabitants have notified the authorities that the police protection is inadequate and that they are in consequence prepared to defend themselves. If attacked by Canadians they threaten to shoot. Japanese employed in hotels and restaurants have left their work and are buying arms.

Anti-Japanese mobs will not permit the coolies to be disembarked from the Canadian Pacific steamer "Monteagle" due tomorrow or the next day. Japanese employed in lumbermills arrived at the mills to commence work yesterday, but were induced to go home in order to prevent rioting.

Several hundred special police have been sworn in, and the Militia will probably be called out.

THE NEWS IN TOKIO.

Tokio, September 10.

The first account of the anti-Japanese riots at Vancouver is published in the *Asahi* today. While awaiting details of the affair, the journal refrains from commenting on the situation. The telegram published by the *Asahi* was sent by Mr. Ishii, the Japanese agent in Vancouver, who expresses the opinion that the trouble is over. It is expected in official circles that the matter will ultimately be settled satisfactorily, though sporadic outbreaks are anticipated. The officials decline to say what steps, if any, are being taken in connection with the matter.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

AFTER THE PACIFIC MANOEUVRES.

New York, September 10.

It is now officially admitted that the entire battle-ship squadron will proceed to the Philippines after the concentration and manoeuvres in the Pacific early next year. This course is held to be politically desirable, apart from actual naval considerations, and it has been taken with the full approval of the State Department. It has, of course, absolutely nothing to do with the recent anti-Japanese disturbances in California, or with the trouble last week between Americans and Japanese at Hakodate. More probably it is intended to show the Far East that the United States Navy must be taken into account in any commercial and political developments that may occur in the future. If that be so, it may be assumed that the squadron will visit Chinese ports, and return by way of Europe.

It is rather notable that the Democratic leaders in their public utterances have ceased to denounce the projected cruise, except from the point of view of cost, which is now estimated at quite a million and a half dollars beyond the normal outlay. Mr.

Bryan, who has been on an extraordinarily vigorous stump in the West, says that the cruise will not be worth the money. A good many people think and say the same thing, but for all that there will not be much criticism of the President's naval policy in the next Session of Congress. Wild reports recently current here, which may have been cabled to Europe, speak of the presentation to Congress of a naval programme, involving almost the doubling of the United States Navy. President Roosevelt is as vehement an advocate as ever of the policy of a big navy, and he will do his best to obtain generous appropriations from Congress next Session. If he obtains the money for three battleships and a couple of armoured cruisers above the general construction programme approved last Session, he will think that he has done well.

The periodical raising of scares will, it is emphatically declared at Washington, in no way help the Navy Department in its main and steadfastly pursued policy, which is directed to the making of the United States Navy strong enough to bear its growing responsibilities.—*The Globe*.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND RIFLE SHOOTING.

Ottawa, September 9.

Earl Grey has received the following reply from President Roosevelt to his telegram conveying King Edward's congratulations to the winning team:—"I greatly appreciate your congratulations. I believe in rifle shooting as being much more than merely an attractive pastime, and it should be encouraged in every way possible in all self-governing Commonwealths. Therefore, international contests like these do a real service."

The above is a reply to the following telegram from the King to Earl Grey:—"Please offer my congratulations to the United States team on winning the Palma Trophy with such a record."

A PRISONER'S FINE HONOUR.

Chicago, September 9.

J. B. McCaffrey, a post office employé of this city, was sentenced two months ago to a year's imprisonment for rifling a letter containing a small sum of money. He then told Judge Landis a pathetic story of a sick wife and a baby, whereupon the judge paroled him for two months in order that he might work and provide for his family during the time that he would be imprisoned. Today McCaffrey arrived at the prison ready to undergo his sentence, and stated that during the interval he had saved 100 dollars, which he had handed over to his wife.

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