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WILL PROTECT OUR INTERESTS IN THE SOUTH.

Commander of the Battleship Wisconsin Now in South America—The Largest Fighting Machine in Our Navy of Powerful Sea Going Forts.

In the somewhat turbulent state of affairs in South America, where Vene-Auela, Colombia and Ecuador are mixed up in an international squabble the interests of the United States are well guarded by Capt. George Cool Reiter, of the Wisconsin. The United States is by treaty bound to keep oper traffic across the Isthmus of Panama and should there be any serious interference with the International rail way, Capt. Reiter will take prompt action.

Capt. Reiter is a Pennsylvanian by birth, and was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1865. His progress through the various grades of the service has been steady, and he has seen a variety of duties. There is scarcely a station to which he has not been attached, and he has had considerable land duty. During the Spanish-American war he commanded one of the smaller warships. He attained his present rank two years ago.

The Wisconsin will be the greatest fighting machine ever seen at Panama. The Oregon and Iowa have been there, but neither of these is as large as the Wisconsin. Comparatively few British battleships or war vessels of other nations come this way, and none that could be compared with the Wisconsin. The Wisconsin was launched at the Union Iron Works, in San Francisco, November 26, 1898, and has been in commission several months. She is of 71,525 tons displacement, and has length of 368 feet; breadth, 72 feet 21/2 inches; draft, 23 feet 6 inches. Her



CAPT. GEORGE COOK REITER. trial trip in Santa Barbara channel in October, 1900, showed an average of 17.25 knots, with a maximum speed of 18.54 knots.

A HEALTHY VOICE.

Faithful Practice Will Do Much Acquire it.

A strong, sweet, beautiful voice is greatly to be desired by every one says Health. In some climates, like Italy, for instance, the voices are almost all fine. In other places where it is cold and moist the voices are too often bad. In the country, where the young grow up in an out-of-door life, where they can "holler" and even "yell," the voices are much better and stronger than in the city, where a young person must suppress himself and always speak in gentle tones. Thin, throaty tones, of those with a nasal intonation are bad enough to the sensitive ear when used in the key of ordinary conversation. When it is needed to expand such voices to the declamatory point, then lack of volume and mellowness is evident.

Faithful practice may do much to correct faults of emphasis and inflection, but the most sanguine coach will not undertake to make over a poor voice in a coarse of three or even six weeks' rehearsals. The possibilities of the speaking voice are beginning to be understood. Parents are discovering that it is a wise plan to cultivate in their children an agreeable voice. Instructors in the art of developing the exquisite mechanism and wonderful capability of the human speaking voice are springing up on every side. It cannot be long before it will be a positive reproach for a woman of education, at least, to speak in shrill, nasal or unplaced tones. The voice is a mirror of the mind. A coarse, harsh, disagreeable voice can best be cured by improving the mind and heart.

Where Folks Read.

In four counties of western Massachusetts no less than 120 public libraries are in operation, containing 825. 000 books. The towns where they are located have a population of 307,999. One of these libraries was started with money from a dog tax, and another was begun with dollar contributions. Where a special building is lacking, the books are cared for at the town hall, engine house, school, or the residence of some public-spirited citizen, Some of the librarians give their time without salary. In several cases the pay is from \$5 to \$30 a year. One librarian bought a book with her own money charged two cents a day for its use until the cost was covered, and then put the book in the public collection. The will and the way on the library question have got together in Massachu-

that value (\$1,200,000,000), is in an agreeable falling off in the di

STEEL TRUST'S RIVAL

Western Concern That Has Properties

Extending 1,200 Miles. The biliton dollar steel trust has a lusty rival in the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, the greatest industry west of the Mississippi. This company now owns and controls nearly 400,000 acres of coal land and 5,000 acres of iron ore. With its great steel works at Pueblo, Col., it is making a second Pittsburg of that city. It employs 15,-000 men, representing, with their families, one-tenth of the population of Colorado. The income of this company last year was \$13,000,000 and its expenditures a trifle over \$10,000,000. It takes over \$500,000 every month to satisfy the demands of the payroll. Commencing at Sunrise, Wyo., its properties form a chain 1,200 miles long to Fierro, N. M. The links of this chain are 28 coal mines, nine coking plants with 2,500 ovens, and at Pueblo, Col., and Laramie, Wyo., the only steel plants between the Mississippi river and the Pacific coast. In addition to these industrial concerns the company owns 80,000 acres of grazing land and about 2,000 of the town lots in the city of Pueblo. In addition to furnishing a vast tonnage for several transcontinental railroads the company operates 100 miles of railroad of its own. From its coal mines the C. F. & I. marketed last year over 4,000,-000 tons of coal, or 70 per cent of the entire production in Colorado. Last year it produced 50,000 bushels of coke or 95 per cent of the product of the state, and hundreds of new coke ovens are now in process of construction, From its steel mills 728,000 tons were marketed, and orders were refused for over 250,000 tons more. The C. F. & I company has grown to what it is with a capital of \$25,600,000. It has recently increased this capitalization to \$40,-000,000 by the issue of \$15,000,000 of 5 per cent honds, with a like issue of common stock to redeem them on demand. The \$15,000,000 is to be spent at Pueblo enlarging the steel plant to a capacity of 1,500,000 tons of finished product each year. The new manufactures are to be tinplate sheets, wire nails and other profitable products of like character. These new mills will, it is estimated, increase the value of the output of the company by 200 per

HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER.

How Seaman Jack O'Neill Resented an Insult to President McKinley.

"Jack" O'Neill, able seaman in the United States navy, late a member of the crew of the Vicksburg and now on a naval recruiting detail in the Masonic Temple at Chicago, is nursing a bruised fist and a sprained wrist, says a Chicago paper. He has no complaint to make, but finds satisfaction in thinking of "the other fellow."

O'Neill looks on the President of the United States with a respect too deep to be measured. The President to the seaman the commander-in-chief of the army and navy, and that enough. O'Neill was standing. Thirty-first street and Michigan avenue on Friday evening. He had just heard of the attempt to assassinate the President and his soul was filled with wrath. While in this mood a man stepped up.

"Have you heard about McKinley being shot?" the stranger inquired. "Yes: I just heard the news a min-

ute ago," replied the able seaman. "Well, he ought to be shot for

The stranger never fin shed the sentence, for O'Neill's fist landed on the speaker's mouth with a force that sent him sprawling in the street. As he scrambled to his feet he received another blow in the face that sent him down again. Three times the stranger measured his length on the ground. "Don't hit me again," he cried. "I'll

apologize; I'll apologize," "You bet you will apologize." said O'Neill, "or I'll beat your head off President McKinley is my superior of-

ficer, and no man can insult him while A crowd gathered in a moment

among whom were several who had witnessed the affair. When they told others what the fight was about expressions of indignation became so loud and threatening that the stranger made a quick escape down an alley.

Square Men.

In the mountains of Berks county, Pennsylvania, where Dutch shrewdness matches Dutch thrift, the proprietor of a hotel was bargaining for a supply of chickens. "Now, look here, Fred," said the hotel man familiarly to the farmer. "don't you feed them chickens before you bring 'em here, and don't you let 'em get wet." "All right, Charlie," said the farmer, "but I don't want to see 'em go hungry." 'That's all right, Fred, but I ain't a-payin' twelve cents a pound for corn, and I ain't a-buyin' water at the same rate." "All right, Charlie, and I'll bring my scales along." "No need of that, Fred; I've got good scales here." They parted, and I asked the hotel man just what he meant. "Oh, Fred's all right," he said. "He's one of the squarest men alive; but all the same I ain't a-paying live weight for chickens stuffed full of wet corn with wet feathers. But don't misunderstand me. Fred's a square man." walked down to Fred's farm. He was jolly and smiling. "Charlie's a fine fellow." he said, "one of the squarest men in the county-but I'm going to take them scales, all the same."-Youth's Companion.

Fewer Strikes in France, The statistics of the strikes in France for June have just been published. In all the month gave birth to The total value of all farm animals | 57, while the total for the first six Hve stock in the United States is months of the year was 306. The same than \$2,000,000,000. More than period in 1900 yielded 475, which show tent of the working classes

Fruits That Assuage Thirst.

Chemical analysis would assign practically no nutritive va'ue to the juicy fruits, for they consist of little more than a cellulose envelope containing a solution of sugar, the amount varying from 17 per cent, as with grapes, to about 1.4 per cent, as with lemons. The amount of water in fruit is considerable. In wa'e me ons it is no less than 95 per cent, in grapes 80 per cent, in oranges 86 per cent, in lemons 90 per cent, in peaches 88 per cent, in apples 82 per cent, in pears 84 per cent, in plums 80 per cent, in nectaries 82 per cent, and in strawberries 90 per cent, not a f.uit in the whole category containing less than 80 per cent. The irresistible conclusion, considering these facts, is that fruit plays an important role in the diet as a thirst quencher. Moreover, the juice of fresh-cut fruit is perfectly free from microbes, is as sterile as freshly clean drawn milk, and the fruit acids tend to inhibit the power of those disease-producing bacteria which flourish in neutral or alka ine media. marked anti-scorbutic properties fresh fruit due to the vegetable acids and their salts in the juices are of great importance.

STILL TALKING ABOUT IT.

Bryant, Mo., (:t. 7th.-The case of Mrs. M. A. Goss, continues to be the chief topic of conversation in this neighborhood. Mrs. Goss was a cripple for a long time with Scattica; she was so bad she couldn't turn over in bed and for four months she lay on

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Honors in Store for Malcoim.

The dignities that confront the elder brother are usually appalling to the small sister, and there is a little girt in Columbus, Ohio, who has been giving to the subject much careful attention, as the Despatch bears witness. She electrified the family at breakfast by announcing: "Next year Malcolm will be a lawn-mower. I wonder way they call him that." "A lawnmower?" echoed the astonished mother. "What do you mean?" "That is what you told me," replied the child, gravely. "This year he was a freshman. Next year he'll be a lawnmower, and then a janitor and then a senior. And then he'll graduate."

A Diminutive Insect.

The smallest exhibit at the Buffalo exposition was the fig wasp from California. It can be seen only with a microscope. The insect is an important aid in producing the fruit, and the United States government spent \$16. 000 in establishing it in the Pacific fig region.

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