

CAPT. GEO. C. REITER.

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 Force.

In the somewhat turbulent state of affairs in South America, where Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador are mixed up in an international squabble, the interests of the United States are well guarded by Capt. George Cook Reiter, of the Wisconsin.

Capt. Reiter is a Pennsylvanian by birth, and was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1885. His progress through the various grades of the service has been steady, and he has seen a variety of duties.

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 11,525 tons displacement, and has a length of 368 feet; breadth, 72 feet 2 1/2 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 Practices Will Do Much to Acquire It.

A strong, sweet, beautiful voice is greatly to be desired by every one. 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.

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 course of three or even six weeks' rehearsal.

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 207,900.

The total value of all farm animals and live stock in the United States is more than \$3,000,000,000. More than half that value (\$1,500,000,000) is in cows, oxen and other cattle.

STEEL TRUST'S RIVAL.

Western Concern That Has Properties Extending 1,800 Miles.

The billion 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. 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.

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 is to the seaman the commander-in-chief of the army and navy, and that is enough. O'Neill was standing at 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.

"You bet you will apologize," said O'Neill, "or I'll beat your head off. President McKinley is my superior officer, and no man can insult him while I'm around."

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."

Power Striken in France.

The statistics of the strikes in France for June have just been published. In all the month gave birth to 57, while the total for the first six months of the year was 505. The same period in 1900 yielded 475, which shows an agreeable falling off in the discontent of the working classes.

Fruits That Assuage Thirst.

Chemical analysis would assign practically no nutritive value 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 watermelons 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 nectarines 82 per cent, and in strawberries 90 per cent, not a fruit in the whole category containing less than 80 per cent.

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 Sciatica; she was so bad she couldn't turn over in bed and for four months she lay on one side.

She had tried everything without getting any relief, till at last she heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills. She is strong and well today, and has not a single ache or pain.

Mrs. Goss says: "I don't know if Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure anything else or not, but I do know they will cure Sciatica; for they cured me, and there couldn't be a worse case than mine."

Honors in Store for Malcolm.

The dignities that confront the elder brother are usually appalling to the small sister, and there is a little girl 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 why they call him that." "A lawn-mower?" 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 lawn-mower, 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.

Are You Using Allen's Foot-Ease?

It is the only cure for Swollen, Smarting, Burning, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Queen of Spain Likes Relics.

A pack of ivory playing cards carried by Prince Eugene, the colleague of the great Duke of Marlborough, in the campaign against the French under Marshal Villars was recently bought by the Queen of Spain, who is immensely fond of such relics.

\$3.00 PER DAY AND EXPENSES

To man with rich introduce our stock and poultry food. Advise correct ability is shown. Address, with stamp for particulars, Boyder Food Co., 7 Monon Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

The biggest meteorite ever known to have fallen has been discovered at Ponta Alegre, Brazil. It is 55 feet in diameter and 85 feet long.

Agents and solicitors should not fail to read adv. of Household Guest Co. in this paper. Their offer is very liberal.

New Orleans now boast of being the greatest fruit market in the world.

THINK IT OVER

If you've taken our advice, your house is painted with Devoe ready paint. If not, we'll have a few words with you about it next spring.

The advice may seem better then; the paint will be just as good; couldn't be better; nobody can make better.

Advice: When you paint, use Devoe for results.

Get it of your dealer. Book on painting free if you mention this paper. GOOD-PAINT DEVOE, CHICAGO.

"VAN'S" BUCKWHEAT

Advertisement for Van's Buckwheat Flour, featuring a logo and text: "NOW READY. Buy to MAKE! Eat! Buy a Pack TO-DAY and you'll see AT ALL STORES."

Let Us Wear Shoes

One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It makes tight or new shoes easy. Cures swollen, hot, sweating, itching feet, ingrowing nails, corns and bunions. All druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Trial package FREE by mail. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Shower of Bugs.

In Sentes, Hungary, a most interesting phenomenon occurred recently. At dusk a black cloud suddenly obscured the sky, and a shower of greenish, opalescent insects began to descend, covering the ground to a depth of a foot.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 4th.—GARFIELD HEADACHE POWDERS HAVE GAINED THE RIGHT OF WAY! They are the kind people want—simple, harmless and ALWAYS effective. The Garfield Tea Co. of this city will send sample powders upon request.

Steam yachts valued at \$50,000,000 were assembled in New York harbor during the cup races.

POTNAM FADELESS DYES color more goods, per package, than any other. Sold by druggists, 10c. per package.

Every danger knows one royal conqueror. He is called courage.—C. Wagner.

Why experiment with untried remedies for pain? Use Wizard Oil at once and be happy. Your druggist has it.

There is no pleasure in loafing unless you have something to do.

Pino's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Erdelwy, Vanuren, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

Without self-sacrifice true friendship cannot exist.—Goethe.

Help your wife to get breakfast easy, take home Mrs. Austin's Pancake Flour. Your grocer waits to supply you.

One man in six in the British navy is a total abstainer.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures wind colic. 25c a bottle. The labor we delight in physics pain.—Shakespeare.

Advertisement for Sozodont, featuring the text: "Sozodont Good for Bad Teeth Not Bad for Good Teeth 25c." and a list of prices for tooth powder and large liquid powder.

Advertisement for W.L. Douglas shoes, featuring the text: "\$3.00 W.L. DOUGLAS SHOES \$3.50" and a list of shoe styles.

Advertisement for Vit-O-Vit, featuring a portrait of a man and text: "W. L. Douglas \$3.00 and \$3.50 shoes are made of the same high quality material used in \$5 and \$6 shoes and are guaranteed to last."

Advertisement for Van's Buckwheat Flour, featuring a logo and text: "FREE! A Half Doz of Treatments of Dr. O. P. ... TO INVESTORS! Money invested in Shares and Certificates to be made in 30 days ... AGENTS—We have the greatest ... DROPSY NEW METHOD, from ..."



Mrs. Ellen Ripley, Chaplain Ladies Aid, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 7, 222 10th Ave., N. E., Minneapolis, Minn. Strongly Endorses Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Your Vegetable Compound cured me of ulceration of the womb, and getting such a complete cure I felt that the medicine had genuine merit and was well worth recommending to other sick women.

"For fifteen years I have been your friend. I have never written you before, but I have advised hundreds of women to take your medicine, in fact it is the only real reliable remedy I know of for a sick woman.

"I have not yet found a case of ovarian or womb trouble which has not been relieved or cured by the faithful use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"You have brought health to hundreds of women in Minneapolis as you have no doubt to others over the country."—Mrs. ELLEN RIPLEY, \$5000 FORFEIT IF THE ABOVE LETTER IS NOT GENUINE.

When women are troubled with irregular or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, flatulence, general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.

No other medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement. No other medicine has such a record of cures of female troubles. Refuse to buy any other medicine.

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Advertisement for Howe Scales, featuring the text: "HOWE SCALES BEST ALL KINDS FOR ALL PURPOSES. BORDEN & BELLECK CO., CHICAGO."

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