



MISS CHRISTINE BRADLEY. (Daughter of the Governor of the Blue Grass State who will christen the Battleship Kentucky with water.)

THE KENTUCKY AND KEARSARGE. All Is Ready for Their Double Launching. ECLAT CEREMONIES. The Governor of Kentucky and Suite Will Attend. GOVERNOR TYLER TO BE THERE.

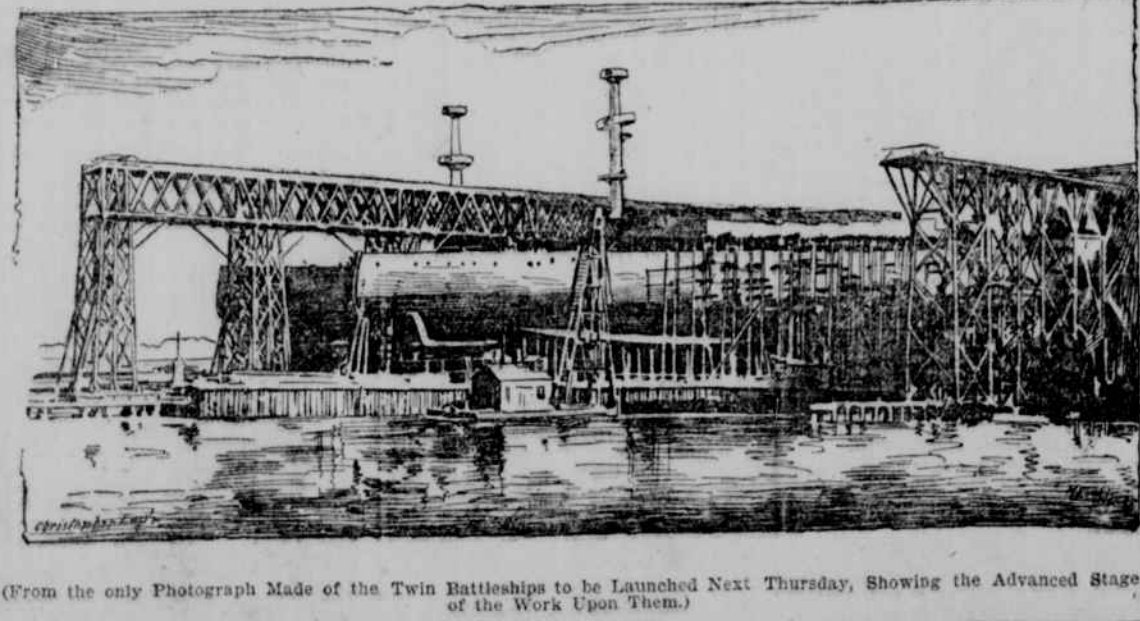
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 19.—Special.—The launching of one battleship is an event in any country no matter how great in its standing among the nations, but to launch two great fighting machines of the largest size is something unparalleled in the naval history of the world.

THE DOUBLE LAUNCHING IN JAMES RIVER at Newport News next Thursday of the magnificent twin battleships Kentucky and Kearsarge, will be the first time that two first-class battleships have ever left the same ways together and will attract wide attention in the world's naval circles.

SHIPS ARE READY. That the launch will be a success there is not the slightest doubt. Every preparation has been made for the event, the greatest care being taken to have the plans down to the minutest detail carried out. With the exception of a few finishing touches the vessels are ready to plunge into the placid waters.

THE SOCIAL PLEASURES. After the ships are moored in their berths the invited guests of the ship-building company and naval officials will steam down Hampton Roads to the Chamberlin Hotel at Old Point. There a banquet will be given. Sparkling champagne will be served. Then will follow a number of toasts, responded to by prominent speakers.

SPONSOR FOR THE KENTUCKY. Miss Christine Bradley, daughter of Governor William O. Bradley, of Kentucky, whose picture from a photograph specially sent to The Times is herewith given, will christen the big battleship Kentucky, one of the great twin fighting machines to be launched next Thursday.



(From the only Photograph Made of the Twin Battleships to be Launched Next Thursday, Showing the Advanced Stage of the Work Upon Them.)

ships will be floated in a condition very far towards completion, within about a year and a half after their keels were laid; and in less than a year more they must be turned over to the Government ready for cruising and the installation of their guns.

HIS PETITION HAS BEEN FILED.

Mr. O. A. Hawkins Asks for a Recount.

COMMITTEE TO MEET.

Will Be Called Together Early in This Week.

POINTS OUT IRREGULARITIES.

Features of the Returns the Contestant Thinks Should Be Explained—Mr. Munford's Deputies Charged With Having Assisted in Counting the Vote at Two Precincts.

Mr. O. A. Hawkins last evening filed with Chairman Jefferson Wallace, of the City Democratic Committee, his petition for a recount of the votes cast for Commissioner of the Revenue at the primary election held last Tuesday.

Chairman Wallace will call the committee together early in the week to consider Mr. Hawkins' petition. There is no doubt of the fact that the vote will be recounted. It is probable that a sub-committee will be named to count the votes and to make a report. It will be no easy task as there are nearly ten thousand tickets to be examined.

THE PETITION.

Following is the petition of Mr. Hawkins: To the Honorable, the Democratic City Central Committee: Your petitioner, O. A. Hawkins, respectfully represents that he was a candidate in the Democratic Primary held in this city on March 15, 1898, for the nomination as Commissioner of Revenue of the city of Richmond, and that he complied with all the requirements prescribed by your committee.

The total number of votes cast for the three candidates as reported, is nine hundred and eighty-one (981) divided as follows: R. B. Munford..... 297 O. A. Hawkins..... 325 E. M. Noble..... 134

THE RICHMOND VISITORS. A letter received in this city from Captain Cunningham, of Richmond, states that his command expects to participate in the launching ceremonies. Other military companies have engaged quarters which will be made up of military, civic and secret organizations.

THE GREAT SHIPS. Unsurpassed in formidability, the world over, and unequalled in rapidity of construction among American armored defenders, these sea-going coast-line battleships will be floated in a condition very far towards completion, within about a year and a half after their keels were laid.

gross irregularities occurred in First Precinct Clay Ward, where regular tickets were in possession of parties in the store of Kelly & Ford, corner Main and Short streets, and that these tickets were marked for use by voters in the above mentioned store, and in rear of the barber shop on the south side of Main street between Morris and Short streets, all of these points being anywhere from eighty-five to one hundred and fifty feet or more from the polling place.

ALLOWED IN POLLING PLACE. Your petitioner further states that Mr. W. O. Steger, a deputy under Mr. R. B. Munford, the present Commissioner of Revenue, and a candidate for the nomination in the election in question, was allowed in the polling places at the First Precinct of Clay Ward during the counting of the ballots cast in that precinct, and that he handled ballots voted in the election held on the 15th day of March 1898; all of which was illegal and improper and without authority or permission from the superintendent of that precinct.

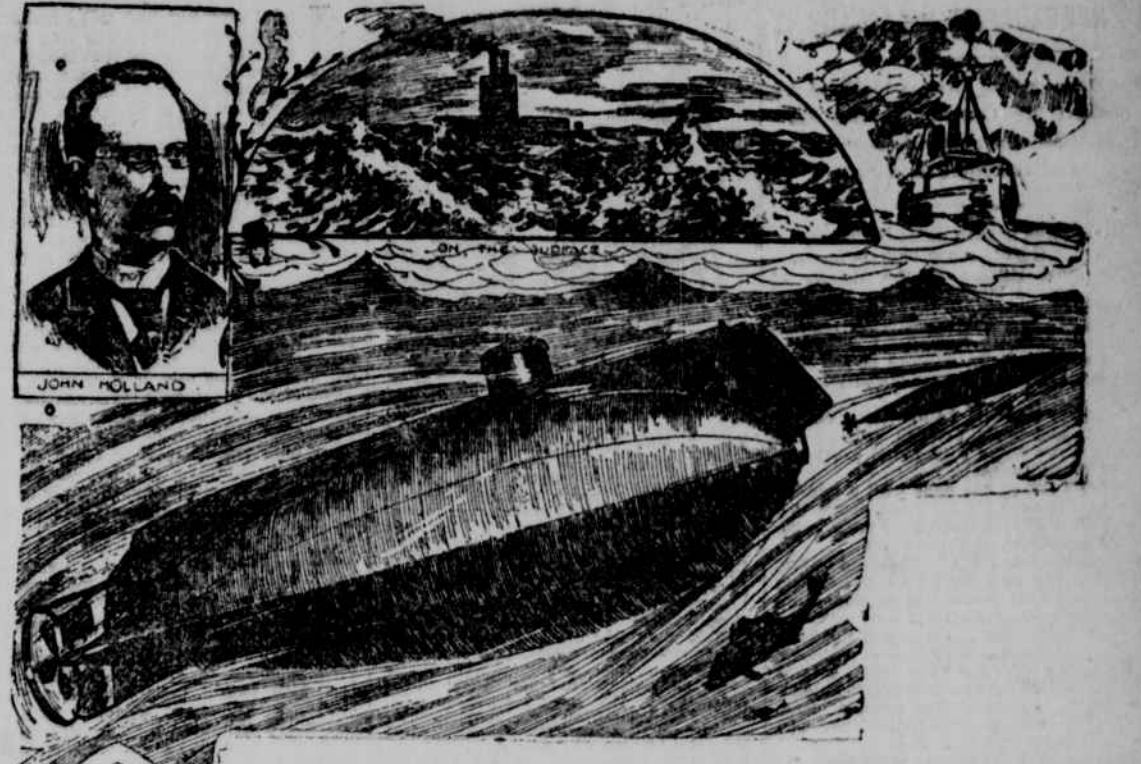
OFFICER INCAPACITATED. Your petitioner further represents that during the count of ballots cast in First Precinct Monroe Ward, one of the sworn officers in said precinct was physically incapacitated to perform any of his duties; this suggests the fact that there was one party tallying, who was not a sworn officer, and this is a violation of the law and your "plan."

DELATED RETURNS. In consideration of the foregoing facts, and the further fact that hundreds of our good citizens, representing every class and section of our city, have insisted that the close margin of fifty, arrived at only after several of the precincts have required from twelve to eighteen hours in which to make their returns to your committee, after the polls had closed, emphasizes to their minds the fact that errors have been made. This conclusion your petitioner respectfully submits has taken possession of his mind also.

WHAT A JUDGE SAID. Your petitioner further states that it was publicly proclaimed by one of the Judges of First Precinct of Marshall Ward, in Saenger Hall on the night of March 15th, in the presence of your committee, that forty-three (43) votes were thrown out in said First Precinct of Marshall Ward, and not counted for any of the candidates for any office. It was also publicly stated that fifty or sixty votes were in like manner thrown out in Fifth Precinct of Clay Ward; he is also advised and avers, that in similar proportions entire ballots were thrown out in many other precincts all over the city, because of supposed defects in the said ballots; and your petitioner represents that a great many of these ballots were cast for him and were legal as to this office, and were improperly rejected, and had they been counted they would have changed the result in favor of your petitioner.

RANGE OF THERMOMETER. On yesterday the thermometer registered as follows: 9 A. M., 5; 12 M., 12; 3 P. M., 24; 6 P. M., 75; 9 P. M., 75; 12 M., 77. Average, 79.4.

AT FIRST CLAY. Your petitioner further alleges that



FIFTY HOLLAND SUBMARINE TORPEDO-BOATS MAY GUARD OUR COAST.

This is an accurate picture of the Holland submarine boat. The Government has been considering the building of fifty of these submarine torpedos to scatter along our coasts. It has been demonstrated that one of these boats could easily take care of three battleships of the Vizcaya style. Upon sighting the enemy the boats at the different stations along the coast would be sent out and could annihilate the enemy before any damage could be done or a landing secured. A successful trial of the boat was made Thursday.

WE MAY YET GET THE O'HIGGINS.

The Hopes of Naval Officers Rekindled.

SPAIN'S LAT CARD?

One Interpretation of General Pando's Efforts to See Garcia.

UNLESS REPORT IS STARTLING.

It Will Probably Be Sent to Congress by the President as Soon as the Court of Inquiry Returns It. Rumors of the Capture of General Pando Discredited—New Terrors.

The latest reports from London strengthen the hopes of naval officials that the Chilean battleship O'Higgins may be added to our navy. The cruiser San Martin may also be purchased from Argentine Republic.

REPORT OF THE COURT OF INQUIRY will probably be communicated promptly to Congress unless the information contained therein is of a very startling and unexpected nature.

TWO NEW ENGINES OF DEATH, one a big torpedo and the other a submarine mine, have been invented by naval officials.

LAST CARD OF SPAIN.

What Is Expected of Pando's Conference With Garcia and Maso. HAVANA VIA KEY WEST, March 19. News has just reached this correspondent from authentic sources that the autonomous government of the military authorities here and the government at Madrid are now playing their last card to secure peace in Cuba and prevent intervention on the part of the United States.

THE INSURGENTS. Near Palo Prito and via Jacas Gordaza in the Province of Sancti Spiritus, the Cuban Republic, with several members of the trocha, are gathered under command of General Calixto Garcia and other prominent chiefs, accompanied by Senor Maso, president of the Cuban Republic, with several members of his Cabinet. Also on the west side of the trocha in the district of Sancti Spiritus less than thirty miles distant from Gen. Gordaza's forces are it is stated 2,000 insurgents under General Pancho Carrillo, Montague, Lancelo, Legon and Gonzalez. The Spanish commander General Pando with General Ramirez, Charvez and other generals, is within a few miles of General Calixto Garcia.

General Gomez is west of the Jucaro-Moran trocha within easy reach. All the insurgent officials with General Garcia got through General Pando's lines some time ago and the latter gave up the campaign, which was to be a grand military coup de grace in the Province of Santiago de Cuba or the Province of Puerto Principe.

But in addition to passing through the trocha, the insurgents turned General Pando's flank. It is just possible that the government of the United States might be induced to furnish arms and ammunition to carry out his ulterior political purposes. Such was the position of affairs when the last advices were received at the palace in Havana.

General Pando's purpose, to further General Garcia's purpose, is to further the Eastern part of Cuba, is stated succinctly as follows: THE OBJECT. To have a personal conference with General Calixto Garcia, President Maso and other insurgents, and even with

THEY WILL URGE NEW HISTORIES.

The State Board of Education to Meet.

VETERAN COMMITTEE.

Will Wait Upon the Board in Behalf of Change of Books.

CONTRACT FOR BARNES' HISTORY

It Will Expire August 1st Next—A Strong Effort Will Be Made to Have the Works of Dr. J. Wm. Jones and Mrs. Susan P. Lee Adopted in Its Stead.

For years past the Confederate veterans of the State of Virginia have struggled unceasingly to secure for the rising generation a school history which will treat of the events leading up to and embracing the late war in a fair and impartial manner. They have been confronted with difficulties apparently almost insuperable, the most disheartening of which has been an apparent disinclination to co-operate in the work on the part of some in authority.

GOOD WORK BEGUN. The good work was begun in earnest at a mass-meeting held in this city October 19th last, over which Dr. Hunter McGuire presided, and at which speeches were made by some of the best known educators of the day. At that meeting a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. R. H. Dabney, Professor of History at the University of Virginia; Henry Alexander White, Professor of History, Washington and Lee University; C. E. Vawter, president Miller School, Albemarle county; William R. Abbott, principal Bellevue School, Bedford and John P. McGuire, principal McGuire's School, Richmond. This committee met in Charlottesville on the 7th of February, and after careful consideration formulated a report, which, after reciting at length the merits and demerits of various histories, closed by recommending that Barnes' History be gotten rid of and the books written by Dr. J. William Jones and Mrs. Susan Pendleton Lee be substituted for it.

MR. ROYALL'S LETTER. In pursuance of this determination, Mr. Royall a few days ago addressed a letter to Dr. Joseph W. Southall, Superintendent of Public Instruction, asking him to call a meeting of the board to receive a copy of the report of the committee. Dr. Southall granted his request, and the board has been called to meet at 11 o'clock on the morning of the 23rd instant in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction in the City Library Building. The committee appointed to wait upon the board consists of Messrs. William L. Royall, M. W. Hazlewood, R. A. Brock, James Mann, and Thomas H. Edwards. In addition to these gentlemen, Dr. Hunter McGuire has been asked to attend, and all the members of the History Committee, who are able to be present; and all educators and citizens generally who are interested in the matter are urged to meet the committee at 10:30 o'clock on the morning of the 23rd, in the refectory of the Capitol building, whence they will go to the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

MISUNDERSTOOD. Miss Clara Barton, after calling upon Captain-General Blanco, at his suggestion visited the heads of the colonial government. The autonomists treated her with such distinguished courtesy that she broached to them the subject of the allotment of lands to poor Cubans, desiring to furnish their houses from America and also to superintend any colonies thus formed. Miss Barton was told that the matter would be carefully considered. After she had left the officials they said: "We are Spanish; does she think she can make Yankee of us? Her desire

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