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## NAVY AMPLE FOR ANY EMERGENCY

Savoyard Ridicules the Views of Honorable Augustus P. Gardner and Upholds Daniels

How absurd is this silly clamor of our danger! It can come from only two classes—those afflicted with imbecility of mind, or those prompted by depravity of morals. Here we are the most powerful and the most opulent nation in the world, courted by all the other nations of the world of the first or second class. And yet we are gravely told that unless we arm to the teeth our day of destruction is at hand. I can see how the steel trust, that wishes to sell armor plate for ships, and the powder trust, that hopes to sell munitions for guns, favor an imperial navy, but it is curious that a disinterested man like Gardner should get in a swivet over it.

Let us see. Some years ago England, the most powerful nation in the world, was at war with a beggarly little people in South Africa called the Boers. It took England two years with her mastery of the seas—it took England two years to land 250,000 soldiers in South Africa. Now it has been developed in that deplorable war over yonder that the Canadian contingent is as good fighters as any of them—Germans, English, French or Belgians. Those Canadians had a training of some eight months—taken as they were from civil walk.

It would take even England with her immense shipping, naval and mercantile, a year to land 1,000,000 men on our shores and by that time we could have 5,000,000 as good soldiers as the world ever saw to meet them. And it would take Germany or France two or three years to land 1,000,000 on our shores. Nay, Germany could not land 1,000,000 hostile forces on our shores in a century. She has not got the transports, and in time of peace England will never have the soldiers. So we are perfectly safe from both. As for Japan, that people have got too much sense to arouse the anger of the American people to desperation. Besides, where would Japan get the money?

Before long all the great nations of Europe will have had all the fighting they want. It is not unlikely that the war will last another year, or two. Certainly it will if it is fought to a finish—till one side or the other is completely exhausted and helpless, as our South was in 1865 and as France was in 1871. All of them will be tired of war and even the victor will be powerless to harm us even if disposed to do so, for by the time they could destroy our navy and land 1,000,000 men on our shores we would have the finest and biggest army in the world to meet them and welcome them with bloody hands to hospitable graves, as Tom Corwin said.

England's navy has been vastly superior to ours for a century. Relatively we are stronger now than at any period during the century. During our civil war there were many English statesmen—notably Palmerston and Gladstone—who willingly would have gone to war with us; but the great majority of the English people to say nothing of the queen, her consort, Disraeli, and others, were on the side of the North, and when England allowed that splendid opportunity to lapse we may rest easy as to her, and if Germany licks her and takes over what she and France have in Africa, as spoil of war, Germany will be too busy with her new possessions to pick a quarrel with us. Besides, we will

## German Gas Victims

John Colton Clayton, a journalist who has worked in several American cities, has arrived in London with his left arm paralyzed from a shrapnel wound received in the fighting at Hill 60, near Ypres. Mr. Clayton, who is English by birth, became an American citizen, but resumed his British nationality to join the British Red Cross for the war. He bought his own uniform, paid for his own provisions and gave his motor car without charge to the service in which it is engaged.

"I have been at the front since November and have passed through the most strenuous and horrible experiences of my life. My paralyzed arm is nothing. I want to tell you about that German gas. It pulls men's mouths right around on the side of their faces. It sometimes dislocates men's jaws. They cannot speak and they die in ghastly agony.

"It makes their eyes look as if they had been terribly mauled in the ring. Not only do the eyelids and brows turn black, but the cheeks and the forehead turn black also. Many lose their sight utterly. The skin of the face within a day or two after the gas has been breathed becomes ulcerous.

"It is 1,000 to 1 that any man who gets a good whiff of that stuff never recovers. Every day soldiers are coming into the hospitals gasping for breath and panting like dogs on blazing summer days. It is heartbreaking. No civilized being could believe it.

"I have seen other things. I have seen three little Belgian girls with their hands cut off at the wrist. It is pure barbarism; no red Indian ever beat it."—London Dispatch.

## Sows Man's Heart

Dr. Charles Goodman, visiting surgeon at the Beth Israel Hospital, sewed three stitches in the lining of a man's heart and one in the heart itself yesterday.

The man was Israel Ziff, a coconut pedler, who lives at 238 East One hundred and Fifth street. He was brought into the hospital in a dying condition as a result of accidentally plunging a knife through his lungs and into his heart. House Surgeon Alfred Schwartz stayed the flow of blood until the visiting surgeon arrived. In order to stay the hemorrhage the man's chest had to be opened, and for this purpose a special apparatus was used to prevent the collapse of the lungs.

Stitches were also taken in the lungs. It was announced by Louis J. Frank, superintendent of the hospital, that the operation had been highly successful and that Ziff would be able to go home in a few days.—N. Y. Sun.

The electrical conductivity of copper depends on the total amount of impurities therein.

be the only nation with a surplus of money. All the others will be ready for the poorhouse.

Another thing. Who knows that naval warfare will not be completely revolutionized before the big war is over? When our war of 1861-65 began there was not an ironclad on the water. Farragut's flagship was a miserable little wooden affair. I saw her at Annapolis a year or so ago and it was incredible—the fame of the old Hartford had made.

Something of that kind is likely to happen any day. Let us have patience. Of course the Hon. Gardner will remain noisy, but the people stand by Mr. Daniels, who is proving an excellent head of his department.—Savoyard in Asheville Citizen.

## Court Calendar

JUNE TERM, 1915

### Watauga Superior Court

All witnesses in civil and criminal cases are bound for their appearance at June term of court without being re-subpoenaed. Witnesses in civil cases will appear on dates mentioned in the calendar.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1915

- 1 H. J. Hardin et al, vs. Mattie J. Greene et al.
- 2 Chas T Baird vs The John T Dixon Lumber Co.
- 3 Hutton - Bourbonnais Co. vs. John R Hodges et al.
- 4 J W Ould & Co. vs J C Harman.
- 5 Yarkin Lumber Co. et al, vs W A Triplett et al.
- 6 W J Grandin et al vs W A Triplett et al.
- 7 J O J Potter vs J C Wilson.
- 8 E F Potter et al vs J O J Potter et al.
- 9 G W Robbins vs A W Taylor et al.
- 10 L A Greer vs F M Greer.
- 11 W J Grandin vs John Benson.
- 12 L D Lowe, administrator, vs E F Lovill.
- 13 H B Magee, trustee, vs W W Hindman et al.
- 14 W J Thomas vs Ida Thomas.
- 15 J A Ward et al, petitioners, vs Nancy Creed.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1915

- 16 Ohio Pottery & Glass Co. vs T L Mast & Bro.
- 17 J C Baird vs P M McChinnis.
- 18 The Todd Mercantile Co. vs E N Miller.
- 19 Enoch Minton vs Sydney Watson.
- 20 J P Wilkinson vs M M McGuire.
- 21 S E Gragg, Admr. vs The W M Ritter Lumber Co.
- 22 W J Wagner et al vs J S A Aldridge.
- 23 P E Whittington vs Sophia Whittington.
- 24 W W Presnell, Admr., vs Ned Jones et al.
- 25 R C Little vs John Stanberry.
- 26 Creston Lumber Co. vs S C Snyder.
- 27 W L Houlshouser vs A M Critcher.
- 28 W L Houlshouser vs Laura E Critcher.
- 29 Roy Potter vs H A Donnelly, Admr., et al.

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1915

- 30 M F Hilliard vs C C Hilliard et al.
- 31 Charles Coffey et al vs J F Robbins et al.
- 32 Carl Trivett vs Martha Trivett.
- 33 T S Maxwell et al vs J O J Potter et al.
- 34 M A Ward vs G W Trivett.
- 35 Boss A Ford vs N N Ford.
- 36 O N Wagner vs G F Hall et al.
- 37 C Tucker et al vs A H Johnson.
- 38 John B Earp vs Nora Earp.
- 39 M P Critcher vs Curtis-Thornton Co.
- 40 Enoch F Potter vs James B Miller.
- 41 W S Houck vs Pleas Griffin.
- 42 Faucette Peavler shoe Co. et al vs E W Smith et al.
- 43 M A Bingham vs E W Smith.

This calendar does not include cases on the summons docket that may or may not stand for trial.

W. D. FARTHING,  
Clerk Superior Court.

## Weaves and Stretches Wire Fence

There is a little motor driven fence building machine which weaves and puts up wire fencing at a speed of about 250 feet an hour and can be equipped to build fences from nine inches to five feet in height. Between 25 and 50 different styles of fence can be made by simply changing gears or leaving out line wires.

In building a fence with this type of machine the end and corner posts must be in place before the operation commences, but these posts may be placed at any distance apart up to two miles. Wires to show the line of the fence are stretched along the ground

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This property is located near the depot. Todd is the terminal of the Virginia-Carolina Railroad, where property will always increase in value. If you buy lots at this sale, Monday, May 31st, you will feel proud that you had a part in the making and building of this modern city, and thereby having prospered and grown rich by the enhancement of its value. Property at Todd will increase in value and the town will grow as North Wilkesboro did, for it is the terminal of the V. C. Railroad, and has a good back country to draw from. A wholesale grocery house, and a big lumber plant will be established at Todd, as well as other enterprises. \$5.00 in GOLD will be given the person buying the highest priced lot. Don't fail to hear the Double Auctioneers.

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before the machine commences to weave, but these are not fastened to the posts until the mesh wire is woven in. The work of fastening the fencing to the posts is done just as fast as the weaving progresses. The weaving mechanism itself is simple. The line wire passes through tubes, just back of the hand of the operator, and the wire for weaving is carried on spools which make a figure-eight movement around the line wires as the machine travels ahead. Each spool holds 70 feet of wire and when a spool runs out it is changed for a filled spool.

The fact that each line wire is stretched separately makes a tight fence no matter how hilly and uneven the land may be. A one and one-half horsepower gasoline engine operates the weaving mechanism and drives the machine ahead at the same time. The operator merely steers the machine and changes spools when necessary.—World's Work.

Silos are being built underground extensively through the western part of the United States.

A Washington inventor's coin holder consists of a single piece of flexible metal formed, into a base and three arms, which meet and fasten together at the top.

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