

**FOUND THE PHILADELPHIA.**

**Successful Search in Harbor in Tripoli for American Frigate.**

Charley Wellington Furlong made a systematic search at Tripoli of Barbary for the lost remains of the famous American frigate, Philadelphia, destroyed in the harbor of Tripoli a hundred years ago. He tells the romantic story of how he found the vessel at last.

"In less than an hour my search was rewarded by seeing the broken ends of the ribs of a vessel protruding through dull-colored eel grass, I noticed that this grass seemed to follow the line of the ribs, and carefully noted its character, further to aid me in my search. Examining these closely, no doubt was left in my mind but that they belonged to a large vessel, and I ordered the boatman to let fall the anchor.

"The lead gave us two and a half and three fathoms. Hastily undressing, we dived several times. Mr. Riley first succeeded buoying the spot by going down with the line and slipping it over one of the ribs. While on the bottom I carefully examined the timbers. They were honeycombed in certain parts in a peculiar way. The continual sea wash of a century seemed to have made its inroads at the softest places, and they gave every appearance in form of partially burned stumps. The wood seemed almost as hard as iron. Much of it was inclosed in a fossil crust, and only by repeated efforts I succeeded in breaking off a piece. The many winds from the desert and the shifting shoals of sand had filled in and around the frigate, and her keel must have lain buried nearly two fathoms deeper than the present sea bottom. The freshening breeze made further investigation impossible; so, after taking bearings and leaving the spot buoyed, we returned to the shore, landing amid an awaiting curious crowd of Turks, Arabs and blacks.

"Six days later, through the courtesy and interest of the officers of the Greek warships Crete and Paralea, a ship's cutter and machine boat with divers were placed at my disposal."—Harper's Magazine.

**Weak and Cowardly Officers the Curse of the Country.**

The open and bold attempt of the beef trust to bring pressure to bear on the government to prevent the prosecution of its agents and officials is but one of many recent instances showing the utter misconception that exists in the minds of many persons as to the majesty of the law and their proper attitude toward it. Illustrations on a smaller scale, but similar in kind, were recently given in Kansas City, where an automobile owner became greatly incensed because the city attorney proposed to prosecute him for not having taken out a license, when in fact he had done so after the warrant was issued and served on him. And another automobilist pleaded as his excuse for violating the law that he had thought the law would not be enforced. Still another instance was furnished the other day by a saloon-keeper, a former policeman, who in all seriousness opposed the enforcement of the law against saloons in the vicinity of the parks on the grounds that it would cause him a pecuniary loss.

Such instances might be multiplied without end, for the newspapers team with them, to evidence the state of the popular mind on the subject and the laxity of public respect for the law. Of course, in some cases the trouble is that individuals, especially of a certain class, have come to imagine they are above and beyond the law, which they consider is designed chiefly, if not entirely, to protect society against the low class of common criminals. When they are caught in its

meshes they believe themselves to be the victims of misfortune or undue zeal on the part of the officers of the law—anything, in short, but their own fault.

The trouble mainly arises, however, from the laxity of the law's enforcement by its sworn officers. The pusillanimity of public officials, according to the late Senator Ingalls, is the curse of the country. The law is plenty strong enough, but its human agents are too weak and cowardly. The public welfare and their sworn obligations count for little against private interest or political influence. This state of things, which is almost unknown abroad, is so widespread as to be almost universal in America, and it especially obtains in the large cities. Looseness in enforcing the law was the foundation of Macaulay's prediction that when large cities grew up in America they would furnish the seed of the decay of the republic.—Kansas City Journal.

**Thirteen Hits Out of Thirteen Shots.**

Thirteen hits out of thirteen shots in one minute with a five-inch gun at a 17x21-foot target, 1,600 yards, or almost a mile, distant, is the marvelous record-breaking performance of one of the gunners on the battleship Kentucky in the practice maneuvers off Sandy Hook of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans' fleet.

That the wonderful shooting was not merely luck on the part of the gunner is shown by the fact that another gunner made thirteen hits out of fourteen shots. A trifle over four seconds for each shot was the time limit on all of the shooting.

To one not familiar with the difficulties of rapid firing with big rifles it is impossible to give an adequate idea of what this means, but even the layman can understand it from the utterance of "Fighting Bob" himself on Saturday. He said: "If we had been firing at an enemy there wouldn't have been any enemy left in a half-hour."

The performance has never been equalled in our own navy, and, so far as it is known, it is the best five-inch shooting ever accomplished in any navy in the world. The terrific execution of the Russians by the Japanese fleet was achieved through far less accurate work.

The shooting record was not the only thing demolished by the fleet, by any means.

The fleet accomplished something in wireless telegraphy that has greatly elated the admiral and demonstrated the great practical use to which it can be put in time of need. While the Maryland was off Cape Cod, Mass., and the main fleet was just passing out of Newport News, a distance of 500 miles, communication was opened up and eighty words of message were sent without the slightest break.

Admiral Evans then ordered the Maryland to give her latitude every hour to see how long the communication could be kept open. It was maintained until 225 miles was reached, and then the Sandy Hook station caused a break.

In speaking of the shooting done by his fleet, Admiral Evans admitted that he was very proud of it and said that if navy regulations did not make it impossible for him to speak freely he would tell something that would astonish the country. He said the shooting was done in a moderate sea and that if it had not been for several unaccountable things every one of the fifty-three shots fired would have taken effect.

"I have been forty-four years with the navy," he said, and during that time I have never been engaged in as successful a series of maneuvers as the one just finished. Even the tests of the new device for expelling smoke and gases from the big guns were eminently successful."

—Washington Post.

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**MORTGAGE SALE OF LAND.**

Pursuant to the provisions of a certain deed of trust executed on the 7th day of March, 1904, by Alexander Erwin and Minnie Erwin to E. R. Overman, trustee, registered in book 23, page 568, of Rowan county mortgages, and a certain other deed of trust extended on the 30th of March 1904 by Alexander Erwin and Minnie Erwin to E. R. Overman, trustee, and duly registered in the office of register of deeds in Rowan county in book No. 24, page 86, default having been made in the payment of the debt recorded therein, the undersigned will sell at public outcry at the court house door in Salisbury, on

**Monday, the 3rd day of July, 1905,** at 12 m., the following described real estate: Two certain lots about 1.1-2 miles North-East of Salisbury, lying on South-East side of N. C. R. R. and on South-East side of Long street and fronting on Long street on which are located a store house and dwelling house both now occupied by Alexander Erwin, said lots containing one and one-half acres more or less, and more fully described in book 23, page 568 and book 24, page 86 of Rowan county record of mortgages to which reference is hereby made.

Terms of sale cash. E. R. OVERMAN, Trustee. B. B. MILLER, Dated this the 29th day of May, 1905.

**COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE FARMING LAND.**

Pursuant to the provisions of a decree of the Superior court of Rowan county in special proceeding entitled W. M. Graham, admr., against F. J. Graham and others, the undersigned administrator and commissioner will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the court house door in Salisbury, N. C., on

**Monday, the 3rd day of July, 1905,** at 12 o'clock M., the following real estate: About 15 miles west of Salisbury, in Mt. Ulla township, beginning at a stake on Miller's line, corner of lot No. 2 in division of John Graham; thence West 14.85 chains to a stake, thence North 2de. West, 11 chains to a stake; thence West 14 chains to a Spanish Oak; thence North, 32de. West, 16.20 chains to a White Oak on bank of creek; thence North, 50de. East, 2.64 chains to an Ashe; thence North, 78de. East, 14.75 chains to a stone near the old fish dam thence North, 4 chains to a Beach; thence East, 25 chains to a Hickory; thence South, 3de. East, 19.75 chains to a stone; thence West 3.25 chains to a Black Oak; thence South, 6de. West, 17 chains to a Pine; thence South 4de. East, to the beginning, containing 100 acres, more or less, and known as the land of the late Eudora L. Graham. Terms of sale: Cash. Dated this 24th day of May, 1905.

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