Britain has adopted these ideas in new construction; that 75 per cent. of it is to be sheathed, and that all of the gunboats built since 1885 are of composite construction, enabling them to keep at sea for long periods without docking.

THE FIELD FAMILY

The Father Dying, the Daughter Sick, the Son a Lunatic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon Cyrus W. Field was still alive, but his physicians have given up all hope, and it is not believed that Field can last many hours. The condition of Field's daughter, Mrs. Lindley, has not improved, and her death is only a question of a few days at the most.

Men who have been in Wall street for years find a good deal of similarity between Mr. Field, in reorganizing securities on which a loss has been made, and that of John Bonner & Co., who failed about 1876 and went to Canada, and there was some speculation as to whether David A. Lindley, the board member of Field's firm, would suffer the same fate as Arthur Sewell, Lester Wallack's son-in-law, who was the board member of John Bonner & Co. When it was discovered that Bonner had loaned money on securities and then borrowed on them more than he had loaned and then had disappeared, the governors of the stock exchange

EXTENDED MR. SEWELL.

Every one believed that Mr. Sewell was entirely innocent of any knowledge of Mr. Bonner's proceedings, and he stoutly asserted that he was. He said that he owed everything he had in the world to Mr. Bonner, and that he had never thought of questioning his action or inspecting his books, although he was a patient. The governors of the Exchange, however, would not accept this explanation. They said that Mr. Sewell should have gone over the books anyway.

Secretary George W. Ely of the Stock Exchange, when asked whether any action would be taken in Mr. Lindley's case by the Exchange, said that nothing had yet been done. He could not predict what would happen in the future. It is probable, however, that the governors will not move until an investigation of Field's affairs has been completed.

ANSWERS GOOD

this afternoon said: "I believe that the only great sufferers are the members of the firm, who have been victimized by Mr. Field. I am particularly sorry for Winthrop, whom I consider as honest a young man as I ever met. The fact is he has been robbed. Edward M. Field is the most plausible person I ever met. Only two days before the assignment was made I talked with Field, and he rattled off a list of assets of the firm, showing that they were worth over $900,000. He is undoubtedly crazy."

Deputy sheriffs are watching the house of Cyrus Field, expecting that Edward Field of the defunct firm will be summoned to the bedside of his father, when they will place him under arrest. It is also stated that the deputies searched the house late tonight.

FIELD A DANGEROUS LUNATIC.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Edward M. Field, who has stripped his father of all his possessions, and upon whose life there is $600,000 insurance, attempted suicide this evening. He has been committed to an insane asylum as a dangerous lunatic.

A Condensed Milk Monopoly.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—An Elgin, Ill., special says that it is understood that arrangements are completed for the transfer to an English syndicate of the five milk condensing factories in Illinois and New York which have been owned by the Borden and Millbank families for over twenty-five years. The purchase price is not stated, but it is thought that it must be twelve or fifteen millions.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

London, Dec. 1.—Goschen, chancellor of the exchequer, disclosed his scheme for increasing the reserves to some leading bankers today.

It is reported that Goschen favors the issue of 15 notes to replace the light gold issue, to be based on a reserve, partly of gold and partly of consols. The rise in consols was due to rumors to the effect above mentioned.

London, Dec. 1.—A later dispatch from Blackburn states that the searching party have found five more bodies in the ruins. It is feared that other bodies are still beneath the wreckage. The man who had charge of the gasometer, the explosion of which caused the disaster, was arrested on the charge of having caused the death of those who lost their lives by the explosion. He was subsequently released on bail.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—The price of black bread has doubled within a week. It is reported that a reduction of the bread rations among the troops has caused intense discontent, bread being the chief article of diet among the soldiers.

De Giers, immediately on his return from his trip abroad, had an hour's conference with the German Ambassador.

New York, Dec. 1.—The *Herald's* Valparaiso dispatch says: I hear that the Supreme Court Judges have officially notified the government that the constitution does not countenance the prosecution of civil suits as contemplated against the Ministers of Balmaceda's cabinet and the members of his Congress.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The meeting of the presidents and vice-presidents of the Western railroads, called to formulate a scheme for doing away with the indiscriminate issue of free passes, was not very largely attended today. A committee was appointed to prepare a scheme and call another meeting. It is predicted tonight that the small attendance indicates that the movement will result in a fizzle, just as it did last year.

London, Dec. 1.—The final services over the remains of Lord Lytton were held today at the family mausoleum, Knebworth Park, Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Paris, Dec. 1.—The Willaert-Florin Textile Works at Roubaix are on fire. At this hour (midnight) the damage already amounts to 1,500,000 francs.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—It is officially denied that the Russian government has any intention to forbid the exportation of horses.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The commercial treaty between Germany and Belgium is concluded.

Work of California's Vigilance Committee.

The vigilance committee was a new departure in the jurisprudence of the world. It may be called a compromise between the regular course of law and the action of the people without regard to officers of the law. It was acting upon the future of a body, arresting them in their most secret hiding-places, hurrying them quietly and utilizing their powers in regular form, systematically, coolly and deliberately. It was a demonstration that had never before been made, and it was left to California to make it—while the law was lying dormant on the one hand, and lounging down and disgusted on the other, the people—the power of all government in one system—determined to execute in legal form what their servants had neglected or ignored. While they lived and spoke the law, respected, upheld and applauded its faithful servants, they condemned the faithless and scorned the false and faithless administration.

In 1851 it cleared the country of Sydney ex-convicts and all the worst elements of the criminal classes. In 1856 it saved San Francisco from the rule of a mob of political outcasts, but left politicians and a recent immigration of other criminals. In 1877, in the same place, the same people under different conditions, and yet in some regards similar, finding danger from much the same elements but on a more formidable scale, determined to act under the law. The state government was in better hands than in 1851 and 1856; the city government was in better hands; the country generally was in better condition.

The influence of the vigilance committee of 1856 had continued and prevailed all the time. The ethics of the state were of a higher order than at the earlier date. The early experiences were valuable to individuals as well as to the masses, and when called up for self government the people again demonstrated a capacity that has few parallels.—W. T. Coleman in Century.

The Way They Got Air.

Two women, each of whom rides the ventilation hobby with great zeal, found themselves spending the night in a small country hotel, put there by a failure to catch a connecting train. They had scarcely put the light out when it was realized that the window had not been opened, and one stood to attend to it. The room was very dark and the matches were not at hand, but after some groping she found the closed pane.

"I can't budge it," she said, tugging to do so.

"Do try," came from the bed; "we shall suffocate before morning."

The next instant there was a crash in the darkness. "I've put my arm through this wretched window," it was explained; "but, at least, we'll have air now." So they went comfortably to sleep. In the morning the window was found tightly closed, but the glass door of a big bookcase which stood in a corner was shattered. This only exemplifies the old law that "conceit is as good a medicine for fools as physic."—Hue Point of View in New York Times.

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is more especially that any other hereditary disease, and for this simple reason: Arising from impure and unwholesome blood, the disease locates itself in the tissues, which are composed of white tissues; there is a period of fatal life when the whole body consists of white tissue, and therefore the unborn child is especially susceptible to the disease common. But there is a potent remedy for scrofula, whether hereditary or acquired. It is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which expels every trace of the disease and gives to the blood the quality and color of health. Get Hood's Sarsaparilla, which we did. Two bottles cured him. He is now 10 years old and has not had any sign of scrofula since. We recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all our friends." MRS. E. C. COFFIN, 4 Elder St., Cleveland, O.

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