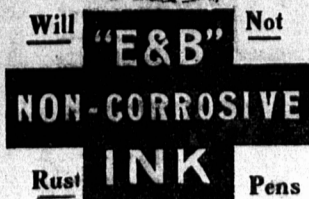


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PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13.—The speed, gun and torpedo trials of the practice of the cruiser Fohung of the Delaware capes, during the last few days, were very successful, according to a statement given out today by the New York Shipbuilding company, which recently completed the warship for the Chinese government.

The trials, according to the company, have proved the ship, which is fitted with all the latest devices and improvements, to be the speediest of her class afloat. Guaranteed by her builders to maintain a speed of twenty knots an hour, the Fohung attained a speed of 22 1/2 knots, 24-hour endurance trial at a speed of 18 knots was run to determine the fuel

consumption, and this test was also declared to be satisfactory. All the guns in the ship's armament were tested, being fired with full battle charges and Chinese officers, who were on the trial ship, expressed themselves as satisfied with the performance of the ship. The Fohung is a protected cruiser of about 2,600 tons displacement. She is 320 feet long. The propelling machinery consists of three steam turbines, which are supplied with steam by three water tube boilers, one of which is fitted for burning oil fuel. The armament of the Fohung consists of two six-inch, four four-inch, two

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AMHERST, N. S., Oct. 12.—The General Board of the Missions of the Methodist Church at its last session here today decided, amid great enthusiasm, to adopt as a financial objective one million dollars per annum for missions. From both China and Japan glowing reports were received of official recognition and public cordiality toward the missionaries and an unprecedented willingness to consider the claims of Christianity. The large total of \$665,000 was appropriated for these fields. Northwest missions, Indian work missions, among Orientals in British Columbia, and extension of work among European foreigners in Canada. To do this

work the churches employ over one hundred missionaries, besides missionary force of more than eight hundred. After careful study of its most pressing needs, the board unanimously decided to call upon Methodists in Canada for a great advance in response to the slogan: a million for missions, and a message for the mil-

lions. Members of the board and over two hundred delegates to a Maritime Missionary conference were splendidly entertained by Amherst Methodists free of cost. The Rev. J. H. Armp, B. A. who has for the past three years been secretary of the laymen's movement, was unanimously elected assistant secretary for foreign missions, succeeding the Rev. A. C. Farrell.

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ROTTERDAM, Oct. 13.—Captain Smeltnek, of the Russian-American liner Czar, one of the rescuing steamers, in a wireless despatch relates how the survivors were taken from the Volturo by means of life-boats. He gives the names of the rescued stowaway passengers now on the Czar, all of whom are Russians. Aboard the Czar also are Purser Browne, Surgeon Cauton, two firemen and a steward.

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