

Portsmouth Dock 19th April 1840

AS this reported has stated many times, with the advent of 'Napolium Smelting Machines', the most dangerous job in the Empire has been that of "Napolium Puddler". With on average one man dying in every works throughout the country every week, not to mention the number of men woman and children who are maimed in these hellish foundries, the industry can claim to be the nations biggest killer after the French. Recently though the incidents of fishing and trading boats not returning to harbour all around the Isles coast has increased dramatically. Lloyd's of London have reported over 150 ships lost at sea with over 400 souls on board in the last 2 weeks. This has lead to a large section of the Mediterranean fleet being recalled to British coastal waters. The Admiralty has once again reiterated that it is doing everything possible to confirm the rumours of a new French weapon operating within our waters and has further calls for British merchants to form convoys to the Spice Islands and New Colonies. Premiums however are fast rising beyond the point of affordability and such convoys will have to consist solely of such brave entrepreneurs willing to risk their all with no hope of recompense should their vessels be lost.

Houses of Parliment 17th April 1840

THE 'Wimblethorpe Act', proposed by Lord Wimblethorpe to the house merely last month, has passed through the commons with a record majority and surprising alacrity. The act will allow the British Expeditionary Force to recruit in all major towns throughout the Empire. Even though opposed by both leaders of His Majesties Army and Navy, as well as members of the House or Lords, the act has been passed into law and it will be interesting to see what effect this action will have on the military presence in the ongoing war across the channel.

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Calais 12th April 1840

Once again this week has seem fierce fighting between the forces of Napoleon and William. The French have pushed the Prussians well back to the plains of Central France with major advances in both the north and the south. In the wake of the complete collapse of the Prussian agreement with the Free Czech Tribes the Prussians find themselves fighting a war on two fronts, and the French have made massive gains, now holding over two thirds of the territory it held before the advent of the war. Meanwhile our forces are continuing to marshal around Portsmouth and Bristol ahead of a new offensive planned for somewhere on the continent.

CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS ARTICLES FOR HOSPITAL SERVICE.

Department of the Physician-General of the Navy, Somerset Place, April 10th, 1840.

THE Commissioners for executing the office of The Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland do hereby give notice, that on Wednesday the 14th May instant, at one oclock, they will be ready to treat with such persons as may be willing to contract for supplying and delivering, within four calendar months from the day of treaty, into the Medical Stores at Her Majesty's Victualling-yard at Deptford all or any of the following articles, viz.

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Sacking Bottoms, 300 number.
White Cotton Coverlits, 100 number.
Long Table Cloths, 200 number.
Short Table Cloths, 200 number.
Long Towels, 200 number.
Short Towels, 200 number.
Serge Trousers, 100 pairs.
Worsted Stockings, 500 pairs.
Flannel, 4000 yards.
Flannel Waistcoats, 700 number,
Flannel Gowns, 200 number.
Flannel Shirts, 200, number.
Flannel Drawers, 500 pairs.
Ticken Pillow Cases, 100 number.
Blue Cloth Waistcoats, 200 number.
Blue Cloth Trousers, 200 pairs.
Saucepans, Cast Iron, 2 quarts, 50 number.
Saucepans, Cast Iron, 3 pints, 100 number*
Saucepans, Cast Iron, 1 pint, 100 number.
Basins, Pewter, 50 number.
Cups, Pewter, 50 number.

Samples of the articles and the conditions of the contracts may be seen at the said Office. No tender will be received after one oclock on the day of treaty, nor any noticed -unless the party attends, or an agent for him duty authorised in writing. Every tender must be addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty, and bear in the. Left hand corner the words, " Tender for":