

FIFTEEN INCH GUNS FOR NEW BATTLESHIPS

Greater Dreadnoughts of War-spite Class to be Armed With Monster Cannon—Increased Size of Smaller Weapons.

The statement contained in a telegram from the New York Herald's Berlin correspondent that the German navy has adopted a 15 inch gun has not escaped attention here, but for some time past it has been generally understood that they would take such a step. It follows naturally on the introduction of the 13.5 inch gun, firing a 1500 pound projectile, into the British Dreadnoughts of the Orion class, four of which are now in commission and of the improved 13.5 inch gun, firing a 1400 pound projectile, into the Kins George V. class, two of which are completed and four more in the water.

What is perhaps not so generally known is that the new British Dreadnoughts of the Warspite class, four of which are now under construction, are to be armed with a 15 inch gun. Statements in the English papers have even credited these vessels with a 16 inch gun, but while such a weapon has been designed and may have been tested experimentally, there is no confirmation of the report that it is to be mounted in a battleship. The 15 inch gun satisfies the naval authorities at present.

Official particulars of the new 15 inch gun have, of course, not been disclosed, but it is presumed to be similar to if not identical with the weapon of this calibre of which details were published in the Ordnance Gazette of the Victoria firm last year. If so, it is a 45 calibre gun, with a length of 69.5 feet and a weight of 96 tons, very nearly double the weight of the early 12 inch guns. The projectile weighs 1500 pounds and is calculated to perforate 25 inches of hard steel plate at a range of 3000 yards. The rate of fire with the 15 inch gun is, of course, less than with smaller weapons, and while it can set off an average of 1.2 rounds a minute the improved 12 inch gun, firing 1.5 rounds the ordinary 14 inch, 1.5 rounds and the latest 12 inch gun 2 rounds in the same time. The point of chief interest, perhaps, is the muzzle velocity, which amounts to technical language of 1700 feet tons, as compared with 1200 feet tons of the latest 12 inch gun.

It is not, then, of these 15 inch guns will form the main armament of the Warspite and her sisters, which is typical of the general trend of naval mounting for the future. It is of increased calibre. Objections have been raised to this practice, however, on the ground of the concentration of risk, as each turret represents a relatively larger proportion of the ship's gun power than in the vessels of smaller calibre. Comparisons between the Warspite class and the Rio de Janeiro, launched at Elswick for the Brazilian navy this week, are interesting in this connection. Guns of the latter carry fourteen, guns of the Warspite only twelve. The Warspite has a more numerous battery of small guns, comparable to the Rio de Janeiro, but the latter has no fewer than seven big gun turrets and all are on the centre line of the vessel, in the Rio de Janeiro, however, while the risk is not so concentrated, difficulties must have presented themselves in the arrangement of the guns in one turret should not until the are of fire of the guns in other turrets, or of the secondary guns if these are reckoned as available for fleet actions.

In addition to 15-inch guns in the main battery, the Warspite class will have, it is understood, 6-inch guns for defence against torpedo attack. The remarks by the Herald's Berlin correspondent on this point referred to, of course, to the earlier British dreadnoughts, as this is the second group to be supplied with 6-inch instead of 4-inch guns for this purpose.

STONES AT PHILIPPI TWELVE FEET LONG

Ruins Give the Traveller Some Idea of What City Must Have Been in the Time of Paul.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 14.—So long has Philippi been used as a quarry by the villagers and the tombstone makers in all that region that little is left to mark the site of the once famous Roman colony, says a writer in the Christian Herald. The one exception to this statement, is a striking ruin, supposed to be the palace of the governor of Philippi, near which it is thought by some, was the prison of St. Paul. All this, however, is mere conjecture. Yet this must have been some building of marked importance, as is shown by the enormous stones used in its construction—so huge that persons who have carried off the rest of the thought of their removal. Some of these stones that I measured were 12 feet in length and 4 feet thick. Here, too, are several great springing arches with fine ornamentation visible in many places. This one ruin gives the traveller some faint idea of what the city of Philippi must have been in Paul's time. It was the most important city of the province, as the Bible tells us. After the great battle to which we have alluded Octavius made it a Roman colony, and many of his veterans were established there.

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ATLANTIC AIR TRIP VETOED

Not Likely That a Transatlantic Journey Will Be Made This Year—Would be Unsuccessful.

New York, Feb. 14.—It seems quite safe to predict that the Atlantic Ocean will not be crossed this year by an airship of any description. The one unsuccessful and the one tragic attempt which have been made establish a degree of peril and insufficiency of construction which certainly will prevent another effort in the present state of the art. That the feat will never be accomplished is unlikely, though science and mechanics must serve apprenticeship for some time yet. Claud Grahame-White holds out hopes that he will be able to make the crossing in 1915, but frankly admits the crossing is not to be considered with apparatus and engines of present development. In his opinion, what is required is four engines of 250 horse power each, which should enable the crossing to be made in thirty hours—an average speed of 100 miles per hour. He hopes to visit the Panama Exposition at San Francisco, flying via New York and Panama, inasmuch as he is numbered among the most progressive in execution and is one of the conservatives in promises, his prediction is full of encouragement.

In this connection it is not inappropriate to refer to the perplexity which prevailed in England regarding a mysterious air craft which was reported hovering over several towns. The military department denied all responsibility for the weird visitor. The anxiety in army circles as to whence it came extended to Parliament. It was determined that France could be counted out, leaving the only other alternative a German airship. As the distance from the supposed starting point to Sheerness, England, one of the reporting stations, and back to Berlin is 1,348 miles, it is conceivable that one of the big German airships actually made the voyage, which might easily have been accomplished in thirty hours.

Heir is Missing.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 14.—James T. Bastin, of Watertown, is making inquiries as to the whereabouts of Archibald, sometimes called Hugh Watson, who is heir to a fortune of \$1,000,000, at present lying in the bank of Cuba. Watson was formerly a native of St. John, N.B., and if living, is an octogenarian.

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A BIG NAVAL PROGRAMME FOR ENGLAND

Twenty-two Modern Battleships and Cruisers Now Building Besides Contributions from Colonies.

London, Feb. 14.—Great Britain's constant effort to maintain her supremacy at sea is evidenced by the fact that twenty-one battle ships and battle cruisers for her navy, all of the most modern design, will be under construction in British shipyards during the present year. Furthermore, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Churchill, has promised to ask Parliament for money for five more large war ships, and it is possible that this number will be increased to six on account of the situation in the Mediterranean and the action of Austria-Hungary and Italy in increasing their naval programmes.

Then there are the three battle ships which Mr. Borden, Premier of Canada, has asked the Dominion Parliament to present to the mother country, and the vessel for which the Federated Malay States have voted the money and which, like those from Canada, will be a modern battle ship. British shipyards are also building six more large modern war ships for foreign governments. The total new construction under way amounts to 60,000 tons, and the cost will run very near \$400,000,000.

To complete these warships with the necessary speed will require very careful organization. Already recent British programmes are in arrears, and there are likely to be some delays with this record in war ship construction. Herebefore the Admiralty has calculated on two years for the completion of a battle ship, but it is probable that it will now have to revise this estimate.

The great difficulty that confronts both the dockyards and shipbuilders companies is the insufficiency of skilled labor. The dockyards are working day and night shifts and overtime and they have recruited about all the available men, special inducements having had no effect. The shipyards are in the same fix. There is quite a population of shipbuilders on the lower Thames, where the trade once flourished, but they are strangely averse to leaving the vicinity of London and, while employment is plentiful elsewhere, they seek work of any kind near their homes.

HIS CANE AND BELT WORTH THOUSANDS

Planter Carries a Stick That is Ornamented with Double Eagles and Fob of \$10 Pieces.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 14.—Most of us prefer to place our valuables in the bank, but here's a man, says the Atlanta Constitution, who has such confidence in human nature, or such reliance in his pugilistic ability, that he walks about the streets carrying with him \$4,000 in his hands.

He is Benjamin Deasely Hardin, sixty-two years old, robust and hearty, of Washington, Wilkes county, Ga., where he owns 1,000 fertile acres that produce as much cotton as any other spot in the State. There they call him the king of cotton. In Atlanta and in all other big cities they call him the king of good fellows.

"King Ben," as he is familiarly known, carries with him everywhere he goes, a heavy walking cane, decorated with enough wealth to buy and furnish a house and lot and maintain a good sized family. From tip to handle the cane is embedded with 250 gold pieces and gold coins of smaller denominations. Four diamonds adorn the handle. In all the ornaments are valued at more than \$4,000.

He carries this cane as jauntily and ostentatiously as a \$15 a week silk counter clerk swings his rattan on an off day. Once he took it with him to New York and caused such a sensation in Broadway that the police had to furnish him an escort. Nobody has ever tried to rob him, though, because "King Ben" stands six feet and several odd inches in his stocking feet, tips the scales at more than two hundred pounds and is just as able-bodied as he looks.

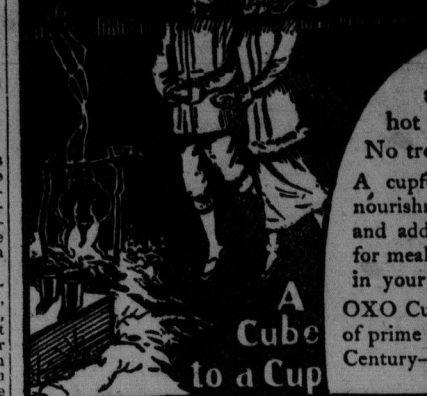
Then he wears a belt made of leather and ivory and ornamented with twenty dollar gold pieces, all of which total \$1,000 or more. His watch fob is made of ten dollar gold pieces and is worth \$300. He fears no man, he declares, and does not take trouble to leave the cane with the night clerk when he retires to his room of nights. He just puts the stick in a corner, throws the belt across the handle and turns in.



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From the New

St. John

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He that believed condemned, but he on Him is con cause he hath no name of the only b And this is the light is come men loved darkness because their deed For every one the light, neither test his deeds shon And he that do the light, that his manifest, that the God.

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In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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