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Dreadnought Outclassed

German naval designers are at work on a small type of battleship which is expected to put the great Dreadnoughts to the obsolete class. The new vessels will be lightly armed and very speedy. Their length will be 280 feet, breadth 46 feet and draught 19.25 feet. The hull will extend 39 inches above the water line.

The armament will consist of two 16.5 inch guns, capable of throwing a projectile of 5,940 pounds from one great turret amidship. Four explosive gas motors, each of 6,000 horse-power, will give the vessels a normal speed of 19 knots an hour, and under forced pressure 27 knots. Extraordinary heavy armor plate will be placed on the decks, turrets and sides of the new vessels.

Speaking theoretically, the designers claim that it would require a three-ton projectile to tear up any Dreadnought, while the low freeboard and heavy armor of the new vessels would make their damage by 12-inch guns most difficult.

The cost of the new type ships will be considerably less than that of battleships. The vessels are spoken of in the Navy Department as cruiser destroyers. British naval designers are said to be working along the same lines as the Germans. The fear of dynamite throwing airships or aeroplanes is said to be eliminated in the new type, which is calculated to be bombproof.

Travel With Desks

A school of an entirely novel type has recently been started in Rome, says a writer in The Wide World Magazine, and has already given very good results. This "open air" academy differs from the German open air schools, inasmuch as it is essentially travelling, whereas the school at Charlottenburg, for instance, is composed of a number of pavilions.

The composed school and desk carried by the pupil only weighs ten pounds, and therefore no fatigue is caused through carrying this on the back. The pupils, together with their master, wander from one part of the outlying country districts of Rome to another.

The desk is placed on the ground, the backboard is fixed up, and the lesson begins. It is very practical, and the pupils are able to do their work in any place, as they carry with them all that is required. It is held in Rome that this form of instruction will do much towards doing away with the large number of illiterate persons in the vicinity.

Why Ten Commandments

Are to be Shortened

(From the Hartford Times.)

A recent news despatch as to what is described as an abridgement of the Ten Commandments, or in some of the headlines as editing the Ten Commandments, has evidently worried some excellent people.

It seems nothing short of blasphemy to those who still believe that God wrote the commandments with His finger on tablets of stone.

It is also true that any alteration of

the familiar form must be disagreeable to many who can see no serious harm in changing the phraseology of a translation in any other case, especially if the translation is not from the original document.

For these reasons it seems worth while to explain that what has been proposed by the convocation of Canterbury, an entrusted to the Dean of Westminster for formulation, is not even a novelty, and in itself of no more importance than the fact that churches differ about the division of the commandments.

Here a quotation from the article of the Decalogue contributed by the Wilhelm Lutz, professor of old Testament exegesis at the University of Erlangen, to the Schaff-Hertzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge may be of interest:

About the division of the decalogue churches differ; the Jews count Exodus 20: 2, as the first commandments, 3-6 as the second and (verse) 17 is consequently the tenth; the Greek and Reformed churches make 3 the first, 4-6 the second and 17 the tenth; the Roman and Lutheran churches see in 3-6 one commandment and in 17 two commandments. The oldest witness favors the second view, held by Josephus and Philo, and this is undoubtedly the correct one; there is no reason for seeing in 17 two commandments, moreover the text forbids division verse 2 though a highly important statement, is not a commandment, and 4-5 may well on internal grounds be taken as independent of verse 3. The decalogue is divided in Exodus generally, into nine, and in Deuteronomy always into 10 sections.

More interesting than this and more directly related to the present subject is the following passage:

The difference in the length of the commandments is remarkable; and since this seems due to the addition of explanations, threats or promises, the conviction is forced that originally the decalogue contained 10 short sentences, about as follows: (1) Thou shalt have no other gods besides me. (2) Thou shalt not take unto me any image. (3) Thou shalt not take the name of Yahweh the God in vain. (4) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. (5) Honor thy father and thy mother. (6) Thou shalt not kill. (7) Thou shalt not commit adultery. (8) Thou shalt not steal. (9) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. (10) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

It is probable that the form of the commandments was unknown to the people, but as far as the Westminster undertaking is concerned it is nothing more than an attempt to do precisely what is suggested in this passage as quoted.

A Tennis Trick.

Doctor Eaves, the famous lawn tennis player, tells a delightful story of his visit to South Africa.

A wealthy mine owner backed a man who could not play very well against a man who was in the first flight of tournament players. Just before the match he went to the cubicle where his man was dressing, carrying with him a multi-colored suit of flannels, shoes, and a cap, to which tinkling bells were attached. "Back up," said his patron, "your going to win hands down! Your opponent has Spanish blood in his veins, and when he sees you coming on to the court with these things on he won't be able to hit a ball over the net. In vain the duffer protested; he was obliged to dress up like a circus clown. But the contest was never finished. There was such a halloo when the man appeared that the match was declared after the first game.

The Oldest Coin.

What is regarded as the most ancient coin in the world is one that was discovered a few years ago by a German archaeologist during his exploration in north Syria. It is a coin of pure silver, bearing a perfect Assyrian inscription of Panamu Benab, King of Schamol, who reigned 800 B. C. Up to the time this coin was found the Lydians had always been regarded as the inventors of money but this new find showed that the Semite Assyrians, who lived two centuries before Lydians, are oldest known coiners of money.



The stomach is a larger factor in "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" than most people are aware. Patriotism can wither under hunger but not dyspepsia. The confirmed dyspeptic is fit for treason, stratagems and spoils. The man who goes to the front for his country with a weak stomach will be a weak soldier and a fault finder.

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A Pillular Coffin

Perhaps the most singular coffin in which a human being was ever buried is the one of which the following story is told—A workman engaged in casting metal for the manufacture of ordnance in the Woolwich Arsenal, in England, lost his balance, and fell into a cauldron containing twelve tons of molten steel. The metal was at white heat, and the man was utterly consumed in less time than it takes to tell it. The War Office authorities held a conference, and decided not to profane the dead by using the metal in the manufacture of ordnance and the mass of metal was actually buried, and a Church of England clergyman read the sermon for the dead over it.

A Big Hat Nuisance

Mr. Editor: I noticed in the Telegraph that they are about to pass an act not to allow ladies hat pins to project more than a half inch. I do not see why this is of any great importance, but I think it would be a benefit to the ladies and to the public if they would make their bonnets about half the size they do. The stock would not cost as much and they would be less expensive for making. I have sat in a congregation where the light would be so obstructed by those big bonnets that if the services were in the day time you would think there was a total eclipse on the sun. I think pride is the curse of the world. There is no restriction on pride as there is on liquor; it goes in the church, in the choir, in the pulpit and in the grave.—Exchange.

A FIGURE OF SPEECH.



Mr. Monk (who has lost his balance)—Do you know, I begin to feel awfully down in the mouth.—Ally Sloper.

Undecided.

Ter. marry Dinah now or Chloe. Ah don't decided quite. Ah don't think Chloe would evah bow Me up, but Dinah might.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Language.

Church—I understand your brother speaks six languages? Goodness—That is correct. "Which language does he use when with his wife?" "Oh he doesn't have a chance to use any of them then!"—Yonkers State-man.

A Correction.

"Ethelinda's sister represents one of the best families in Europe," said Mrs. Cornuz. "No, he doesn't," answered her husband. "I've heard about that family and it's a pretty good one. He misrepresents it!"—Washington Star.

Do you believe that marriage is a lottery?

"Yes," he replied, "and I also believe that every woman is anxious to take one or more chances."—Chicago.

Indiscriminate.

We cheer the ship-ear with a will who strikes with a ship-ear. The pugilist with brutal skill—We cheer the ship-ear will.—Washington Star.

Sudden Talk.

"Mrs. Brown," she heard her young daughter, who was entertaining the old lady, who as she heard her father say, "how did your father get so run-pied?"—N. O. Post.

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