

CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN BATTLESHIPS

Designs of Recent Battleships and Cruisers --Interesting Illustrations from Ship Building in Boston Harbor.

It is an old complaint against American naval architecture that they are overladen with guns and heavier guns than they ought to carry. This was the criticism launched by British officers against the wooden frigate Constitution in the years before the war of 1812.

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Since the battle of Santiago a wonderful advance has been wrought in the power of the American naval guns. The 12-inch 45-ton rifle, for instance, five years ago this weapon, with the powder train in use, sent its projectile rushing out of the gun muzzle at a velocity equal to 2100 feet a second, and with a muzzle energy of 46,000 foot-pounds.

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cal tests of great severity. Indeed, so important is this inspection regarded that the navy department issues a book of general instructions for the construction of guns and other articles. These instructions cover over 20 printed pages. The object must be marked with four separate stamps—first the stamp of the inspector, second the stamp of the manufacturer, third the identification number, and fourth the regulation government stamp; and no material is allowed to go into a navy ship unless it bears all these four. Even after the steel has been inspected and approved, it may be rejected at the building or the navy yards. Standard medium steel must have a tensile strength of at least 60,000 pounds and hard steel of 75,000 pounds, and a piece of steel eight inches long must stand an elongation of 25 per cent. at rupture. Steel rods from which rivets are made must be capable of bending over flat on themselves without showing any cracks or flaws on the outer surface. Castings for steam, stern, turret tracks and so on weighing more than 1,000 pounds must be raised to a height of at least 10 feet and be allowed to fall freely upon a concrete or macadamized road surface; while castings weighing less than 1,000 and more than 500 pounds must be let fall from a height of not less than 12 feet. After the material has passed this rough-and-ready test, it is suspended in chains "and hammered all over with a heavy sledge-hammer," and almost ironically: "No cracks, flaws, defects or weakness must appear after such a treatment."

Every lot of steel which is being worked at Fore River into the Rhode Island and New Jersey guns are given a thorough-going navy department test. It is in spite of these precautions, however, that did somewhere along the line when high-powered rifles are fired at an unaccountable elevation, it would be surprising to find that the development of a locomotive.

There are ingenious devices to "take up" the enormous recoil of one of these high-powered rifles. But even then the shock transmitted to the deck on which the great gun stands is a severe one. Something more is required to meet this shock, and the massiveness of construction. The materials that are to be worked into these battleships must be of the highest quality, and the government insists upon precautions that seem almost extravagant. Special inspectors are stationed at the mill where the steel plates, beams and so on are produced, and all this steel is subjected to both chemical and mechanical tests.

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After Many Days. Wreckage Coming Ashore From Vessel Foundered Last Fall. Kingston, June 1.—Correspondent at Michoud, N. B., reports that wreckage from the ill-fated "Bannockburn," which foundered in Lake Superior last fall, is coming ashore at Gourley's Bay.

Another Idiot. Mariner Starts Across Atlantic in an Eleven-Foot Boat. Halifax, June 1.—Capt. E. T. Waive, a native of the United States, started from Sydney today to cross the Atlantic in a boat 11 feet nine inches being the smallest boat ever used for an undertaking of this kind.

Pioneer Lumberman Dead. Alexander Fraser, Full of Years and Much Money Passes Away. Ottawa, June 1.—Alexander Fraser, the millionaire lumberman, died at 12:15 this afternoon after months of illness, aged 74. He was the pioneer Ottawa lumberman, and his wealth was variously estimated at from six to ten million dollars.

Ootton Mills Resume. Four Thousand Operators Return to Work in Lowell. Lowell, Mass., June 1.—The gates of the Massachusetts, Merimac, Boole, Tremont and Suffolk, Hamilton and Appleton cotton mills, which have been closed for nine weeks by reason of labor troubles, were re-opened today. The Lawrence mills, which were partially closed, also resumed work. About 4,000 operators reported out of about 18,000 who had been idle.

Hon. Mr. Stratton Is to Resign. Will Ask a Verdict From His Own Constituents in Any Event. Judge Armour and Principal Knox Are Both Very Seriously Ill.

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Moving Eastward. President Roosevelt Reaches Grand Island, Nebraska. Grand Island, Neb., June 2.—President Roosevelt's train reached Grand Island at 11 o'clock last night. A large crowd was at the station to greet the President, but the company will be at least ten days from North Platte.

Mr. Borden Will Ask For Adequate Protection For Iron Industry. Ottawa, June 1.—By a vote of 14 to 6 the council rejected the motion to return Carnegie's \$100,000. Mr. Borden gives notice declaring in favor of adequate protection for the iron and steel industries.

Wants More Coal. Reading Miners Who Cannot Make Good to Be Discharged. Philadelphia, June 2.—President Boer, of the Reading company, has issued orders that miners who are not out enough coal to keep the breaker in operation nine hours a day are to be discharged. He says if the present system is kept up, the company will be at least 1,500,000 tons behind its output at the end of the year beginning with April.

Colonel Herbert's Praise of Canada. Term as Commanding Officer Were the Happiest of His Life. Toronto, June 2.—The News' London special says: Colonel Ivor Herbert was interviewed today. He is now the Liberal candidate for Monmouth. He was formerly the commanding officer of the 1st Battalion of the Buffs. He expressed his view that Col. Kitson's criticism of Canada's defenses were unjustified. He considered that the Buffs were being unfairly protected. He is delighted with the increase in the mounted troops of the British Empire. He says he has been continuously advocated during his term in command, but in vain. "However," he declares, "that has been the severest lesson of the late war learned."

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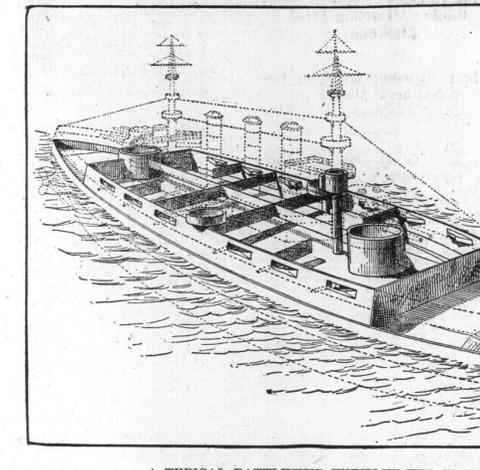
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Drawings of the Rhode Island Showing the Turtleneck Protective Deck which Serves as a Foundation for the Guns and Armor.

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Once upon a Time there was a Tapico. Relative had died and left him a large bale of the Carnegie Library Company. As soon as it was noticed around the Mark was actually carrying Money in his Clothes every Short-Cut Man in the Business began to break through the Crowd, saying, "I saw him first."

In the Twinkling of an Eye the Legations were transferred from an ordinary floor to the top of the building. The Syndicate had acquired all the Claims on the East Slope of the Bullion Range and were within 30 feet of the wall. The Mark was turning out \$8,000 a Minute. Already three Shafts and the Original Capital had been sunk and the Mark was being pelted with bouquets.

Those who doctored up the Bricks for him did not take the trouble to put any Gold-Plating on the Outside. He nailed his Currency and then promised to give the Goods by Messenger Boy, so as to save him trouble.

He learned that a great many Exclusive Organizations wanted to take in a few more members as an Evidence of Good Faith. The Mark read somewhere that any one who comes into the world is considered a True Sport until he takes a Flyer at the Mining Game. He bought a few Bundles of Stock, and the Mark should give a further paper on the methods of game fishing, and something of his experience as an old expert angler in British Columbia waters.

In the meantime he is working at his other Trade of Prominent Clubman, Social Leader and Art Critic. MORALE.—Wealth brings Happiness only when expended for Fuel to feed the Spiritual Existence.

Take a man who never has studied any Volume except the Winter Book and tell him that he is a Bibliophile and he will swell a few inches, whether he knows the Meaning of the Word or not. In a short time the Prominent Citizen had a Library that was greatly admired by all who visited his Apartments and the Books were in first-class Condition. He never took any of them down, for fear that he could not put them back in the Right Place.

After about three Months he became an Art Critic and sure-enough Connoisseur. He knew it because a great many Dealers took him into the Back Room and told him so. Then they would throw the Light on a Creation that had been in the Salon or else tenderly remove the Cotton Battering from a Bronze that could not be broken with a Maul. He would try to convince himself that there was a certain difference between these Masterpieces and the junk that he saw in the Bout Stores. He had to see the Difference or else he could not have got away with the Connoisseur Hint.

So he became a well-known Collector. Many friends told him he had acquired

Meeting of Liberal Executive at Terminal City Postponed For Present. Vancouver, June 2.—The meeting of the Liberal Executive, to consider the calling of another convention, was postponed today owing to members being delayed by late train.

Sir Hibbert Tupper Intimates Intention to Get into Local Politics. From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, June 2.—The meeting of the Liberal Executive, to consider the calling of another convention, was postponed today owing to members being delayed by late train.

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IMMIGRANTS AT WINNIPEG. Two Thousand in One Party Arrived Yesterday for Western Points. A report on the arrival of immigrants at Winnipeg and the impact on the local population.

TEXTILE WORKERS ARE ON STRIKE. Ninety Thousand Operatives Affected by Move in Philadelphia. News about the textile workers' strike in Philadelphia and the impact on the industry.

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