When resources were available, it was certain that an effort would be made. A considerable Navy of the pre-Dreadnought types had been built and Germany was reassured. Suddenly it was proclaimed from the British Admirality that every ship before the Dreadnought was obselete. At a stroke the whole Navy of Germany was ruled out. It was necessary to begin again. It can hardly be said that the strength, as proposed in the Navy Law, is in excess of the requirements of a first class power.

