

Sinking of Warships Proves Building Aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a six or seven year period ahead before the United States may lay down its first replacement battleship under the Washington naval treaty, navy experts will have ample time to make the utmost use of data obtained from experiments on the hull of what was to have been the superdreadnought Washington and on other completed vessels in preparing designs for new ships. They are expected to achieve a decided advance in warship construction as a result of their prolonged studies.

The Washington experiments details of which are regarded as among the most confidential matters in the custody of the navy department afforded an opportunity to obtain information of an unusual character. The four ships of this class, three of which were completed and are now with the fleet, represent the most powerful defensive and offensive development in battleship building the world knew until the two new British superdreadnoughts are launched and commissioned. The only vessels approaching the Maryland, West Virginia and Colorado now afloat is the Japanese 16-inch gunned post-Jordan battleship Mikasa.

Designs for this class of ships were prepared in the navy department while the European war was in progress. But before the United States entered the conflict, the submarine menace had almost reached its climax in threatening allied defeat before the plans were completed, and there were many things in the hull construction of ships which grew out of war experience of the allies as observed by American experts. These have to do for the most part with better protection against torpedoes and mines and the experiments with the Washington hull afforded the only chance naval engineers of any nation have had to test the methods of protection adopted on a scale that would furnish reliable data.

The designs of the ships were based in part upon extensive experiments of a similar nature with

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ingham this year, and each of the princess had paid a visit to his grandmother. Recently before the London they were taken to see their great grandmother, and at the same time were officially introduced to their great grand-aunts, the Dowager Empress of Russia, the Dowager Queen Olga of Greece, and their aunt, Princess Victoria, who is her mother's constant companion.

Queen Alexandra, who is eighty years old, still takes a daily walk through her gardens to visit her kennels, for she is an ardent lover of dogs and has no less than 15 pets. Reading the newspapers is also another daily task of the aged queen and she usually supplements it by writing a few letters, generally on public matters, for she has never ceased to take an interest in the welfare of the hospitals and children's homes, which she has fostered since she came to England 61 years ago.

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