CLEARING A UNITED STATES MAN-O'-WAR FOR ACTION.

 a harbor on a mission of peace, kays sildes of the bridge and everything that the ship or are known, stand ready to ther comrades as they ar
 below, the canvas axwlugss, the colls
of hawser,
 below deck, to the designgated place taken
each. Thlts actlon 1 s neceesun
that the to work, men man have plenty of room
tid also


 Which sends the vessel to the poowder board runs to hts peast Trery mano on
handle the halyards, the canven look to the coverings and others to the
boats. boats. If a ship ts at anchor the boats
are dropped over the site after thetr
plugs are drawn, ns $t$ Is the plugs are drawn, as tt ts then posssble
to ralse them after the fight. If at sea themselves. This ts done for the rea-
 ought down on stretchers, torn and
nangled by hhells and fyltig fron.
There, below the deeks,
 mpertence the the clvil war tanght the
men that the wounds made by these
polinters were not ouly as dangerous splitnters were not ouly as dangerous
as those made by bullets, but far more
pataful.
 "Flve thoussan foru hutdrear: meter
five thousand two hundred meters;
 The rest seems buried ins the great
sllemce as there is a puff of white gmoke
trom sinence as there is a pufy of white emoke
from the eide of one of the grean erafts
that seem so far ava, that seem so far away, there is a
sound, Ilke the rush of a great train.
the that turns Instantly Into a roar, a h
ing gound as a great ball of fire dron
mato into the water a few hundred yard
away with arcet splash and a muffled
explosion below the eurrace that exploston below the surface that sends
the sea pjoutng up like a fantastic
fountat
Yountain. The battle has begun! The stenay plomb, plomib of heary guns, the ehharp,
rapli, cracking shotst of the qutck fire
guns as they blaze out guns as they blaze out a stream or
death, the patter of fron balls against
the steel plates of the
 of ofticres, the rumble of trucks loaded
with profectles over the delk, the
smoke and dust and nolse, aye, and the smoke and dust and nolse, aye, and the
ery of commales ant shey fall, torn and
bleedng such ts war!
after the fist After the first shot the Intensity of mangled forms on deck sis blotted of the
by
 that they not the thergagement theding wounds
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While there have been but few bat. des since the fatroduction of the tron-
clad enough ts known that the strafn
on the men is something


$\begin{aligned} & \text { selous ns the englneers and firemen } \\ & \text { of the trend of the battle, must the sur- }\end{aligned}$ sionter plates, the tremendons concus
srom the heary guns cause hem-


 If the ship ts struck they go down only
wtht the consclousnoss of duty well
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Ter thinltes of naval warfare un- condtitons are a matter of performed. Too often their bryvery
la lost sight of in the mose pretentous
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to miscarry, the captans bridge with, glass inp handind and wand the
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