

KILLING RACE FOR POWER AT SEA

Nations Never Built Navies
So Busily as Now—Anglo-German Rivalry Has Some
Funny Features—France
in Second Place.

Are Americans becoming a people with weak eyes, or is the increasing use of spectacles due to the exercise of more intelligence regarding eyes already weak? Opticians have the answer ready. Mr. Haskin in a timely article tomorrow will present startling figures showing results of eye tests in schools. He will go into the history of optical instrument development, and will tell of the growth of the business of the optician.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.
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Washington, June 23.—The battleship fleet has sailed for the southern drill grounds at the entrance to the Chesapeake to begin the regular summer maneuvers and target practice, which will be completed off the New England coast. The vessels have been thoroughly overhauled since they completed the world gridding tour last February, and are believed to be in the pink of condition. No man has ever charged, even in the days when our navy consisted of obsolete wooden ships, some of them unseaworthy, that the personnel, including enlisted men as well as officers, were anything other than fit and ready for any service which might be demanded.

The American navy was more generally discussed throughout the world last year than all the navies of all the other powers. This was due to the race which the great fleet made around the globe, sailing in many strange seas and calling at ports of so many different nations. Naturally enough, there has not been so much naval talk this year, so far as our navy is concerned. Events in another quarter have transferred interest from the American to the navies of Great Britain and Germany. These two powers appear to be engaged in a shipbuilding race which is unique in the history of nations, and which, according to several authorities, must terminate in war or bankruptcy.

All Done in Twenty-five Years.
It is difficult to realize that less than 25 years ago the United States did not have a single armored fighting ship, and that now we are prepared to enforce the most recent interpretation of the Monroe doctrine in any part of the world with a navy second in power only to that of Great Britain itself.

The navy of every other nation has been of a fixed purpose and the carrying out of a long defined policy. But this country has suddenly in the past few years found itself in a position of a fixed purpose and the carrying out of a long defined policy. But this country has suddenly in the past few years found itself in a position of a fixed purpose and the carrying out of a long defined policy.

The beginning of the new navy was the passage of the naval appropriation bill of 1883, authorizing the construction of three steel cruisers and one dispatch boat, at a total cost of \$1,300,000. Such a sum would not start a contractor to work on one of the battleships of the navy of today. There was not an armor plate factory in the United States, nor a plant at which could be turned out a gun of greater than six inch caliber. There was not a torpedo nor machine gun plant in the country. But armor plate factories sprang up and the government established the great gun factory at Washington in 1887. The increase in our naval strength from that year was rapid, and when the Spanish war broke out in 1898 it not only found the American navy in a perfect state of preparedness, but strong enough to annihilate the navy of Spain in a campaign of 110 days.

Enormous Cost of Maintenance.
But the initial cost of a navy is insignificant as compared with the enormous outlay involved in maintaining it. For instance, during the fiscal year 1908 the cost of maintaining the battleship fleet was \$27,151,777, which sum included \$721,033.07 for cost of commission, which also represented pay of officers and \$14,482.70 for repairs to hull, machinery and equipment. To this cost of maintenance of vessels must be added the cost of maintenance of the fleet.

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Lowest Valley in Southern Oregon

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

Lakeview, Or., June 18.—I left Plush yesterday morning a little before 6 and drove from the Scammon hotel, or the old town, down to the new town, but I did not stop but a few minutes. Then I started on my journey of 45 miles to this place. But I think I overlooked one or two facts in my letter from Plush. I forgot to mention that the Warner valley is the lowest of any of the valleys of the southern Oregon country, being about 2700 feet. And the climate there is very fine. Snow seldom falls to a depth of four or five inches, and has never been known to lie on the ground for 24 hours. There are already a good many fruit trees in the valley and being planted each year, and it promises to be a fairly good fruit section, even peaches doing very well. As to roses, which I think Mrs. Scammon can show profusion that would make a Rose City expert look sad. And she has one which is a great curiosity—a Marchal directly out of the trunk of a cottonwood tree. Not through a knot hole, or even a decayed portion, but right out of the solid wood. It appears some six or eight inches above the ground. The bush originally sprang up close to the trunk between the roots. It gradually closed in around the bush, and it has flourished and bloomed there for the past three years.

Stone Land, But Fertile.
The road from the valley winds up to the west, bearing a little south, and for hours I climbed up a vast plateau. It was rather stony section, but the rising land. Finally I got up among the junipers, and ahead I could see the pine and fir trees, and among them the snow. A patch reached the forest and was up almost to the snow line. Then I struck the headwaters of a small stream, which I wound down for many miles.

Along in the middle of the forenoon I had come in sight of various bands of sheep, and soon I began to pass through the herds. The trail finally turned into a veritable sheep trail where the owners had been driving them to the shearing sheds and dipping vats.

Forest of Mahogany.
I passed over another divide, through a forest of mahogany, and on every hand there was fine pasture, and at one or two little oases, where there were springs, I saw homesteaders' shacks. Then I came down into a very fine valley on what is called Blue creek, and after passing a slight rise, I followed up another stream for several miles and then across a divide to a fine little valley and a roadhouse, on Mud creek, where I turned and fed my team, 27 miles from Plush.

Here I met the stage going from Lakeview to Plush, and met several travelers, and three or four fishermen who were whirling the stream with great success, for Mud creek is a famous trout stream. I saw a number of the followers of Sir Isaac out on the meadow as I sat smoking my pipe after dinner, and could see them ever and anon, and I told you I wished I could use the language of Paul in good earnest, and say "I go a-fishing!" It was not that I was a fisherman, but those who know won't care, and those who won't care don't know.

Follows Sheepbuyers.
Among those who took dinner with me was a man with a cart and good team. I had followed in their wake for a dozen miles. One was a sheepbuyer and had just purchased a head from his companion. They were going to Lakeview, 18 miles away, but they said they knew a cutoff which would save six miles. I concluded to follow them, and I did. And I am willing to swear

that the road by the cutoff is almost as near as the stage road around. After leaving Mud creek we followed the regular road for several miles. And the sheep—I have found since that there are some 250,000 of them in Lake county—I think we passed fully that many.

But after a while we came to the dipping vats, and there we found a lovely little valley, that is, a gem of a meadow. In this meadow were perhaps 250 acres of purple flowers, something like lilacs, and from the road at first thought it was a lake. I never saw anything more beautiful—and their fragrance equaled their beauty.

Writes of Mosquitoes.
We went down past the vats and into and across the meadow to a sawmill, and from there up a sort of blind trail through the timber—and the mosquitoes! Up and up we climbed, through mud, over rocks, but ever up. I do not know how many miles we went, but it sure was a tough trail—it was not a worthy little valley, but a gem of a meadow. In this meadow were perhaps 250 acres of purple flowers, something like lilacs, and from the road at first thought it was a lake. I never saw anything more beautiful—and their fragrance equaled their beauty.

Railroad Surveys to Finish.
I want to again go back to Plush and mention that two railway surveys have been made up the Warner valley. Or did I write that before? Possibly. But one cannot vary the facts. I will only say that the surveys in central and southern Oregon. The surveys, surely "circumlocution" the country if the facts are as I think there has been money enough expended on these surveys to build that road up the Deschutes.

Know I will find plenty of evidences of such surveys in the great Goose Lake valley, some running north and south, some east and west.

By the way yesterday was "Railroad day" at Klamath, 109 miles west of here. A good many have gone over from this place. I think some six or seven automobiles made the trip, and it does Lake county practically no good, except to expedite mail deliveries somewhat.

And that leads me to say that if one wanted to send a letter from Plush to Klamath, the distance by rail being about 90 miles, and should at the same time address one to Boston, Mass., the Boston letter would reach its destination and a reply to it get back to Plush as Chicago before the other letter reached the Narrows! The one to the Narrows could be sent across on horseback in one day, but it would take Uncle Sam eight days to carry it around via Klamath, Weed, Portland, Baker City, Astoria and Burns, a distance of about 1300 miles.

Railroads? No, this county does not need railroads. It is unique in being the farthest out of the beaten path of any portion of the United States.

What is Portland going to do about it? She must do something or it will, to all intents and purposes, be annexed to California.

for great damage if not annihilation, but owing to her position, and the extent of the empire this would not hurt Germany so severely as such a blow inflicted upon England would injure that country. Germany is more nearly a match for England in point of torpedo boats than in battleships, indeed the number in each navy is approximately the same, and it is asserted by British authorities that the German boats are of a better class. A fleet of torpedo boats of a draft which would enable them to enter waters in which the British might not be able to enter, might slip out on a dark night and effect terrible damage to British shipping before they could be overhauled and sunk.

Wilson's Rule Not Good Now.
Lord Nelson said that one Englishman was worth three Frenchmen aboard a man o' war. But the instinct of the sea, such as the British people possessed over those of any other nation in the old days, and which was so necessary then to the upbuilding of a great navy, is not now essential. Through the substitution of steam for sails, the introduction of the hull of iron, and the crowding of the hulls with powerful machinery, much of it operated with electricity as the motive power, the graduate of Annapolis, or of the training school for officers of the navy of any other nation, must be an expert machinist, a technologist and a scientist. He must be able to build the most complicated engine and to install and operate every kind of electrical machinery. His profession is not a matter of science. And the Germans are regarded as about the most scientific people in the world.

About 50 years ago Germany had purchased a number of ships and was making such progress in creating a navy that England grew jealous of the growth of a sea power right at her door. So the British government informed the Confederate assembly at Frankfurt that the German flag was unknown to the sea, and that a vessel flying it was liable to be seized and treated as a pirate. Germany promptly called her warships home and sold them. That was in 1852. Nothing could more strikingly illustrate the growth of Germany as a sea power, a power which in this year of grace is causing Englishmen to lie awake at night fearing a descent upon their coasts by this new power, which was not a power considerably less than half a century ago.

Heir to Throne Is Now 15.
London, June 23.—Prince Edward, oldest son of the Prince of Wales was 15 years old today. His Royal Highness, having finished his course at the Royal College at Osborne, is now to enter the Senior Naval college at Dartmouth, where he will spend a year or more learning practical seamanship. Prince Edward was not, however, in his career in the navy as did his father. In the course of time he will enter the army, and probably will serve in more than one branch of the service, but in the first place he will be gazetted direct to a cavalry regiment with out the usual preliminary of passing through Sandhurst.

Albany Elects School Director.
Albany, Or., June 23.—Dr. W. H. Davis was elected school director at the election held yesterday afternoon, to fill the place of John Foshy, who is retiring. Only 21 votes were cast. Dr. Davis is a booster and has the interest of the public schools of Albany at heart. Albany will employ 42 teachers during the next school year.

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In Case of Anglo-German War.
The British home fleet is always in commission, ready to go into action on notice, and the German vessels are in commission but a part of each year. The British vessels of the home fleet mount 100 guns of 12 inch caliber. It is stated, while the German fleet carries 40 guns of 11 inch caliber. The 10 armored ships of the British Atlantic fleet, always in commission, could be quickly added to the home fleet, making 36 battleships to be used against Germany's 22, if necessary.

In case of a war between Germany and England, both countries would keep their armies at home and on the alert. England would probably blockade the German navy, while maintaining close watch that a German cruiser did not slip out and attack British commerce. German commerce would of course stop.

It has been stated that a blockade of English ports for three weeks would bring the country to a state of starvation, so dependent is England upon the constant exchange of her manufactured products for a food supply. That England appreciates this fact, demonstrated by the size of her home fleet consisting of 26 armored vessels, which can fire a broadside of over 100,000 pounds. The German fleet in the North sea consists of 24 armored ships, which can fire but 66,000 pounds at a broadside.

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Beginning, Thursday, June 24th, 8 a. m.

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LADIES' tan Russia calf and brown suede pumps, ankle straps and garden ties, very flexible welt soles. These are all \$5.00 grades. Clearance sale price..... **\$3.19**

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Daubers, the 25c kind..... **19c**

Blacking Brushes, the 50c kind..... **39c**

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