

United States Navy Includes 226 Ships Built or Building

New Naval Program Approved Last Year Provides for a Material Increase in This Number; Strength of European Navies Grow Amazingly Since Beginning of the War.

According to the latest records, the American navy totals 1,087,503 tons displacement, taking into account both ships built and building.

This tonnage compares with the following for the great powers on July 1, 1914, or almost three years ago: Great Britain, 2,173,756; Germany, 1,304,040; France, 899,915; Japan, 692,115; Russia, 791,251; Italy, 497,815; and Austria-Hungary, 372,008.

In the period since then these great powers have increased their navies by giant strides. They naturally have kept their naval developments secret, but it is known for instance that the first two years of the war Great Britain launched a new navy fully equal to that of the whole of the United States sea fighting forces.

Exactly how the American navy compares with others today is impossible to say, for the navy has a few secret service men in the employ of the big fighting governments.

The number of officers and men in the United States navy on July 1, 1916, was 68,039. This compared with pre-war strengths on July 1, 1914, of 150,609 officers and men for Great Britain, 137,197 for France, 146,846; Japan, 56,738; Austria, 52,462; Italy, 39,913; and Russia-Hungary, 19,531.

Naval Strength Increased. It has been stated in newspaper dispatches that the officers and men in the British navy now number 350,000, and that the French navy has 250,000 constantly employed in Great Britain building new ships of war and repairing old ones.

There is also a naval station at Key West, Fla., a torpedo and training station at Newport, R. I.; a training station at Yerba Buena Island, Cal.; and a training station at North Carolina, a torpedo and training station at Pensacola, Fla., and the naval war college at Annapolis, Md.

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Common Vandalism Costs Public \$179

Smokers who scratch their matches on the sandstone linings of the hallways of the new city hall have cost the city \$175. Every match scratched leaves a black mark.

The board of public works estimates that the amount asked for will be needed to pay the men necessary to sandpaper the hallway.

War on Baby Farms. Chicago, Feb. 24.—(U. P.)—The city council health committee and juvenile court officials headed by Alderman Willis O. Nance, have started a fight on professional "baby farms" in Chicago. The action is the outgrowth of an investigation. Officials estimate that more than 500 babies, from 4 months to 4 years old, are being starved to death in the "baby boarding houses" every year.

Twins in Bismarck Mansion. Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 24.—(U. P.)—One and Verne Frasier, twin daughters of North Dakota's former governor, Lynn J. Frasier, are the fourth set of twins occupying the governor's mansion here. There have only been eleven governors of this state, which is mentioned as possessing rare health-producing invigorating air and conditions.

The total of all vessels of the United States navy (in service, under construction and authorized) is 522. They are divided as follows: Battleships, first line, 26; battleships, second line, 26; battle cruisers, 6; armored cruisers, 16; cruisers, first class, 6; cruisers, second class, 4; cruisers, third class, 16; monitors, 7; destroyers, 124; torpedo boats, 18; submarines, 14; converted yachts, 14; tugs, 80; special type, 6; unclassified for war purposes, 21.

Navy Yards. The United States has 10 navy yards, located at Brooklyn, N. Y.; Boston, Mass.; Norfolk, Va.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Philadelphia, Pa.; San Francisco, Cal.; Washington, D. C.; Bremerton, Wash.; Charleston, S. C., and New Orleans, La.

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Auction Sales

On Tuesday Next. Comprising: Mahogany Parlor Desk, Library Tables in Mahogany and Oak, several Rockers with Genuine Leather seats, Two Morris chairs, Center Table, Pedestals, Several Volumes of Books, Pictures, Revolving Bookcase, Parlor Table and Chair with large French Plate Mirrors in Colonial style.

On Wednesday Next. At 10 a. m. Unclaimed baggage sale at the Ash Street Station, including: A trunk for the O. W. & N. Co. Sale is held to satisfy the claims. Terms of Sale: No Checks.

On Thursday Next. We have another Furniture Sale. These goods can be seen on Wednesday afternoon. Auction on Thursday next at 10 a. m. at the W. O. Baker and W. E. Dean Furniture Dealers and Auctioneers, 744 1/2 Broadway, Phone Main 3332.

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