

FLEET NOW IN PACIFIC WATERS IS EQUAL TO ENTIRE JAPANESE NAVY, NEWER

Sixteen Battleships and 11 Cruisers in Force Assigned Permanently to Western Coast.

America's Pacific coast is guarded as never before.

With the fleet now assembled on the western coast, Uncle Sam will have a Pacific armada equal to the entire Japanese navy. In some respects it will be superior.

This United States fleet can meet on equal terms any other naval force that can be assembled in Pacific waters.

When the vessels from the various parts of the Atlantic and those already in Pacific ports get together, Admiral Rodman will have 200 ships under his command.

The entire Japanese navy numbers 207.

Other comparisons of the two fleets follow:

PACIFIC FLEET

Eight dreadnaughts.

Eight pre-dreadnaughts (making 16 battleships).

11 Cruisers.

JAPANESE NAVY

Five dreadnaughts.

12 pre-dreadnaughts (making 17 battleships).

our battle-cruisers.

29 cruisers.

But at this point the tabulation loses effectiveness because of the differences in classification between the two navies. The U. S. navy has no battle-cruisers in commission, for instance, but the 11 cruisers are considered superior in fighting power to the Japanese vessels similarly classed.

In addition Admiral Rodman's fleet has a large number of "small cruisers" and gunboats which are useful as scouts or patrol boats against weak or uncivilized states, but which are not counted as modern fighting vessels.

But in destroyers the comparison is:

PACIFIC FLEET

108 (all new).

JAPANESE NAVY

90.

The figures are up to date from the navy department and the Japanese embassy.

The Pacific fleet's tonnage is 535,000; the Jap navy's, 780,000.

But the Pacific fleet is superior in hitting power, equal in gun power, and nearly equal in man power.

And in addition, there's our Asiatic squadron!

That's the fleet in the Philippines and around Guam and our father islands.

Establishment of the Pacific fleet is only the beginning of the assertion of United States sea power in the Pacific. When congress in 1916 adopted the navy department's "three year building program" it authorized a total addition to our navy of 156 vessels of all types, including 10 battleships and six battle-cruisers.

By 1923 therefore the U. S. Navy will include 61 first-class, heavy-gun vessels—dreadnaughts, pre-dreadnaughts and battle-cruisers—which will give

about 30 of these ships to the Pacific coast.

The ultimate aim of the Japanese navy department is avowedly toward the eight-eight system; that is, eight battleships and eight battle-cruisers to a squadron, and to have in time at least three such squadrons.

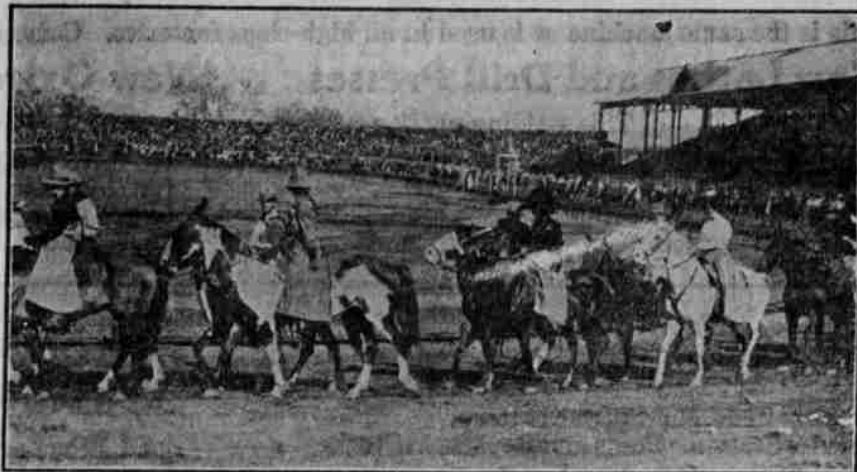
Up to the present time, however, the state of Japanese finances has permitted only an eight-four system; but the program put forward for this year alters the plan to eight battleships and

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as it stands is worth nearly a half billion dollars. The greater majority of the money paid to the men on between 175 and 200 ships which will constitute the fleet will practically be spent here.

Our program is very indefinite but we intend to put a ship in every harbor that will hold one along the southern coast. This fleet is chiefly designated to be a protective force for the Pacific coast. The dread-

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A Snapshot of the Mounted Parade

six battle-cruisers by 1923. Thus Japan will aim to have 14 first-line ships in 1923, while our Pacific fleet will have at least 20 superdreadnaughts and battlecruisers in that year.

At the same time both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets will be rounded out with the proper proportion of scout cruisers of which 10 were authorized in 1916 and a similar number will be built before 1923.

Of destroyers in which branch the American navy leads the world, and of submarines and auxiliary craft of all kinds.

During the next six years Japan only proposes to build two new battle-cruisers, three cruisers of medium type, 11 large destroyers, 18 medium destroyers, 48 submarines and six special service boats—eight in all. In the next three years alone, the United States will build 156 vessels and complete a large number now under construction.

In speaking of the visit of the fleet and its ultimate importance to the Pacific coast, Admiral Hugh Rodman commander said:

"Nothing that has ever come to the Pacific coast will tend to develop naval facilities as extensively as this new fleet. I want you to understand right now that we are here absolutely for business, to develop the Pacific coast to the best advantage from a naval standpoint.

"The fleet will help to develop every business in every city on this coast, as the disbursements alone amount to no mean figure. The fleet

UMATILLA RESERVATION HAS VALUABLE LAND MOST OF WHICH IS LEASED BY WHITE MEN

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be allotted and most of this is steep, hilly lands, some of it not even fit for grazing purposes.

C. E. Redfield, a government allotment surveyor, has been at work for the past two years dividing the remaining lands into 40 acre tracts suitable for allotment. Lines and stakes from the original survey have been lost in many cases and when he completes his work, all remaining lands will be so plainly marked that those entitled to allotments may go to the site of their land and decide just what they want. There is to be little choice in the character of the land to be allotted this fall, however.

Allotments are not made in any set way but the first-come-first-served method prevails. Indians who know they are entitled to a piece of land have already looked over some of the available tracts and have filed their preference with the superintendent. They may choose their land from the maps in the office of the superintendent or go to the site with the surveyor and look the situation over. Some who have delayed their selection of an allotment will get what remains, which is not very much, although it consists of 40 acres for each.

By surveying the land into 40 acre tracts, it is not necessary for an allottee to take his 80 acres in a lump. He may choose two widely separated pieces or adjacent ones as he sees fit.

The subject of Indian land allotments has been made the basis of considerable activity among the full blooded Indians of the reservation in the last few months and as a result of their activity, a large number of half and quarter bloods have been stricken from the list of those entitled to land. The population of the reservation has thus been lessened by the dissarding of these names, but many who were not on the roll previously have been added as a result of the council meetings.

The natives are very much averse to having their lands held by persons with one Indian parent but born and living apart from the reservation. The completed list entitled to allotments numbers about 115.

When allotments were made this fall, practically every Umatilla, Walla and Cayuse Indian entitled to land will have received his tract. Hereafter only those born into these tribes will be in line for land allotments and as the birth rate is not large, the matter of keeping up in allotments will be a simple one.

The good land of the reservation being virtually all taken up, the reservation now being born must look

rather to inheritance than to the government for valuable property. The passing and present generations hold lands which if passed on to their children, will be far more valuable to them than the allotments which are the children's right. It is therefore an act of foresight on the part of the Indians to hold on to their lands in order to protect their offspring from the necessity of toil in their later days.

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