

ACTUAL WAR TACTICS EMPLOYED BY FLEET IN RECENT PRACTICE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—How the United States fleet, comprising more than three score naval craft, "disappeared" from the face of the seas and defied the effort of searchers operating under, over and upon the water is told in an official navy department critique of the Panama maneuvers.

Incidentally the document reveals that in studying the possibility of the United States being drawn into a naval war, both the army and navy general staffs are proceeding on the theory that hostilities would begin without a declaration of war and would be first signalled by a terrific attack on American soil.

The successful masking of the movement of the fleet which represented the enemy force in the war game was declared by the judges to be the outstanding tactical feature of the exercises.

In order that conditions approximately those of war might be obtained, the department assumed that a diplomatic crisis had arisen with an unnamed power—denoted as "Black"—while the American, or "Blue," fleet was scattered at home ports for overhaul. The attacking fleet, on its part, was called upon to actually cruise 3,000 miles before reaching its objective in order that the same difficulties might be experienced as would face the theoretical enemy.

Coming from northern ports the defenders carried out the role of having been suddenly mobilized from their peaceful activities. One squadron of destroyers had only 50 per cent personnel when the orders came, but the crews were hastily made up from apprentices. Eighteen seaplanes were sent from Hampton Roads under their own power to Panama, and within a few hours after their arrival were on the scouting line.

"In order that logical estimates of the situation can be made," the official report said, "certain assumptions are made as to the general situation which is supposed to exist. These are as follows:

"Strained relations between Blue and Black have recently been made more tense by a cruise of the Black fleet in the eastern Pacific under Admiral E., composed of seven battleships, 38 destroyers and two destroyers, tenders, nine submarines and one submarine tender. After visiting ports on the west coast of South America, this fleet assembled at Galapagos Islands, where they joined the Black Base force and train and a number of fuel and cargo vessels under other flags. After repair and refueling the entire Black fleet sailed with the announced intention of visiting Magdalena Bay and American Pacific waters.

"The Blue government, in view of the threatening situation, has ordered the majority of ships of the Blue fleet to Atlantic coast yards for overhaul. The remainder has

passed through the canal and is based on Balboa, under Admiral M., comprising five battleships, 23 destroyers, 16 submarines and three tenders. The Blue army air canal force has been assembled in the canal zone. This concludes the so-called 'general situation.'

"In view of the strained relations, Admiral E., commanding the Black fleet, prior to leaving Black country, received instructions that the general naval plan would call for the destruction of the canal locks or obstruction of the waterway.

"To this end, if incidental to seizing a base within radius of the canal he should see fit to violate the neutrality of a Central or South American country, he was authorized to do so. He was also informed that two large plane carriers would join him at a rendezvous to the northward of the Galapagos Islands.

"On February 19 the Black plane carriers join Admiral E.'s command and at 8:00 a. m. on the day when in latitude 7 deg. 30 min. north, longitude 97 deg. 45 min. west, he receives the following radio despatch from the Black general staff:

"Execute your war mission period there will be no formal declaration of war."

"Blue concluded that Black's most probable intention would be to establish a base on the Central or possibly South American coast, and to launch an attack by bombers on the canal. The Black commander came to the same conclusion. He rejected the South American coast on account of the greater distance. After due consideration, Port Culebra in Costa Rica was chosen for the Black base.

"At 4:30 p. m., February 20, Blue force commander sent radio to commander Blue destroyers to send six scouts immediately to examine coast as far as Fonseca. At 4:10 p. m., February 21, the Blue destroyer Coghlan reported the enemy forces entering Port Culebra harbor. When the Black forces arrived at Port Culebra, the problem was discontinued."

HONOLULU, DRY, STILL POPULAR

HONOLULU, T. H., Aug. 16.—The rumors that the Canadian-Australasian liners, plying between Canada and Australia, might eliminate Honolulu as a port of call because of the rigid enforcement of the prohibition law which permits vessels to enter an American port with only "medicinal liquor," have been denied here by Captain Rolls, commander of the liner Niagara, and by T. H. Davis & Co., the line's agents.

Under the law, the Canadian-Australasian liners, may be "wet" only until they reach Honolulu, "dry" between Honolulu and Suva, where liquor supplies may be obtained, and "wet" between Suva and Australia. On an outbound trip from Australia, the vessel is "wet" until she reaches Honolulu and "dry" from this port to the mainland.

WHAT DOES A GREAT MAN THINK ABOUT? SMALL THINGS, IT SEEMS

By ALEXANDER HERMAN
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WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Aug. 16.—What does a great man think about?

The prince of Wales or Lloyd George, for instance.
Do matters of world importance occupy their minds, or the trivial

about.
Instead of disclosing just whom the prince is going to marry—and when—and whether Lloyd George expects to make a sensational leap back into the premiership, Sir Edward talks about such things as these: Honeymooning—and Hiram Johnson!



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SIR EDWARD GRIGG AND LADY GRIGG

ties of common everyday life?
Sir Edward Grigg, M. P., intimate friend of both, ought to know. He was secretary to Lloyd George and he accompanied the prince on his trip around the world.

What Sir Edward himself thinks about mostly is the chance of finding favorable omens of America's renewed interest abroad. He is here lecturing at the institute of politics.

"Now it can't be told," says Sir Edward—meaning he's mum on what his friends, the prince of Wales and Lloyd George, are think-

"The prince of Wales?" Sir Edward began his defensive. "Charming fellow. Beloved by all. But too intimate a friend to talk about."

"Lloyd George?" Extraordinary man, tremendous worker. The greater his difficulties, the greater his spirit. Greatest man I know. But too closely associated to discuss him."

Honeymooning? Oh, yes, said Sir Edward, this was his second honeymoon. He and Lady Grigg were married last January, and they took their first honeymoon in

Egypt.
"I believe in frequent honeymoons," he said—and Lady Grigg nodded assent. "They make for happiness."

Hiram Johnson? Sir Edward discussed the senator's coalitions as an indication of how little—sadly little, he thinks—America interests herself in European affairs.

"You know," he said, "that the United States appeared to Europe in the middle of the war like a comet of surpassing brilliance and power. You shed light on our affairs, you exercised a decisive influence upon them, and then you completely disappeared."

"Sometimes the astronomers, or perhaps I should call them the as-

trolgers, tell us that at some future date, say 4 a. m. on the 16th of the month, America will be visible again for five minutes in the western firmament.

"And we go out with our telescopes and we look for the United States, and we see much or little, according to the optimism or the pessimism of our temperaments. Sometimes we see only a little bit of the coalitions of Senator Johnson."

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TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 16.—The highest golf links in the world, it is believed, has just been completed on the summit of Mount Lemmon, a summer resort in the Santa Catalina mountains near here, at an altitude of 7,800 feet. Although only a six-hole course, it is replete with hazards.

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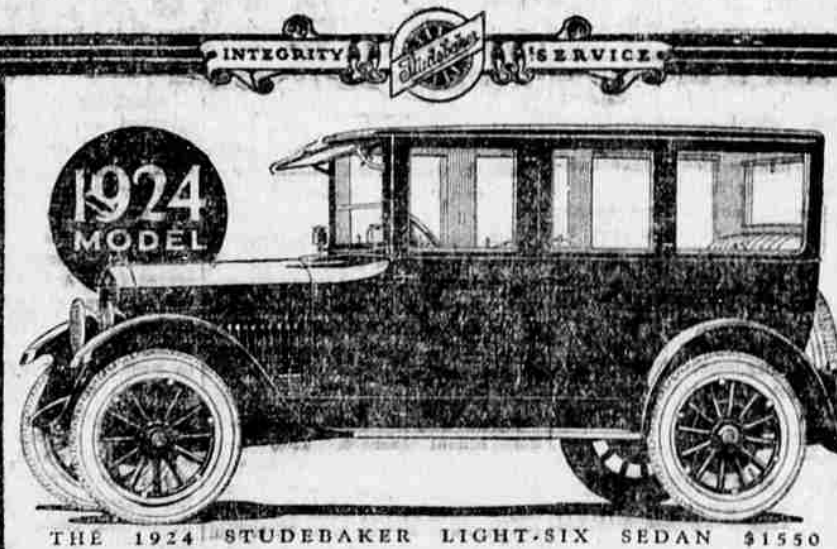
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