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ONE SERIOUS BLUNDER MADE.

Was Change from 13-Inch Gun to the
12-Inch Type—Lower Edge Ar-
mor Belt Too High.

New York, Dec. 14.—That the latest battleships built by this country are vastly superior to England's Dreadnought, is emphatically stated by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans in a magazine article written by him, wherein he strongly defends the American navy and replies to criticisms of it made some time ago by Henry Reuter and others.

"I do not for a moment claim that the Indiana and her sister ships are equal to the Dreadnought of the English navy," says Admiral Evans, "only that she is the equal of the English ships designed at the same time. But I do claim that our latest ships are vastly superior to the Dreadnought, and I believe that every fighting man who has given the subject intelligent consideration will agree with me."

Admiral Evans urges the superiority of the 13-inch gun over the 12-inch gun, and asserts that the change to the lesser caliber to conform to England's type was a most serious blunder. This is chargeable, he says, to the seagoing officers of the navy and not to staff corps. Regarding the water line armor belt he says: "I am sure, after many weeks of close observation, that the lower edge of the armor belt is too high rather than too low."

It had been strenuously contended by critics that the low location of the belt was a vital point of weakness. "As the upper edge of the belt is always even with or above the level of the protective belt," continues Admiral Evans, "the danger to be apprehended from a projectile penetrating above the belt, beyond the water line, is always a possibility, is that due to the amount of water that may enter the hole. It is the danger that may be done by such projectiles entering below that may cause the ship to sink by exploding magazines or boilers, but this is improbable. It will require many 12-inch shells on the water line or on any other officers and men know their business and want to fight."

Admiral Evans declares the statement, "that a wound on a turret may disable the turret guns," is absolutely inaccurate, unless by "wound" penetration is meant.

"Of all the inaccurate and misleading statements in this wonderful Reuter article," he continues, "the most incorrect is that the battleships of the United States are in exactly the same condition as the Russian ships after the Russo-Japanese fight in the sea of Japan—not temporarily, but permanently."

"I assert," says the admiral, "that the battleship fleet of the United States never was and never will be, never can be, in the condition of the Russian fleet when it went into action for the last time."

The leading features in battleship designs, Admiral Evans concludes, are the battery, the armor protection and the motive power. Any one of these unduly sacrificed in favor of the other means a weakening of the fighting machine.

RABBI FAVORS DIVORCE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—In his sermon in the temple Kenezeth Israel today, Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf said that the divorce courts of the United States are unlikelier rather than degrading the nation, and that the "Old World" would lose much of its rottenness if its laws for the severance of marriage bonds were more liberal.

The rabbi said: "I find that two-thirds of divorces are granted to wronged women. A thousand times rather than the American women battle single-handed for a living for herself and her children than continue in wedlock with the man whose truth at the marriage altar was a lie."

SPERRY PAYS HIS RESPECTS TO GOVERNOR OF CEYLON

Colombo, Dec. 14.—Rear Admiral Sperry landed from the battleship Connecticut this morning to pay his official visit to Sir Henry McCallum, the governor of Ceylon. A big escort on the water front, composed of natives and Europeans, cheered the admiral as he stepped ashore. He at once inspected the guard of honor drawn up on the pier.

After this ceremony the admiral, with the members of his staff, drove to the governor's residence. Later in the day the governor returned the call.

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and was received on board the Connecticut with the usual salutes. During the stay of the 16 battleships at Colombo, where they arrived yesterday from Manila, Admiral Sperry will be the guest of the governor, while Rear Admiral Stanton Schroeder will be entertained by Gen. Lawrence. The first batch of sailors, consisting of 28 blue jackets and two officers from each ship, came ashore in the morning and took a train for Kandy, the capital of Ceylon, where they will spend the day as guests of the government. There will be excursions each day during the stay of the fleet until all the men have been thus entertained.

ROBERT SMITH'S ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE A FAILURE

Helena, Mont., Dec. 13.—A special to the Independent from Hamilton, Mont., says that Robert Smith did not die when he attempted suicide at Plains, which was made known here yesterday when Sheriff Ward received a message from the sheriff of Sanders county telling him that Smith was not dead and asking him to come and get him. The message stated that Sheriff Ward would be informed if Smith died. Not having received any message to that effect, he started for Thompson's Falls, where he will get Smith and bring him here, providing he is able to travel. Smith is charged with murder, having shot Clarence Clark Victor, where the two were employed upon an irrigation ditch. Smith, in a note found on his body, stated that he had killed Clark.

GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS SWEETHEART

Chicago, Dec. 14.—A devotion to his sweetheart that would not permit his leaving her bedside when she was ill of typhoid fever cost the life of Frank Griffith, 34 years old, a Northwestern university athlete of the early '90's, just on the eve of his wedding. Some months ago Griffith's fiancée, Miss Susan Paddock, fell ill with the fever, but was sustained in her fight with the ailment by the presence of Griffith at her side. She recovered, but he was stricken with the same malady and died yesterday.

AGITATION IN INDIA.

Calcutta, Dec. 13.—Great excitement prevails here owing to developments in the agitation against the government. The most prominent Bengali leader in eastern Bengal, Dutta, was arrested Sunday and conveyed to an unknown destination. Another prominent nationalist leader, Mitra, has been arrested at Calcutta, where the editor of another native paper has been sentenced to transportation on the charge of sedition.

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WHITE SLAVE CONVICTED.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The second conviction in the fight which the federal authorities are making to stamp out the white slave traffic was secured yesterday when Jesse Hayman was found guilty of the crime of harboring an alien woman in a house of prostitution. The woman in question is Ethel May Wood, a native of England, who has only been in this country for a short time. The case was tried before Judge De Haven and the jury was out only five hours before it arrived at a verdict. The first conviction in the local fight against the white slave traffic was secured several weeks ago when Henri Vilette was found guilty of importing a French woman for immoral purposes.

VENEZUELA IN STATE OF DEFENSE

Acting President Gomez issues a
Decree—Demonstrations for
Government and Against.

TO UPHOLD COUNTRY'S RIGHTS

The Netherlands Satisfied That Seizure
Of the Alexis Was Perfectly
Proper.

Caracas, Venezuela, Sunday, Dec. 13 (via Port of Spain, Dec. 14).—The news of the capture of the Venezuelan coast guardship Alexis by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland last Saturday became known in Caracas this morning. A big crowd at once assembled in the Plaza Bolivar and demonstrated in support of the government.

A decree issued by Acting President Gomez places the republic in a state of defense.

A crowd of citizens, including a large number of students, went to the office of El Constitucional, the organ of Castro, and indulged in a counter-demonstration. The feelings of this crowd were plainly hostile to Castro. A pitched battle ensued between the employees of the paper and the crowd and several men were wounded.

The captain of the Alexis, who came ashore at Puerto Cabello, has sent up to Caracas the following note handed him by the Dutch officer who came on board from the cruiser Gelderland: "Her majesty the queen of Holland has given orders for her warships temporarily to sequester and embargo all Venezuelan government vessels. This is a retaliatory measure. We demand that you lower your flag and surrender your ship and your persons to the command of the Gelderland. All resistance will be useless. If you resist the result will be the loss of your vessel and death to many of your men." (Signed)

"SECOND LIEUT. BOINAR."

Acting President Gomez issued a decree today in which he says the capture of the Alexis constitutes an invasion of Venezuelan territory and an aggression against the Venezuelan government. "The national sovereignty," says he, "is threatened and the territorial integrity, honor and dignity of the fatherland is in danger."

"I decree the nation in a state of defense, and consequently the executive assumes and will exercise the extraordinary faculties conferred upon him by the Venezuelan constitution."

Senor Paul, in his communication, recounts the following facts: "The Dutch cruiser Gelderland on Dec. 3 captured the Venezuelan schooner Victoria, in Venezuelan waters near Cumana, by firing a shot across her bow, and then sent a launch, with 25 armed men on board, and examined the schooner's papers. On Dec. 6 the cruiser Gelderland sent a boatload of sailors, armed with revolvers, to examine the papers of the Venezuelan schooner Carmen Josefa, lying at anchor in the harbor of Tucacas. Furthermore, a Dutch warship appeared yesterday at the Maracaibo bay, took sounding and interfered with the local shipping by target practice, the shots being sent in the direction of Port San Carlos."

Public opinion, the minister continues, condemns these petty acts of hostility, which evidently are for the purpose of provocation. Acting President Gomez has determined to uphold the rights and dignity of Venezuela.

HOLLAND'S POSITION.

The Hague, Dec. 14.—The government of the Netherlands is satisfied that it was quite within its rights from the standpoint of international law in seizing the Venezuelan coast guardship Alexis off Puerto Cabello last Saturday. The Alexis was suspected of carrying munitions of war, and the Netherlands government is not prepared to retract its position. The Netherlands government is not prepared to retract its position.

The government has issued an official statement in connection with the seizure of the Alexis, in which it sets forth that it is taking action against the personal rule of President Castro, in order to guarantee itself against a renewal of former molestations of Dutch vessels, this being a point concerning which Castro refused to give any assurance.

WASHINGTON NOT ADVISED.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Holland's ultimate forcible designs against Venezuela if she has finally determined on them, the initial steps of which appear to have been the seizure of a coast guardship, are still a mystery to the state department, as that government has not seen fit to make the United States acquainted with them.

Holland apparently has mapped out its course alone, avoiding any act that might give cause for complaint from any of the powers having interests in Venezuela or interfering with vested rights there. The United States is for the time being quiescent. So long as the American interests are not affected the United States will, so long as the attitude of the present administration is merely a look-on. In diplomatic circles, Holland's move is regarded as a clever step intended to embarrass Venezuela in the absence of President Castro.

NATIONAL CIVIC FEDERATION MEETING

New York, Dec. 14.—With a session of the woman's department at which Mrs. Taft, wife of the president-elect, presented a report of the committee on the welfare work for government employees, of which she is chairman, the National Civic Federation opened its annual meeting here today. The sessions were devoted to the discussion of the general topic of this annual gathering—the promotion of friendly relations between employers and employees. Both Mrs. Taft and her husband are on the list of speakers, the president-elect being scheduled to speak tomorrow night. The afternoon meeting was devoted to a discussion of trades agreements, addresses on the subject being delivered by John Mitchell, Hermann Ridder, Samuel Gompers, James M. Lynch and James O'Connor.

Meville E. Ingalls of the Big Four railroad system said that the trade agreement plan was not necessary for him or for his men when he undertook his first railroad work. Every one of the men could see him if they so desired, he said.

August Belmont commended the agreement plan, but said that laws would have to be passed giving it the force of a contract before public service transportation corporations could adopt it.

Samuel Gompers said: "I was amused when I heard gentleman after gentleman make statements from the platform which cannot

be made the subject of prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust law. Indeed, the existence of the trade agreement, to which we all point with pride, is in itself all the evidence that is necessary."

"Surely it does not lie with me to even criticize such men as the justices of our supreme court if their interpretation of the Sherman anti-trust law is correct. That law, made at the demand of the people to protect them from greed and discrimination of trusts, now applies to every association of working people, and to the men themselves, not health in anything, not organized for profit, but trying only to protect the only thing of value to them, their power to labor."

AN ACTUAL RAIN OF GOLD AND SILVER

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—Ascending in an airship in order to be able to scatter money among the people more lavishly and with more equality, is an experience seldom sought or enjoyed by any one, but that was the experience of Mr. E. Oscar, the mining man of Skidoo, Cal., who has a penchant for filling his pockets with miscellaneous silver and gold and distributing it with both hands. At Chutes park Hart ascended for 20 minutes in Roy Knabenshue's airship while he threw handfuls of money to the crowd of 2,000 below. He is said to have disposed of a considerable sum.

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MUNICIPAL BOARD GOVERNS MANILA

Wichita, Kas., Dec. 15.—A. W. Hastings, president of the municipal board of Manila, P. I., is visiting here. The municipal board of Manila is the governing commission, operating very much as the commission of the District of Columbia operates in the control of the local government at Washington. Mr. Hastings has been in Manila seven years and his story of the progress of the city under American government is inspiring.

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