

Uncle Sam To Build World's Biggest Battleship.

THE two biggest battleships in the world have just been launched by England and Japan. None of the great powers suspected such fighting leviathans were being built until the announcement of their launching. It was a complete surprise, a modern naval coup d'état.

At first the news went around that England's Dreadnaught was the larger of the two and built on lines that made it unquestionably the terror of the seas. Before the Dreadnaught's trial trips were completed, however, things leaked out that Japan's new battleship not only exceeded the British ship in size and power, but had made an enviable record in speed of construction.

This speed of construction is a prime factor in the present race of the nations of the world to possess the most powerful fleet. If a first class nation can build battleships faster than its neighbor she is naturally in a position to overtake, and in course of time, surpass her rivals. At present all the nations are in a race to build the Dreadnaught type. The Dreadnaught was built and launched in 18 months. It takes the United States something like two years to build and launch a first class battleship. Some nations require three years and some nearly four. Such nations of course are hardly likely to cut a figure in the present race for naval supremacy.

GIGANTIC SISTER SHIPS.

Another recent eye-opener to the nations was the discovery that both England and Japan have on the stocks and under construction the Dreadnaught and sister ships. News of the launching of these vessels may be received at any time. The building of these monster war vessels is all in line with the new policy of the nations to get to the front in the race for naval supremacy. On the race for naval supremacy, the motto, "A Great Navy is a Guarantee of Peace," is being used in the present time. It is the knowledge of the launching of the Dreadnaught type, the greatest of the nation with the most powerful fleet will be monarch of the seas and by that same token arbiter of the world.

Uncle Sam isn't asleep to these actions of the other nations. It is pretty well known that years ago the United States drew up plans of a vessel of the Dreadnaught type. Those having the matter in charge did not think the time ripe for such departure in war vessels. The scheme was dropped. However, it is said the idea was carried to England by one of her Washington attaches, and turned over to the draughtsmen, who transformed the plans into the present Dreadnaught.

CRACK DESIGNERS BUSY.

Now Uncle Sam has her crack designers at work drafting the plans of a battle leviathan that shall eclipse the Dreadnaught and the Satsuma. Two plans are being made by her own men and five by outsiders, and all to be submitted to a board of experts. The matter will, in all likelihood, come up in the present session of Congress. Such a vessel means an entire new departure in our naval construction. But England and Japan have cut loose, and are forcing Uncle Sam, Germany and France, to keep in the race, must build something to meet their competitors.

As a battleship type to date, the Dreadnaught and Satsuma are veritable monsters in their class. According to the telegraphic dispatches, the Satsuma is of 19,200 tons displacement, in which case she exceeds the Dreadnaught by fully 1,200 tons. The largest type of battleship belonging to Uncle Sam, the Louisiana, has a displacement of only 16,000 tons in comparison. She is the only one of her class. From those figures a drop is made to the 1948-ton class, in which the Rhode Island, New Jersey and Virginia.

THE TERRIBLE SATSUMA.

The most striking facts about the Satsuma are that she was built wholly by Japanese labor, and her armament is unique in its composition. It consists of four 12-inch guns, carried in two turrets forward and aft of the center line, and no less than 12 45-caliber 16-inch guns, mounted in pairs in turrets on the broadside. By this arrangement the Satsuma can concentrate two 12s and four 16s ahead and astern, and four 12s and six 16s on each broadside. The Japanese, as the result of the experience in the recent war, have concluded that nothing less than the 47-inch rapid fire gun is sufficient to stop the large torpedo boats and destroyers; consequently, the Satsuma will carry a battery of a dozen of these pieces.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA.

While the American ship South Carolina is the most powerful of her size, carrying eight 12-inch guns in super-turrets, she is no match for the Dreadnaught. For one thing, these same double turrets make twice as big a target as if they were separate.

TEE DREADNAUGHT'S GUNS.

At a range of 3,000 yards the Dreadnaught's guns will pierce a fraction over 12 inches of armor of any kind now made. The navy department is sure, however, that a superior armor can be had. So that it is to armor that the American inventor, interested in the prestige of the navy, is turning his hand. One plan is for a 20,000-ton ship with 12 12-inch guns, in six turrets, all

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THE GRAMOPHONE AS MUSIC MASTER.

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King Leopold is Superstitious.

Robert E. Park, writing of Leopold's personality in "The Blood Money of the Congo," in the January Everybody's, says:

"People know that this hard-hearted man of many businesses is troubled by a superstition. He and his daughters have a superstitious dread of the last two weeks in January. During that period nearly all the misfortunes of his life, by an odd coincidence, have overtaken him. While still Duke of Brabant, before his accession to Belgium's throne, he lost his only son, who died after a mysterious sudden illness. Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria, the king's son-in-law, met his violent and mysterious death in the hunting lodge at Mayerling in the latter part of the king's month of fate. In January, 1890, the palace at Laeken burned, the Princess Clementine, who barely escaped with her life, was so overcome by the sight of her husband's emeralds perishing in the flames that for

Fishes in the Great Lakes.

The fish stories of the Great Lakes are both big and true. Practically every variety of fresh water fish in common use as food is found in the Great Lakes.

The principal yield is trout, whitefish and herring, but there are dozens of other kinds that are taken in considerable quantities. Even the despised sucker represents a value of \$121,576 in the latest report by the national bureau of fisheries. Sturgeons were caught to the value of \$35,394, yellow perch amounted to \$139,670, pike, perch or walleye pike to \$407,307, German carp to \$11,255, turtles to \$2,372, Chickasaw Tribes.

While Catarrh in its first stages

stop there if the trouble is allowed to run on. The contracting of a cold is generally the commencement of the unpleasant symptoms of ringing noises in the ears, nose stopped up, mucus dropping back into the throat, hawking and spitting, etc. The inner skin or mucous membrane of the body becomes inflamed and secretes an unhealthy matter which is absorbed into the blood, and Catarrh becomes a serious and dangerous blood disease. Every day the blood becomes more heavily loaded with these poisonous secretions, and as the poisoned blood constantly passes through the lungs they become diseased, and often Catarrh terminates in Consumption. Sprays, washes, inhalations and such treatment do no real good, because they do not reach the poison-laden blood, where the real trouble lies. The only way to cure Catarrh is to purify and build up the blood. S.S.S. has been proven the remedy best suited for this purpose. It goes down to the very bottom of the trouble and removes every trace of impurity from the circulation, freshens this bloodstream and, as this healthy blood goes to every nook and corner of the system, Catarrh is driven out and a lasting cure made. The inflamed membranes and tissues heal, the secretions cease, the head is cleared and the entire system renovated and put in good condition by the use of S. S. S. Write for free book which contains valuable information about Catarrh and ask for any special medical advice you desire, without charge.

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