

Statistics of the Nation's Naval Standing.

RETURN showing the fleets of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany, Italy, the United States of America and Japan, on March 31, 1906, distinguishing battleships built and building, torpedo vessels, torpedo boat destroyers, torpedo boats and submarines, built and building, was issued as a Parliamentary White Paper yesterday.

The number of battleships of these countries is as follows: Great Britain, 61; France, 23; Russia, 12; Germany, 31; Italy, 16; United States, 15; Japan, 11.

Coast defense vessels, armored: France, 9; Russia, 61; Germany, 11; United States, 11; Japan, 3.

Cruisers of all classes: Great Britain, 114; France, 57; Russia, 13; Germany, 47; Italy, 25; United States, 35; Japan, 36.

Torpedo vessels, torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats: Great Britain, 251; France, 301; Russia, 247; Germany, 128; Italy, 153; United States, 54; Japan, 111.

Submarines: Great Britain, 25; France, 39; Russia, 12; Germany, 1; Italy, 2; United States, 8; Japan, 5.

Great Britain is the only country returning scouts, the number entered being 8.

Under the building return, it is shown that Great Britain is building 6 first-class battleships, 10 armored cruisers, 18 torpedo boat destroyers and 15 submarines. France: Six first-class battleships, 23 torpedo boat destroyers, 42 torpedo boats and 32 submarines. Russia: Four first-class battleships, 4 armored cruisers, 1 first-class protected cruiser, 29 torpedo boat destroyers and 15 submarines. Germany: Six first-class battleships, 2 armored cruisers, 5 second-class protected cruisers, 6 torpedo boat destroyers and 1 submarine, "experimental." Italy: Four first-class battleships, 2 armored cruisers, 4 torpedo boat destroyers, 29 torpedo boats and 4 submarines. United States: Eleven first-class battleships, 8 armored cruisers, 3 scouts and 4 submarines. Japan: Four first-class battleships, 3 armored cruisers, 1 second-class protected cruiser, 25 torpedo boat destroyers and 2 submarines.—London Daily Graphic.

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Yesterday morning 21 old widows of the parish of St. Bartholomew, West Smithfield, attended in the churchyard at the close of the morning service to pick up the sixpences which are annually deposited on the tombstone of a parishioner who died several centuries ago.

The origin of the custom dates back to Saxon times, and it was revived some years ago by Mr. Butterwick. The little graveyard is raised several feet above the level of the pathway, and to mount to this eminence the elderly dames are assisted up a step-

ladder lodged against the stone coping of the wall.

The 21, having scrambled up the step-ladder, gathered around the grave-stone, where the distribution was made.

Each of the recipients was afterward given a bun and a new shilling. Up to this year they had by the bounty of a lady received half a crown apiece in addition to the sixpence. Their benefactor has now passed away, however, and the gift has died with her.—London Daily Chronicle.

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