

GREATEST WARSHIPS EVER LAID THOUGHT BUILDING IN SECRET

European Powers, Particularly Great Britain, Are Credited With Construction

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 7.—Warships equaling in tonnage the big liners of the great ocean companies and far surpassing in armament the monster dreadnaughts already built and building, are in all probability now under construction. The limit in dimensions of the Panama canal locks, which, according to Cmdr. W. A. Moffett, U. S. N., is 60,000 tons displacement.

An editorial in the November number of Sea Power, which will be published this week, says, in this connection:

"It is reported that Great Britain is installing 18-inch guns on her latest type of battleship. We are informed also that a reliable observer, recently returned from England, saw under construction there a battleship (or battle-cruiser?) larger than anything building or contemplated elsewhere, so far as he knew; but it was fenced in and he could learn very little about it.

The Navy Department, it is said, has received rumors that Great Britain is building one or more battleships of 40,000 tons displacement. It is believed that, if this be true, these vessels will probably carry batteries of ten 18-inch guns.

Information of this nature from abroad is usually indefinite, when not inaccurate, as foreign nations are not given to boastfully 'blowing their horn' in advance of achievement, especially when by so doing they would be giving valuable military information to an enemy. But it is hardly to be doubted that Great Britain is preparing a surprise for the world in the way of a battleship bigger and better than any existing type, and the point of greatest significance is that this development, is based on the grueling experience of war.

"For the United States, just entering upon a period of naval expansion, this news is of extreme importance. While it is too late to modify the designs of those ships of our program which are to be laid down almost immediately, the designs of the remaining ships contemplated, but not yet appropriated for, including six battleships and two battle-cruisers, should be such as to make them superior to anything building or contemplated abroad.

"The general board is said to be considering the characteristics of

these contemplated battleships and that probably vessels of about 35,000 tons, mounting twelve 18-inch guns, would be favored. Since the last preceding design calls for ships of 32,000 tons, carrying only eight 16-inch guns, the projected ships would be 50 per cent stronger in battery power, a very satisfactory increase and a cause for congratulation were it not for these rumors from abroad of bigger and probably more powerful ships.

"And this suggests the thought that since fighting craft are in process of evolution and every year sees an increase in the size and power of battleships, why not build the 'limit' at once, as recently suggested by Cmdr. W. A. Moffett, U. S. N., whose timely article on this subject appeared in the August number of Sea Power. It is only necessary to recall here that the limit in size, for the American navy, is that imposed by the limiting dimensions of the Panama canal locks; that such a vessel would be of about 60,000 tons displacement; that she could carry a large battery of 20-inch guns; that she could be given very superior armor protection; that maximum protection against torpedo attack could be provided; and that she could have nearly the speed of a battle-cruiser.

"In all probability we could bring to a conclusion, for a time at least, the mad race for naval armament if we boldly decided to create the limit, so far as we can realize it, in all types of naval craft and equipment. America has the men of genius, vision and skill, as well as the wealth to carry such a policy into execution, and the ultimate cost would probably be no more than that of the present policy of following the lead of rival nations."

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WINNERS OF BETS HELP IN PAYING WAR EXPENSES

(By Associated Press)
VIENNA.—The newest Austrian tax, by which the government hopes to increase its annual income by something like two and a half million crowns (half a million dollars) is a new and additional levy on the betting at the various Austrian race tracks.

The new tax provides that in addition to the percentage of all totalistateur (pari mutuel) wagers already taken by the government, a special "win tax" shall be imposed on all those who pick horses that pay 30 crowns or more for 10 wagers.

Thus, if the pari pays 31 for 10, the government will take an extra 10 hellers from the winner; this percentage of tax rises until the government will collect 24 crowns in such cases as the pari pays 250 for 10, an occurrence by no means infrequent when the favorite horse is beaten by an outsider.

From the figures of the betting at the race tracks during the past season, and the prices which the hugely patronized pari mutuel machines have paid, the government estimates that it can increase its income by a round million crowns.

Another million and a half it expects to realize from a similar special tax on bets made with the bookmakers in the race track rings. The new tax will appreciably enhance an already profitable business for the government, for under the old system it collects 20 per cent of all money wagered before the scale which the pari is to pay is reckoned up.

WOMEN TEACHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MARRY WHILE WAR GOES ON

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Germany.—The magistracy and school board of Berlin-Schoeneberg have decided that women school-teachers who marry during the war shall be retained in office and receive the pay drawn by them before. It will also be endeavored to secure for them the increased pay granted from state funds for length of service. The authorities explain that "the situation created by the war makes it more requisite to encourage marriage. Schoeneberg's action is a step in advance of any other Prussian city. Others, including Berlin proper, permitted women teachers married to soldiers in the first days of the conflict to retain their positions, but they have not gone farther. Scientific men are advocating the removal of any limitation on the marriage of women teachers. Dr. Felix Theilhaber, a well-known authority on social and sociological subjects, recently directed attention to the fact that nearly 20 per cent of all women in Berlin forty years old are single, a number almost double that of a generation ago.

LINCOLN'S BOY FRIEND DIES IN NEW JERSEY

(By Associated Press)
CAMDEN, N. J.—Col. Caesar Rodney May, 29 years a resident of this city, died recently in Cooper Hospital. He was 75 years old. He was born in Illinois and as a boy was a close friend of Abraham Lincoln. At the start of the Civil War he carried this letter to Secretary of War Stanton: "Dear Stanton—Appoint my young friend May a captain.—A. Lincoln." Before the war ended he was made a colonel for heroic work.

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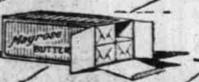
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BRITAINS ACTS SEVERELY

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Eng.—The Hon. Bertrand Russell, who was recently fined and subsequently deprived of his fellow-

ship and residential privileges at Cambridge as the author of a leaflet published by the No-Conscription Fellowship, is to be prevented not only from proceeding to the United States on a lecture tour as planned, but also from

entering any prohibited area in the United Kingdom. A notice to that effect has just been served on him by the War Office, and by an odd coincidence it was his cousin, Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. A. F. V. Russell,

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