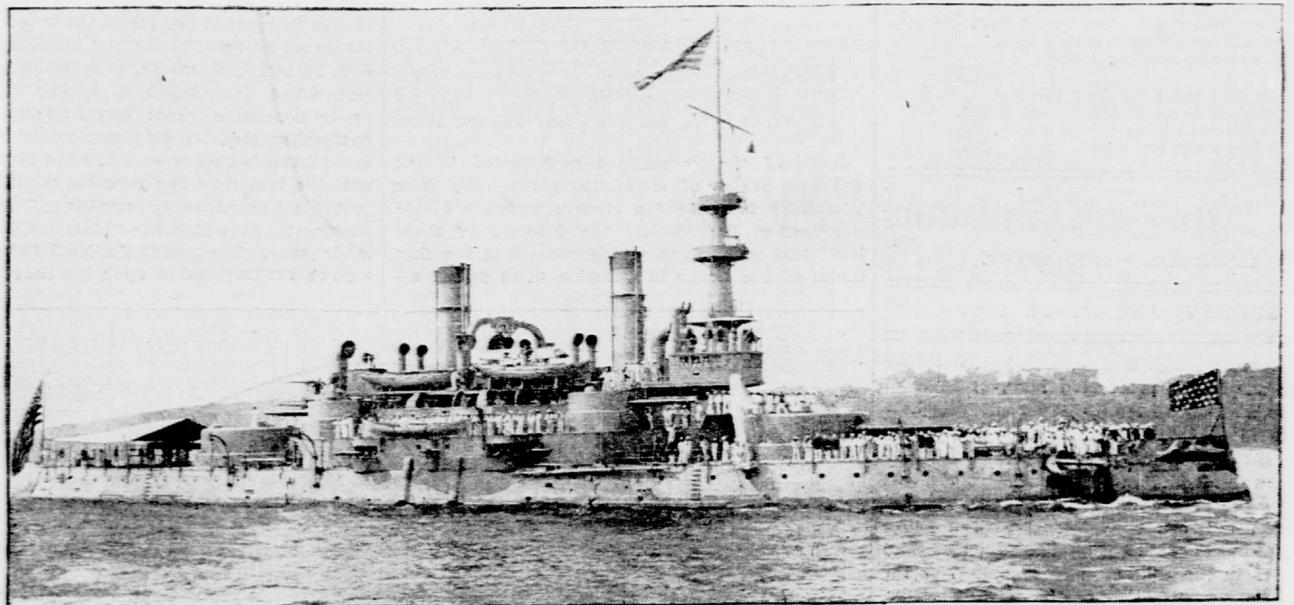


EASTERN END OF LONG ISLAND SOUND AND THE ARMY WILL TRY TO PREVENT IT



...ING A CAPTIVE BALLOON READY FOR ITS ASCENT.
...ate the attacking fleet far out at sea.

THE INDIANA.
She will take part in the attack.



THE FORTIFICATIONS AT GREAT GULL ISLAND.

... ISLAND TO PLUM ISLAND.
... on shore forts.

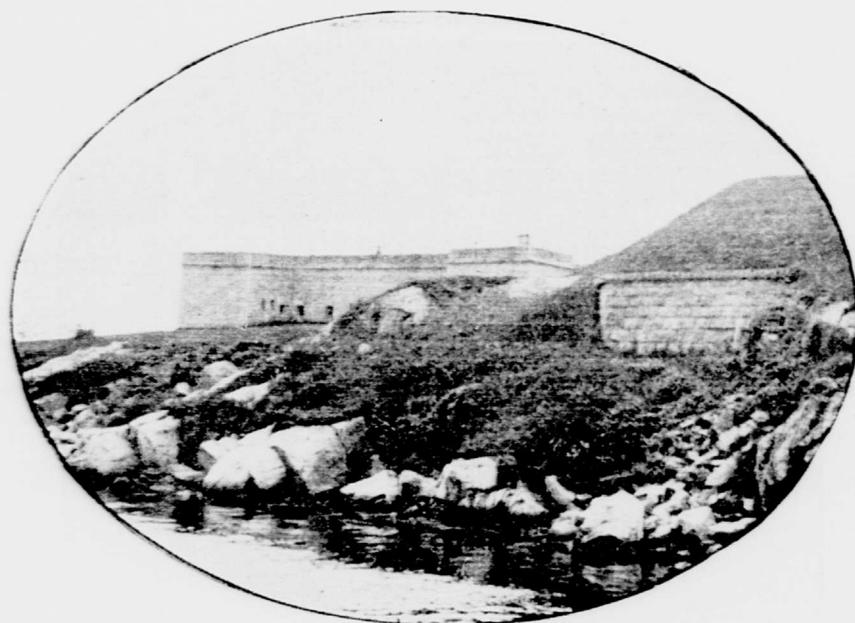
will have the advantage, for the number of shots fired before the other fellow gets to work will be an important factor in determining the result. A certain number of shots at effective range will be counted by the umpires as having sunk a ship or silenced a fort.

If a ship gallantly sails by the forts after she has figuratively gone to the bottom, it will do her no good. When she is sunk she will be counted as out of the fight, no matter what she may do. If a fort is metaphorically silenced by a rain of shot and shell from the squadron, she may bang away the rest of the week without gaining anything by it. The worst of the situation is that it will be next to impossible to make any one realize that he is licked. There is a strong probability that both the army and navy will, in true American style, go right on fighting even after the battle is over.

A retired naval officer said lately: "The real fight—that which will make the hair stand and shake the nation—will come in the board of umpires, when it undertakes to decide which of the contending forces is victorious. There is where it is going to be too hot for comfort." There will be army umpires on every ship and navy umpires at every fort, and with every command of the army engaged in the conflict. They are to get together afterward, talk things over calmly if they can, and decide whether New-York is a howling wilderness or the navy is at the bottom of the Race.

An army officer who is not concerned in the matter, except by his pride in the service, said recently that it would be a great misfortune to have the navy annihilated or the army captured by a bare working majority of one; but it would be still worse for the board to be so hopelessly divided that the commander in chief of both branches of the service would be obliged to decide that the navy had won and that the country was at the mercy of a victorious foe.

The contest is to be decided on points. So many shots from an effective range at a ship or fort before it replies may be counted as having sunk the one or silenced the other. If the navy lands marines anywhere along the lines of communication with the base of



OLD FORT TRUMBULL, NEAR NEW-LONDON HARBOR.

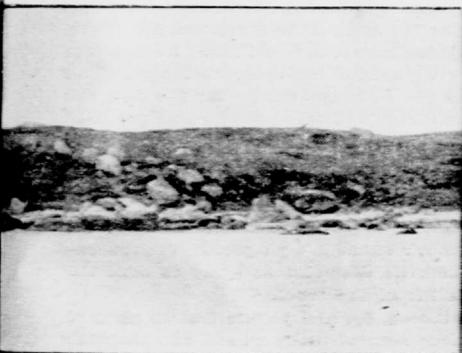
are figuratively passed, the metropolis is metaphorically doomed. It will be figuratively bombarded, sacked, pillaged and burned if the navy gets by the forts at the entrance to Long Island Sound, and will be only a hypothetical ruin, peopled with wailing widows and orphans.

All the army will know of the day and the hour for attack will be that they lie somewhere between sunset of August 29 and sunset of September 6. Eternal vigilance seven days long will be the price of victory. The navy may be expected to try to sneak in during the night or under cover of a convenient fog, or to steam majestically into the jaws of death in broad daylight; which of these plans is to be followed

only the commander of the squadron will know until the order is signalled from the flagship. If night is chosen for the attack there will be a great clash of searchlights somewhere in the circumambient ether at the moment of discovery.

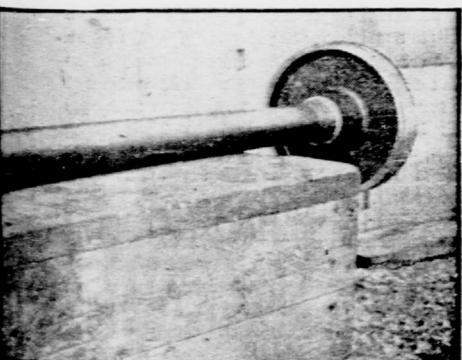
Then the big guns at Fort Mansfield, on the Rhode Island shore; Fort Wright, on Fisher's Island; Fort Michie, on Great Gull Island, or Fort Ferry, on Plum Island, will begin to talk United States, and those of the battleships will reply in the same eloquent tongue. If the ships see the forts before the forts see the ships, the order of the conversation will be reversed, the ships speaking first. Whoever gets in the first word after the ships are within effective range

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ISLAND.

is concealed.



LARGE GUN PRACTICE.

... in order to save powder.

... a great conflict of metaphors. The United States ... scale. Figuratively speaking, its ships will be ... marines will metaphorically die; cities will tremble ... defended or fall into the hands of the friendliest ... of the treacherous currents of the Race and the Gut