

SUBMARINES CANNOT COMBAT DESTROYERS

Some novel tests of the submarine and destroyer flotillas of the Portsmouth division took place last month near the Isle of Wight. The object was to ascertain the most advantageous methods to be adopted by the submarines in repelling a sudden attack on Portsmouth harbor by a fleet of destroyers, and the first operations were to discover the prospects of the submarine escaping from the net of the destroyers' guns.

The entire fleet of fifteen improved torpedo-boats ordered in 1903 has been delivered by the contractors and accepted by the British Admiralty. They are 235 feet in length, 23 feet beam, and 10 feet draught, but their displacement varies from 550 tons to 534 tons.

On May 15 there were eighty-three British war vessels assembled at Palma, Majorca, preparing for the maneuvers. This year they are composed of all classes, from battleships of 15,000 tons to destroyers of 200 tons, and carried a total of over 35,000 officers and men.

LAUNCHING OF WARSHIPS. The month of April was prolific in launching of war vessels, no less than seven ships taking to the water.

The United States led with the battleship Virginia and the armored cruisers Colorado and California. On April 30 the French battleship Democrite, the British armored cruiser Devonshire and the German cruiser München were launched and a turbine torpedo-boat was floated at Kiel in the United States.

An armored cruiser of 13,341 tons is to be built at Brest. She will be the longest war vessel built for any navy, being 315 feet, exceeding the British type of Drake by 15 feet and that of the California class by 10 feet.

The new French armored cruiser is to have triple screws of 36,000 horsepower, giving a speed of 23 knots, a bunker capacity of 2,200 tons and an armament of four 7.6-inch, twelve 3.4-inch, and two 3-pounder guns, two of which are under water. The estimated cost is \$5,580,000, against that of the Ernest Renan, now building and of the same type, of \$6,780,000.

A British ship of war recently arrived at Puerto Real, and saluted the flag of Costa Rica with twenty-one guns. It took the gunners of Costa Rica two hours to answer the salute. The ordnance consisted of one old muzzle-loader, which had to be allowed to cool after each discharge, and the gunners, persisted and the salute was got through in the course of the day.

A new coast defense 10.4-inch gun was recently tried at Cherbourg, with startling results. The concussion of the discharge nearly wrecked the fort to pieces. Dummies had been substituted for live gunners, without which precaution there would have been great loss of life, as the dummies were shattered into fragments. The guns were fired under service conditions and stood the test remarkably well.

If France should become involved in a naval war it is feared that it would result in exposing not less starting than the inefficiency of the army in 1870.

America has been successful in battleships, but when old and inefficient ships are deducted the number is decreased from twenty-eight to only eleven first-class ships.

NEW INSPECTION SYSTEM. Paymaster General Harris of the United States Navy has obtained authority from Secretary Moody for a new system of inspection of naval supplies. It has been the complaint of contractors for the past forty years that there was an unnecessary quantity of "red tape" and a great loss of time in the inspection process.

The new regulations provide that inspections shall begin at least by 10.30 a. m. on the second day following the delivery of supplies and be completed as rapidly as is consistent with the proper examination. All causes of delay must be made the subject of daily memoranda from the inspection boards. The paymaster general proposes to establish the method of inspection on businesslike grounds, as nearly as possible resembling commercial practices.

The Navy League of the United States was incorporated January 2, 1903, and numbers at the present time about 3500 members. It has forty-one sections, including four outside of the United States, located in London, Paris, Hanover and Bogota, Colombia.

During the month of April eight new sections were organized, and while the growth of the league is slow it compares favorably with the British Navy League. A number of women have recently joined the league and are active workers, and in some cities where sections are established prize contests are instituted in the schools for essays on some naval topic. The prize being a number of some famous ship in the navy, with the signature of the officer in command at some notable time. The latest contest was at Bethlehem, Pa., the prize being the Olympia with Admiral Dewey's signature.

The league is the Navy League journal, issued monthly. It has as yet organized itself mainly to a recital of naval history and description of vessels under construction. Unlike the British Navy League Journal it is extremely conservative and has offered no criticism on existing conditions.

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Greatest because of the quantities involved, greatest because of the varieties offered, greatest because of the seasonableness and desirableness of the fabrics, greatest because of the astonishing price reductions.

The assortment includes wash silks, foulards, striped pongees, Crepe de Chines and colored taffetas.

85c Crepe de Chine 59c—An extra quality, with a beautiful finish, in pretty shades of pink, light blue, maize, nie, heliotrope, champagne, red, cream, white and black; the cheapest we have ever sold them; regularly 85c the yard; beginning Monday 69c

75c Panne Liberty Foulards 48c—Many very pretty designs for shirt waist suits. In the lot the new shades of tan, brown, gray, heliotrope and the ever popular navy blue; regularly always 75c the yard; the special sale price beginning Monday 48c

\$1.00 Pongee Silks 48c—An extra quality in beautiful striped effect, in shades of green, red, rose, pink, etc. Very pretty summer costumes and waists can be made from these; on special sale beginning Monday, yard 48c

75c Colored Taffetas 48c—Only a limited quantity of these desirable silks; these are extra quality 75c taffetas, in light blues, pinks, reds, red, nie, gray, etc.; on special sale beginning Monday and while quantity lasts, yard 48c

\$1.25 Black Beau de Soie 87c—Less than 500 yards of these heavy quality Beau de Soies that sold regularly at \$1.25; on special sale beginning Monday, yard 87c

50c Wash Silks 23c—These are the best quality shirt waist wash silks, in such desirable colorings as blue, pink, tan, rose and gray, offered at just the time you need them most at the lowest price we have known such silks to be sold for anywhere; beginning Monday, yard 23c

The March of Improvement Brings Big Silverware and Jewelry Sale

In a few days the handsome new jewelry, silverware and cutlery department, under the elevated Cafe and Bandstand, will be ready to receive the stocks of goods. Prior to the opening of the new department we are carefully looking over present stocks and weeding out all the small lots and are marking them at quick-selling prices. We quote a few of the reductions for to-day's selling:

Salts and Peppers—Fancy glass, sterling silver tops, regularly 25c each 14c

Candle Sticks—In the French gray finish, regularly 25c each, marked to close 12c

Brooch Pins—Assorted designs, in French gray, enamel and gold finish, regularly 25c each, marked to close 8c

Hat Pins—Extra long h pins, sterling silver tips, ch. ap. fr. 15c—special price 8c

Fancy Hat Pins—Assorted stone settings—fancy designs, regular price 35c to 50c, all at one uniform price to close 18c

Men's Silk Fobs—With fancy ornaments, an assortment of many styles that were 1.00 to \$2.50—now at one uniform price to close, each 39c

Cream Ladles—Silver plated, fancy designs, regularly 55c, sale price, each 16c

Sterling Silver Tableware—Consisting of: Cream Ladles Olive Forks Sugar Sifters Pickle Forks Olive Spoons Sardine Forks Sugar Tongs, etc. French Gray Finish Handles in pretty flower design, 4 bowls and 4 tins gull lined, regular 1.00, now reduced to close 79c

Silver Plated Pie Knives—Cake Knives, Crumb Scrapers, Ice Cream Servers, etc.—were 75c each, reduced for this sale to 33c

Roger & Bros.' "1847" Knife and Fork Sets—6 1/2 doz knives and 6 doz fork sets, in box, reg. \$4.25, special for this sale \$3.87

Fine Shears—Full nickelled, in 3 different styles, special for this sale, pair 14c

Season's Best Bargains Women's Suit Department

All costumes worth up to \$165.00 now \$27.50 to \$75.00

Any Pongee Shirt Waist Suit, regularly \$23.50 to \$32.50, now \$14.90

\$12.50 Tailor Suits \$4.90

\$22.50 Tailored Suits \$14.90

\$6.75 Dress Skirts \$4.90

\$20.00 Dress Skirts \$14.90

Unequaled bargains this week—phenomenal selling all the season has left us with remaining lots, which we have marked at the above absurdly low prices to close out immediately. The irresistible figures have been placed on dependable lines of suits and skirts in order to accomplish our clearance purpose. You will come here Monday if you are at all interested in sharing the most unusual values of the whole year.

The \$4.90 and \$14.90 suits are in the Eton blouse and coat suit styles—mixtures, mistral, chevrons, molairs and broadcloths. If you need a coat suit to knock about in in the country or to wear shopping see these.

100 Dress Skirts have been taken from our regular stock for special sale this week. They are made of mistral and estamines, regularly \$6.75 for \$4.90

Choice of any Dress Skirt, regularly priced, \$16.50, \$17.50 and \$20.00, this week \$14.80

Any Pongee Suit—In our stock, regularly \$25.50 to \$32.50—while quantity lasts \$14.90

Alterations on above, extra.

Sale of Hammocks Tents, Cois, Sports, Etc.

\$1.25 Hammocks, 89c—To-day only, 80 inch cotton hammock, in pretty colorings, pillow and concealed spreader at head, and short spreader at foot—deep fringed valance—Monday special sale price 89c

\$1.50 Hammock \$1.18—Colored cotton, in strong canvas-weave, with pillow and concealed spreader at head, extra foot bar and deep fringed valance, body 80 inches—Special sale price, Monday only \$1.18

8-oz. Duck Tents—All with 3 ft. wall—7 1/2 ft. \$6.00 7 1/2 ft. \$6.00 7 1/2 ft. \$6.00 7 1/2 ft. \$6.00

Camp Stools—25c a doz. with back \$35.00 and \$75.00

Reclining Chairs—Hardwood frames \$1.00

Reclining Chairs—Hardwood frames, arms \$1.25

Reclining Chairs, with arms and foot rest \$1.75

Cots—Folding canvas \$1.00, \$2.25, \$3.00

Cots—Folding wire \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.75

Cot Mattresses \$1.25 and \$1.50

Lawn Swings \$7.25 and \$9.25

Lawn Croquet \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$4.00

Tennis Rackets 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.50

Air Rifles 75c \$1.00 and \$1.50

Hamilton 22 Caliber Rifles \$1.50 and \$1.75

Split Bamboo Fishing Rods 85c and \$1.50

French Willow Fishing Baskets 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25

Best 50c Gloves For Summer Wear

Fowne's Little Suzie-finish Gloves, 2 large caps, white, black, gray, mices, with 3-row embroidery in self and color. These gloves wash and wear particularly well.

Pattern Veils 75c, \$1.00

Extremely stylish effects in all the popular meshes, and different combinations of dots and summer colorings. They are 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 yards long.

Handkerchief Sale

Shamrock sheer linen, hand-embroidered Handkerchiefs, scalloped edges, 170 patterns, very elegant, dainty handkerchiefs—

The 75c styles 50c

\$1.00, \$1.25 styles 75c

\$1.50, \$1.75 styles \$1.00

Girls' Overall Aprons, Rompers

Give the little ones a comfortable time and save lots of washing.

Girls' Overall—Navy blue denim, red trimmings, 2 to 8 years 50c

Girls' Khaki Overall: Sizes 2 to 4 years 59c, 6 to 8 years 69c

Girls' Rompers—Sizes 2 to 5 years 75c

Girls' Gingham Aprons—Sizes 4 to 10 years 59c

Negligee Shirts 50c Men's Boys'

The best shirts or the money we have ever seen; good substantial material and perfect cut, full size and well made, summer comfort, for 50 cents each.

35c Cologne 19c

Made by the manufacturers of the "4711" perfumery, who are going to change the style of labels on the bottles and therefore sold us 2000 bottles at about half price. Monday we will sell veritable Eau de Cologne, bottle 19c.

Belts 50c, 25c

Ladies' soft leather crushed effects; in white, mode or black; good buckles, well made; extra values at 50c.

Children's good Patent Leather Belts, various colors 25c

Monday and Tuesday Grocery and Liquor Sale

Hunt's Extra Tomatoes, solid pack, dozen, \$1.18; tin 10c

Best Eastern Lard—3-lb. tins 31c