

# THE UNITED STATES MUST HAVE MORE MEN-OF-WAR.

**Proposed Increase Through an Expenditure of \$250,000,000 Is None Too Great to Maintain the Nation's Place Among the Powers.**

FROM a statement based on the numerical strength of ships, the United States navy occupies fourth place among the navies of the world, and authorities agree that if this country is to maintain its standing as a world power its navy must be largely increased. In the recent debate on the naval appropriation bill, Congressman Loudenslager, of New Jersey, pointed out that never has there been so great competition among the nations for foreign commerce as now, and foreign commerce cannot be maintained to any considerable extent unless a nation is prepared to protect its interests against encroachment. In clinching his argument, Congressman Loudenslager submitted figures and tables, which are reproduced on this page.

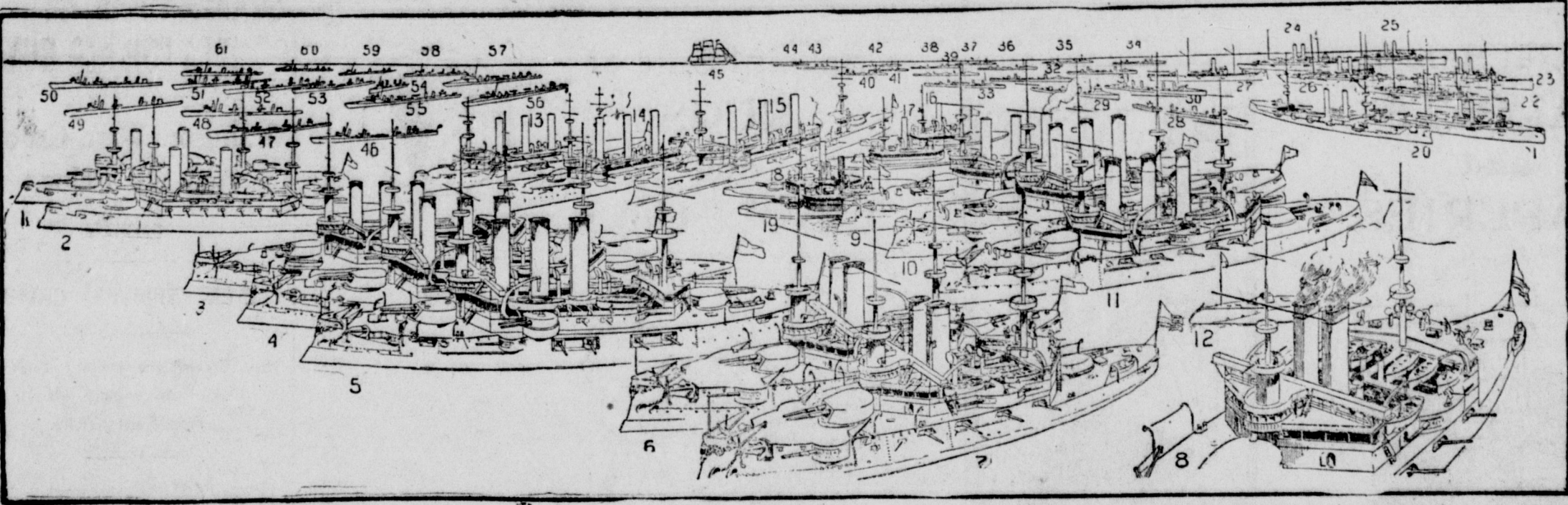
On the topic "Our Fighters of the Sea," Sidney Graves Koon, in *Leslie's Weekly*, demonstrates that the great fighting value of the American ships, due largely to the adoption of the new high-powered guns, is very evident. Not only are the foreign ships approaching the new Maine in this respect, and the New Jersey is still further removed from European standards. It may be of interest to note that the Oregon's fighting power, computed on her condition when she fought at Santiago, may be represented by 218,556 foot-tons per minute, which has been increased by the adoption of smokeless powder and the installation of six-inch rapid-fire guns in place of the old six-inch slow-fire guns. This is far below the figure for any other ship mentioned by Mr. Koon, but it is only fair to remark that the bulk of the Oregon's battery consists of heavy, slow-firing guns, capable of great penetration and execution, but not showing up to great advantage when it comes to a comparison like the above. In all the ships the heaviest part of the energy may be traced to the six-inch rapid-fire guns, which give, in the aggregate, from three to five times as heavy a discharge per minute as do the monster pieces heading the lists.

Our new armored cruisers will prove to be the peers of any afloat, and could attack with a high chance of success, any but the most powerful battleships. If, as is reported, the armor-belt is to be ten inches thick, it will at once be seen to offer a far more formidable resistance to ineffectual shells than the belts of the new English, Russian, Italian and Japanese battleships. The design not being complete, however, the particulars are not fully settled, and a thinner belt may finally be decided upon. The *Fernando*, under construction by Italy, is interesting as being a slightly enlarged and somewhat modified *Cristobal Colon*, of Santiago fame. Mr. Koon says:

In protected cruisers we do not fare so handsomely. While the other powers are building fine ships of 4,300 to 11,000 tons, our efforts have culminated in an antiquated design of 3,100 tons, slower by two knots than modern battleships. The new Russian cruiser *Novik* is interesting as a comparison. The batteries are approximately equal, protection favors the Russian, in coal capacity we are ahead, but in speed—

On March 3, 1899, congress authorized the construction of three more first-class battleships, to be called the *Georgia*, *New Jersey* and *Pennsylvania*; three large armored cruisers, *California*, *West Virginia* and *Nebraska*, already described, and six partially protected cruisers, likewise described previously. The battleships are to be of 12,500 tons displacement, with a speed of eighteen knots, and will much resemble the new *Maine* in appearance. Several designs have been evolved for the distribution of the battery and armor, the chief departures in this respect from the *Maine* being the substitution in the adopted design of four eight-inch guns for a similar number of six-inch guns, and a reduction in the thickness of the armor belt from eleven inches to nine inches. In any event, those ships will be most powerful specimens of their class. It is to be regretted that congress has delayed their construction by requiring that their armor shall be purchased at an absurdly low figure. Their construction has not been commenced; therefore they are not included in the list of ships to be included, for comparison, in the lists of individual ships. The armored cruisers are under a like embargo, and it is to be deeply deplored that we are to wait for these fine vessels until congress sees fit to remove the obstruction.

The new programme, recommended by



WARSHIPS TO BE BUILT BY THE UNITED STATES, ILLUSTRATION SHOWING THE \$250,000,000 ADDITION TO THE NAVY.

No.	Name and Type.	Speed in knots.	No.	Name and Type.	Speed in knots.	No.	Name and Type.	Speed in knots.
1	Kearsarge, battleship	17	22	Des Moines, sheathed protected cruiser	17	42	Wilkes, torpedo boat	26.5
2	Kentucky, battleship	17	23	Chattanooga, sheathed protected cruiser	17	43	Dahlgren, torpedo boat	30
3	Georgia, battleship	19	24	Galveston, sheathed protected cruiser	17	44	T. A. M. Craven, torpedo boat	30
4	New Jersey, battleship	19	25	Tacoma, sheathed protected cruiser	17	45	Chesapeake, training vessel for naval academy	29
5	Pennsylvania, battleship	19	26	Cleveland, sheathed protected cruiser	17	46	Bainbridge, torpedo boat destroyer	29
6	Illinois, battleship	17	27	Unnamed gunboat for lake service	17	47	Barry, torpedo boat destroyer	29
7	Wisconsin, battleship	18	28	Stringham, torpedo boat	30	48	Chauncey, torpedo boat destroyer	29
8	Alabama, battleship	18	29	Goldsborough, torpedo boat	30	49	Dale, torpedo boat destroyer	29
9	Missouri, battleship	18	30	Bailey, torpedo boat	30	50	Decatur, torpedo boat destroyer	29
10	Ohio, battleship	18	31	Bagley, torpedo boat	28	51	Paul Jones, torpedo boat destroyer	29
11	Maine, battleship	18	32	Barney, torpedo boat	28	52	Perry, torpedo boat destroyer	29
12	Plunger, submarine torpedo boat	8	33	Blakeley, torpedo boat	28	53	Preble, torpedo boat destroyer	29
13	West Virginia, armored cruiser	22	34	De Long, torpedo boat	26	54	Stewart, torpedo boat destroyer	29
14	Nebraska, armored cruiser	22	35	Nicholson, torpedo boat	26	55	Truxton, torpedo boat destroyer	29
15	California, armored cruiser	22	36	Biddle, torpedo boat	26	56	Whipple, torpedo boat destroyer	29
16	Arkansas, monitor	12	37	O'Brien, torpedo boat	26	57	Worden, torpedo boat destroyer	29
17	Connecticut, monitor	12	38	Shubrick, torpedo boat	26	58	Hopkins, torpedo boat destroyer	29
18	Florida, monitor	12	39	Stockton, torpedo boat	26	59	Hull, torpedo boat destroyer	29
19	Wyoming, monitor	12	40	Thornton, torpedo boat	26	60	Lawrence, torpedo boat destroyer	29
20	Albany, sheathed protected cruiser	20	41	Tinney, torpedo boat	26	61	Macdonough, torpedo boat destroyer	30
21	Denver, sheathed protected cruiser	17						

—From Leslie's Weekly.

## NAVAL TONNAGE OF THE GREAT POWERS.

Secretary Long, and incorporated in President McKinley's message to congress, contains no battleships, but includes three armored cruisers, even larger than the California class, three protected cruisers slightly larger than the Columbia, and twelve small gunboats, recommended by Admiral Dewey for service in our new insular possessions. No action has yet been taken by congress in the matter. In this connection it is interesting to note what other nations are doing in this respect. Secretary Long's report for 1899 shows the new ships laid down during the year to be, in tons:

Battleships	Cruisers	Gunboats	Total
England	115,000	127,700	242,700
France	25,456	113,943	149,399
Russia	47,426	6,375	53,801
United States	49,810	4,191	54,001
Italy	32,000	1,800	33,800
Germany	4,321	2,800	7,121

Included four monitors.

The total tonnage under construction during the year is stated by the secretary to be:

Battleships	Cruisers	Gunboats	Total
England	251,700	267,000	518,700
France	80,281	166,283	246,564
Russia	115,713	12,007	127,720
United States	107,000	4,936	111,936
Italy	78,164	38,901	117,065
Germany	97,729	41,850	139,579

Included four monitors.

As all the vessels called for by Japan's building programme are either completed or under way, no new vessels were laid down during the year. Of the other powers, only Germany and Italy laid down less tonnage than we did (Germany by a very narrow margin), while Italy alone has less under construction.

Most ominous is the attitude of Germany. Four battleships laid down in 1899 make a total of nine under construction, against which we have three and eight, respectively. But the new German programme, extending over eighteen years, contemplates such an addition to the armored fleet that it shall equal the present force of Great Britain. Four hundred million dollars are to be expended. The designed increase will include nineteen first-class battleships, eight first-class cruisers, some of which will be armored, and fifteen second-class cruisers. Our new navy, begun in 1885, has cost us \$28,000,000 for ships completed, with an estimated addition of \$62,000,000 to cover ships now under construction, while the programme of March 3, 1899, calls for \$30,000,000 more. But total cost \$118,000,000.

The ships just now under construction for the United States navy form an impos-

Built—	England	France	Russia	United States	Germany	Italy	Japan
B. S.	554,855	295,834	117,240	48,519	112,239	148,588	31,970
Ar. Cr.	131,450	44,089	63,216	17,411	34,713	21,203	21,200
Pr. Cr.	81,165	12,888	11,277	61,038	35,389	42,112	51,802
Unpr. Cr.	38,510	44,063	8,407	11,207	43,500	2,273	23,775
Sp. V.	50,080	43,328	44,200	51,281	12,001	None	10,280
Sp. V.	5,294	5,294	5,294	5,294	5,294	5,294	5,294
T. V.	27,700	8,838	14,391	None	1,892	11,672	850
T. B. D.	23,775	500	240	273	300	None	2,300
T. B. D.	15,223	11,156	1,891	12,560	8,219	None	2,109
Subs	None	436	None	None	None	None	None
Total	1,363,745	584,333	281,280	133,967	205,113	241,614	148,957
Building—							
B. S.	238,750	47,765	145,672	135,625	102,620	44,516	60,450
Ar. Cr.	167,400	111,307	19,941	36,600	19,342	21,882	38,534
Pr. Cr.	44,065	15,311	14,916	25,300	19,180	5,882	3,508
Unpr. Cr.	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
C. D.	None	None	1,126	12,940	None	None	None
Sp. V.	None	None	None	5,000	None	None	None
T. V.	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
T. B. D.	10,430	3,022	6,970	7,097	1,550	6,673	1,200
T. B. D.	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Subs	None	536	None	None	None	None	None
Total	461,175	181,188	227,248	219,558	145,692	76,913	115,478
Grand total	1,824,920	765,521	508,528	413,525	410,805	318,527	264,435
Built since 1890—							
B. S.	532,350	173,683	205,822	181,144	177,190	171,223	85,300
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Subs	None	436	None	None	None	None	None
Total	1,182,125	437,940	330,384	338,145	280,713	145,332	136,506

B. S.—Battleships, i. e., vessels usually of large tonnage (the present practice giving between 10,000 and 15,000 tons), with maximum offense and defense; protection to hull by vertical side armor; protective deck; coal bunkers and gunboats; guns protected by barbettes, turrets, casemates and shields.

Ar. Cr.—Armored cruisers, i. e., vessels of moderate to large tonnage, with protection to hull and battery similar to that of battleships, except the thickness of metal in all cases is much less, which with the weight saved by carrying lighter guns gives opportunity to make the speed and stonning radius of the armored cruiser much greater than the battleship.

Pr. Cr.—Protected cruisers, i. e., vessels usually of small to moderate tonnage, with protection to hull by protective deck, coal bunkers and gunboats. No side armor. No turrets or barbettes or casemates; guns protected by gun shields.

Unpr. Cr.—Unprotected cruisers, i. e., vessels without any of the protection of the above classes. It will be noticed that no country has constructed a vessel of this class for many years.

C. D.—Coast defense, i. e., vessels with many of the characteristics of B. S., in having thick armor for hull and battery protection; large guns; small speed; the thickness of metal in all cases is much less, which with the weight saved by carrying lighter guns gives opportunity to make the speed and stonning radius of the armored cruiser much greater than the battleship.

Sp. V.—Special vessels, i. e., vessels of small to moderate tonnage, with protection to hull by protective deck, coal bunkers and gunboats. No side armor. No turrets or barbettes or casemates; guns protected by gun shields.

T. V.—Torpedo vessels, i. e., vessels of small to moderate tonnage, with protection to hull by protective deck, coal bunkers and gunboats. No side armor. No turrets or barbettes or casemates; guns protected by gun shields.

T. B. D.—Torpedo boat destroyers, vessels of 200 to 400 tons, strong construction, good seagoing qualities, very high speed, and large stonning radius.

Subs.—Submarines, vessels of 200 to 300 tons, no longer being built in England or Germany, which, as above stated, are building only the destroyers.

As a study of the policy of the real maritime nations—England and Germany—shows that the defense is always to be offense. Both countries are building only seagoing battle ships, large cruisers, and all torpedo boats, and are abandoning the construction of coastal defense vessels.

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Joseph P. Cook, private, Company B, Ninth Infantry, Home at Haverhill, Mass.

Two penetrating wounds in breast made by Remington bullets. Bolo-wounds on neck and legs. Died five days later.

Edward A. Norval, private, Company B, Twelfth Infantry, Home at Haverhill, Mass.

Shot through right groin, left thigh, right leg. Abrasion from bullet across stomach. Also suffered severe bolo-wounds on body and legs. There is a chance of Norval's complete recovery.

W. H. Peterson, private, Company B, Twelfth Infantry, Home at Haverhill, Mass.

Shot through right thigh. Has chance of recovery.

Joseph Cook, between gasps for breath, explained that at the first volley Peterson had fallen over an embankment, and would doubtless be found in a ravine fifty or fifty feet below. They found him, and it was a superhuman task to move the wounded man to the plateau upon which his dead and dying friends rested. The condition of the men was awful. They had been starved and ill-treated since their capture two months before. They had been denied water and food until they were so weak they could hardly stand when they were led out to be executed. It was a hard matter to question them, but after their wounds had been dressed, Joseph Cook, one of the most badly wounded, insisted upon relating the experiences of the day. The previous morning they had been taken, on Akino's orders, from the house in which they were imprisoned and been compelled to kneel before a firing party. After undergoing the most awful mental anguish for several minutes they were taken back to the jail, with the information that if the American troops attacked the barracks they would be shot. Cook told the story in these words:

I didn't care much whether they killed me or not. Akino had misused us so often and had starved us so much that I prayed for death. Why, we have only had a handful of rice a day for two weeks. I was big and strong, but this treatment soon reduced me to a state where I thought my mind was falling. We were not allowed to bathe. They kept us in a filthy hole, and sometimes we suffered for a drink of water. This was all on account of Akino's orders. Some of the natives tried to be kind to us, but Akino would punish them. It was awful, I tell you, and growing worse until this morning, when we heard firing and knew that we were doomed. At the first volley some one of our guards came to our house and dragged us into the open. I wanted to break and run for it, but was too weak. They were all yelling and excited-like. Before we knew what it was all about they told us to kneel down. We could not help it, and did as we were told. As I was going down on my knees and praying God to take my soul,

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