

TURRETS ARE DEATH TRAPS

Construction on Battleships All Wrong and American Boys Enlisting in Navy Go Forth as to Battle.

Special Correspondence to The Press

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13.—Criticism of the gravest sort is now being made against the turret of the American battleship.

Experts now declare that the whole construction is a menace to life and to the floating forts, every one of which cost the nation millions of dollars.

According to these criticisms, a boy enlisting in the navy goes forth as to battle, with many chances of death in time of peace.

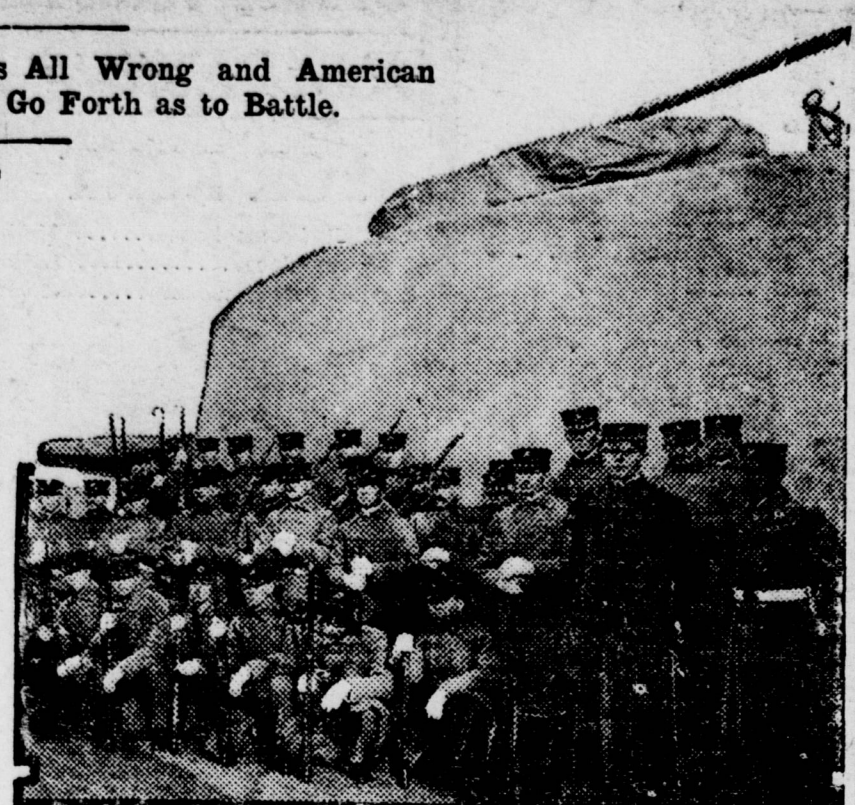
Indeed, the statement is made, and to the lay mind proved, that our naval contractors are 100 years behind the times.

The turrets and magazines of all our battleships are constructed on the principle of the elevator shaft, the ammunition hoist running straight up from the handling room beneath the turret.

In case of fire in the upper turret there is nothing except a makeshift shutter to prevent sparks or burning grains of powder from falling into the handling rooms below the magazines. The accident upon the Georgia occurred in that manner, and nothing but the self-sacrificing spirit of American seamen has prevented several of our ships from being destroyed.

This method of construction is peculiar to the United States navy. The sailing ships of Nelson's fleet, 100 years ago, had a powder hatch in the rear of each row of guns on the upper deck, and the powder was passed up from magazines near the bottom of the vessel.

The hatch in the lower deck was



This photograph shows what a turret on a battleship looks like from the outside. This view was taken on the Illinois. The turret is made of solid armored steel and from within are fired the ship's biggest guns.

not directly beneath the uppermost hatch, but was to one side, and burning powder fell it was separated from the hatch below by a screen of wooden cloth.

This is practically the system in vogue in every other navy except that of the United States.

All other navies provide for lifting powder and shell from the handling rooms into the turrets by means of a two-stage shaft, thus

preventing any possibility of sparks falling into the handling room. It was only after prolonged and bitter protest from the line officers of the American navy, and the sacrifice of possibly 50 lives, that the bureau some two months ago devised the shutter.

In the light of the Georgia disaster, however, is this any more than an inefficient makeshift after all?

PICK OUT SITES FOR FORTS

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13.—Having finally awakened to the unprepared condition of the Pacific coast, in event of hostilities with Japan or any other power striking from that direction, the navy department has appointed a board to consider available sites for naval bases.

Of this board two members, Admiral W. L. Capps, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, and Admiral W. S. Cowles, of the general board, are already on their way, while the third member, Rear Admiral R. C. Holladay, is to start west in a few days.

As already stated in these dispatches, the government is considering several possible locations on the southern part of the Pacific front for this purpose. San Diego is a possible location, and secret negotiations are under way with Mexico for a permanent lease of Magdalena bay on the west shore of Lower California. The board will also consider strengthening the base at San Francisco and adding to its docking facilities.

As chief of the bureau of yards and docks, Admiral Holladay is chiefly concerned with the docking question. He intends to look into the matter of the failure of the firm of contractors to complete the Mare Island dock, which was started several years ago, and he will look for available sites for other docks. The greatest need is for docks which will be convenient to ships coming through the Panama canal.

Admiral Capps and Admiral Cowles are interested in the location of coaling stations and repair shops, as well as the proper fortification of any site chosen for a base. The board will probably extend its trip to Hawaii to look into the question of a coaling station there.

MAY REVOLUTIONIZE GAS-MAKING



Special Correspondence to The Press

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 13.—A chance discovery may revolutionize gas making methods throughout the country.

J. Russell Counts, a Chicago chemist, was burning stacks of straw in Canadian wheat fields. Noticing the blue haze before the yellow flame, he asked himself the question: "If this flame can be produced by nature, why not produce it artificially?"

He went to work with a will, and after long hours of experimenting the feat was accomplished.

The most startling feature of the invention is that the material used is straw, cornstalks, and other waste products of the farm. With the assistance of Prof. Percy Tarvar, an experimental station was erected in Cleveland, and there, according to both Prof. Tarvar and Supt. Rice, the success of the new method has been established beyond a doubt.

It is claimed that from a ton of straw may be obtained 15,000 feet of gas suitable for heating, lighting or power.

CITY TO PAY DAMAGE

The city council finance committee yesterday afternoon recommended that \$900 be appropriated to pay the Spokane Amateur Athletic club for damage done its sewer by a cave-in when the city was improving Main avenue to the Monroe street bridge.

Treasurer M. H. Eggleston recommended that the council have the state pay \$950 for paying in front of the new armory building. The last session of the legislature passed this law.

The committee instructed Clerk Fleming to communicate with Dillon & Hubbard, bond lawyers of New York, and get their price for reporting on the \$400,000 bond issue. Treasurer Eggleston informed the committee that this firm's report would go far on the sale of those bonds.

SEATTLE'S PUBLIC MARKET.

Seattle is to have a public market. In this improvement the metropolis of the state will forge ahead of other cities in the northwest. A public market has been advocated from time to time in Spokane, but nothing is a material way has been done to secure one.

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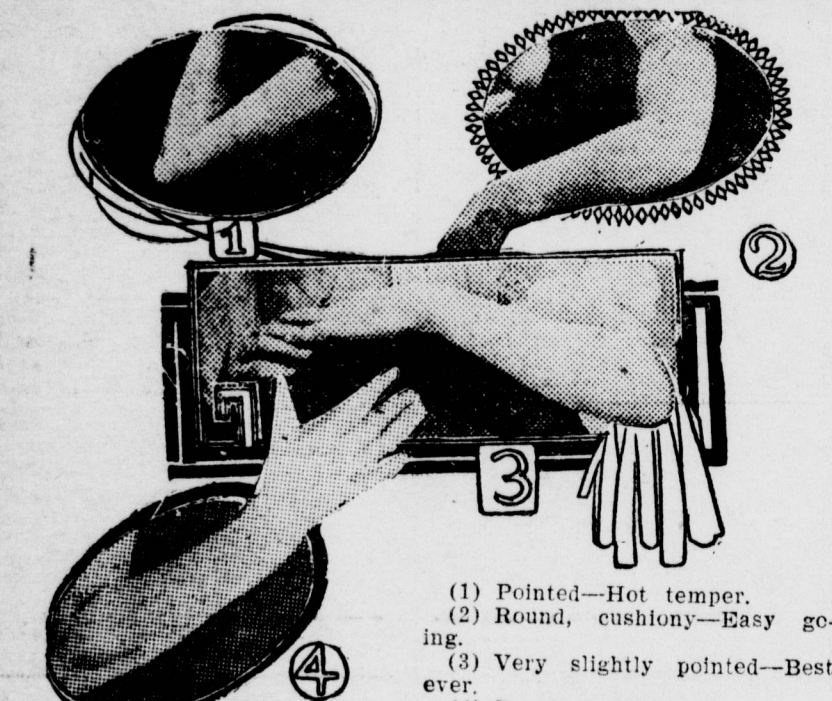
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CAN READ GIRL'S CHARACTER ON HER ELBOW



By Frances Gilbreath Ingersoll.
Cover up your elbows, girls. They are a dead give-away to your "young man" of your disposition and temper. Here are some "pointers" for the said young man, to enable him to steer clear of rocks in the matrimonial seas.

A "pointed" elbow, whether the arm be plump or "skinny," indicates a temper sharp enough to take the edge off a file. Its possessor will be always in a "scrap" with her neighbors, and her husband be continually treated to liberal allowances of a rasping tongue. As the old adage puts it: "An elbow sharp and a pointed knee."

Cross words, two out of every three.

If there are two or three noticeable bony "protuberances" besides, she will possess the temper of the first, but also be a "hustler" to work. Her husband, as well as her surroundings, will have to "stand around" when she gets her sleeves rolled up for business.

The round, smooth, cushiony elbow indicates an easy-going, slack, good-natured, "let-things-slide" temperament. She will let the baby daub himself with flies and molasses to "keep him quiet" while she gossips over the neighbor's back fence.

If there be a deep indentation with no prominent "points," its

- (1) Pointed—Hot temper.
- (2) Round, cushiony—Easy going.
- (3) Very slightly pointed—Best ever.
- (4) Deeply indented—Fickle.

BRIEF CITY NEWS

J. Oscar Peterson, clerk in Judge Hinkle's court, will leave for his vacation tomorrow. He will camp near town.

H. M. Richardson, Judge E. H. Sullivan's clerk, has returned with his family from a vacation spent in Stevens county.

F. C. Collins, traveling passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific lines, is in the city, on business connected with the Soo-Spokane line.

The Great Western Carnival Co. has been engaged by the Natatorium park management to open Aug. 26 with 3 outdoor and 9 indoor attractions.

A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quinn, 2506 Gardner avenue. Mrs. Quinn is the daughter of Jessie Shirley, the Auditorium leading lady.

Three freight cars on the Northern Pacific were derailed about 6 o'clock last evening near Spangle. The Palouse local was delayed 4 hours.

William Lindsay, charged with assaulting Jack Reback with a knife, pleaded not guilty before Justice Hinkle yesterday and his case was set for Friday, July 16.

Great Northern trains are transferring at Sandpoint, Idaho, to the Northern Pacific and following that line as far east as Helena, Mont., on account of a cave-in of tunnel No. 10, 150 miles east of Spokane.

The board of public works yesterday issued a permit to Louis Michel to construct and conduct a scenic theater out of the old church building on the corner of Second avenue and Monroe street.

Judge E. H. Sullivan this morning modified the sentence of Edith Ruhl, who was confined in the Home of the Good Shepherd, and allowed her to go to her home. Her father put up a \$200 bond for her future good behavior.

The State Bank of Uniontown yesterday bought W. E. Morrison's third interest in the Cascade block on the south side of Riverside avenue, between Lincoln and Monroe streets, paying \$25,000. The bank now owns a two-thirds interest.

The funeral of Paul Westcott, fireman, who died yesterday morning at Sacred Heart hospital, following an operation for appendicitis, will be held Wednesday afternoon from Smith & Co.'s. Rev. W. J. Hindley will officiate. Interment will be in Greenwood.

SEVEN YEARS' SILENCE.

TOLEDO, Aug. 13.—After living for seven years in the same house with her husband during which time they had no communication, Mrs. Margaret E. Towers brought suit for divorce from Leo F. Towers, who lives at 2120 Cherry street and has offices at 415 Superior. On Mrs. Towers' application Judge Brown issued an order restraining Towers from interfering with his wife and from disposing of or encumbering any of his property.

POWDER KILLS CHILD.

RITZVILLE, Aug. 13.—Powder burns proved fatal to Rudolph Radke, age 10, whose parents live on a farm. With other boys he found loose powder on the railroad grade. They touched a match to it.

TACOMA PREACHER QUILTS.

TACOMA, Aug. 13.—For the purpose of regaining his health Rev. A. H. Barnhisel, of the First Presbyterian church, has resigned and taken a position with a real estate company. He expects to work in the country.

AUTO FRIGHTENS KAISERIN.



THE KAISERIN OF GERMANY.

BERLIN, Aug. 13.—No more automobiles for the Kaiserin! Aeh, du lieber, nein! It all came about through the spattering and spluttering of the royal machine in which the empress was riding. Spit! Spit! Sputter! Sputter! That was the way the auto went. "Ach, mein lieber, stop!" And in spite of the fact that the chauffeur tried to assure her majesty upon his word as a loyal subject that there was absolutely no danger, the empress dismounted and walked rapidly away.

The Ladies' Aid of the German Evangelical church, Northside, will give a lawn social Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ruhl, E312 Sinto av. Ice cream and cake will be served.

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