

U.S. PUSHES BRITAIN FOR FIRST POSITION AS A NAVAL POWER

With Thirteen More Battleships And Six Battle Cruisers Soon To Be Completed, She Will Be Rival For Supremacy.

Washington, August 20.—The rapid rise of the United States as a naval power during the past two years is graphically demonstrated in figures showing the sea strength of the various world powers, compiled by the Navy Department's Bureau of Naval Intelligence.

They show that the United States, closely pressed by France in 1917 for its place as third naval power in the world, is now second only to Great Britain and is pushing to completion a building programme that will make the American Navy, for the first time in recent history, a formidable contender for first naval honors.

A little more than two years ago, the figures show, Germany then second naval power, boasted more than 100 more ships of all classes than the United States, with a total tonnage exceeding that of the American Navy by nearly 200,000 tons. Great Britain's fleet at that time numbered a total of 680 ships, aggregating 2,755,564 tons as compared with Germany's 262 ships and 1,058,240 tons and the United States' 183 ships and 560,017 tons.

Japan Passes France.

Today Germany, now in third place among naval powers, has a "paper" navy of 450 ships of all types, totalling 226,637 tons. These figures do not include German vessels surrendered to the Allies or Russian vessels in the hands of the Germans. Regarded from the standpoint of fighting efficiency as distinguished from number of ships and tonnage Germany is outclassed by both France and Japan, her navy being composed almost entirely of old and obsolete vessels. The pride of Germany's sea power was surrendered to the Allies at Scapa Flow, where many of the ships were sunk by their officers and crews.

Japan, fifth naval power in 1917, has passed France and Germany and now ranks next to the United States in fighting sea strength. The actual standing of the naval powers of the world today from the standpoint of modern fighting strength, according to the Navy Department's figures, is Great Britain, United States, Japan, France Germany Russia and Italy.

The completion of all vessels now building and projected will add to the British Navy 219 ships totalling 500,000 tons, as compared with 349 ships and 1,116,398 tons for the United States; 24 ships and 167,200 tons for Japan and 13 ships and 96,000 tons for Germany, according to the most authentic figures available at the Navy Department.

The completion of the present building programme a matter of about three years, will find the chief naval powers of the world with the following relative strengths: Great Britain 955 ships aggregating 2,772,542 tons; United States, 608 ships totalling 2,117,922 tons; Japan 170 ships 785,339 tons; France, 235 ships, 719,237 tons; and Germany 463 ships measuring 923,437 tons.

As a result of the great torpedo-boat destroyer building programme carried out by the United States during the war the American Navy now includes more than 150 destroyers of the fastest and latest type, with nearly 200 more building or contracted for. Great Britain owns about 425 of this type of vessel, many of them old and of little modern naval value, and has about 110 building or authorized. Japan owns forty modern destroyers according to best available figures, and has about twenty under construction. Germany's destroyers force has been so reduced as to make it a negligible

WHITE GIRL RUNS AWAY WITH CHINAMAN

Benson Girl of Sixteen Years Elopes With Chinese Waiter in Manion Hotel and Married in Lordsburg N. M.; Return to Benson; Mother Wires Assent to Marriage

Benson, August 20.—The sensation caused by the runaway to New Mexico of J. M. Ong and Margaret Callahan at the end of last week, was partly abated by their return Thursday reporting that the marriage ceremony had been performed at Lordsburg N. Mexico.

Ong is a Chinese waiter working in the Manion Cafe, aged probably in the neighborhood of twenty-five years and the girl, whose age is reported as sixteen, was employed there also until a short time ago.

While there was much surprise expressed over this affair the principal parties are the ones directly concerned and anything beyond the statement of the facts would be superfluous.

The girl's mother, a widow, running the Cottage Rooming House, raised no objection to the match it is reported, having wired assent in reply to a telegram from the couple at Lordsburg.

Back From Texas

D. E. Andrews Justice of the Peace of Clifton precinct returned Monday evening from Eastland, Texas. The case of Mr. Andrews charged with "kidnapping" was postponed until Sept. 29th by reason of a recess being taken by the court.

Mrs. Hannah Riley, arrived home from the coast Monday evening, where she has been for the last two months enjoying the cool ocean breezes.

factor.

Great Britain emerged from the war with by far the most powerful battleship and battle cruiser force in the world, although the United States now has under consideration a formidable aggregation of major ships. England's navy to day includes fifty-five battleships and nine battle cruisers less than twenty years old, with four powerful cruisers now under construction.

United States Adding to Strength

The United States has thirty six battleships capable of holding a place in a modern battle line, and not including a number of old-type battleships listed for sale or the scrap heap. Thirteen of the most modern battleships in the world are under construction for the United States and six battle cruisers are authorized and will be completed during the next three years.

Japan has thirteen battleships and seven battle cruisers completed and four battle cruisers under construction or authorized. Germany retains thirty battleships and one battle cruiser, most of which are of practically no naval value and has two battleships and three battle cruisers laid down on which construction has been stopped. France has eighteen battleships and no battle cruisers completed and five battleships and four battle cruisers under construction.

The completion of the present building programme will find the following line up of major ships:

Great Britain, 55 battleships and 13 battle cruisers; United States, 49 battleships and 6 battle cruisers; Japan, 13 battleships and 11 battle cruisers; Germany, 32 battleships and 4 battle cruisers, still subject to the final naval peace terms and France, 23 battleships and 4 battle cruisers.

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DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS.

Train No. 1 Read Down.	STATIONS:	Train No. 2 Read Up.
Lv. 7:25 A.M.	Clifton, Ariz.	Ar. 4:25 P.M.
Lv. 7:33 A.M.	Smelter, Ariz.	Lv. 4:15 P.M.
Ar. 8:02 A.M.	Guthrie, Ariz.	Lv. 3:46 P.M.
Lv. 8:07 A.M.	Guthrie, Ariz.	Ar. 3:39 P.M.
Lv. 8:12 A.M.	Coronado, Ariz.	Lv. 3:34 P.M.
Lv. 8:22 A.M.	York, Ariz.	Lv. 3:24 P.M.
Lv. 8:36 A.M.	Sheldon, Ariz.	Lv. 3:10 P.M.
Lv. 8:57 A.M.	Duncan, Ariz.	Lv. 2:52 P.M.
Lv. 9:03 A.M.	Franklin, Ariz.	Lv. 2:39 P.M.
Ar. 9:59 A.M.	Junction, N. M.	Lv. 1:46 P.M.
Ar. 10:05 A.M.	Lordsburg, N. M.	Lv. 1:40 P.M.
Lv. 10:15 A.M.	Lordsburg, N. M.	Ar. 1:05 P.M.
Lv. 10:21 A.M.	Junction, N. M.	Ar. 12:59 P.M.
Ar. 11:25 A.M.	Hachita, N. M.	Lv. 11:55 A.M.

Train No. 1 makes connection with Morenci Southern Ry. Train No. 4 at Guthrie, Arizona; Southern Pacific Co. Eastbound Train Nos. 102 and 110 and Westbound trains Nos. 1 and 101 at Lordsburg, N. M.; E. P. & S. W. Eastbound train No. 2 and Westbound Train No. 3 at Hachita N. M.; Train No. 2 makes connection with Southern Pacific Co. Eastbound train No. 110 and Westbound train No. 109 at Lordsburg, N. M. and Morenci Southern Ry. Train No. 2 at Guthrie, Arizona.

Mixed Freight and Passenger Train Service from Lordsburg, N. M. to Clifton, Arizona, Sundays Only.

Stations	Train No. 4 Read Down
Lordsburg	Lv. 12:30 P. M.
Duncan	Lv. 2:35 P. M.
Guthrie	Lv. 4:16 P. M.
Clifton	Ar. 5:10 P. M.

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GRAHAM CO. NEWS

Nearly every town in the state now boasts of American Legion post. So far the Gila Valley is absent in the roll call.

Local service men have set next Wednesday night for this meeting at Pima and all exservice men are urged to be present.

The first shipment of the new model Chevrolet ever billed west of the Mississippi is due to arrive in Safford for the Chevrolet garage in the near future.

Geo. H. Maxwell, executive director of the National Reclamation association arrived in the Gila Valley last week.

Jas. Farmer and Ed. Howard of

State of Ohio, City of Toledo.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1918. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, Etc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Hubbard and G. O. Peck of Bryce met with the board of supervisors on Monday to induce that body to bring about the work necessary for the protection of the Pima bridge.

The personal property of the Powers boys, now serving life sentence in the state penitentiary for the murder of sheriff R. F. McBride and deputies Mark Kempton and Kane Wootan, will be sold August 23rd and the proceeds divided among the widows of the deceased.

Miss Nellie Platt, of Safford was a Clifton visitor last Sunday, taking in the ball game at Morenci.

William Hall, of Pima and Miss Irene Nichols of Tacoma, Washington were married last week by Justice of the Peace J. P. Jenkins of Pima.

Miss Irene Layton of Thatcher left last week to spend her vacation at Douglas.

Safford beats Wilcox base ball team at Wilcox in a fast played game by the score of 2 to 0.

Propose weekly half holiday for the enjoyment of base ball and sports instead of games on Sunday. Resolution adopted by Mormon Conference to enforce a Sunday law.

Good crops are assured and valley cotton plants are in fine condition, reports inspector Smith of the Federal Agricultural Board of Houston, Texas.

Walter C. Gavhart, of Los Angeles, Cal., expert geologist and mining engineer arrived here Sunday evening for the purpose of investigating the Bear Springs country and rendering an exhaustive report.

The local postoffice has received a list of surplus subistence stores which will be placed on Sale Monday August 18th.

A meeting of the State Association of County supervisors will be held in Phoenix the latter part of September to take up the proposition regarding the 75 per cent road fund for the building of roads in the several counties.

The Valley Cleaning Works is now located in its new building on Main street, next to Sowell & Larson's garage.

A proposition to build a cotton gin in Safford to be in operation next year is now being considered by several business men and farmers.

Dr. P. McIntosh has taken over the dentist shop of Dr. O. E. Brenner, on center street.

O. M. Allen, town marshal of Thatcher has tendered his resignation of that position.

The quarterly conference of the Saint Joseph Stake of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints convened in Thatcher Ward Meeting

House at Thatcher Saturday and Sunday.

Leave For Douglas

M. J. Hannon, general manager of the Stargo Syndicate at Morenci accompanied by W. B. Kelly left Tuesday afternoon by auto for Douglas on mining business.

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