

OLD OLYMPIA OUTCLASSED

Dewey's Flagship Hereafter to Be a Naval Schoolship.

FOLLOWS THE BALTIMORE'S LEAD

Vessel that Led the Way to Victory in Manila Bay a Plaything in Comparison with the New Battleships.

The Olympia, which led in the first round of the fighting in Manila bay on May 1, 1898, follows the Baltimore, which led the second round, into retirement as a fighting ship.

During the administration of President Harrison, Secretary of the Navy Tracy advised that this government should have warships the equal of any in the world.

The Reina Regente of the Spanish navy, which was built at Cádiz, Spain, in 1896, was the vessel that suited Secretary Tracy best.

The plans were slightly changed to allow for improvements in warship construction during the four years that elapsed between the completion of the Reina Regente and the beginning of work upon the Olympia.

The original design of the Olympia gave it a length of 326 feet and a displacement of 5,300 tons, but on account of Secretary Tracy's preference for large vessels he authorized an increase in its displacement of several hundred tons.

The general dimensions of the Olympia are: length, 350 feet; beam, 50 feet; extreme breadth, 33 feet; mean draught, 27 feet 6 inches; displacement, 5,870 tons; gross tonnage, 4,611, and net tonnage, 3,797.

Speed Was Remarkable. The most noticeable feature of the Olympia has been its speed. Perhaps the fact that the government was to enact a penalty for the builders if the Olympia didn't have the required speed had something to do with the fact that the engineer vastly exceeded their requirements at its trials.

The Olympia is unarmored, but is built of steel throughout. It has three complete decks, one of which is virtually a substitute for side armor.

Above the protective deck a belt of cellulose 2 feet 9 inches thick is worked completely around the ship. It extends four feet above the waterline.

The purpose of the heavy protective deck is not so much to serve as armor and deflect the shot of an enemy as it is to permit the penetration of the sides of the ship without the danger of flooding the machinery spaces or magazines.

The Olympia was launched on November 5, 1892, and its first commission was dated February 5, 1893. Most of its service has been on the Asiatic station, where it has served as the flagship.

The Olympia's career, aside from the events of the battle of Manila has been without incident, but it got glory enough then to keep its name immortal. It had been the flagship of the Asiatic squadron for several years prior to 1898 and was under orders to return home for repairs early in that year, when Secretary Long, realizing that war with Spain was possible, called Commodore George Dewey at Yokohama as follows:

Retain until further orders the crews of the squadron whose terms of enlistments have expired. Without further instructions Dewey proceeded to Hong Kong and there formed his base of operations against the Philippines.

War has commenced between the United States and Spain. Proceed at once to the Philippine Islands. Command the Spanish fleet. You must capture vessels or destroy them. Use utmost vigilance.

When this message was read on the Olympia Commodore Dewey said, "Thank the Lord! At last I've got the chance, and I'll wipe them off the Pacific ocean."

Every one knows what happened thereafter. The damage to the Olympia in the battle of Manila was one plate, just forward of the second 5-inch sponson, indented one and a half inches; three planks in the wake of the forward turret on the starboard side of the sponson slightly torn up, the port after sponson damaged and aft rigging cut through, the strong back of the ship's davits hit and slightly damaged, a hole made by a six-pound shot in the frame of the ship between frames sixty-five and sixty-six on the starboard side below the main deck rail, lashings of the port whaleboat davit carried away, one of the rail stanchions carried away outside of the port gangway, carried away, one of the rail stanchions side one foot below the main deck rail.

The Olympia's last part in active warfare took place when the shore batteries at Manila were attacked on August 7, in conjunction with the land attack under Major General Merritt, which lasted from 7 in the morning until 9 o'clock at night, when Manila surrendered and Flag Lieutenant Brushy of the Olympia hoisted the Stars and Stripes. The Olympia remained at Manila until May 20, 1899, when it brought Dewey home via the Suez canal and participated in the demonstrations showered upon the hero of Manila at every port.

It is difficult for a layman to comprehend how a warship so splendidly constructed and admirably equipped as the Olympia, having a speed that has scarcely been exceeded by any vessel constructed since, should be turned into a combination pleasure vessel and schoolship for midshipmen when only 15 years old.

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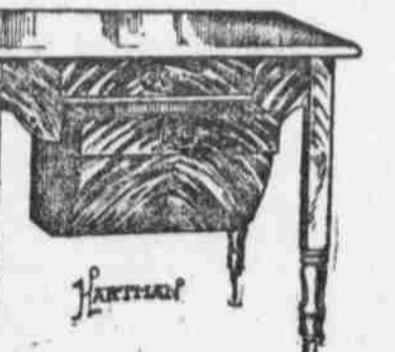
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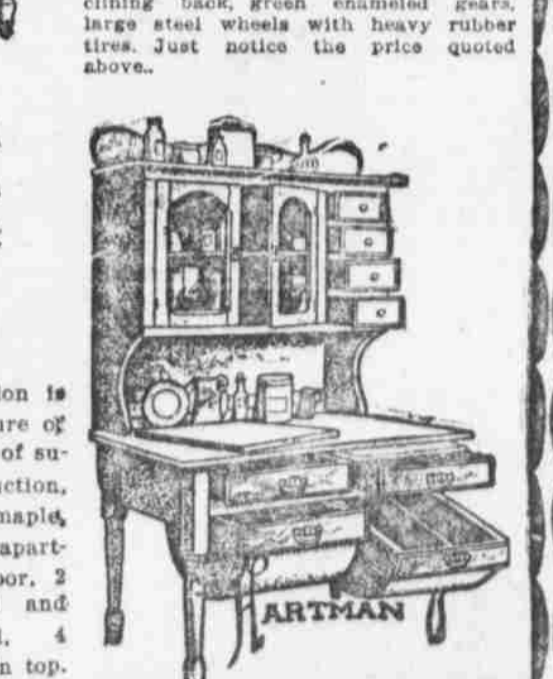
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