

# IN EVENT OF WAR.

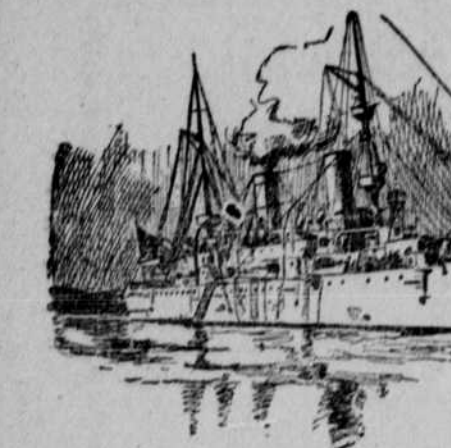
## Navies of United States and Spain Compared.

An Interesting Summary Showing What Would Be the Strength of the Two Nations in a Conflict on the High Seas.—Spain Would Soon Be Left Without a Vessel Afloat.

What would be the immediate effect of a declaration of war against the United States by Spain? In view of the strained condition of affairs between these two powers and the certainty that the contest that would follow opening of hostilities would be chiefly a naval one the subject of the effective modern ships owned by each is published to give an idea of the fleets they would be able to set against each other.

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Although the Maine and the Texas are classed with the Numancia and the Vitoria, neither of the Spanish vessels would stand for ten minutes before either of the two former. In fact, the Texas alone could capture or sink both of the Spaniards.

In the accompanying cut the vessels are shown in a size proportionate to the number of ships in each class in the United States and Spanish navies respectively. Thus, as the United States has four first class battle ships and Spain only one, the Pelayo is pic-

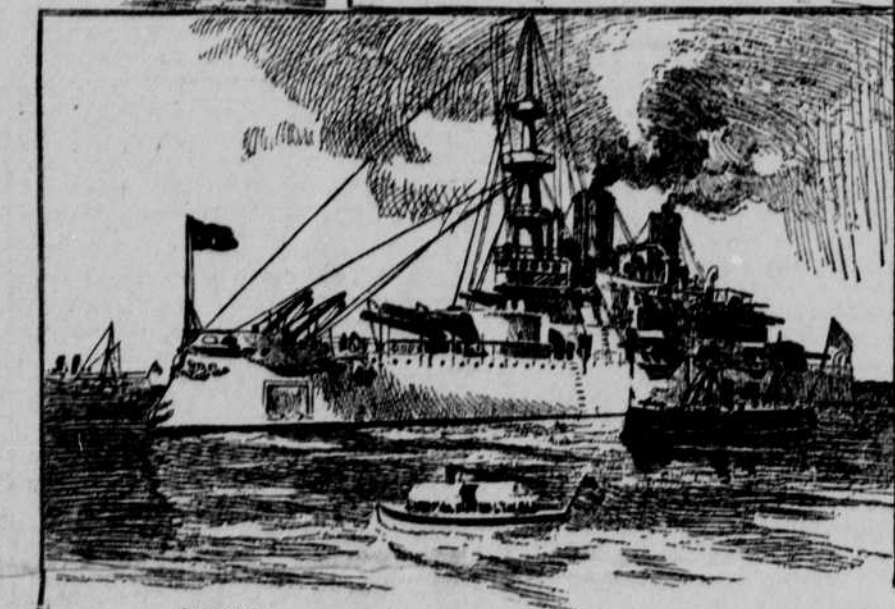


ALFONSO XIII.



VIZCAYA.

BROOKLYN.



INDIANA.

PELAYO.

ing all the craft on each side, it is safe to say that within three months of the beginning of a war Spain would not have a vessel afloat outside of her best defended ports.

The United States has thirteen non-

landing parties on shore to drill because we were afraid to trust large bodies of men on the rotten decks of our ships. El Cronista, a Spanish newspaper published in New York, declared that twelve thousand Spanish regulars could march from New Orleans to New York, whereupon a Chicago paper replied that "they could if they behaved themselves, but if not the police would take charge of them."

That these ideas are held by men of supposed intelligence is shown from a conversation that took place a few months ago between a Spanish Consul at one of our important seaports and a well known American author. While discussing the Cuban question the Consul became very much excited and declared that he, as well as hundreds of thousands of his countrymen, would hail with delight the outbreak of hostilities between Spain and the United States. When asked what Spain would do, he replied: "First, we would eat up your little navy and then destroy your coast fortifications and lay your cities under tribute."

If they should succeed with the ships they might eventually collect the tribute, but our navy was always difficult to swallow and apt to disagree seriously with these who attempted it.

### Great Gold Mines.

A person is never more surprised than when informed that the best paying gold mines in the world are those in which the ore never exceeds an average of \$10 per ton, for the masses of the people believe that the great gold mines produce \$200 to \$300 per ton. The Trendwell mine on Douglas Island in Alaska, which has paid a greater dividend to its owners and stockholders for the last seven years than any other mine in the world, has never exceeded \$6 per ton on an average for twelve months. The next great producing mine in the United States is the Homestake in the Black Hills, which yields an average of less than \$6 per ton. The Anaconda mine, at Butte, gives an average of \$12.60 per ton. The richest mines in South Africa do not exceed \$14 per ton.—Snohomish (Wash.) Tribune.

If it is proper to give a supper, and call it a tea, why isn't it proper to call a breakfast a pancake?

### PEN POINTS.

So long as a man finds his collar button the house is never in disorder. No woman is competent to handle the kin question; she is too sympathetic. No man is so worthless that a candidate will not treat him with great respect. The sooner a monument is put up after a man dies, the nicer the things said on it.

## DIED LIKE HEROES.

### STORY OF THE FOUNDERING OF A GERMAN GUNBOAT.

They Went Down Cheering Their Flag, and Singing the German National Anthem—One of the Most Remarkable Events of Naval Life.



HE crew of the German gunboat Illis have given the world a lesson in how to die well. With their ship on the brink of inevitable destruction, they joined hands and sang the national military hymn, "The Flag-gentled." Singing that song they went to their death cheerfully. The Illis began her last voyage on July 23 last, when she left Chefoo, in China, for Nagasaki, in Japan. She was a gunboat of 2500 tons, a small vessel of the class which is maintained by European powers in Asiatic waters for the purpose of punishing natives, protecting citizens, and so forth. It does not appear that she had any one particular defect, but she was too weak to face the terrible storm which overtook her. Before nightfall the ship was overtaken by one of those terrible storms which rage with such fury on the eastern coast of Asia. When darkness came the storm was still increasing in fury. The crew were helpless and crouched under the bulwarks holding on to ropes and rails for their lives. Great seas broke over the deck, drowning and injuring many men. The ship was beyond control of helm or engines and incapable of making a course in the direction in which safety lay. Until nearly midnight the storm flung the helpless ship about. Then, having been lifted on the crest of an enormous wave, she fell with a crash which shook her from stem to stern. She had struck on a reef, which proved to be one off the southeast promontory on the Chinese coast. The boats were washed away, the men were powerless to save the ship, and their only chance of life lay in clinging to a ship that was fast breaking up. After nearly twelve hours of battle with the storm it only remained for them to die. Captain Braun, who had never for a moment relaxed his efforts to save the ship, saw that his work was over. His stalwart form and his calm, but strong German face will live in the memory of the few survivors until their last hour. He called all the officers and men around him on deck, and taking each one by the hand, bade him farewell. Then he told the whole crew that they had done their duty like men, and would do well to end by giving three cheers for the Kaiser and for Germany. These were given with a strength that struggled with the roar of the wind and waves. The ship was then fast breaking up. A chasm had opened abaft the foremast, and the waves breaking over the deck threatened every moment to tear away the greater part of the ship and sink in under the boiling sea. Then Gunner Raehm yelled to the men to sing the national military hymn, the "Flaggentied." By that time a sort of intoxication born of contempt for death had come over them. Joining hands for good fellowship and also to save one another for a few moments more from the clutches of the waves, officers and men danced on the deck of the Illis as they sang the hymn, the refrain of which is: "The Kaiser and our standard, Hoch! The flag, black, white and red."

They had barely concluded the hymn when the ship broke up and the after part of her was engulfed in the sea. A very few managed to reach the small part fast on the reef—not one officer among them. Of the thirteen men who succeeded in clinging to the wreck, eleven were eventually saved. They spent a terrible night, during which several of them were washed off and two drowned. The whole of the next day the storm continued with considerable violence, and they remained in their miserable position. At the end of thirty-six hours the lighthouse keeper at Southeast Promontory was able to reach them in a boat and then taken off. Moslohner, boatswain of the wrecked ship, has written a letter to a friend describing that terrible night. In the course of his letter, the boatswain says: "It almost made my heart sick, though, when, as the Illis lay pounding on the rocks, almost on her beam end, Capt. Braun came down from the bridge and shook each of us by the hand. I could have cried like an infant, but he waved his hand toward the flag, and before we knew it we were singing at the top of our voices our dear old national hymn. Our voices sounded weird and strange above the storm. I can't describe the scene—it was so unlike anything you can imagine. There we were dancing around the deck like school boys, while every one of us knew our time had come. It is said that one conjures up everything that has passed when death comes, but I thought of nothing but the grand words of that song and the cheers we gave the flag. In fact, before I had much time to think of anything else, she went to pieces, and I found myself gazing the briny water. Phew, but it was rough! I was caught in the crest of a wave and carried toward it, and by good fortune managed to clutch a rope that was dangling from the bowsprit. I scrambled up on the top of the wreck, and in a few minutes others as fortunate as I joined me."

### Victoria's Baptismal Name.

The queen was baptized Alexandra Victoria, the former name being given to her by her father, the duke of Kent, in compliment to the emperor of Russia.

## CATCHING A DEER'S TAIL.

It Can Be Done But It Has Some Disadvantages.

The process of grabbing deer by the tail is full of difficulty, but it is not to be compared with hanging on after getting a grab on the tail, says the Milwaukee Sentinel. The deer is wary. The deer is fleet and the tail is short, but, in spite of all difficulty, a man who is not over 100 feet from me as I write caught a young deer by the tail a few days ago and remained a sort of tail attachment for a considerable distance. The man was out in the forest on his big farm and he espied a fawn at a lick. While he was looking at the little spotted beauty it lay down beside a log and the hunter resolved to get the animal alive. He knew that if he could get hold of one or both of the fawn's legs he would succeed. Luckily, the cows of the farm appeared at that moment, on the way to the creek for a drink, and the fawn, evidently a frequenter of the pasture, seemed to be unconcerned after a quick glance at the cows. Seizing the opportunity, the hunter, while the cows were coming and cracking branches and sticks, stole up to the log. A moment later the fawn passed directly in front of him and the hunter made a quick thrust of his arms to catch the deer by the hind legs. He partly succeeded, but in the struggle that followed the delicate limbs of the fawn began to slip out of the vise of the human hands and, somehow or other, in desperation, the man grabbed the fawn's tail. The little animal began to run and the hunter, who is a very strong man, held desperately to the tail. Down the old logging road they went a little way and then the fawn turned in. It could not run very fast with a man attached to its tail, but the first quarter of a mile was done in good time, nevertheless. About the beginning of the second the fawn went over a log and headed for a thicket. In spite of all the little beauty reached the brush and plunged in. The hunter was scraped off and had the pleasure of seeing the fawn join the mother on the other side of the thicket and dart off with her into the depths of the forest.

## QUEER HOSPITAL.

It Is Located in New York and Is for Animals.

The animals' hospital is in charge of the New York College of Veterinary Surgeons, and that, if you please, is part of the University of New York; so that if you wanted to send your dicky-bird there for the pip, he would be in a manner under the sheltering wing of all the D.D.s and L.L. D.s that shine as regents of that noble institution. A great deal of the hospital's most interesting practice is among the animals kept in zoological gardens or in traveling shows. An old circus lion was brought here not long ago to have his ulcerated tooth pulled. Now if the toothache makes you feel "cross as a bear," how cross does the toothache make a live lion feel?

To tell the truth, no one at the hospital wanted to know how cross that lion did feel—they thought it was a case in which it would be folly to be wise. The first thing to be done was to drop nooses of rope on the floor of his cage, and then draw them up when he put his foot in one—he knew he had "put his foot in it" when he found himself snared—and so, step by step, get him bound and helpless. If you will think how particularly hard it is to tie up a cat, you may guess that it is no joke to make a lion fast; he is just like a stupendous cat in his agility and slipperiness. The only way to render him helpless is to get his hind quarter tied up outside his cage, and his head bound fast within it; the next thing, for dental work, is to put a gag in his mouth; that is the easier because there is no trouble at all about getting him to open his mouth—he does it every-time any one goes near him. When medicine cannot be given disguised in drink or food, it is usually squeezed down the patient's throat with a syringe. The horses are very good about that operation, but the dogs are often troublesome at first; but both dogs and horses soon learn that they are with friends, and then they are wonderfully good and grateful even when the doctors have to hurt them.—Harper's Round Table.

### Pyramid of Cheops.

The great Pyramid of Cheops is the largest structure ever erected by the hand of man. Its original dimensions at the base were 764 feet square, and its perpendicular height at the highest point, 481 feet. It covers four acres, one road, and twenty-two rods of ground, and has been estimated by an eminent English architect to have cost not less than \$165,000,000.

Climbed the Mount. Fifteen thousand people climbed Mount Washington the last season.

### MISSING LINKS.

Henry Porter, of Johnson, Vt., is gathering a second crop of strawberries. More than half the world's production of quinine is disposed of in the United States.

Probably the largest quantity of lima beans are raised in Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania. James H. Hill, the populist nominee for governor of Missouri, is making his campaign tour in a "prairie schooner."

Nearly five thousand persons are engaged in the wood pulp and paper industry in Maine. The yield is about 12,000 tons a year.

Two Samo (Mo.) youths who are smitten with the charms of the same fair damsel propose to race on their bicycles from Hildesford to Old Orchard and return, and the winner will get her.

The notorious Lion Hawk, of Anderson, Ind., who escaped from the Ohio penitentiary, has been located. Hawk is well known over the entire central states as one of the smoothest men who ever operated in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. He was sentenced in Ohio, but escaped from the penitentiary. He always had the South African fever and lost no time in putting the ocean between him and Ohio officers.

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The season is rapidly approaching when people lie about doing better next year.

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