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## FLORIDA WILL BE A COLOSSAL FIGHTER

Brooklyn Navy Yard Will Construct the Mighty Ship Which Will Bear Our State's Name on the Seas

New York, Sept. 3.—It is likely that the present month will witness the laying of the keel of the Florida, the biggest and most powerful of the vessels of Uncle Sam's navy. The 20,000-ton leviathan of the seas will be constructed at the Brooklyn navy yard, and when completed will be the monarch of the United States navy and the equal in fighting power and tonnage of any other ship afloat.

The contract to build the Florida was given to the local yard after one of the greatest campaigns ever waged to force the navy department to let the workers of the Brooklyn navy yard build her. Boards of trade, congressmen, senators and every one that could exert authority with the Washington officials were fighting night and day to get the battleship built here.

The argument of the experts in Washington was that private builders could construct a warship or any other kind of vessel cheaper and quicker than government workers. At the time it was all going on the keel of the Florida was laid. From Naval Constructor Baxter down to the humblest apprentice the feeling was rampant that the only thing to be done to have the ship built here was to show good results in the Vestal.

Now that this giant collier is finished and all records for quick and cheap construction are broken, the men at the navy yard are waiting with interest for the keel of the Florida to be laid. Although the building of a battleship is a greater task than the construction of a collier the workers at the navy yard have no fear that they will not make as good a record on the Florida as they did on the Vestal for they have also built the battleship Connecticut now the pride of the navy.

The new fighting monster is so much larger than the Connecticut the ways on which the latter was built will have to be lengthened a hundred feet. To do this, part of a storehouse will have to be razed, as there is not room for the extension of the ways on the landside. After the building is razed and the ways lengthened, they will be undermined so that the railroad of the navy yard can pass beneath them.

Another interesting feature of the building of the new battleship is the fact that a new monster cantilever crane will be erected, so that the steel and other material will be hauled to the workers nearly twice as fast as they were while the Vestal was being built. The crane is now in the course of construction, and will be ready soon after the Florida is started.

## REUTERDAHL'S VIEWS

Thinks We are Wasting Money on Naval Construction

Henry Reuterdahl, the naval critic who caused so much excitement last spring by poking holes in the United States navy, has an article in Collier's for August 29 on the "Dreadnought," the All-Big-Gun Battleship. He says:

The introduction of smokeless powder and telescope sights, plus the new gunnery training as founded by Capt. Percy Scott of the British navy, changed the entire laws of gunfire. The turret gun, from being a slow, cumbersome weapon (one round every five minutes in the Spanish war and no hits), has become an instrument of precision and accuracy. Possessing superior penetration and a larger "danger space" the twelve-inch gun will do great damage. Its rate of fire is now more than two shots a minute. A fleet of Dreadnoughts, each mounting ten twelve-inch guns, will deliver a greater volume of "hitting" than a fleet of small ships with mixed batteries. These new principles, and the fact that modern action is fought at long ranges, have reduced the medium calibre gun to its proper function, an anti-aircraft destroyer. Its one, so popular "hall of fire" will have enough stopping power to effectively sink torpedo craft before coming within attacking range.

Can Control Gun Range  
No matter how accurate may be the aim of the "man behind" it becomes useless unless the fire of the gun is properly controlled—i. e., directed. The duty of the fire-control officers is to carefully ascertain the range between the ship and the enemy, so that the pointer's shot may always reach.

The most important part of the fundamental process is that observers, stationed aloft, watch the fall of the various shots and decrease or increase the ranges as telephoned to each gun, thereby correcting the initial faults of the mechanical range-finding instruments or the errors of the gun-pointers. In a ship of mixed guns—seven-inch, eight-inch and twelve-inch—as carried by our Connecticut, this function becomes very difficult. It is almost an impossibility in the heat of the action to distinguish between the splashes made in the water by the projectiles from the different guns. Should the "spotter" mistake the splash of an eight-inch shell and take it for the fall of a twelve, and give his direction on that basis, the next shot, of course, would be a miss. The fact that all the ten guns of the big-gun ship are alike reduces the "spotting" to an exact science, and thereby doubles the hitting power of her battery. All the guns of this new type are on the same deck, and can be fired as rapidly as desired. There is no "interference" in a smaller ship, where the firing of the seven or six inch pieces, being mounted on a deck below, hinders the accurate sighting of the turret guns above.

Mobility of the Dreadnoughts  
Mobility of forces is the necessity of war, and the greater the mobility the greater the chance to gain a strategic advantage. This is represented in speed and fuel endurance. The

tremendous speed of the big ship—twenty-one knots, turbine driven—makes every battleship existent a crawling tortoise. In action, a fleet of Dreadnoughts can refuse to accept battle; they can choose their own range and control the rate of change of range—of great import in present-day shooting—and by means of their excessive speed full advantage can be taken of the weather conditions favoring their own gunfire.

While the tremendous power of concentration invested in the ten twelve-inch guns of a Dreadnought is the prime reason for the creation of this new type of fighting craft, its cost is much less than four little ships having the same power.

It costs no more to maintain the big ship than the small—roundly, a million a year. Nor does it require a greater number of officers to man it; in fact, it requires less men to serve the ten guns of one of our new Dreadnoughts than it does for all the guns of the Missouri, and the big ship could easily destroy three Missouris.

They Are Arbiters  
A perfect fleet of Dreadnoughts, foot-loose because of their speed, would maintain the balance of power and the peace which follows. In combat, such ships would conquer without wasting a single shot. Secure in the protection of impregnable armor, one of them could descend on her adversaries and, with the concentrated fire of her ten hard-hitting guns, hammer the little ships to the point of annihilation or surrender. Her perfect fire control would never permit a miss. Silently sweeping across the sea, her pointers following the enemy in the crosswires of their sights, her guns high above sea and spray, would seek the weak spots of the enemy and, by continuous pounding, silence his heavier guns. In the battle of Tushima, Russian prestige was swept into the lockers of the past in one afternoon. The work of the Dreadnoughts is more humane—one hour and a half would have ended the battle and made the signal for the hospital ships.

Verily the destinies of nations seem to lie in the hands of those who hold the twelve-inch gun as born in these new destroyers. The Hague has not yet become the arbiter of peace. There is peace abroad because of the powers of the British Dreadnoughts. Brazil, increasing her strength with three great ships, becomes the force in South America. Japan is rising in spite of her reputed poverty. In her shipyards little brown men rivet and hammer on the hulls which are to be the bulwarks of the Rising Sun. In 1911 the flag of the Mikado will fly over seven Dreadnoughts and six Dreadnought cruisers. The United States will then command real big ships and the two Michigans—a Dreadnought compromise. Great Britain will add eight improved Dreadnoughts to her navy and four of the same type of cruiser, each carrying eight twelve-inch guns and maintaining a continuous sea speed of twenty-four knots, a feat performed by the Indomitable of the same class. Italy is building a 19,000-ton ship. France, once the leader in naval construction, secure in the entente cordiale, has so far done nothing in the way of practical realization of the "all-big-gun ship" principle. Her navy, split by dissensions and Socialism, has fallen from second place to fifth.

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Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 3.—A spectacular fire last night destroyed the plants of the Atlanta Trunk Co.'s factory and the Empire Printing and Box Co. buildings, burned a quantity of lumber and damaged a number of small wooden buildings. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The fire spread rapidly soon after it was discovered, and a general alarm was turned in. Only a narrow street separated the burning factory from many residences, and it was with great effort that the firemen kept the flames from crossing the street. The burned buildings are located on Madison avenue, between Peters and Castleberry streets, and run back to the Central of Georgia railroad tracks. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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GOMPERS APPEALS TO WORKING MEN  
Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 3.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, last night opened his campaign for the democratic national ticket.

He began his address with a defense of unionism and diverted to the discussion of strikes, saying that the strike was a weapon of labor, to be used only in cases of extreme necessity. He closed with an appeal for every man present, regardless of political affiliation, to vote for Bryan.

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## HARD CASH FROM HARRIMAN

Chicago Daily News Asserts that the Railroad Magnate has Given \$50,000 to the Republican Campaign Fund

Chicago, Sept. 3.—Victor F. Lawson's Daily News asserts upon a "reliable report from New York" that William Nelson Cromwell, representing E. H. Harriman, has made a big contribution to the Taft campaign fund. The sum was the first made to Treasurer Sheldon and is said to be \$50,000.

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RESULT OF THE WISCONSIN PRIMARY  
Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 3.—Early returns from Tuesday's primary indicate that United States Senator Isaac Stephenson has been renominated by the republicans by a plurality of 15,000. Governor Davidson was renominated by the republicans without opposition. The democrats nominated Neal Brown for United States senator and A. A. Aylward for governor.

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## THE SLOOP TURNED TURTLE

Seven Lost in Penobscot Bay—Tragic Ending of a Summer Day's Cruise

Deer Island, Maine, Sept. 3.—Searching parties are trying to find the bodies of seven persons drowned from a capsized sloop, Penobscot bay. Six women and one man were in the boat when a sudden squall caused the sloop to turn turtle. All the guests of the summer hotel were taking a last sail on the bay.

With Capt. Samuel Haskell, the party of light-hearted summer people started out for a sail in Penobscot bay. It was drawing near the close of the vacation season for most of them and they had planned this as their last outing together. The wind was from the southwest and squally. The sloop was of the "open" variety. It had no deck forward and no cabin and it contained no ballast, as the party of ten anticipated the boat down quite heavily and Capt. Haskell, an experienced navigator in these waters, thought that the craft would be well balanced. The party had scarcely been gone an hour before the wind freshened up, keeling the sloop well over and dashing the spray upon the occupants. Late in the afternoon Captain Haskell decided that the wind was too heavy for his boat and the sea too choppy, so he brought the sloop around and started homeward.

All the party were perched high up on the weather side, as the sloop cut through the waves with the water almost coming over the gunwales on the lee side, when Capt. Haskell gave a shout of warning that he was going to tack and threw over the tiller. Just at this moment the boat rose high upon a wave, exposing her to the full brunt of the wind. An unusually heavy gust struck her and in a twinkling the sloop went over on her beam ends and the party of ten were thrown into the water.

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MISTOOK HIS MEANING  
A Ten-Year Old Girl Shot Herself to Prove Her Bravery to Her Father  
Geddes, S. D., Sept. 3.—"Tell papa I've got the nerve, too," said the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stortz, to a younger sister and the baby, as she leaned over the muzzle of a shotgun and released the charge with a stick.

Following the report the wounded child ran out of the house, and with a pitiful little flutter fell dead in the dust of the road.

"I didn't think he had the nerve to do a thing like that," was the remark of John Stortz, when a neighbor blew off the top of his head a few weeks before. The daughter had taken the remark as a badge of bravery. The father may lose his mind.

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"Dr. King's New Discovery is the remedy that does the healing others promise but fail to perform," says Mrs. E. R. Pierson, of Auburn Centre, Pa. "It is curing me of throat and lung trouble of long standing that other treatments relieved only temporarily. New Discovery is doing me so much good that I feel confident its continued use for a reasonable length of time will restore me to perfect health." This renowned cough and cold remedy and throat and lung healer is sold at all drugstores. Fifty cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

A GIRL'S INVENTION  
A Machine Which Will Open 400 Letters a Minute  
Washington, D. C., Sept. 3.—A patent for a machine which is guaranteed to open at least 400 letters a minute has just been granted to Miss Sophie Heilbrun, who is not more than twenty years of age, and looks more like a school girl than one who puzzles her brains with the intricacies of machinery.

But Miss Heilbrun is at the head of one of the biggest mail order departments in New York City, and receives a salary of \$6,000 a year. Her department receives an average of 10,000 letters a day, and the labor of opening these took so long that she set her mind working up a machine which would expediate it.

"It was the natural result of the need of it, as so many inventions are," she said. "In my department I receive on an average of 10,000 letters a day. To open these a large force of girls is required, and the most expert letter opener cannot open more than thirty a minute with the old-fashioned, primitive letter slicer. With the new machine, which does not need a trained operator, between 400 and 500 can be opened at the same time."

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A. J. Nusbaum, Batesville, Indiana, writes: "Last year I suffered for three months with a summer cold so distressing that it interfered with my business. I had many of the symptoms of hay fever, and a doctor's prescription did not reach my case, and I took several medicines which seemed to only aggravate my case. Fortunately I insisted upon having Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package, and it quickly cured me. My wife has since used Foley's Honey and Tar with the same success." Sold by all dealers.

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