BIG WAR GAME OFF NEW ENGLAND COAST

Never in the history of the United States navy or army have there been held naval and military maneuvers of such a vast scale as those which are going on in the fast approaching war game off the coast of New England. The mammoth naval war has been so carefully planned as if one felt danger of attack from a foreign foe. No expense is spared in making the maneuvers as elaborate and realistic as possible. Full service charges and service projects are to be used in most of the target practice, and every discharge of a turn gun on a big battleship costs nearly $600. Thousands of dollars worth of coal will be burned up. All the available ships of the North Atlantic squadron will be employed; battleships, cruisers and gun-boats as well as a fleet of fifteen torpedo boats and twelve torpedo boat destroyers. The European squadron and the fleet being ordered to attack the eastern coast. All along the eastern coast modern powerful searchlights have been established, and as far as possible employed. The forts have been thoroughly prepared to resist attack. Plans and details are shrouded in greatest secrecy. The press is to be kept in the dark as to war times. The above cut shows the locality where the attack and defense will take place. Admiral Higginson will command the naval forces.

New Book Trust to Stop Price Cutting

The much talked of book trust, or in more colloquial terms, a publishers' association, will not increase the price of reading matter," said a Lincoln bookseller to a reporter. "The combination or trust, was organized for the protection of the dealers, instead of for the purpose of making additional profit, as some have said. The principal object of this association is to prevent the department stores from cutting the price of books in order that they may attract people into their stores, to sell them other goods. Before this rule went into effect, the department stores would mark the popular books way below cost. For instance a book would be advertised for ninety-five or ninety-eight cents, probably within five cents of the selling price. The new association has curtailed this. Most books are marked 'net' and the dealer who sells below the price will be scarce on books in the future. Department stores in the east undertake to fight against this association but were cut out in their supply of books. Until a book is a year old it is protected by the association, after that the dealer may sell the book for any price he pleases. The handling of books in the department store is very demoralizing to the book store, since a great many people buy all their books in those big establishments.

"Books can be ordered from the publishers, but the dealer usually sends to the nearest jobbing point. There are hundreds of new books coming out every week, but there is a great tendency to run to fads. Out of a hundred new books, only ten or twelve, perhaps, become very popular. People read a late book, tell some one about it, and in this way it becomes known. The result of this fad is that the dealer very often has a lot of unsaleable literature on hand.

"The best books do not always have the largest sale. There are hundreds of books, with no literary merit whatever, but some one has recommended a certain book, and one has a desire to read it. The trade is very dull just at present, only light fiction being sold. The book season in reality begins in October and continues till long after the holidays. People like to sit by their fires on winter nights, and read. The association is certainly philanthropic in every sense of the word, for it protects the rights of booksellers distinctly."

Cholly Temple-Heaven! old chap, why do you persist in cleaning your clothes with gasoline? Everybody you pass can smell the dreadful odor.

Harold HALLAMON-Is that a fact? Cholly Temple-Certainly.

Harold HALLAMON—Just imagine how many people will think I own an automobile!