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Juniors Bank on Speed and Accuracy of Gunners and 12-Inch Rifles.

SHIPS READY TO GO IN A HALF-HOUR

Certainty of Good Showing in Action Permeates Every Vessel in Service.

Standing in the after-turret on the battleship Kansas, with his hand resting on a twelve-inch gun, one of the young lieutenants talked yesterday about possibilities of war and his profession.

"We young fellows can't say anything officially but we can speak personally," he began. "Here is the way I size up this war situation in Europe, as far as it relates to our navy. We are ready to go out and do whatever we are ordered to do. All talk of lack of preparation or improbability of war aside, that's the way we feel about it. It's all right to talk about peace—nobody cares more for peace than men in the navy—but our profession is fighting. You can't get away from that. Our job is to have these ships right up to the minute in fighting trim, and I believe that the Kansas, as well as other ships in this fleet, would make a good showing.

"We might have more ships in our navy, but that is a matter for Congress to decide, not us. It takes months to get a battleship ready for action, and by action I mean war. When Russia

became involved in the present war, some of her battleships had become as good as dead for months against wharves.

"People who criticize our navy are liable to lose sight of the fact that this Atlantic fleet has been doing stiff work in the last few months. We have had to work hard for hours at a stretch. In target practice, Sunday has slipped by unnoticed, because I brought just as much work as we could do in the morning. You forget that Sunday is with you. As a result of this work, I believe that our fleet is ready for anything that may happen. If the order came this afternoon, we could have steam up in half an hour, and we would be on the move as soon as our crew could be assembled."

"How about ammunition?" the officer was asked.

"I can't let you see for yourself, because the key to our magazines is in the possession of the commander. The two doors are opened once a day for inspection to see that temperature in the magazines is just right. But you can take my word for it—we have an enormous quantity of shells and powder on the Kansas. As soon as we get in range of the enemy, they will know we are there."

Having warmed up to his theme, the officer continued to lay down the three cardinal principles of navy efficiency as he saw them.

"First you must have good engineering. See that big red 'E' on our after-stack? That stands for the best record in engineering in the fleet. We know that the Kansas is equipped with the most powerful engines anywhere. But you can't be sure where you are going unless you have good navigation. That's the second essential. With your navigation safe and your engines working in perfect order you need one thing more to be efficient as a fighting machine. That's good gunnery. What's the use of sighting an enemy, changing up to her and then finding that your guns will not do anything to her."

What Guns Can Do.

"One of these 12-inch fellows," he added, banging the big steel cylinder with his fist, "is good for a range of 20,000 yards. It can be fired at any distance up to that. We can fire two shots a minute, or one in 25 seconds, to be exact. Fourteen-inch guns on the New York and Texas are not much more effective than the 12-inch guns. I have not much faith in the worth of 16-inch guns now talked about for future super-dreadnought construction."

To win that coveted token of efficiency in engineering on her smoke-stack the Kansas went through waves rolling as high as the captain's bridge. Last January, when the Kansas was under way, she had just encountered a terrific storm off the Virginia capes. There was nothing to do but make the best under unfavorable circumstances.

Sir Captain H. P. Bryan gave orders to go ahead full speed regardless of the storm. Soon the helmsman reported that the bridge was taking on "green water."

"Coming up" was Captain Bryan's laconic reply through the speaking tube. As he climbed the ladder to the bridge an iron arm wrestled from the telegraph apparatus for signaling struck him on the head and foot, almost knocking him to the deck. After Captain Bryan finished a week's confinement in the hospital he learned that his battleship had stood up under that battering.

Tonight at 11 o'clock will be Navy Night at Rustonoby's Metamora Club, 170 West Thirty-ninth Street. All the officers of the fleet navy, Billy, the great mascot of the Delaware, have been invited. Arrangements have been made to transport Billy and his attendant in a taxi.

United States Consulate Besieged.

One striking result of the anti-alien agitation of the last two days has been that the American Consulate has been besieged by Germans beseeching the consul for protection. They were assured they could rely on the British government taking all the steps necessary for their well being, but the majority despite this seemed somewhat unconvinced.

Navy Weak, but Game. Says Dean of Chaplains

In his sermon at the mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday morning for officers and sailors, the Rev. Matthew T. Gleason, chief of the navy chaplains, said: "I regret to see so many people in the United States who beguile themselves that the age of war is over. There never were times in which the balance between peace and war are so delicately adjusted, nor were we so weak in armament and defence. "However, if we are sent out in the performance of our duty the officers and men of our fleet will give a good account of themselves and let the people afterward count the cost of their own foolishness."

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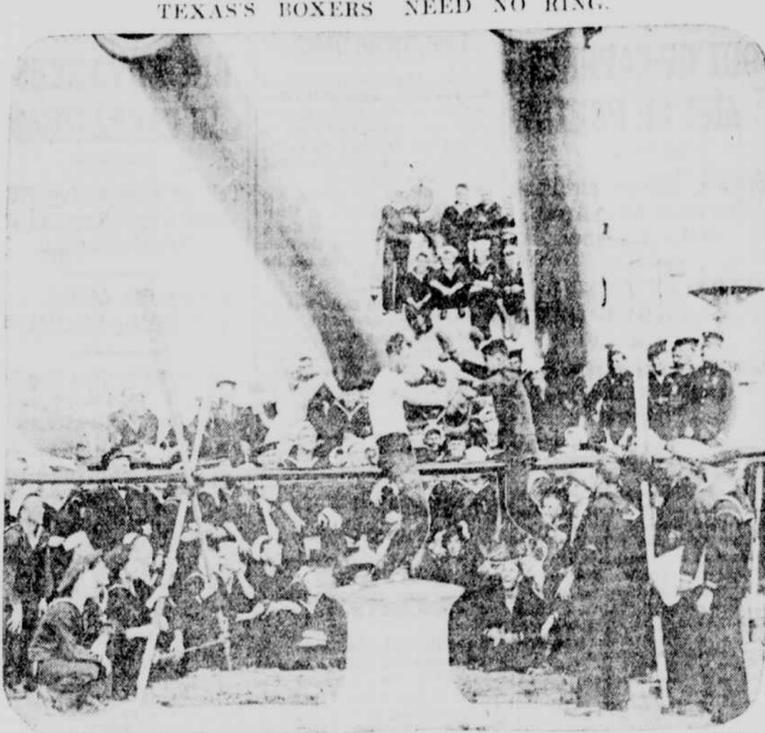
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Talking of the sale of American munitions of war to the enemies of the Teutonic allies, the Count said: "Sentiment in Austria-Hungary is not so intensely anti-American on this account as in Germany, but we feel that the war would soon be over if the United States would stop supplying artillery and ammunition to Russia. We realize that formal right may be on the side of the United States in this question, but it is hard to talk of formal right to some one whose son, father or brother has been killed by an American bullet."

CURB HUERTISTA REVOLT U. S. Soldiers Arrest Leaders of Incipient Uprising.

El Paso, Tex., May 13.—Elaborate plans for breaking up activity in El Paso in behalf of a Huertista revolution in Mexico were followed to-day by the release of one of the supposed ringleaders in the movement, after American soldiers and Department of Justice officials had arrested several prominent Mexicans.

General Marcello Caraveo, a former Huerta officer, who was one of the men arrested, was freed this afternoon. Others arrested as alleged ringleaders in the revolt were A. C. Lacter, J. M. Tarriba, Orlino Para, Manuel Tavila, Roque Luca, F. Paraza, M. Farrina and P. J. Ferrag, president of the Mexican National Trading Company.

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Declare Disaster Cannot Be Excused, but Urge Workers to Stand for Peace.

Declaring that the action of the Germans in torpedoing the Lusitania cannot be excused, "The New York Volks Zeitung," the organ of the German Socialists in America, yesterday published a letter to workmen, from which the following is quoted:

"The incitation to war has at last been set in motion in America. The press blows the war trumpet, partly from political, partly from material motives. Part of the press remains sane; yet the war fever is contagious and can engulf an entire nation in the twinkling of an eye. If the fever overcomes reason, becomes epidemic, another such scene as followed in the wake of the Maine may be expected.

"The workers can have no interest in war. They stand to lose all—homes, jobs, families, happiness. Therefore it must be the duty of the American workman to fight the campaign of frenzy and hate.

"It is not a question of excusing the German act. That cannot be excused. But we cannot bring dead American passengers to life by sending unknown thousands of soldiers to early graves. After all, there are other methods of punishing Germany for wanton slaughter."

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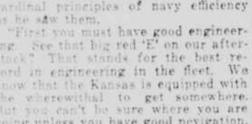
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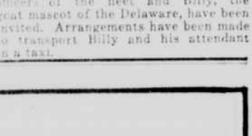
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