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JAPAN STRIDES ON.

Outwits, Outpaces Washington Conference Signatories.

Auxillary War Craft-Light Cruisers, Submarines, Glant Air-Carriers.

Why this Perfervid Haste? Not for Peace.

Pan-Pacific Conference-Must be Representative.

Australian No-Defence Advocates - Fatuous Shibboleths.

Stern Awakening Must Bring Repentance.

Pacific Situation Grows More Ominous.

Value of Sea Communications.

Japan Across Australia's Trade Routes.

Angle-American Defensive Alliance for the Pacific.

By E. GEORGE MARKS

(Author of "Watch the Patific," "How Foch Maker War," "Napoleon and the War," (Two Vols.), "Moril and Democracy," Sec., Sec. Socially written for "The Navy League Journal.")

W HAT does the inordinate naval activity of Japan since the Washington Conference portend?

February 6, 1922, is a significant date—The Five-Powers Treaty, restricting naval acmaments, was signed at Washington. Great Britain, America, France, Italy and Japan were the signatories.

Japan's naval activity warrants an examination of the Washington Agreement

What are its main essentials; its unequivocal provisions?

Definite tonnege of capital ships—battleships and battle cruisers—was fixed.

Here is the tonnage fixed for capital ships:-

Great Britain: 525,000 tons. United States: 525,000 tons.

Japan : 315,000 tons France : 175,000 tons.

Italy: 175,000 tons

These figures were reached by scrapping superflous ships. Restrictions were imposed on the size and armament of capital ships.

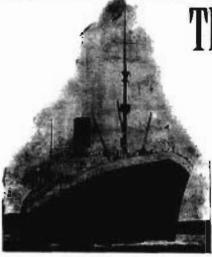
No capital ship may exceed 35,000 tons -6 300 tons less than the Hood; no ship exceeding 35,000 tons may be constructed within the jurisdiction of the Five Powers.

No gun with a calibre in excess of 16-inch may be used. The Hood's guns are 15-inch; several Japanese capital ships mount 16-inch guns.

Japan has sensed the growing importance o aircraft carriers; since the Washington Conference the great Asiatic Power has set the lead in this special war craft.

Under the Washington Agreement Japan is allowed \$1,000 tonnage for aircraft carriers; Great Britain was apportioned 135,000 tons; likewise the U.S.A.; France and Italy was each assigned 60,000 tons.

Restrictions were imposed on the size of aircraft carriers; no sircraft carrier exceeding 27,000 tons may be built by any of the signatories to the Washington Agreement, with this exception—that



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any of the signatories, provided its total tonnage allowance is not exceeded, may build not more than two aircraft carriers, each of not more than 21 000 tons, or may use for this purpose capital ships which would otherwise have to be scrapped.

There is this definite provision - no aircraft is carrier may carry a gon in excess of 8-inch calibre, and the total number of guns exceeding 6-inch that may be carried was fixed by the Agreement at 10, or at eight in the case of 31,000 ton vessels.

Another important provision of the Agreement is that dealing with the construction of light

No war vessel exceeding 10,000 tons may be laid down, other than a capital ship or aircraft carrier, nor may any ship outside the class of capital ships carry a gun of larger calibre than 8-inch

Fortifications and Bases.

Pacific peoples are vitally interested in the creation of fortifications and bases in the great.

Upon Great Britain, the United States and Japan the Washington Agreement imposes the maintenance of the status quo.

The British Empire agreed to maintain the status quo in Hong Kong and Pacific Islands, other than those adjacent to the coasts of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand; the United States agreed to the status qua in Pacific Islands, except those adjacent to the coasts of the United States, Alaska, the Panama Canal Zone, the Hawaiian Islands; Japan agreed to the status oue in the Kurile, Bonio, Amami, Ochima, Loochoo, Formosa. and Pescadores groups.

No new fortifications or naval bases shall be established in any of these islands or territories where the status quo is to be maintained; no increase in the coast defences; no steps shall be taken to increase the existing naval facilities for the repair and maintenance of naval forces.

War or Peace?

The Washington Agreement is to remain in force to December 31, 1936!1!

Is there any likelihood of it subsisting till then? Observe the attitude of its Pacific signatories-Great Britain, the U.S.A. and Japan.

Is it indicative of peace or war?

Great Britain is fearful of Japan's Pacific ambitions; to impede her bid for the hegemony of the Pacific she decides to construct a great base at Singapore - the cost will be £11,000,000.

How does Japan view this move of her former navai ally?

She regards it with the greatest suspicion, the greatest nervousness; her reply is tangible-light cruisers, submarines, torpedo craft, aircraft, every form of naval auxiliary permitted under the Washington Agreement.

Japan is suspicious of the Singapore base; has a premonition that Great Britain will ally herself with the U.S.A.-to guard the Pacific from Asiatic

Hence she conveniently forgets the peaceful pretensions of the Washington Agreement; finds reational solace in building batches of auxiliary cruisers !

Gesture of the U.S.A. since the Washington Agreement-peaceful or warlike?

ludge for yourselves-the greatest, the most formidable naval armada that has ever ploughed the waters of the Pacific is manieuvring in battle array; testing strategic positions.

Is such a demonstration in consonance with the peaceful armament-reducing atmosphere of the Washington Conference of 1922?

Does not the naval activity of all the Pacific Powers reduce the underlying principle of the Washington Conference to a nullity?

Capital ships many of them obsolete - have been scrapped under the Agreement; the race of armaments still proceeds; the cry is now; "light cruisers, more light cruisers, submarines, torpedo craft, aircraft!"

Japan leads the way.

Australia scrapped the battle-cruiser Australiatwo light cruisers will take her place!

No more has the Washington Conference brought peace to the Pacific than has the Treaty of Versailles brought peace to the world.

War instinct in man, on land, on sea, is ineradicable-cannot be subdued.

When the proposal was made, on behalf of the U.S.A., at the Washington Conference, that there be limitation placed upon the building of light cruisera flotilla leadera, destroyera, submarine tonnage, Japan wouldn't agree; didn't mind acrapping **PASSENGER**

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certain of her capital ships; she wouldn't agree to the suggested limitation on auxiliary craft.

She now, in auxiliary craft, leads the world—a serious, a momentous problem for the world to golve.

Call to Pacific Whites.

See how the pulse of the U.S.A. beats.

Thus Congressman F. A. Britten, of Illinois, importuned the American House of Representatives: A conference of the white races of the Pacific should be called Japan's open preparation for war is a reason why the people surrounding the Pacific should have a definite mutual policy for their protection. The guicker this is done the better. It is imperative there should be a conference of the white peoples of the Pacific. Australia has already indicated her desire to participate in any defensive movements that may be organised for the protection of the white peoples of the Pacific. I ams of the opinion that such a conference should be held in Australia or Canadal or Ropolulu.

Congressman Britten is an authority on Pacific problems—a prominent member of the House of Representatives Naval Affairs Cummittee. His speech was made a few months ago.

Like many other U.S.A. naval authorities Congressman Britten is convinced that the Washington Naval Conference has been a failure for the white peoples of the world—that it has given Japan a chance of outstripping all the other Pacific Powers in the construction of a formidable auxiliary fleet—a menace to Australia, a menace to New Zealand; a menace to the white peoples of the Pacific.

Definite political understanding amongst the white people of the Pacific is imperative in view of Japan's colossal strides in the vast ocean; in view of the seething millions of the East who await but the definite call of Japan to overrun the fertile domains of the white man in the Pacific.

Treaty of Versailles, Washington Conference, League of Nations, will have no deterrent effect when Japan, heading the legions of the East, is ready to throw down the gauntlet—she threw it down to the Czar of All the Russias in 1904; vanquished the Colossus on land; on sea.

Triple Failure.

Vital, imperative, immediate is the defence of the Pacific—the Washington Conference has failed; the League of Nations has failed; the Treaty of Versailles has failed!

Every encouragement should be given by the Commonwealth Government to bring about a great, a representative, conference of the white peoples of the Pacific—white peoples bordering on the Pacific.

Australia, New Zealand, too, are vitally concerned.

Such a conference—embracing all political beliefs—should be held in Australia; then all phases of the defence of the Pacific could be discussed; including the Singapore base; Japan's great auxiliary fleet.

Bona-fide Labour could not hold aloof from such a momentous conference. It is becoming more and more apprehensive of the situation in the Pacific.

Here is an indication : --

Realising the Pacific to be the future cockpit of the world this Conference recommends that arrangements be made to hold a Pan-Pacific Conference in Australia of all Industrial and political bodies bordering on the Pacific.

This recommendation was discussed, assented to, at the inter-State Conference of delegates from the various Trades and Labor Councils held at Adelaide, South Australia, in mid-June, 1925.

Before the end of June Labor decided to issue invitations for the holding of a Pan-Pacific Conference to be held in Sydney in January, 1926.

Amongst the workers' organisations invited to attend the Conference are the U.S.A., Canada, Japan, China, Java, Hawaiian Islands, India, South Africa, Korea.

Delegates from these countries will discuss the attitude of the workers of the Pacific in the event of a conflict in the Pacific.

Australia must be defended against Asiatics

dustrying, resourceful, courageous -whether Mr. Brace is directing the destinies of this islandcontinent or Mr. Charleon.

Neither Nationalists nor Labour can depend upon the Washington Agreement nor the League of Nationa to rapel the invader.

When a doctor tends the wounded man on the field of battle he asks not his politics: tries to save him without delay

Ask not His Politics.

When the country is in danger—when it is menaced by foreign foes—the head of the nation should ask not a soldier's politics—should ask not if he likes or dislikes war—should wild all sections of this young, this virile democracy into a folid phalanx—proceed to save the country with the same alacrity that the doctor proceeds to save the soldier, wounded, weak—whose politics he knows not, cares not—on the dread field of battle.

Since the Washington Conference in 1922 Japan has laid down 17 light cruisers! I

Since the Washington Conference Japan has laid down the latest designs in submarines; some with a cruising radius of 16,000 miles!

Since the Washington Conference Japan has tald down the latest aircraft carrier—
the Akasi is 26.900 tons displacement; has a speed of 28 knots—accommodates 50 aeroplanes I.!

Akael is armed with 10 8-inch guns; 10 4:7-inch quick-firing guns! 1

Let the lethargic awake, ponder up a this inordinate naval activity of Japan; realise that Japan's monster air-carrier is nearly 5,000 tons larger than the Eagle—the biggest air-catrier of the British Navy; radior, too that the Eagle is much slower than the Anaki; hesides, the Eagle would be outgunned—9 6-inch guns; 6 4-inch gunsgainst the Anaki's to 8 inch guns; 4 7-inch gunsmost improved quick-firers

Serious matter this; cannot be lightly regarded

What does Japan mean?

Is she going to outbuild all the other Pacific Powers, then seek to average the Exclusion Act affront to her nationals by the U.S.A.?

Unquestionably the British Navy will be in line with the U.S.A. squadrons shortly after the Pacific affame with the shells of the white man of the Pacific and the Asiatic.

Australia is then, ipto facts, in the struggle for fife and death; New Zealand, too - all the white peoples of the Pacific.

Before the goog for the coming combat sounds let the white peoples of the Pacific confer; let them co-ordinate a policy of definite defence against Asia's legions; against Japan's bid for supremacy of the Pacific.

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Defenceless Australasia—Invitation to Asiatics.

Amongst Labor's ideals is a minimum wage—the banishment of cheap labor

Does it not occur to the Labor idealist who imagines that he can banish war by not shouldering a rifle that the consequent conquest of the country with such a policy inevitably means the perpetual overthrow of all Labor ideals—substitution of cheap Assatic labor—enslavement of all sections of the community by Asiatic hordes.

Before Labor idealists—Labor extremists—oppose an Australian Navy; before they oppose adequate defence for this island continent, with its rulnerable cousts; they should seriously ponder what Asiatic conquest would mean.

Defenceless Australia is a definite invitation to Asiatics to come here and take possession of it.

Do Labor idealists—Labor extremists—opposed to Australian defence anticipate a special capitalation clause rendering them immune from the depredations, the exactions, of invaders—because of their fatueus advocacy of a no-defence policy?

Asiatics are not enamoured of Australians—whether they advocate a defence policy or not—owing to the Commonwealth Alien Restriction Acts placed on the Statute Book primarily at the instance of Labor advocates to safeguard Australian labor conditions.

Peculiar anomoly Labor idealists have created opposed as they are to Asiatics coming into the Commonwealth to undercut labor conditions—a formidable political barrier is creeted against them.

When Assatics threaten to invade the country, to occupy it, to hold it, the barriers are taken down!

These Labor idealists—no-defence advocates—do not represent the dona fide Australian workman; he detests thoughts of this great island-continent being given over to Asiatics.

Every cane, every reasonable, Australian workman is in favor of an Australian Navy; in favor of adequate defence by land; by sea.

Selling His Birthright.

The Government which neglects to provide a reasonable measure of defence is no friend of the working man—it is seeing his birthright to freedom, to independence.

Without adequate defence Australia, in the future, cannot continue free, independent—to work out her destiny.

Labor idealists who imagine that the war drum beats no longer, that the flag of peace is furled, because of the League of Nations, the Washington Agreement, the Treaty of Versailles, are laboring under a prodigious delusion—the Pacific Ocean at the present time is pregnant with the germs of a stupendous conflict between the white peoples of the vast ocean, the hordes of Asia, under the subtle, the skilful, the resourceful, the intensely disciplined leadership of Japan

Like the charger, the coming battle is being shifled from afar—there is a momentous upheaval in China, the U.S.A. fleet is participating in serious, far reaching manceuvres in the Pacific - resented by Japan — Japan continues to launch light cruisers, florilla leaders, submarines, giant air-craft carriers; Great Britain is uneasy at the inordinate naval activity of her former ally in the East; the Moscow Reds are insidiously permeating Asiatics against the idea of aggression of Europeans; counselling their expulsion; counselling salf-determination; self-government for all peoples—white or colored.

Coming Clash.

No power has the League of Nations to prevent the coming clash in the Pacific; its effective machinery is clogged by clumsy, ill-digested, illconsidered mandates which practically hand over the Pacific to Asiatics!

Under the mandate of the League of Nations Japan holds the Marshalls, the Carolines, the Ladrones, the Pelew Islands—a positive, an undeniable menace to the security of the Commonwealth of Australia; to the security of New Zealand.

Notwithstanding the menace at Australasia's back door there are fatuous people who are against the maintenance of an Australian navy; against the maintenance of adequate defence by land; by sea; opposed to the construction of the Singapore base; against every conceivable scheme that makes for the protection of the interests of the Southern Seas.

These Anti-Australians had better seriously reflect before it is too late.

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Importance of Communications.

Admiral Mark Kerr has just issued a warning to the Admiralty in England which has an especial applicability to the Commonwealth; to New Zealand, too.

After taking the Admiralty to task for neglecting aerial science he stresses the immense importance of keeping communications open in time of naval stress; fortifies himself with the great Napoleon's dictum: "War is an affair of communications!" Then comments: "If England does not look more closely to her air and sea communications she will awake too late - to find a foreign flag floating over her citadels of liberty!"

Here is the applicability of the Admiral's comment to Australasia—Japan holds the Marshalls, the Carolines, the Ladrones, and the Pelew Islands athwart our trade routes, thus impeding our sea communications.

No blunder, ancient or modern, is comparable to that which permitted Japan to possess this group of incalculably important strategic islands.

It has forever imperilled Australasia's communications.

In the event of a war in the Pacific Japan will convert these islands into veritable nests of submarines; they will relentlessly harass commerce in the mid Pacific; paralyse Australasia's communications.

Admiral Kerr may have thus further commented:
"If Australasia does not look more closely to her air and sea communications she will awake too late—to find a foreign flag floating over her citadels of liberty!"

Labor idealists—no-defence advocates—should seriously, assiduously study the impregnability of Japan in the Western Pacific; see how she has profited by the Washington Agreement, by the League of Nations, by the Treaty of Versailles; see how she holds the communications of the mid-Pacific as in a vice.

Those who preach no Australian navy, no adequate defence for the Commonwealth, without having studied Japan's impregnability in the Western Pacific must be branded as charlatans—enumies of the country.

Phillipines and Hawaii.

Vital indeed are secure naval communications for the U.S.A. in the Pacific.



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Floyd Gibbons is a well-known American journalist, has studied the problem of the Pacific; studied the Japanese—their designs on Hawaii, their designs on the Phillipines. He hasn't any doubt that a clash in the Pacific is coming.

"I am certain," he says, in a recent issue of the Chicago Tribune, "that there can be no war in the Pacific without America being right in it. Japan wants the Philippines; wants Hawaii, too. Japan feels that the continued possession of the Philippines and Hawaii is nothing short of an act of aggression against her."

Serious comment this, Floyd Gibbons is no novice, doesn't make rash statements; knows that a clash between Japan and the U.S.A. is toevitable

Anglo-American Defensive Alliance.

Like many other writers on the problem of the Pacific he is of the opinion that America must conclude a naval defensive alliance with Great Britain for the defence of the Pacific – that alliance would have a greater deterrent effect upon the Pacific ambitions of Japan than disarmament treaties; than covenants of League of Nations.

The fear is that Japan may create a cases both with America before an Anglo-American Defensive alliance for the protection of the white peoples of the Pacific is brought to fruition; this is not improbable in view of her rapid naval construction since the Washington Agreement.

Australia's leading public men, the leading public men of New Zealand, too, will have a splendid opportunity of giving their views on an Anglolinerican defensive alliance for the protection of the Pacific during the visit to Australasia of the American fleet.

Such an alliance would spell security for Dominions in the Southern Seas; could not be construed by reasonable Americans as any violation of the Monroe Doctrine.

Surely there is aore real affinity between two great white peoples...Great Britain and the U.S.A.

—than there was between Great Britain and Japan.

Was not the Anglo-Japanese pact a defensive mayal alliance for the protection of their interests in the Far Bast?

Britain's statesmen concurred in that alliance;



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much persuasion would not be required to induce them to concur in a naval defensive alliance for the Pacific between Great Britain and the U.S.A.

Such a defensive alliance, in addition to the Singapore base, and a reasonably formidable Australian Navy, would make Japan seriously reflect before she precipitated a conflict to the Pacific.

In the absence of an Anglo-American defensive alliance for the Pacific Japan will become more and more formidable, until she will dely the white peoples of the Pacific—that is what she is now aiming at - the Washington Agreement has mate, rially assisted her covert ambition to be the mistress of the great ocean, already she is mistress of Micronesia.

len't she impregnable in the Western Pacific.

Haen't she outwitted all the other signatories to the Washington Agreement?

Hasn't her ambition sewn the seeds of a gigantic struggle in the Pacific?

Art of Conquering!

Japanese soldiers despise death fanatical in their bravery — the campaign against Russia proved this.

This intense martial fanaticism has evolved modern Japan in a little over 60 years, from a nation of obscurity of semi-barbarism to that of a great disciplined ambitious nation—the arbiter of the Pacific!

Australians must heed not the fatuous shibboleths of no-defence extremists; must bestir themselves; manifest an intelligent interest in the defence of this great island continent.

Steep not too coundly—Australia is in danger—there is an Asiatio voicano in the Pacific; any day, any night it may belob forth the lava of its vengeance upon the white man of the Pacific.

When that dread eruption takes place
Australian no-defence advocates will
feel the fury of the storm; will repent
their puerile ebibboleths—admit they
have brought disaster to their country.

Grave Warning from Naval Expert.

Sir Herbert Russell is a well known English war correspondent and naval editor.

Here are his views of Japan's naval activity in the Pacific, published in the London press in mid-April last;—

Examine Japan's naval programme for the current year. It sanctions the construction of eight first-class and three second-class cruisers—all of 36 knots; 10 powerful seakeeping destroyers, and an air-oratt carrier.

This comment is then made by Sir Herbert Russell :-

Since the Washington Conference
Japan has snown extraordinary
activity in the construction of all
clarses of war-craft outside the
ridiculous y limited prohibition...
Since the passing of the AngloJapanese Aldance there has been
a perceptible cooling off in Japaness sentiment for Britain.

After reflection, Sir Herbert Russell sees a reason for Japan's naval activity since the Washington Conference.

Here it is :--

Japan is rapidly building war-oraft because she realises that she must have an outlet for her growing population. If there is need for a war in the Pacific, Japan will not shirk it!

Having examined the limits of diplomacy, Sir Terhert Russell adds: --

If Japan secures the neces-ary out et diplomatically all will be well, but her present naval policy does not suggest an unqualified faith in diplomacy. It is an unostentations preparation for a war in the Pacific!

How that war will be waged Sir Herbert Russell enpresses himself :-

War by Japan with one or more combatante could not be a battleahip war-it would be a cruiser war. Hence, the Washington Agreement dors not affect Japan's strategic advantages.

Sir Herbert Russell has no doubt that Japan is building light cruisers to attack trade routes. He is explicit:—

Japan is rapidly building light cruleers to mop up the trade of the Pacific in the event of a struggle for supremacy.

While Japan is careering along with its construction of her auxiliary craft, Great Britain is merely looking on—asking whether we should build any more ships at all!

The warning of this well-known naval authority must be seriously considered by all Australians concerned with the vast problem of the Pacific; with the safety of Australasia.

Miss Wardle, daughter of Commodore Wardle, D.S.O.R.N., Commanding H.M. Australian Navy and Mrs. Rayse, wife of the Flag-pulsain of R.M. A. S. Sydney, are the Honorary Secretarios. Tokete may be obtained from any of the above anticel adics, also from the Bolled Australia. Mosers. Athert & Succ. Muslo Siore. Mesers. Angus and Hoberton. and the Navy Longue Office at 30 Geor-tonor Sitect, Bydney: "Hone is 1906. It is sincerely borded that every adult member of the Navy Longue Office."

NAVY LEAGUE BALL

AT PALAIS ROYAL

AMERICAN FLEET WEEK.

Under the Previdency of Mrs. Philip Street, two meetings of the Ball Committee have taken place at the Hotel Australia. At the least meeting it was decided to invite the Admirala and Senior Officers of the American Fleet which will be ab Bydney on the 4th August, the date of the Ball. Prizes for leaky balloom have been offered by Mrs. Luscombe Newman, Mrs. Higgins, Mesers. Jr. C. Williamson, Ltd., Mesers. W. D. & H. O. Wills (Australia) Ltd., and Mesers. Sir Ben and John Foller's and Hugh Ward's Theatree. Mrs. Stewart donated a Dinner for four at the Ambassadors for the seller of the most tickets, and Miss Frances Glasson generously contributed a three-guinea prize for the Fox Trot Competition. Donations towards the expenses of the Ball were received from Mrs. Relso King, £5 6s, Mrs. Kelso King, £5 6s, Mrs. Frances Glasson, £2.

The undermentioned ladies are assisting to make the Ball a success: Mrs. Philip Street, Mrs. Kelso King, Miss Kelso King, Miss I. Bay, Mrs. Lascombe Newman, Mrs. Robert Layton, Mrs. George Bennett, Miss Edna Bennett, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Higgins, Miss Higgins, Mrs. Heshe Walford, Miss Fell, Mrs. M. Mayro, Mrs. Robins, Mrs. Leshe Walford, Miss Fell, Mrs. Miss Houston, Miss F. Glasson, Mrs. E. Bennett, Miss Shifley Havin, Miss Macric, Mrs. T. H. Nik, Miss Rits Fox, Miss D. G. Williams, Mrs. Danney and Miss C. Harnford.





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The McMaster Cup. SEA CADETS' GIG RACE.

The Annual race for the McMaster Cup was held on the Parramatta River on June 12, under the auspices of the Navy League Ideal conditions favored the racing-perfectly calm water, an almost imperceptible tide, and a cool atmosphere.

North Sydney Cadets, the holders of the Cup. showed excellent combination, and after a magnificent struggle with Drummorne's representatives. won their heat. In the final Richmond met North Sydney, and after a gruelling race, in which Richmond crew broke an oar, North Sydney won by a length and a quarter, and retained the Cup.

All the races were keenly contested by the various crews, who were made up of cadets under 161/2 years of age and under. Units from Balmain, Richmond, Clovelly, Drummoyne, Lane Cove and North Sydney competed.

Among the speciators were Commodore Wardle, D.S.O., R.N., Miss Wardle, Commander and Mrs. Quick, Mr. and Mrs. F. Albert, Mr. T. Fox, Mr. Harold Cochrane, Mrs. Oswald McMaster (donor of the Cup) and party, Mrs. and Miss Glasson, Captain O. Smith, Mrs. R. H. Wade, Captain Beale (Organizing Secretary of the League), and the officiario-charge and honorary accretaries of the different companies. Results :-

IST HEAT-Richmond 1. Balmain 2. Won by half a length.

and Hrat-North Sydney 1, Diummoyne 2. Won by half a length. The best race of the day.

3RD HEAT-Clovelly 1, Lane Cove 2. Won easily. FINAL - North Sydney 1, Richmond 2.

Mr. M. MacDonald and Mr. R. H. Wade were the coxxwains respectively of the winners and the runners-up.

TO THE AMERICAN FLEET WELCOME!

The cruiser Sydney (flying the flag of Commodore Wardle, D.S.O. R.N., commanding the Australian Navy), accompanied by H.M.A.S's Adelaide, Annac, Stalwart and Tasmania reached port on July 9. The ships have been engaged in gunnery practice off the Queensland coast.

H.M.S. Concord, which left Sydney at the same time as the Australian vessels, did not return. It is understood she was ordered to join the ships of the British China Squadron-

The repair ship Platypus reached Sydney two days in advence of the cruisers and destroyers.



SUB-BRANCH AND COMPANY NEWS.

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THANKS to the keenness of Mr. Cooper, officer in charge, Balmain Cadets are kept well to the fore. The company is improving every month, both as regards efficiency and numbers. With the monthly meeting of parents and cadets at the home of the officer-in-charge, and the expected regular attendance of cadets at the Depôt, Gow Street, the improvement should continue. Now that electric light has been installed at the depot. and a large number of necessary improvements effected by Messrs Fidden, Wood and Watt, the comfort of the cadets will be greatly enhanced.

This company, the first in Australia is well placed for expansion. Like all the other companie its inture is largely in the hands of its officers, whose loyal co-operation and co-ordination of effort will alone ensure a full measure of success At Balmain, as at Drummoyne and Lane Cove, the Ladies' Welfare Committee has begun to do good work, and it is hoped that it will not slacken in its efforts on behalf of the cadets.

Mr. Hooper, of Drummoyne Company, deserves special mention for his excellent work in connection with the raising and cleaning of the Concord cutter. It was a big job, well and ably done. Mr. Hooper, and those assisting him, deserve the Navy League's warmest thanks.

Mrs. Game, wife of the Officer-in-charge of Lane

Cove Company, has cause to feel pleased with the efforts of the Ladies' Committee there. Since the end of February their splendid efforts have been productive of a sum of £49 gs. 3d. towards the welfare of the local cadets. Can any other Ladies' Committee show such a record?

The President of the Lane Cove Sub-branch is Mr. Harold Cochrane. Mr. Cochrane is anxious to obtain a suitable site for the building of a depôt on the waterfront or with that object in view, he, together with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. F. Hedges, made application to the Lands Depart-

NORTH SYDNEY.

(Contributed by Mr. MacBanald).

This Company greatly regrets losing the services of Mr. B. Roberts, who has served since its formation, Mr. Roberts was furmerly a cadet, and by sheer merit passed through the various stages of promotion to 1st Officer. He was recently the recipient of a handsome shaving set, the gift of the Company, Mr. Roberts was compelled to relinguish his honorary post owing to the exigencies of business . We wish him well in all things.

The cadets are naturally elated with their McMaster Cup success, and are proud to hold it for the next twelve months.

Drummoyne was very hopeful of wrestleg it from us on that eventful day on the Parramatta

THE NAVY LEAGUE WURNAL.

River. They pot up a magnificent struggle in their gig, but were not quite good annuals. Nevet mind, Drummayne, better luck next time.

This Company's very best thanks to Mr. and Mrs. H. Austin for their generosity in allowing their fine sucht "Lotus" to be used for towing Navy League cutters and gigs on various occasions. Their kindness has saved the N.S. Company much expense and is greatly appropriated.

RICHMOND.

On the 4th July, North Sydney's football trans visited Richmond, and after a kernly contested game defeated our local boys by a points. In the evening the Ladies' Welfare Committee entertained the learns to bea, after which the North Sydney's representatives entrained for home.

Under the command of Mr. R. H. Wade about 50 of the Richmond codets, and 40 from Balmain. under Mr. S. Cooper, attended Windsor Church on Sunday morning, 5th of July. The combined units made an excullent showing, and after church much favourable comment was beaut from many of the congregation.

Recently Mr. Lucas, Officer-in-charge of the Richmond Air-drome, very kindly had Balmain and Richmond cadets conflucted over the Drome. and arranged for two instructors to explain the o ustruction of the planes and the working of the engines. The boys were mightily pleased with

what they saw and heard, and unassmously accord a vote of thanks to Mr. Lucas for his kindness and courtesy in allowing the visit.

CLOVELLY.

Promotions-As a reward for merit the undermentioned members have been promoted, viz :-CPO. F. Hopkins to Junior Officer 1st July; P.O. R. Johnson to C.P.O. 1st July; Leading Sea Cadet R. Worrall to P.O.: Cadet Louth to Leading Sea Cadet, both from 1st July; Acting P.O. Bric Murray, of Bondi Company, to be P.O. rst July.

A very instructive evening was spent recently, when Capt. Beale, of the N. L. Headquarters paid a visit to this Company. Capt. Beale recounted many items relating to Sea Cadet formations in England and South Africa, which proved of great

interest and value to the cadets here.

Now that the Eastern Suburbs Sub-Branch has been re-organised steps will be taken to form a Social Committee, to which it is hoped that ladies residing in the locality will bring their help and induence in the interests and welfare of the Sea Cadet Movement.

Though Clovelly Company is one of the Infant

The Seamen's Memorial.

Salors of the Royal Navy, Royal Australian Navy and Mercautile Marine, who served during the war are practically unanimous as regards the form the proposed memorial ought to take Almost to a man they vote for a properly equipped recreation ground, or an institution similar to the . Royal Naval House in Grosvenor Street. The . founding and endowment of such a place would he a blessing to many hundreds of Empire seamen who are frequently visiting our great port of Sydney, and who feel the lack of that homely touch which their profession denses them. This is particularly this with respect to younger members of the crew of every vessel, be she peaceful merchantman or

A memorial of this nature would serve the double purpose of a tribute to the dead, and a joy to the living.

Not an office or rating interviewed favoured the form of memorial suggested by the Committee whether fashioned in stone or bronze - and it is remonable to assume that the gallant men of the sea whose lives were forfeited to the Empire would, could they but signal their wishes across the Great Gulf, vote for a memorial that would be real and much needed benefit to the living

Before the memorial takes further shape, surely the feeling of our sailors should be ascertained. Nearly every man who served during the war, would register against any form of memorial wherefrom the sounds of human happiness could never grise

units of Sea Cadets in New South Wales, it is very gratifying to report that the undermentioned codets have answered the call of the sea:-Do glas Hopkips, as Fordsdale, to England and Cuntinent: now serving on board the coastal steamer Dongarra, to Great Britain. A Ashton. Buya, to the Pacific Islands. F Ashion, s.s. Levuks, to the Pacific Islands. H Barker, the Bay liner Moreton Bay All these hoys have the old Viking strain in their blood, and love to be on the move over the oceans and lands of the earth. Yarns have lost nothing in the telling that these youthful travellers have spun to the 'stay at home' cadets about the wonders of Wembley and the London tubes and buses, to say nothing of the historic Toyer of London, and the ancient Abbey of Westminkler, where Kings for centuries past have first worn the crown of England. Then they tell of that old grey pile which crowned the fame of Sir Christopher Wren, a master architect : of its wonderful tombs of renowned men; its whispering

gallery and great glided cross. Australia House, where all is perfect peace, save for the rumble of migrants without arriving from Australia. Port Said, that ever noisome gateway through which saint and sinner pass into the floodlight of dawn or into the caverns of night. Port Said, with its polygiot crowds, and its secrets none can guess, which attracts and repells, and in after life is no more than a kaleidoscopic dream. Then the Islands of the Blest in the embrace of the tropic bine of the vast Pacific-those fair coral isles of palms, from which the early Polynesians took boat and sailed into the sunset's heart. Who wouldn't be a Navy League Sea Cadet and see the world at his feet!

THE GOVERNOR AT RANDWICK.



ADMIRAL SIR DUDGRY DE CHAIR, R.C.B., AND OFFICERS OF THE N.L. SEA CADETS.

AT the invitation of Alderman George Baker, of Randwick, the Navy League Sea Cadets supplied a Guard of Honouron the occasion of the State Governor's recent visit to Randwick for the purpose of unveiling an Honout Roll to members of the local Rifle Club, who unswered the Brapire's call to duty with their lives in the World War.

His Expellency was met on arrival by the President of the Literary Institute. Alderman Baker, and by the Mayor of Randwick. Alderman Barden. Others present included Mr. H. V. Jaques, M.L.A., Alderman Goldstein, ex-M.L.A., and Mr. E. R. White, of the Navy League Exe-

The Governor expressed a wish to inspect the Guard, and was conducted by Mr. C. J. Hopkins, Officer in-charge of Clovelly Cadets. Sir Dudley shook hands with each of the Sea Cadet officers present, and warmly complimented them on the smart appearance of the boys.

Officers and cadets representing Bastern Suburbs, Drummoyne, Balmain and Lape Cove were in attendance.

THE NAVY LEAGUE JOURNAL

The American Fleet.

Its Visit to Australia.

(BY CHILTENANT-COMMANDER REWARD J. FOY, C.R. NAYY, IN THE "SYDNEY MOROTING HERALD.")

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The battleships to visit Sydney comprise:

California (flagship of Admiral S. S. Robison, Commander-in-Chief, United States States States Settle Sect); New Mexico, Mississipi, Idaho, West Virginia, Colorado, Maryland, and Tendesse

I N order clearly to identify those units of the sea force of the United States Navy which propose to visit Australia and New Zealand waters during the month of July and August of This year, it might be as well to outline, in a general way, our floating organisation.

Roughly speaking, the "United States Fleet" is the organisation which comprises the bulk of America's sea power. To this fleet are attached 'all vessels of war, exclusive of those operating in 'Asiatic waters, known as the "Asiatic fleet;" the "Naval Forces Europe" representing a number of ships based in the Mediterranean; the "Special Service Squadron," a small detachment which operates in Central American waters; the "Naval Transportation Service," composed of naval transports for both personnel and cargo; and "Unassigned small vessels attached to the various naval districts into which the count line is subcivided

"The United States Fleet" is composed of four forces.—Scouting fleet, control force, battle fleet, and fleet base force. The United States Fleet is commanded by Admiral Robert E. Coonts, who flies his flag on the U.S. A. Seattle.

The acouting fleet is that portion of the United States Fleet which normally operates along the Atlantic Coast. It is commonly known as the "Atlantic Fleet," and consists of two divisions of our oldest battleships, two light cruiser divisions, two active squadrons of destroyers, and five aircraft squadrons, including she airship Shenandoah.

The control force also operates along the Atlantic seaboard, including the Panama Canal sone, and is composed of twelve divisions of sub-marines, with their tenders, as well as a squadron of mine sycopers.

The feet base force is divided-one balf in the

Atlantic and one half in the Pacific. Squadron one operates with the scouting fleet, and squadron two with the battle fleet.

The Pacific Fleet.

The Pacific fleet is ordinarily referred to as "The Pacific Fleet." It bases on the Pacific Coast and represents the most powerful unit of the United States Fleet. It is the "backbone" of American sea-power. This force, the commander-in-chief of which is Admiral Samuel S. Robison, flying his flag on the battleship California, is made up of the battleship divisions (comprising twelve super-dreadnoughts), two active squadrons of destroyers, four squadrons of airplanes, and the six submarine divisions, some of the last-named being based in the Hawaiian Islands.

The battleship divisions are commanded by Vice-Admiral Henry A. Witey, the second in command of the battle flaet. This officer also commands Battleship Division Five, composed of the West Virginia (flagship), Tennessee, Maryland and Colorado. Battleship Division Four, the New Mexico (flagship), Mississippi, Idaho and California (for tactical purposes) is commanded by Rear-Admiral William B. Pratt. Battleship Division Three, comprising Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Nevada and Arisuna, is commanded by Rear-Admiral Henry L. Zeigemeier.

The destroyer squadrons of the battle fleet are commanded by Rear-Admiral Frank H. Schofield, whose flag filex from the Omaha, light cruser. Squadrons Blevon and Twelve are scheduled for the Australia-New Zestand cruise. The former is composed of the tender Melville, and destroyers (341) Docatur, (262) McDermut, (275) Sinchair, (277) Moody, (298) Percivat, (299) J. F. Burns, (207) Somers, (302) Stoidert, (304) Farquhai, (305) Thompson, (305) Kennedy, (307) Paul Hamilton. Schadron Twelve consists of the

Altair (tender) and destroyers (336) Litchfield, (314) Yarborough, (316) Sloat, (317) Wood, (318) Shirk, (319) Kidder, (322) Mervine, (323) Chase, (324) Robert Smith, (325 (Mullany, (331) MacDonough, (332) Farenholt, (333) Sumner, and (335) Melvin. It will be observed that the destroyers are both numbered and named. They are named in honour of deceased naval heroes, and are numbered for ready identification, the numbers being painted in large figures on each how.

Mine-Layers.

Mine Division Two of the fleet base force will be represented by two fast minelayers, Ludlow and Burns, both of these vessels being converted destroyers.

Four light cruisers are to go to Melbourne. In addition to the above the following auxiliary vessels will be present: - Hospital ship Relief, repair ship Medusa, and fuel and store ships, Arctic, Bridge, Kanawha, Neches, Cuyama, Ramapo and Sapelo.

Battleship Divisions Four and Five, with the hospital ship Relief, are scheduled to visit Sydney from July a3rd to August 6th. These battleships will then visit Auckland; the Relief going to Wellington. The other vessels named will visit Melbourne during the first period, and Wellington during the second, except that the Medusa will go to Auckland. The store and fuel ships will make such schedules as will best serve the two forces.

All of these ships will have participated in the great spring manocuvres, having as an aim a test of the defences of the Hawaiian Islands, America's western-most fortifications in the Pacific. There have been in the neighbourhood of 150 vessels engaged in this exercise, followed by a mobilisation in Hawaiian waters. Those ships fortunate enough to have been selected will sail for Australia and New Zealand on July 1. by way of American Samoa, and the others will return to their home bases. It is entirely possible, of course, that there may be minor changes in the list designated for Australian waters, but these changes should consist only in dropping out a small number of destroyers, in which event others may be designated to replace them.

The visit to Australia is the most discussed subject in the fleet. There is not a man who does not look forward to meeting his friends under the Southern Cross with the most delightful anticipation, and many are the heart-burnings of those who will be denied this pleasure.

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BORGE WASHINGTON is not usually associated with the founding of Australia. Yet it was the American Revolution which led the British Ministry of the day to send the first fleet to Australia.

The plan for colonizing Australia put forward by James Maria Metra some time of New York, included the transfer to Australia of numbers of the United Empire Loyalists, who afterwards settled in Canada. That plan was never carried out; but we are told of James Reid who came to New South Wales in 1791, that he had been a planter in Virginia.

Though the first United States fleet to visit Australia came to Sydney in 1839. American trading vessels had played a great part in the foreign trade of Australia long before that—and indeed almost from the very beginning of settlement.

The visit of 1839 was paid by the four exploring vessels under Commodore Charles Wilkes. These were the Vincennes (flagship), the Peacock, Porpoise, and Flying Fish. They were sailing vessels pure and simple, and the largest was of about 500 tons.

The visitors stayed in Port Jackson from December 1 to December 26. Before leaving, Wilkes wrote to Governor Gipps as follows:—

"I must acknowledge, on the part of my officers and myself, the great kindness and attention we have received from you and the citizens of Australia during our stay here, and to assure you we shall always bear a grateful remembrance of them."

A number of the American seamen liked Australia so well that they stayed behind when the vessels sailed for the Antarctic to continue their explorations.

It is a far cry from the visit of the tiny squadron of Wilkes to the second American fleet visit in 1909, just 70 years later, and a still greater change to the huge battleships now in our waters

Yet, nearly half-a-contury before the arrival of Wilke's United States vessels had begun to wist Sydney, it is now 133 years since the arrival of the first American trading craft. When she anchored in Neutral Bay the British settlement in Australia was but four years old. The United States themselves were only nine years of age, and over half-acentury was to pass before the United States had pushed its occupation across America to the shores of the Pacific.

The first foreign vessel to enter Sydney harbour after the foundation of the settlement was the Dutch "scow" Waaksamheid, from Batavia, which brought a cargo of food under charter in 1791. The second was the Hope of Rhode Island, which arrived in 1792 on a trading venture. In the same year came the Philadelphia, of Philadelphia, and from that time till the war of 1813-1814 broke off trading relations for a time, American vessels came to Australia in a steady stream.

Governor Macquarie gives in an official despatch a list of 41 American vessels which had sailed into the harbour of Port Jackson between 1792 and 1812. But this list is worfully incomplete: the number should be 55. 7. Even this takes no account of one or two vessels that had called at the Derwent, and of others that had been sealing on the Australian coast without touching at Sydney.

Nantacket Whaling Captains.

Nor does this exhaust the influence of the Americans on the early sea history of Australia. Many of the British whating vessels that visited

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Sydney, or went whaling on the Australian coast, had New Englanders on board. James Thomson notes that of nine British whalers working on the Australian coast in 1802 six were commanded by Nantucket men.

After 1813 trade with America was not resumed till 1816, when an American schooner, the Traveller, arrived. Much to the anneyance of Macquarie, who observes that from the time when Australia first became a British colony, "the constant custom and usage had been invariably in times of peace to admit American ships and cargoes to come to entry as if they were British," the Traveller was seized as a prize under the British Navigation Act by Benjamin Vale one of the assistant chaplains.

This little matter was fixed up, but there was not much revival of the American trade with Australia. With the removal of the East India Company's monopoly in 1824 British vessels were no longer at a disadvantage as compared with Americans, and the trade fell more and more into the hands of British vessels.

But about 1830 there appeared in Australasian waters the first vessels of that great fleet of American whalers, which in a few years filled every corner of the South Pacific. At the start, the Americans paid most attention to the seas round New Zealand, but by 1840 their whalers swarmed along the south and western coasts of Australia.

When Eyre made his journey along the Southern coast of Australia in 1840-41 he stated that there were 300 French and American whalers working on the south coast of Australia. Writing about the same time, Ogle says in his book on Western Australia, that for their knowledge of much of the coast of Western Australia the colonists were indebted to the American whalers.

"Annexation" of the Lucepedes.

Indeed, there was an uneasy feeling in official circles at the time that the United States might seek to annex a stretch of coast somewhere in the west of Australia. It is a curious fact that in 1867 an American captain did claim to have annexed to the United States the Lacepede Islands, which were of some little value owing to their grano deposits. He contended as they were outside the

three-mile limit—and as there was no evidence of British occupation or annexation—he was quite at liberty to take possession of them.

The action of this enterprising Yankee was, however, disowned by the United States, and did not lead to any international incident, strained as the feeling between Great Britain and the United States was about this time as a result of the Alabama incident.

When the Irish "rebels" of 1848 were sent to Tasmania several of them were got away to the United States as a result of the activities of sympathisers there. One of these was John Mitchel, whose grandson was Mayor of New York in 1916. At least one similar incident occurred half-a-century earlier.

In 1796 the American brig Otter, of Boston, touched at Sydney for supplies on a voyage to the north-west coast of America, after seal-skins and furs. When she left she took away Thomas Muir, one of the "Scottish martyrs," who had been sent to Botany Bay for advocating certain political reforms.

The Otter was wrecked on the coast of what was afterwards British Columbia. Muir and two seamen reached the shore safely, and fell into the hands of the Red Indians of those parts. The two sailors were killed, but the savages spared Muir's life. After some time among them he set out unarmed and without equipment of any kind to walk down the coast to the Spanish settlements in California, a Journey of many hundreds of miles through an unknown country inhabited by savage tribes.

Muir reached the Spanish settlements, and then went on to Mexico City, and so to Vera Cruz where he took ship to Havana. From Havana he shipped for Bordeaux in a French vessel. On the way this vessel was attacked by an English vessel, and though she escaped Moir was badly wounded in the fiead in the fight. From Bordeaux he went to Paris, but he died a few days after reaching that city.

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Both the Union and the Independence came to tragic ends. Pendleton first placed a gang of eleven men to collect seal skins on the Antipodes Islands, away to the South of New Zealand, and then entered into a contract with Simeon Lord, the Sydsey merchant, to bring a cargo of sandal-wood from Tongatibu for the China market.

Though Pendleton did not know it, another American vessel, the Duke of Portland (Lovat Mellon, master) had been seized by the natives of Tongatabu in 1802, largely at the instigation of a Malay called Charley, who had somehow drifted to the island. The crew were massacred, but the Tongans spared the life of a white woman named Elizabeth Morey and her black woman servant who were then living with the chief's wife.

Sandalwood, Seals, and Blood.

When Pendieton, the super-cargo John Hoston, whom Lord had sent from Sydney, and a boat's crew of six men went ashore to seek for sandatwood, the natives, aided and instructed by the renegade Malay, cut them off to a man. Then Charley tried to persuade the mate, Daniel Wright, to come ashore, saying that the captain bad sent for him. When he failed to persuade Wright he sent for Blizzbeth Morey in order to use her as a decoy.

Coached by the Malay and threatened with instant death if she failed to carry out his bidding and to try to persuade the Americans to send a boat ashore. Elizabeth Morey was brought out in a canoe. By pretending that her voice would not carry very far she induced Charley to bring the canoe close to the Union. Then she cried out to those on board that the captain and his men had been killed and that the natives were trying to trap them.

As soon as she had given the warning she threw herself into the sea and swam towards the Union. Charley and the Tongans made every effort either to seize her or spear her, but Wright and his men kept them off with musket fire, and the woman was safely taken on board the Union, then Wright stood away for Sydney.

It might have been imagined that the Union had had enough of the sandalwood trade; but Wright -now captain of the vessel-was not easily discouraged. There was a fortune in a lucky sandalwood voyage in those early days of the trade Sandalwood worth £50 a ton in Sydney could be bought in the islands for old from hatchets, nails, and other odds and ends.

So Wright filled the gaps in his crew with hardy adventurers picked up in Sydney, and sailed again for the sandalwood isles. This time he decided not to risk 'onga, but to seek his cargo amongst the wild cannibals of the almost unknown Fijis. He went further to fare worse, for the Umon was lost on a reef in the Fijis. With her perished Wright and his crew, of whom their employer (Fanning) says that hardier and more resolute spirits never trod a vessel's deck.

The loss of the Union left the sealing gang, which Pendieton had placed on the Antipodes, up in the air," marooned on a group of isles far away down in the stormy southern seas. But another American vessel came to the rescue. This was the 245 ton ship Favourite, of Nantucket-Jonathan Paddock, master, which came to Sydney from sealing at the Crozets.

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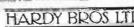
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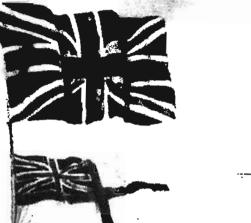
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nothing to ensure its safety in a world where right is still very often might in disguise. What are we doing to guard its unfathomed wealth, its budding life against the grip of the robber, the blight of the hybrid?

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AUSTRALIA OR MANCHURIA.

Japan's Surplus Population.

Annual Increase-800,000!

Teeming Millions-No Territorial Outlet.

Sir Herbert Russell's Warning.

Australia Must Be Prepared.

To Meet Coming Storm in Pacific.

Interdict of White Peoples.

BY E. GEORGE MARKS

(Author of " Worth the Parife," "How Fack Maker War," "Napolion and the Wor," (Two Fo, " Merit and Democracy," Sec., Sec. Socially written for "The Navy League Journal,")

I should say to Japan: "GO AND TAKE MANCHURIA; you must give all nations equal trading rights!"

Japan is densely over-populated; her aim is dictated rather by ethnological necessity than by mere ambition.

Japan is in a position to be a TERRIBLE MENACE TO AUSTRALIA! but she will never become that unless absolutely hounded to it.

GIVE HER ELBOW ROOM IN YELLOW TERRITORY.

She will ultimately take it whether it be given her or not.

Preach this doctrine in Australia, and you would be doing more to ensure the security of Australia against the possibility of Japanese attack than by any other means it is practicable to conceive.

TXTRACTS from a letter written in England, on June 1, 1925, by Sir Herbert Russell, K.B.E., the famous British war correspondent, naval editor and authority on Japan and the East.

It was sent to E. George Marks, the writer of this article, and received by him at The Sun office, Sydney.

Without demur, it is conceded that Japan is over-populated; outlets for her surplus population are imperative.

Her population is 70,000,000; annual augmentation 800,000!

Japan's Congested Areas.

Scan Japan's area -- only 148,756 square miles -in the east of the Continent of Asia and in the west of the Northern Pacific.

Japan proper comprises four large islands— Honshu, Shikoku, Kiushiv, and Hokkaido, exclusive of Formosa and its adjoining islands Saghalien and Korea.

Japan, subsequent to the war with China in 1894-5, acquired Formosa and the Pescadores. A decade later - having vanquished the Russians on land, on sea -- she acquired the southern half of Saghalien; secured a free hand in Korca - Japan annexed it in 1910.

Preceding the Russo-Japanese conflict of 1904-5 there were less than 50,000 Japanese in Korea; since annexation that number has increased to 400,000—just half of Japan's annual increase—in five years.



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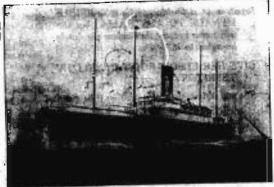
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Thus the annexation of Korea has not solved the problem of Japan's surplus millions.

Korea is of undoubted strategic importance to Japan in the far East-one of the largest peninsulas on the east side of Asia-projecting between the Sea of Japan and the Yellow Sca.

Korea is important to Japan in relation to Manchuria-which Sir Herbert Russell would let Japan

The peninsula, in the north, is separated from Manchuria and Siberia by the rivers Tuman and Yalu and White Mountain; in the south the peninsula confronts Kiushiu, across the Strait of Chosen; Tsyshima is to miles distant.

Korea's area is 84,129 square miles, population 18,000,000 !

Now consider what outlet Formosa provides for Japan's teeming surplus millions. The total area of Taiwan about equals that of Kiushiu in Japan proper.

Formosa's population is 1,680,000; there are 160,000 Japanese.

Do not forget that Japan's annual increase is 800,000 !

Separated from the mainland of China by the storm-swept Strait of Formosa it is crossed by the Tropic of Cancer; not too inviting for Japanese settlers !

Japan has held Formosa-224 miles in length with a maximum width of 76 miles -since China's defeat in the war 1894-5, and lying in the Western Pacific the Japanese call it Taiwan.

Of little value to Japanese settlers are the Pescadores; of considerable strategic importance to the Japanese Admiralty.

Cramped Areas - 50,000,000 Japanese.

The chief islands of Japan are Hondo or Honshu, the mainland or main country; Ktushiu, Shikoku, Sado, Oki and Iki, on the west coast; Tsushima, in the straits of Korea, midway between Klushiu and Kores; and Awaji lying between Shikoku and the main island; Hokkaido, one of the largest of the whole archipelago.

Hombu, the largest, wealthingt, and most populous of the islands, the site of the ancient and modern capitals and of most of the large cities,

has an area of 90,000 square miles-population 41,550 000 !

It is narrow in proportion to its length 1.130 miles, its greatest width nowhere exceeding 250 miles, and in one part, between Osaka in the east and Taugaru on the west, falls as low as 77 miles.

Kiushiu has an area of 15,000 square milespopulation 8,000,000 !

Shikoku's area in square miles is 6,000, population 3,500,000 i

The area of the other islands varies from 325 square miles to so square miles; all are densely

The Kurile islands, stretching in a long chain from Hokkaido to the peninsula of Kamchatka, do not offer much inducement to Japanese settlers. -barren and uninviting, save for fisheries.

Russia in 1905, after Japan's triumph over the Bear, ceded to Japan the southern half of Saghalien. Its area is 12,3B2 square miles.

It has taken so years to induce less than 100,000 Japanese to settle there. Amongst its industries are fisheries and forestry.

Japan and Manchuria.

Little doubt Japan would like to seize Manchuria.

Would China, Russia, and the U.S.A. permit it? By the Portsmouth Treaty of 1905 the original term of the lease of South Manchuria was to expire in 1923; the Sino-Japanese Treaty extended it till 1999.

Kwangtung Province forms the southern part of the Liao-Tung Peninsula. The area in square miles, including the 40 islands adjacent to the peninsula, is 218,757.

Out of a population of 700,000 there are 100,000 Japanese, still Japan's annual increase in population is 800,000.

Study Manchuria in relation to Sir Herbert Russell's suggestion.

Situated in Eastern Asia, north-east of China more of that country's territories-it extends south from the Amur River, on the frontier of Siberia, to the Gulf of Chihli and the Japanese boundary in Line-tung, from Korea and Siberia in Mongolia, and the Chinese province of Chibli.

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It comprises three provinces - Snengking, 90,000 square miles; Kirin 100,000 square miles, and Heliung-iking 170,000 square miles.

The population of these two provinces is 16,500,000. Shengking, capital Mukden, claims 10,000,000!

Examine the figures - the area is 360,000 square miles.

Dairen and Lushun (Port Arthur) are in the possession of the Japanese and of considerable strategic value.

Railways radiate from Harbin; the 5-ft, gauge section of the Trans Siberian railway runs northwest to China, south-east to Viadivostock.

The Korean railway system is joined up to that of Manchuris, greatly to Japan's strategic advantage.

Manchus do not number 1,000,000 in Manchuria, the inhabitants being chiefly Chinese settlers.

Fertile Land.

Manchuria's fertility has made it a desired prize for foreign Powers; also because of its ice-free harbours.

Japan's eyes have been upon Manchuria for many years.

By the Treaty of Shimsnosexi in 1895, Japan secured part of South Macchuria, handed back the territory upon the pressure of the Western Powers.

Russia almost immediately secured railway rights and a lease of Liao-tung.

At the Portsmouth Conference in 1905 Japan secured Liao-tung; railway concessions in the South Manchurian railway. In 1917 the Japanese South Manchurian railway secured control of the Korean railway system, thus gaining a through route from Fusan—the ferry port in South Korea—to Changshau and the Trans-Siberian railway system.

Japan's Pamous 21 Demands.

Japan's famous 21 demands upon China (January 18, 1915), at a most critical period of the world's history, was a bold bid for a big slice of Southern Manchuria; bold bid for the exploitation of its commercial and its industrial resources.

Had those demands been granted, Japan's next objective would have been the political control of China.

China has no desire to be a vassal State of the Mikado.

At the period when Japan's defined policy was to dominate China, get possession of South Manchuria, achieve the hegemony of Eastern Asia, the white peoples of the world were in deadly holds.

Since 1784 the American Government has negotiated about 50 treaties, embodying the principles of the open door and the territorial integrity of China.

Japan didn't re'ish the protest of the U.S.A. against her notorious 21 demands from China—the U.S.A. is always the lion in Japan's path.

Most difficult it is to conceive how Japan could obtain absolute possession of Manchuria

China wouldn't agree; the U.S.A. wouldn't agree; the Western Powers wouldn't agree; Russia wouldn't agree.

Hasn't Japan's amultion to secure all the former German rights in Shangtung; her ambitious designs in Siberia; the twenty-one demands upon China; spurred the U.S.A., the Western Powers and Russia, too, to more zealously guard Manchuria than ever.

Japan's Frustrated Hopes.

The Washington Conference provided a great disappointment for Japan insofar as the retention by her of Kiao-Cliau was concerned.

She fondly imagined that she would be allowed to retain the bay and territory on the coast of China, Shantung province.

As compensation for the murder of two German Missionaries the territory of Kiau-Chau, 193 square miles, was leased in 1898 to Germany for 99 years — a zone of 31 miles wide from all points of Kiau-Chau constituted a German sphere of influence.

Tsing-Tau, the chief town and port, was much coveled by Japan.

An Anglo-Japanese expedition captured Tsing-Tau on November 7, 1914, not long after the outbreak of the Great War.

China became nervous over Japan's occupation of Kinu-Chau; on May 25th, 1915, Japan agreed

to restore the leased territory to China, under certain conditions, not palatable to China.

The Washington Conference, November, 1921-February, 1922, thwarted Japan's hopes with regatd to keeping possession of Kiao-Chau.

A series of resolutions were to favor of the restoration of Chinese territory; she received back her leased—(filched)—territorities.

The decree that Japan must evacuate the Shangtung province, including Kiao-Chau, greatly wounded Japanese ambitions. She was allowed to retain Port Arthur

Japan didn't relish the idea of the Washington Conference decreeing that spheres of influence were abolished in China—that China must not alienate any of her territory.

Japan was one of the signatories of the Nine-Power Treaty, signed at the Washington Conference, guaranteeing the sovereignity, the independence, the territorial integrity of China.

An element of that Treaty was that China must preserve the "open door" policy; that she must not allow monopolies or special concessions to forcieners.

This Treaty was signed by the U.S.A., Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Portugal.

Is there any likelihood, in view of this Treaty, of Japan being allowed to seize Mancharia?

Would she not be immediately surrounded by the signatories to this definite, this specific Treaty of China's sovereignity, of China's territorial integrity.

Japan in Western Pacific.

Having looked East; having seen Japan confronted with an international cul-de-sac in relation to seizing Manchuria; having examined the congested population in the areas of Japan proper; having surveyed the population problem in Korea, Formosa, Saghlalien, the Pescadores; having emphasised Japan's disappointment to hold Kiso-Chau—an examination of Japan's position in the Western Pacific is not amiss.

There she holds the Marshalls, the Carolines, the Pelew and the Ladrone islands—Australia's

trade routes. She holds athwart them islands under mandate from the League of Nations.

The area of the Marshall Islands, capital Jaluit, is 150 square miles, they are situated to the north-west of the Gilbert Islands, just above the Equator.

To the north of Papua are the Caroline Islands—area 560 square miles; Jap, Ponape, Kusai, chief islands.

Most westerly of the group -the Pelew Islands -consists of small islands; Babel Thuap, the largest

The two groups--four northern and southern -- the Ladrones are divided; area, 250 square miles-

Of immense naval strategic value are all these islands to Japan: they are Pacific took-outs for Japan – a menace to Australia; to New Zealand, too.

These islands are being steadily populated with Japanese, who are taught to look South as the Land of Promise.

In any descent upon Australia's vulnerable coasts these islands must inevitably play a tremendously important rôle.

The fact cannot be gainsaid that Japan must have an outlet for her surplus population.

Japan's Envious Eye.

What does the 'envious eye of the land-hungry Japanese see when he rivets his gaze on the South—the immense territory of Australia—2,974.581 square miles; he doesn't forget that Japan's area is only 148,756—her population 70,000,000; he doesn't forget that his country has 400 persons to the square mile; that Australia's area in square miles cannot boast of more than two persons to the square mile.

He feels elated that the Australasian Peace Delegation gave his country groups of strategic islands—the gateways of the Pacific—so that Japanese ambitions in the Southern Seas might be brought to fruition.

His nation's dream of seizing Manchuria as an outlet for her surplus population vanished at the Washington Conference; his country cannot look East, it must look south!

The Japanese land-seeker thinks of an immense tract of unoccupied land-528,620 square miles—the Northern Territory, 379,864 square miles

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larger than his own country, wonders how o.o. persons to the square mile can hold it!

Through his mind runs the thought that his country has an increase in population of each year of 800,000 people! -- that there is no more room in Japan for them - that the door to Manchuria is

This Japanese land-seeker may also be called a naval and military spy-his facts cannot be controverted.

Serious Moment to Australia.

Japan's surplus population is a question of the most serious moment to Austraha, especially so since ber territorial ambitions in Manchuria have been thwarted.

All the data in this article have been carefully examined. Japan must come South or West from the U.S.A., Hawaii, and the Philippines - u large group of the Asiatic Archipelago.

In square miles the area of the Philippine Islands is 115,206, that of the Hawaiian Islandsin the North Pacific - 6 440.

The Bonin Islands, in the North Pacific, are of undoubted strategic importance to the Japanese Admiralty: of little use for settlement.

Lying north of the Tropic of Cancer, between Japan and the Ladrones, they are subdivided into three groups - Parry Islands, Beechey Islands, and Coffi or Bailey Islands-total area, 27 square miles !

Not much room here for Japan's surplus millions!

The Bonins was a British possession in 1827, reverting to the Japanese in 1826.

Port Lloyd, on Peel Island, is a harbor of importance to Japanese Admiralty.

All the territorial possessions of Japan have now been reviewed-the grand total is 260. 738 square miles - 267,882 square miles less than the Northern Territory!

2,713,843 square miles less than Australia!

Yet there are Australians, Englishmen, too, who aver that Australia doesn't require a local navy; that the British Admiralty should remain quiescent under the beneficent again of the practically effete League of Nations-construct no more ships of

war, no more cruisers!

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Is it because Japan is building squadrons of

Admiralty and Cruisers.

Intensely gratifying it is to Britain's patriolic sons in the Southern Seas - the no-defence advocates are excluded—that the British Admiralty has decided upon a progressive programme of light cruisers - a reminder to Japan that she must fight for the supremacy of the Pacific; must fight hard before site will ever be allowed to send her surplus population to Australia - even to the Northern Territory.

Japan's ever-increasing population is an undoubted menace to the Southern Seas she cannot go East: is blocked by the U.S.A. at the Philippines, at Hawaii, Japan will come South!

This inevitable position must be faced seriously, immediately, and without delay by Australia's leading men.

Question of an outlet for Japan's surplus popul bation is fraught with tremendous consequences for the white peoples of the Pacific - the white peoples of Australia and New Zealand particularly -- should they not spur their legislators, leaders of public thought, to a stern realisation of the paramount necessity of naval and land defences of these vulnerable countries, then they are inviting national disaster.

Japan's Dilemma.

Remember Japan cannot get Manchuria!

Remember Japanese nationals are excluded from the U.S.A.

Remember Japanese nationals are excluded from the island-continent of Australia!

Remember Japanese nationals are not wanted in the Philippines: not wanted in Hawaii: not wanted in China!

What is Japan to do with her surplus millions -her 800,000 annual increase?

From many influential quarters the shibboleth in Japan is, "Go South !"

Australians must awaken before the gong of war is sounded in the Pacific; must awaken to the vital pecessity of naval and land defences.

Only a few weeks ago - July 22 - Count M. Soveshima, addressing the Federal Council of Churches, New York, warned the U.S.A. to repeat "the studied insult to Japan-the Immigration Exclusion Act !"

Count Soyeshima significantly added :--

If the Powers so on arming as they are to-day there will be another world war, followed by a world revolution!

The Count forgot to remark: "My country immediately after the signing of the Washington Conference Agreement restarted the naval armament race by building light cruisers, subsubmarines, torpedo craft, air carriers, with inordinate haste.

Sir Herbert Russell and the British Fleet-Here is another quotation from the letter of

Sir Herbert Russell:---

The protection of Australia is the first duty of the British Fleet. The concentration of our main striking power in the Mediterranean simply means getting as near the Pacific as we can until Singapore is ready!

Sir Herbert might have thus further commented: "But Australia and New Zealand must always keep themselves in a state of naval and military preparedness to effectively co-operate with the British Navy when the struggle for the supremacy of the Pacific commences!"

"Give Japan elbow room in Yellow territory," says Sir Herbert Russell, "and all will be well with her I"

The Western Powers have said to Japan: "Hands off Yellow territory!

America has said: "Keep away from the U.S.A.!"

Australia has said: "We don't want you --- White Australia is our ideal!"

Shall Japan be forced to cut the Gordian knotto find an outlet for her sarplus millions?

It seems inevitable that the outlet for her population must be by conquest !

When she throws down the gauntlet the torch of war will light on the Pacific Ocean - Australia. New Zealand, too, will have to fight for their national existence.

Be prepared on sea, on land-Australasia's only chance of maintaining its inestimable heritage of freedom in the Southern Seas.

Fruges Consumere Nati-

There is within the Commonwealth a section who have no national ideals--- Fruges Consumere Nati-merely devourers of provisions-drones in the social hive; clogs on the wheels of progress; men who scoff at a local navy; at the Assatic menace to Australia in the Pacific.

The drones should digest what Sir Herbert Russell desires to inculcate-

Should Japan not be given elbow-room in Yellow territory then she must come South!

Let these national drones mark the unprecedented attention Japan is paying Australia -- a country which excludes her nationals - she has nominated a Prince's son to be the labanese Consul General at Sydney-Ivemasa Tokugawa. eldest son of Prince Tokugawa, formerly Councillor of the Japanese Embassy, London.

Should Japan be forced to come Souththrough the exigencies of her excess of population-Australia can only save her national heritage by being prepared on land, on seaby presenting a united national front-as solid as the Macedonian phalanx!

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"HE State Governor (Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair) visited the Royal Naval House on July 14 and presented to the trustees a picture of Captain Phillip, the first Governor

Mr Alfred Milson presided at the Meeting, which was well attended by friends and supporters of the Navy League and by more than 200 Sea Cadeta.

His Excellency said he was pleased to present to the Royal House a picture of the first sailor Governor. In simple language he told the boys the story of the great adventure upon which Captain Phillip embarked in 1788. A man of great spirit and resolution he had, his Excellency said, to conquer obstacles both in the Admiralty at home and in the isolated settlement in Australia, such as few could have coped with. When nearing Australia, Captain Phillip changed his flag from the Sirius to the Supply, a smaller and faster vessel, and arrived first at Botany Bay. Finding the locality in many respects unsuitable for a settlement he looked for a site further north, and settled upon Sydney Cove.

His Excellency discussed the vessels of the first fleet from a sailor's point of view. The Sirius, he said, was ship-rigged, but, as the speed of the fleet was equal to that of the slowest ship, her royal yards probably were stowed on the boom for the passage out. However, she probably entered Sydney Harbour under royals, and must have presented a fine spectacle coming to in one evolution. When he was in the Mediterranean in 1882, naval vessels were still fitted with masts and yards, and it was a common thing for a ship to make plain sail in 58 seconds, from the order to the time when everything was sheeted down, and the hands were down from aloft.

Sir Dudley de Chair presented the prizes won by sea cadets at the sports held at Lyne Park recently, and also the McMaster cup and gold medal. The cup, presented for the winning cutter's crew, was won by the North Sydney Company for the second time in succession, and Mr M. Macdonald received it on behalf of the winners. Cadet P. Butcher, winner of the signalling competition, received the gold medal for the second year in succession.

Commodore Wardle, who said that he was proud to have served for so months during the war, under the present sailor Governor, moved a vote of thanks to his Excellency, and cheers were repeatedly and whole heartedly given.

An enjoyable musical programme followed, including selections by the N.S W. State Military Band, and items by Miss K. Ellioti, Miss Toyce Fidden and Mr. Iones.

Among those present were Commander Grant, A.D.C. R.N., Mr Geoffrey E. Pairfax Messrs. C. M. C. Snannon, Reg. White, Harold Cochrane, T. Fox, Capt. O. Smith, Miss Hay, Mrs. Mayne, Miss Frances Glasson, and Officers and Honorary Secretaries of the various Sea Cadet Companies.

"Memories Will Long Remain."

Admiral Robison's Message.

The Governor (Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair) has received the following cable message from Admiral Robison of the American Fleet ...

"I greatly appreciate the message received from you upon our departure from Sydney. Privileged as we are to visit many of the ports of the world. the hospitality shown to myself and to the officers and men of the battle fleet by the people of Sydney has never been surpassed in the history of the American navy Not only have we enjoyed the official and personal hospitality of your people, but I feel that our visit will result in binding closer together those ties which have always existed between Australia and the United States. The knowledge of your people and of your great Conmonwealth will be taken back to the United States and spread throughout the country by the twelve thousand officers and men who have had the pleasure of this visit, and I know that in every case the memories of Sydney and New South Wales will long remain. Please accept on behalf of myself and the officers and men of the battle Beet our thanks for the courtesy and hospitality shown us, and express our only segret that it was impossible for us to see more of the State of New South Wales and the Commonwealth of Australia."

The Navy League thanks Mr. E. Lawson, florist, of 5 Hunter Street, Sydney, who donated two exquisite posies to the League for presentation to Lady de Chair and Miss de Chair, on the occasion of the ball held at the Palais Royal on August 4.

Beggas (insinuatingly): "Please, mister, have yer got any suggestion to make to a chap wot ain't able to raise a penny to git a shave with?"

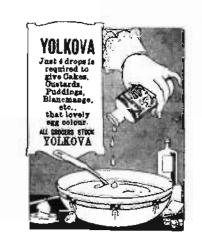
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NAVY LEAGUE BALL.

Americans Present.

AVY Leaguers and supporters and friends of the movement were in full force at the Palais Royal on the evening of 4th August, when one of the most brilliant and enjoyable dances of the season took place.

His Excellency the Governor, Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair, Ludy de Chair, and Miss de Chair were present after attending a Gala performance at the theatre.

Admiral McDougall, of the United States Navy, Commodore Wardle, D.S.O., R.N., and many officers of the U.S.N., R.N., and R.A.N mingled with the large and gay gathering.

Others present included Chief Justice and Mrs. Philip Street, Miss Doreen Higgins, Miss Jean Wardle, Mrs. Boyes, Mrs. and Miss Robins, Miss Frances Classon, Miss Shirley Bavin, Miss Joan Higgins, Miss Rita Fox, Miss Joan Barnes, Miss Phyllis Allsop, Miss Nancy Houston, Miss Helen Orr, Miss Mona Houston, Miss Freda Higgins, Miss Alice Bunting, Mrs. A. M. Norton, Mrs. Robert Layton, Mrs. T. R. Bavin, Miss Knox, Mrs. Leo Quick, Mrs. and Miss Mariorie Luscombe Newman, Miss Eileen Waley, Miss Morea MacCormick, Miss Morns Brady, Mrs. Leslie Walford, Mrs. George Vivers, Lady Coombe, Mr. and Mrs. Goddard, Miss G. Hainsford, Miss Pope, Miss

Helen Fell, Miss Bedford, Mrs. S. Playfair, and Mrs. Jack Campbell.

The Vice-Regal party was received by Chief lustice and Mrs. Phillip Street, Mr. Alfred G. Milson, honorary secretary, and Capt. Beale, organising secretary of the Navy League.

A detachment of Sea Cadeta from North Sydney and Clovelly Companies formed a guard of honor.

THE monthly meeting of the Navy League Executive was held at the Royal Naval House on August 10. Judge Backhouse occupied the chair, and those present were Sir Alfred Meeks, Messrs. Kelso King, A. G. Milson, G. B. Fairfax, C. M. C. Shannon, Harry Shelley, R. R. White, T. H. Silk, J. Payne, T. Fox, H. Cochrane, and the organising secretary, Capt. Beate.

Satisfaction was expressed with the officers and honorary secretaries of units of sea cadets at the splendid services they had rendered to the movement in New South Wales. Their voluntary and patriotic efforts had largely been instrumental in making the Cadet movement in New South Wales one of the most active and efficient juvenile budies in the League's Empire wide organisation.

A sub-committee consisting of Judge Backhouse, Mr. G. E. Fairfax, the Hon. Secretaries, Hon. Treasurers, and the Organising Secretary was appointed to consider the question of increasing the adult membership of the League.



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PROGRESSIVE SUB-BRANCHES.

NORTH SYDNEY ... STROOM IN CA. BE MY M. MARSONALD

Nour last issue mention of the success of the Lane Cove Ladies' Committee was made. It has brought hery letters from other Companies, saying that they have also accomplished so and so and so We are glad Lane Cove lighted the torch of friendly rivalry. May its flame growin brightness and strength, and never be put out.

Mr. Cooper, the ardent and enthusiastic officerin-charge of Balmain Cadets, sends a statement of financial effort for one evening-roth July. The function was a dance held at his residence, and the receipts totalled £18, with the expenditure nil. Splendid! Mr. Cooper says that is only the start. By the time the Judge's box is reached !!! Lane Cove will have to look to its coxswain, or trainer, or lockey.

Balmain has two Ladies' Welfare Committees, and both are bent on rendering service to the Balmain cadets. Dare we hope to see every sulbranch so furtunate? Richmond reports £20 for one evening's entertainment. Well done, Richmond!

After this issue of the JOURNAL is in the hands of our readers, we shall be wondering what to do with incoming reports describing successful func-tions in aid of Clovelly and North Sydney units. We are sure that these vigorous sub branches will never lie down in the shadow of Richmond and Balmain, Lane Cove, or Drummoyne,

DRUMMOYNE

(Contributed by Mr. A. Walkar).

The Cadets of this Company have had a busy time during the last month, as notwithstanding frequent visits to ships of the U.S. battle fleet. they have thoroughly overhauled and painted their cutter and gig; also slipped and cleaned the ex-Concord cutter which was in a bad state after its sleep on the muddy bed of the Parramatta River.

The boys are now hard at work effecting improvements to their depôt, constructing lockers and racks for their convenience.

Residents are beginning to realise that the local cadet movement is a living force with worthy objects. In conjunction with boy scouts, our boys have paraded and marched through the streets of Drammoyne to good purpose. These organised outlags serve to cement the friendship between the land Boy Scouts and the Navy League Sea Cadeis and also to advertise the two movements. When the weather is more settled we hope to join forces with Balmain Company and arrange for a Grand March in the interests of the movement generally.

Our Committee is functioning properly and creating wider interest in the work of the cadets. Captain O. Smith has been elected Chairman in

place of Mr. J. J. Eyre, resigned.

Mr. Kirkcaldie and Mr. Hooper continue to give splendid service, with the result that the company is steadily growing in numbers and im-

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proving in efficiency.

Due to the courtesy of Sir Rupert Clarke a Benefit Concert was held in the Kismet Theatre on July 30. The proceeds will be equally divided between the local Boy Scoots and the N. L. Sea Cadets. In this connection our thanks are due to Mr. H. Mitchell of the Atlists' Association who gave splendid assistance.

The Chairman, Captain Smith, on August 1st, arranged for a seamer to take the boys and their parents a min down the lumbour to view the American battleships. Capt Smith's generosity was much appreciated and the journey was thoroughly enjoyed by everybidy on board.

The Ladies Welfare Committee is a great success. Members are a great asset to the Company and we are hopeful that they will long continue the good work which they have so splendidly begun.

C.P.O. Parton has been promoted for meritorious services to the Drummoyne Company.

ACTIVITIES OF BALMAIN COMPANY DURING JULY.

- 1-Dall night, 43 boys, knotting, spheing, com-
- 2-Soccer match with North Waratah Laulies' Welfare Committee met.
- t Band Practice
- 4 Booked up 40 boys for Richmond.
- 5-40 buys went to Church Parade at Windsor. Afternoon visited Aerodrome 6 - 5 to 6.30 p.m. soccer training. 7.15 to 9 p.m.
- recreation at depot. 8 ... Drill mght, 48 tors more and semaphore
- signalling, physical training. q-Ladies Welfare Club met. Also local com-
- mittee met at depot
- 10-Social for boys, benefit held Mr. Cooper's House - result 1.18.
- re-Soccer match with Boy Scouts.
- 13 Boys at deput recreation.
- 15 Drill night, 49 boys, lead line, rule of the mad, bentls and hitches.
- 16-Meeting of Welfare Committee.
- 12 Lead-line Class, special for boys qualifying for Peny Officer and L.S.
- 18 Soccet match Boy Scouts (cubs).
- 10-Recreation at Depot
- 21-Soccer training, 5 to 7.30.
- 22 Deill night, so boys.
- 23-Visit to Garden Island, leaving Balmain ? a.m. March during afternoon.
- 24 Football practice, 7 to 8.30.
- 26-Church parade, St John's Church, Balmain.
- 37-Recreation at Depot.

- 29- Drill night, 55 boys, compass class, navigation lights, rule of the road.
- 30-6 LS sat for examination for Petry Officers. Welfare Committee met.
- 31-Tus tall training, 7 to 8,30.

And sold over 100 tickets for Navy League hall at Palain "logal, August 4-

The officer-in-charge asks; "Can any other unit best this ?"

RICHMOND.

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An enjoyable Euchre Party and Dance was held at Richmond School of Arts on July 18, which benefitted our Sea Cadet unt to the extent of

The hall was tastefully decorated with flags and streamers and presented a gay appearance when the many dancers took the floor.

Mr. Cooper and the Balmain Sea Codel Jazz Band were present and enlivened the proceedings with musical selections.

Prizes were donated by Mrs. R. H. Wade, Miss Gascuigne, Messry, Maicus Clark & Co, and Mr. C. Antill

Those present included Mesdames A. Marlin, R. Wade, Pattinson, Peatce, Collins, Drayton, draps, Ezzy, Roay, and the Misses Bucklin and Pinpps. Messes R H. Wade, Officer-in charge, Sichmond Sea Cadets, J. C. Anull, Hon Secretary, I' Stead, Hop. Treasurer, Stevens, Horan and Reay.

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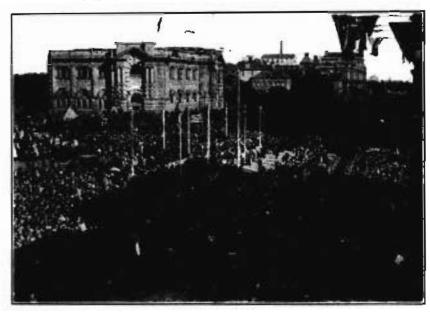
Mr. E. G. Marks, author of "Watch the Parific," is greatly interested in our Sub-branch, and has promised to help as far as he possibly can.

Owing to the exigencies of business which necessitates his spending a good portion of his time in the country, Lieut Commander Jackson. R.N.R., has been reluctantly compelled to reinquish the command of this Umt. We extend our best thanks to Lieut. Commander Jackson for the interest which he has taken.

Alderman Geo. Baker, President of Randwick Literary Institute, wrote complimenting us on the smart appearance of the Navy League Boys who furnished the Guard of Honor to His Excellency Sir Dudley de Chair on the occasion of the unveiling of the Honor Tablet-also enclosing

Mr. R. E. White, our delegate to the Navy

PASSING THE SALUTING BASE.



A detachment of Navy League Sea Cadeta marching along Macquarle Street, Sydney, 23rd July. The Cadeta, following in the wake of the two thousand Sattors and Marines of the U.S. Battle Fleet, were given a splendid ovation by the huge crowds lining the route.

League Executive Committee, has sent along a cheque for £. 3 38

Mr. R. H. B. Johnson, Treasurer, has donated a cheque for La 25

We extend our best thanks to the above gentlemen for their generosity.

Our good friends, Mr W. M. Marks, M.P., President : Ald. H Goldstein, ex-M.L.A., H J. Jacques, M.L. A., Vice-Presidents, are keenly interested in this splendid movement, and keep in close touch with us

Our Company has arranged to spend the next few week ends on the harbour, practising the art of corsmanship in the gig.

Cadets H. D. Dalgleish and D. E. Dennis, two very keen boys, have been promoted to leading seaplen.

A COINCIDENCE.

Mr. R. A. Corkran, of Cowles & Dunn, Gunmakers, and a Fellow of the Navy League, was accidentally fortunate enough to befriend a member of the visiting American Fleet in an advisory capacity respecting the value of Australian money. On parting the American presented his card. It read: "James Orton, Chief Gunner, United States Navy."

Mr. Corkran is also a gunner, in a different way. He is an expert on small arms - shot guns, sporting rifles, pistols. The man he was of some slight service to was also an expert on guns-the mammoth guns of the U.S. battleships.

Ask a Friend to Join the Navy League

Australia's Ten Thousand Fishermen.

Pearlers, Trepangers, Oystermen, Potters of Crayfish and Jiggers for Barracoota.

OF PERSONS IN SURES MADE

POR every one of her 10,000 interest of coast Australia imports from overseas every year over £100 worth of fish and of fish products. Yet she possesses vast fishing grounds which are but very partially worked and a wonderful variety of fish and of sea treasures.

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Even if the New Quinea territory held by the Commonwealth under a mandate—of which outlying parts lie within a few miles of the Equator — be omitted, the waters over which Australia has territorial jurisdiction extend over half the distance from the Equator to the South Pole. The northern limit of the coastal waters of Papua is only a few miles from the equatorial line, while the southern end of Tasmania is nearly 44 degrees S., and Macquarie Island, an outlying dependency of the island State, is in 55 degrees S.

The Commonwealth has, too, strong territorial claims in the Australian quadrant of Antarctica, where the only detailed exploration has been done by the Australasian expedition under Mawson. If these rights are established as the result of the present negotiations with France, the Commonwealth will control a long stretch of Amarctic waters.

That whaling and sealing, and possibly fishing, though these waters seem to have not yet been proved to possess the great fishing grounds found on the edge of the Arctic, will eventually prove profitable pursuits along the edge of the Amarctic land-mass is highly probable. Whaling has already attracted the Norwegians to the Ross Sea area lately brought under the control of New Zealand. They have been down twice, and are preparing to do it again. The coastal waters of the Antarctic due south of Australia are not as far south as the Ross Sea, and they, too, abound in whales.

Macquarie Island is a kind of half-way house to the Ahtaretic. It is the breeding ground of the hirds, the loads and sea elephants of a million square niles or so of sea—and, from that point of stew, has an importance out of all proportion to its limited size. For a few years after its discovery in 1810, it was one of the world's greatest scaling grounds, but was ruined by reckless over-exploitation. Of the fishing possibilities of the seas round it little is known.

It is one of the stormiest regions of the globe, rexed by almost continual westerly winds, and Macquarie Island lacks any real harbour. It was in the course of a voyage to Macquarie Island that the Federal trawler Endeavour disappeared no man knows when nor how. Since there are plenty of fish to be had nearer home Macquarie Island is not likely to become a haunt of fishermen for the present.

"Draw up Food from the Sea-in places Lying Useless to the World."

If the Antarctic and sub-Antarctic waters are left out of account for the moment the Commonwealth has still the means of building up a fishing industry of immense value and of great complexity. Such an industry has two very important aspects—one economic, and the other perhaps even more important from its hearing on national defence.

When the ill-fated genius, George Bass, put before Governor King, in 1803, a proposal for statting a fishing industry round the southern coasts of the South Island of New Zealand amongst the southern islands, be wrote:—

"If I can draw up food from the sea, in places which are lying useless to the world, I surely amentitled to make an exclusive property of the fruits of my ingenuity as much as the man who obtains letters patent for a corkscrew or a cake of blacking."

Whatever may be thought of the ingenious argument for a monopoly of fishing rights, the fact



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remains that the fisherman draws up food and other things useful to mankind from places where they are lying useless. Fish cost nothing to keen: apart from the cost of catching them they are clear profit. And when an area is not over-fished it should go on producing all the time

In all ages and many countries, too, the fisherers have been the great nursery for the merchant marine and the navy. Who can reckon up what Great Britain has owed to the great fisheries of the North Sea and of the Atlantic? It is the fisheries of Brittany and elsewhere that have always been the recruiting ground for the navy and the mercantile marine of France

Judged by old world standards Australia's fisheries are small indeed. Australians are not great fish eaters; it has been estimated that the average consumption is rails, a year for each person, against 42 in Great Britain. What they do eat comes largely from oversea. For the latest year for which statistics are available the imports were valued at £1,124 583, and the home caught supplies at £,703,263.

It is probable, however, that the figures as to values are not very reliable. The number of men employed in fishing is given at 7,771 using \$ 873 boats. Either they are not all full-time fishermen, or else the craft is a poorly rewarded one, for the return works out at very little over £100 a man, or just under £2 a week. It will be noted that the average number of men to a boat is just about two.

Taking the figure as given, 7,771, the total for the whole of the Commonwealth is 3,000 below the number of men carried by the United States warships which have been visiting Sydney, and little more than a third of the number carried by the whole of the American war vessels which have visited Australia.

These figures for Australia's fisheries do not include the pearling fleet of 356 vessels manned by 2 610 men. These work in entirely tropical waters, and produced pearl shell to the declared value of £303.452; pearls worth £38,163, beche de mer or trepang valued at £65,679, and trochus shell worth £ 10,008 besides some minor products. The crews are almost wholly made up of coloured men. The divers are mainly Japanese, and the

men who work the luggers are Konangers, Panuans, Torres Straits Islanders and aborigines

Excluding the pearling fleet N.S.W. is the chief fishing State with 1,063 boats and 3,385 men. Of the oysters to the value of £114.361 obtained N.S.W. produces the greater part. The returns give 602 men as employed in oystering, but this is certainly largely a past time occupation. It is growing in importance on many parts of the coast, and farmers, lighthouse men and others take up oyster leases.

How Craufish are the Cause of Poaching and of War on the High Seas.

Like oysters, crayfish, in spite of their name, are out fish. They are, however, a fairly important sea spoil, tuoning to a value of £54 796 in a year. Australia's crayfish come mainly from Tasmanian waters, especially from the east coast and round the islands in Bass Straits Supplies for the revellers of Melbourne and Sydney are also obtained from the coasts of Victoria and of New South Wales.

Crayfishing, as practised by the Victorians, and Tasmanians, too, who use "pots" within prohibited areas on the Tasmanian coast, combines with the work of ordinary fishing, the excitement of smuggling or runs-running, and of coaching, There are two ways of catching crayfish; or rather, there are three, for where the crayfish are not sophisticated, you can catch them by letting down a bit of tough meat on a string, letting the crayfish take hold of it and pulling him up before he thinks of letting go-

Apart from this primitive way the rival methods are the net and the crayfish pot. The former is a has of network on an iron hoop. You buit it with a piece of meat, a shag, a penguin or anything that comes handy (the crayfish is not a dainty feeder) and let it down. When the crayfish goes in after the meat you pull him to the surface.

The 'pot" is a basket work device with a narrow entrance at the top. It is baited in the same way as the net. The crayfishes climb in, but have not intelligence enough to get out. The entrance is like a funnel, and they climb down it till they drop off to the bottom of the pot. The fisherman sets a line of pots and goes round later and collects them. It is alleged that if one breaks

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loose and is lost the crayfishes keep on getting in and that they eat each other.

This means that the "pot" goes on automatically destroying crayfish. The crayfish are like the dark priest of the grove at Nemi, the "priest that slew the slayer, and shall himself be slain." In turn they act as bait for new crayfish and so it goes on.

That at least is the theory which has led to the prohibition of the use of "pots" in Tasmanian waters south of a line drawn a little to the north of the Eddystone. The "pot" fishermen are continually raiding the forbidden area, and there is a perpetual warfare between them and the water police, whose duty it is to prevent the use of pots.

Occasionally it is war in grim earnest, as when a Victorian fasherman was shot dead by a police officer who attempted to arrest him. More recently the crew of a crayfishing ketch carried off their boat by main force, kidnapping temporarily the officer who sought to seize it.

The difficulties of those who would protect the crayfish from the pots are increased by the wildness and the remoteness of the coasts on which much of the crayfishing is done. Crayfish seem to thive best on a rocky bottom and in the open sea or at least in places exposed to much of the swell which breaks heavily round the Tasmanian coast.

Some of the best crayfishing grounds are round Schouten Main and Schouten Island, off Maria Island and round the eastern side of Forestier Peninsuls. There is little or no settlement on the on the land which turns its back on a sturmy sea. Some of the landowners in these parts object to pots for their own sakes, not for those of the crayfish. It is quite possible to weave pots out of fencing wire, and the fishermen who run into shelter at such places as Wilmot Harbour on Forestier Peninsula have a way of taking the wire from the fences to make pots of it.

Red Rage for Barracoota and Shark Fine for China.

Jigging is another form of fishing popular on the Tasmanian coast, and it is much more excling than crayfishing which, whether with pots or nets, is rather a slow affair. Jigging is the means used to catch that long narrow predactions fish the barracoots.

Behind a sailing boat, travelling at a fair speed, say five or six knots, you trail a line and a hook ornamented with a bit of red rag. The barracootas go in shoals and have a way of snapping at the rag. It is often possible to catch them by the score in this way. One bent has been known to catch 40 or 50 dozen in a day.

Some of the best fishing grounds in Tasmania are off the stormy south coast, round Pedra Blanca (the White Rock) and the Mewstone. It is only in fine weather, however, that it is possible to fish in this much vexed region of the ocean, and it is not often fine there.

Whales are not fish any more than crayfish or oysters. They are warm-blooded mammals that have taken to living in the sea. Nor is it possible to draw out Leviathan with a hook. He is hunted either with harpoons and lances in the old-fashioned sporting way or with bombs and harpoon guns in the modern scientific cold-blooded way.

Still whate-fishing has always been the accepted term for the process. There was a time when whating was Australia's most important industry and provided her chief articles of export. Scores of whaling vessels worked out of Sydney and Hobart Town, and the bay whalers established themselves as the forerunners of settlement in all sorts of nooks and corners from the Bluff and Stewart Island in New Zealand to beyond the Leeuwin.

Those days have long since passed away. The last Australian-owned vessel in commission as a whaler was the Helen MacGregor in 1892. One bay whaling station has lingered on at Twofold Bay, in the far south of N.S.W., but for the last season or two this bas been dormant if not extinct.

At the other extremity of Australia a whaling station has been established lately at Point Chooses, almost, if not quite, the most western point of the continent.

A curious phase in the history of the fisheries of Australia was the part which Chinese played for a time in handling their products. Years ago numbers of Chinese were employed in drying and preserving fish and in preparing shark fins, dried mutton-fish (Haliotis, a large shell fish) and other delicacies for the Chinese market at many points on the coasts of N.S.W. and of Tasmania.

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Taken altogether Australia's fisheries, from the peatlers and trepangers who comb the seas of the tropical north as the Macassar men had probably been doing for centuries before the white man ever saw Australia to the hardy mariners who face the tremendous seas and the sub-Antarctic gales off the southern and western coasts of Tasmania, are picturesque and interesting.

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MONEY.

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M ANY different articles have served the purpose of money. At one time sheep and oxen were extensively used as means of exchange, hence the first coined money is supposed to have born the impress of the animal whose value it represented. An instance of this occurs in fob xiii, 11, where it is stated that everyone of Job's friends gave him a piece of money, the term used in the original being "kesitoth," a lamb.

The earliest monetary transaction that we read of in the Bible is a purchase by Abraham from Ephron of a field containing a cave in which he desired to bury his wife Sarah, and for which he weighed 400 shecke's of silver, not pieces of coined money but pieces of a certain weight, Gen. xxiii. 15-16. The word shockels, is derived from the word "shakal" to weigh, though afterwards the term was applied to regular coins. We are told, Gent xlill, 21, that the sons of Jacob had their money returned "in full weight" when they went into the land of Egypt to buy corn. It was eustomary for Jews to have scales attached to their girdle for weighing the gold and silver they received, hence the injunction, Deut. xxv., 13, "Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small." When the sheckel became a positive coin, it was stamped on one side with the sucred cup-of manna, and on the other side with

the rod of Aaron with three flowers: it was equivalent to 2s. 3d. of our money. From the time of Jacob to that of Micah, as commerce increased, the size of the sheckel decreased. Gold was bent into a circle, but not fastened, so that it could be looped together or separated at pleasure.

The Greeks were the first to invent positive coins as money: the first known consisted of spikes, or small obelisks of brass or iron, six of them being as many as the hand could grasp, hence we have the word "obolus." It was worth 1½d, and weighed ½6 drachme. Drachma is derived from "drassomai" to grasp with the hand, the coin being worth 9¾d. These names were continued after the form of the money was changed. Gold was first coined in Greece about 800 B.C, and silver about 50 years after. Copper, which was first coined in Italy, was of a square form and stamped with an ox, and thus got the name of "pecuniar," from pecua cattle and so we get the word "pecuniary," which we frequently use when speaking of money transactions.

The penny formed the only money in England up to the time of Edward III., and was originally called "penig"—Anglo Saxon—or "peninc" from the Latin pendo to weigh. The shilling was at first an imaginary Saxon coin, that is the term was used to express a certain money value, but no coin of that value was coined till the time of Henry VII.

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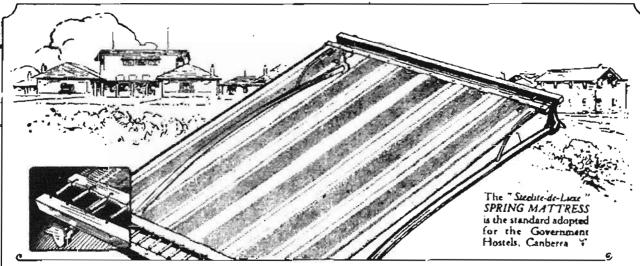
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War in the Pacific.

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Amazing Frankness of Japanese Naval Commander.

Grave Warning to Australasia.

BY E. GEURGE MARKS

(Anthor of " Watch the Pacific," "How Fock Makes Wor," " Napoleon and the War," (Poo Foo. " Merit and Democrary," Sec., Sec. Socially written for " The Navy Lague fournal.")

WHEN Germany—arrogant, defiant, intent upon world expansion—was at the zenith of her power in 1914, General Frederich von Bernhardi disseminated his aggressive predictions upon Germany's war methods of conquest in "Germany and the Next War."

Bernhardi's delved ruthlessly into the future—laughed at the gospel of peace, enthused over the power of war—with meteoric suddeness flashed the searchlight of Germany's world designs upon peaceful humanity's unthinking mind; the apostle of force—of the school of Treitschke; of the school of Neitzsche; promulgated the doctrine that war is a biological necessity; a regulative element in the life of mankind—that "Might is. Right!"

'World power or Downfall ?"-Bernhardi's shibboleth.

"Attention !- Ishimura !"

Japan—designated the Germany of the Pacific has just evolved a Bernhardi—an apostle of force; an advocate of "Might is Right!"

Like Bernhardi, Treitschke, Neitzsche, he considers war a biological necessity.

His name is Ishimura—a Commander of the Mikado's Imperial Navy.

Like Bernhardi, he has written a book; quite as positive, quite as dogmatic as Bernhardi's "Germany and the Next War!"

Bernhardi's paraded all the hypotheses of waraccording to Bernhardi Germany couldn't lose!

Like Bernhardi, Commander Ishimura has paraded all the hypotheses of war—according to Ishimura Japan can't lose!

"JAPAN WON'T LOSE!"

Short title of Ishimura's book.

Ishimura selects America as Japan's naval
adversary.

Having analysed the political situation created by the U.S.A. Japanese Exclusion Act, added to other affronts by America, plus Japan's acute problem of excess population, he unreservedly declares in Bernhardi's unadamed style—

"WAR INEVITABLE!"
"JAPAN WON'T LOSE!"

Ishimina's book has been received with pecans of enthusiasm by Japanese Jingos; Japanese Chauvinists—Junkers of Japan!

Ishimura's methods are Bernhardi's methods—instilling into the warlike elements the doctrine of force—Japan's naval invincibility.



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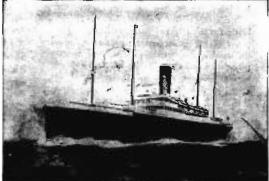
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Believer in Japan's destiny as a great Pacific Power, Ishimura communes in true Oriental fashion with the "Oracle of the Future; finds " lagan's navy won't lose !"

Has Ishimura's book the imprimatur of the Japanese Emperor; the Japanese Admiralty; the Japanese Cabinet?

Books like it, no naval. Commander would have the temerity to write what is practically a strategic declaration of war against the U.S.A. without the conduttence of the highest authorities to the Japanese nation.

Didn't General Frederich von Bernhardi have the acquiescence of the German War Lords when he published to the world as a threat of defiance, "Germany and the Next War."

"WATCH THE PACIFIC!" was published in February, 1924; up to its appearance scarcely a syllable was ever heard throughout the island continent of Australia of the prodigious blunder that, the Australasian Peace Delegation to the Congress of Versailles had perpetuated in permitting Japan -a formidable Asiatic Power-to secure the mandate over the great group of strategic islands in the Western Pacific - the Marshalls, the Carolines, the Ladrones, and the Pelew Islands; before the advent of "WATCH THE PACIFIC!" no mention had been made in the Commonwealth of Japan's design to build a formidable auxiliary fleet of light cruisers; 17 light cruisers have now been built; great batches of submarines; torpedo craft; aircarriers.

Exults over Strategic Islands.

Ishimura exults over Japan's possession of the Murshalls, the Carolines, the Ladrones, and the Pelew Islands; frankly concedes that their possession has rendered Japan strategically impregnable in the Western Pacific; has given the Mikado's navy the key to the supremacy of the Pacific.

This is a tremendously serious question for the Commonwealth of Australia, seeing that the Carol line lalands are as near to Thursday Island as Thursday Island is to Sydney; that these islands dominate Australasia's trade routes.

Ishimura, like Bernhardi, unconcealedly discustes [apan's naval strategy.

The Island of Guam, held by the U.S.A. since 1898, is 1300 miles south of Yokohama.

Japan, according to Ishimura, will seize Guam L at the outset of the hostilities between his country and the U.S.A.

Having seized the way to the Western Pacific, the U.S.A. Beets' numerical preponderance is to be wom down in partial combats amongst the Marshalls, the Carolines, the Ludrones, and the Pelew

Alarming prospect for Australia's commercecarriers on this important trade route; a situation fraught with endless complications for the Commonwealth and New Zealand-the British Empire,

Ishimura gradually unfolds Japan's naval

Seizure of Guam!

Japan's seizure of Guam consolidates her strategic position in the Western Pacific: gives her the initiative for the Admiral of the Mikado's fleet to impose his will on that of the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S.A. fleet.

This is an impartial interpretation of Ishimura's strategic hypothesis with regard to the seizure of Guam.

PEARL HARBOR to GUAM: 3330 miles! YOKOHAMA to GUAM-1300 miles only?

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Hence Ishimura hasn't any doubt that lapan's navy would easily outdistance the U.S.A. fleet to seize Guam-

Japan's seizure of Guam would immediately deprive the U.S.A. napy of a vital strategic base in the Western Pacific: would have a paralusing effect upon the mobility of the American fleet l

Isbimura doesn't attempt to conceal this interpretation; nor does he attempt to conceal Japan's object in building fast light cruisers.

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flames, her fastest cruisers-greyhounds of the ocean-will race to the Western Pacific-seize Guam; fortify the Marshalls, the Carolines, the Ladrones, and the Pelew Islands-gateways of the intermediate base between Pearl Harbour and

Australia's fate, New Zealand's fate, too. will then tremble in the balance!

What a stupendous, colossal, amazing diplomatic blunder to have given a great Asiatic and Pacific Power like Japan these strategic islands in the mid-Pacific!

Had these strategic islands been reposed by mandate in the British Empire their contiguity to Guam would have deterred Japan's design upon it; there would to-day be no naval race of light cruisers -a race deliberately started by Japan.

Importance of Guam.

Analysed seriation, every argument in Ishimura's bellicose book amounts to the declaration that Japan's mandated islands in the Western Pacifical provides the requisite impetus for a naval measure. ment of strength with the navy of the U.S A.

Guam's strategic importance to the U.S.A. navy cannot be gainsaid; its geographical situation warrants close scrutiny.

The largest of the Marianne Islands, it was ceded by vanquished Spain to the U.S.A. by the Treaty of Paris of December 10, 1898; its area is approximately 225 square miles; from the capital of the Philippines it is 1000 square miles; 5044 from San Francisco!

But only 1300 miles from Yokohama!!

Ishimura hasn't any doubt that Japan could seize Guam because of its geographical situation; hasn't any doubt its seizure would render the occupation of the Philippines untenable by the U.S.A.; basn't any doubt the American pavy couldn't set about without assistance the re-conquest of the Philippines while Guam was still in Japan's possessiona terrible predicament for the great Republic!

Guam is an important Pacific channel of communication to the U.S.A.; to Yekohama, too; cables from the Philippines, Yap Islands, Yokohams and Midway are landed at this strategic centre; the U.S.A. Navy Department maintains a high power radio station there.

Ishimura delights in the strategic importance of Guam; enthuses over the ease with which Japan can seize it because the U.S.A. Navy hasn't any

Guam's population is 15,000 - nearly all natives -these will have to labour hard to produce food to feed Japan's garrison!

Every detail, according to Ishimura, has been worked out; this is the peace-loving Japan that Australia's no-defence politicians are prone to enthuse over.

Japan's subtle delegation to the Washington Conference induced the U.S.A. Government not to fortify Guam during the existence of the Naval Agreement; yet Ishimura unhesitatingly declares that as soon as there is a causus belli between Japan and the U.S.A. the Mikado's navy will seize the unfortified island -and fortify it !!

Like Bernhardi, Ishimura waxes more enthusiastic as he conceives his various hypotheses being reduced to practice. He hasn't any doubt that when Japan's fast cruisers are seizing Guam that the U.S.A. Beet will be concentrated at its nearest base to Guaro-Pearl Harbor-in the Hawaiian Islands - 3330 miles from Guam!

Japan's Tactics.

Japan's navy is not going to meet disaster by manceuvring towards Pearl Harbor; into the range of the 16-inch and 14-inch gons of the U.S.A. navy; the seizure of Guam must impel the American navy to steam towards the Western Pacific -to attempt the recapture of Guam-3230 miles without intermediate bases; a fleet cannot go into action with bunkers three-fourths empty; a fleet cannot refuel in the presence of the enemy from colliers and oil tankers!

Ishimura thus sees the terrible dilemma of the U.S.A. flect; sees it is in dire need of refuelling after its 3330 miles voyage without the help of intermediate bases; sees it is faced with disasterbecause the fast light cruisers of Japan's navy have held Guam for five days at least; have fortified it; have commandeered the native population as foodproducers; have seized Guam's unprotected oil

Here Ishimura chuckles at the insanity of the

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Washington Conference in consenting to Guam being unfortified.

Ishimura is quite as sanguine, quite as confident a writer as General Bernhardt, who saw the German eagle fluttering in every European capital.

Ishimura's strategic conceptions will not permit the U.S.A. armids to advance at a reasonable speed from Honolulu on its westward journey to the relief of Guam; sees it encumbered with a gigantic aggregation of transports and oilships; is so harassed by Japanese air-craft it cannot stop to look for advanced bases.

The Marshalls, the Carolines, the Ladrones, and the Pelew Islands play a vital part in Japan's strategy.

Fabian Tactics.

Ishimura sees a portion of the U.S.A. fleet lured, by Fabian tactics, to Japan's mandated group; its numerical preponderance steadily worn down by mine-fields, submarines

Japan's incessant harassment of the U.S.A. armada of transports and store-ships makes the U.S.A. Admiral-in-Chief anxious to bring on a decisive engagement; Japan's commander-in-chief musn't meet American's 16-inch and 14-inch guns; hence Fabian tactics continue to the great detriment of the U.S.A. Beet.

Six months have now passed since Japan's fast cruisers soized Guam; Fabian tactics have given Japan a chance of victory—several capital ships of 32,000 tons have been torpedoed in the Western Pacific; several auxiliary cruisers have been submarined; the American commander-in-chief is feeling intensely the want of bases in the Western Pacific; anathematising the shortsightedness of the Congress of Versailles in permitting Japan to have the mandate over a great strategic group of islands in the mid-Pacific.

Guam has now been so strongly fortified that it is a second Heligoland; the Philippines have been seized by a squadron of Japanese fast cruisers which timed the U.S.A. fleet leaving Pearl Harbor on its 3330 miles voyage to Guam. Japanese naval demonstrations against Pearl Harbor are elements of Japan's strategy to lure the U.S.A. fleet back from the Western Pacific—3330 miles—ever mine-fields!

The ruse works! the U.S.A. loses more capital thips; when Pearl Harbor is gained it is found the Japanese slr₁'s in sight of Pearl Harbor were "dummies"; the main Japanese fleet is still in the Western Pacific!

Up to this point Ishimura considers that the Fabian factics of the Japanese has outwitted the U.S.A. commander in chief; greatly injured the prestige of America.

Reducing U.S.A. Striking Power.

The next piece of Japanese strategy, according to the ingenious Ishimura, is to reduce the striking power of the U.S.A. fleet by separating it; diverting a portion of it to Far Eastern waters to be overwhelmed by a superior Japanese squadron supposed to be with the main Japanese fleet in the Western Pacific.

Ishimura is sanguine that Japanese strategy will nonplus the U.S.A. navy; make its numerical preponderance of little practical utility.

Enter-British Navy.

Creat Britain has been watching the progress of the Pacific combat with great intensity; her Dominions in the Southern Seas have suffered tremendous losses through the destruction of commerce submarines and raiding cruisers; she has been urged to assist the U.S.A. navy; she does so—the war has now been in progress the better part of a year—all the strategic advantages with Japan; although there has been no decisive battle; only wearing down Fabian tactics by Japan.

Now that Great Britain is in the war on the side of the U.S.A., Ishimura still sticks to strategy to save the Japanese fleet.

He looks to Singapore; sees the base is unfinished; like Guam, it will soon be seized by Japan's fast cruisers.

Great Britain is in the same dilemma as the U.S.A.—worse even—it is without bases in the Western Pacific; to get to Guam, the Marshalls, the Carolines, and the Pelew Islands, its capital ships must steam 10,000 miles from Malta?

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There is little fuel in the bunkers of the British war ships; they cannot refuel in the presence of the enemy from attendant tankers!

Fight to Recover Philippines.

While the British Squadron is en route from Malta to the Western Pacific a portion of the U.S.A. Beet is endeavouring to recapture the Philippines, thus conforming to the strategic conceptions of the Japanese commander-in-chief-dividing the American fleet—reducing its concentrated striking power.

Ishimura hasn't any doubt that the Japanese will not be dispossessed of the Philippines; hasn't any doubt that Guam, like the Marshalls, the Carolines, and the Pelew Islands have peen rend ered impregnable – converted into veritable nests for submarines.

Japan also resorts to Fabian factics to went down the manerical preponderance of the British fleet; every effort is made to prevent any junctioning with the U.S.A. base fleet at Pearl Harbor; all the transport routes are heavily mined; submarines are numerous, ubiquitous

Nearly two years the struggle for the supremacy of the Pacific has been in operation; still no decisive battle; Japan's Fabian tactics in the Western Pacific has sustained the major portion of her fleet.

Blockade in Far East.

Ishimuta is never disconcerted as long as he is discussing and enthusing over Japan's strategy in the Western Pacific; isn't so happy when inevitably he has to discuss the blockade of Japanese ports in the Far East; thus creating a separating of the Japanese auxiliary fleet; dispersal of some of the submarines in the Western Pacific.

Still he finds consolation in the fact that Japan has innumerable formidable bases in the blockaded area, whereas the blockading squadrons have not.

Hongkong is besieged, the Japanese and Rusvian Bolsheviks are fomenting a rising of the Chinese against British and Americans; a rising in India is also a part of the propaganda to embarrass Great Britain. Now that Ishimura's undisguised strategy has been discussed, where has the decisive battle been fought?

The subtle Japanese Commander doesn't say; what he does say is this - plain and unvarnished :-

"IF JAPAN FIGHTS THE U.S.A. JAPAN WON'T LOSE!!!

Momentous to Australasia.

Most momentous deductions must be made from this essay on naval strategy by Commander Ishimura.

Australians must seriously heed his warning that a naval war between Japon and the U.S.A. is possible; that Great Britain will be drawn into the maelstrom.

That means that Australia, too, must inevitably be embroiled; that the Commonwealth and New Zealand will have to fight for their very existence.

Remember that Japan's pivot of operations will be, as Ishimura one thousand times says, in the Western Pacific!

Remember that Japan's mandated Islands in the Western Pacific are at Australasia's back door!

Remember that the Caroline Islands are as near to Sydney as Sydney is to Thursday Island

Remember that these strategic islands will be converted into nests of submarines to destroy Australasia's commerce; capture and destroy Australia's merchantmen!

Remember in the Pacific conflict which Ishimura declares is inevitable Australia's commerce-carriers would be captured on their trade routes to Japan, India, China, the Straits, Java, Ceylon, the U.S.A., South America, as well as in the vicinity of Japan's mandated islands; also in the Southern Seas; in Australian and New Zealand waters!

Ishimura's book emphasises this vitally import ant fact that the possession by Japan of the Marshalls, the Carolines, the Ladrones, and the Pelew Islands in the Western Pacific has made her so sanguine, so confident, so presumptuous that she resigns with equanimity tersely to a gigantic conflict with the U.S.A and Great Britain.

Lesson Learnt.

The entire strategic lesson that-Ishtmura inculcates is this---

That the U.S.A. hasn't sufficient intermediate bases between Pearl Harbour and Guam to successfully wage war against Japan in the Western Pacific; that Great Britain is likewise handicapped by the absence of intermediate bases between Malta -10,000 miles away and the Western Pactific!

Also, that Japan is confident of seizing the Singapore base before it is completed -in the event of a conflict in the Pacific.

And Ishimura says war with the U.S.A. is inevitable!!

Must Convert No-Defence Advocates.

Ishimura's book should convert Australia's Nodefence advocates to a realisation of their responsibilities as citizens and patriots; should convert those against the construction of the Singapore base to a realisation of its vital necessity as a protection to Australia; should spur the Commonwealth Government to further augment the Australian navy; to look to our coastal and barbour defence; to co-ordinate naval and military defence problems with New Zealand; to unify Australia's railway system in order that troops may be mobilised instead of immobilised.

Remember Ishimura considers that Japan's les droits de la guerre - rights of war-enables her to submanne merchantmen-to do everything possible to achieve victory for the Mikado's navy!

Bernhardi's predicted the world-war in "Germany and the Next War ?" He gave to the world Germany's strategy

Ishimura predicts a war in the Pacific in " Japan Won't Lose!" He has given to the world Japan's naval strategy.

This strategy so seriously concerns Australia and New Zealand that it can only be met by adequate sea and land preparation.

DELAY MEANS DISASTER!!

DURBAN.

Durban, a flourishing seaport and marine resort with a sub-tropical climate, is on the Natal coast. Brawny Zulus fantastically embroidered and decorated parade with their rickshas for patronage along thoroughfares embellished by palms and luxuriant vegetation, and with the itinerant coolies selling luscious fruits add dusky but interesting patches of colour to a brilliant sun-tinted picture

To residents in the Transvaal principally, Durban is a mecca of winter delight. During the months of May to August the stately esplanade, bathing enclosures, and beach are thronged with holiday makers to whom sea bathing in the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, is the great attraction. Winter or summer there is no cessation of indulgence in this bracing pastime - during the warmer summer months bathing is carried on at night under a blaze of are lamps. Large sums of money have been spent to make Durban the most attractive seaside resort in South Africa. Last year the borough celebrated its centenary. The hundred years that have passed since Lieut. Farewell landed at the Bay have witnessed the subjugation of the native hordes that made life a hard battle for early pioneers, and the gradual development from sand and bush, where buck and elephants roamed freely, to a handsome town of over 93,000 inhabitants living with every sign of civic and commercial prosperity. As a port whose harbour developments include graving and floating docks and huge coaling appliances Durban holds the premier position of chief port in Africa south of the equator. Here the first railroad in Africa, two miles long, came into operation in 1860. Sugar plantations extend north and south on the coast line. A spectacular in dustry is that concerned with whaling, and at The Bluff may be seen giant mammals of the ocean being reduced from ions of bone and blubber into oil and fertiliser and numerous subsequent byeproducts.

Durban has a dry-dock 1,150 feet in length. It was officially opened by the Prince of Wales in }une.

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One passage to Australia, when the fine old vessel was running along ender full sail and logging 13 knots an hour, a lady climbed over the poop rail and dropped into the sea. At the cry of "Man overboard" from the man at the wheel, every effort was made to shorten sail and so reduce

the speed of the vessel. Lifebuoys were thrown into the sea, and within five minutes after the lady went over the side a lifeboat was launched. Pulling back over a lumpy sea on a pitch black night—it was after no o'clock—was the lot of the boat's crew. All efforts to find the woman were fruitless and after a hard tussle with the waves and two narrow escapes from was aftely picked up.

On another occasion an apprennee left overboard. When the boat reached him a few miles astern he was swimming along with his boots hanging round his neek. They had been inconveniencing him on his feet, and he said he did not want to lose them.

The days of the old thip are numbered. The Federal Defence authorities being without soul, contemplate an early scrapping of the once 'white winged vision of the deep," for has she not done a lui life's work, and come to the end of her days of usefulness to man?

It is proposed to remove the trainees to a shore depot which it is intended shall be established near Geelong in Victoria for their future training for the Royal Australian Navy. When that day comes, the Tingina will die the death which has fallen with heavy hand on most of her lovely and famous sisters.

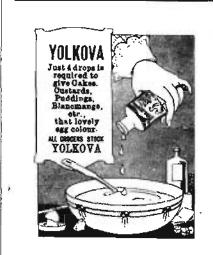
The age of mechanism with its rush and rattle, its selfishness and greed covers the earth with its soul-less and fetid breath, and the quiet beauty of the old ship life is fast perishing in the furnace of what the world calls progress and profit. We have scrapped the golden mellow of the old order, and accepted the harsh hues of the modern. The Sobraon in the old embodying the spirit of freedom drawn from the wide deep sea will perish—but the will never accept the new.





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BALMAIN.

The depot at Gow Street was the scene of real enthusiasm on the night of September 9. Mr. Harry Shelley of the Navy League Executive had arrived. With him came peanuts—scores of bags of them; defiated balloons, the toughest that Sydney could disgorge, one for each boy to inflate by way of mouth until it burst; prizes in the shape of useful pocket knives and handsome boxes of chocolates for the winners.

Mr. Shelley, after seeing the cadets at work, was accompanied on a tour of inspection of the depôt by Measrs. T. Fox, President Balmain Sub-branch, Mr. S. Cooper, Officer-in-Charge, Mr. Begar Fidden, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wood, Physical Training Instructor, and Captain Beale, Organising Secretary of the Navy League

The depôt has been completely transformed during the last twelve months by the wonderful improvements effected. It is an achievement worthy of the highest commendation and reflects the highest credit on the local Hon. Secretary and the officers concerned. The work performed has been a labour of love from start to finish—the officers giving their time voluntarily and without financial recompense. As long as such men are assilable to work for the sea cadets the movement will never language.

After the inspection the sixty cadets present were lined up and enjoyed themselves to the full in frantic and comical efforts to inflate the balloons to bursting point. Mr. Shelley brought with him a happy care-free atmosphere of youth and elderly officers were badly infected and could be seen along with the boys with swelling balloons protruding from their mouths. The novelty and merriment of the occasion will not soon be forgotten by the Balmain cadets, nor will Mr. Shelley easily forget the whole lunged vote of thanks from 60 odd mouths which later awoke the still night air at his departure.

WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF BALMAIN SEA CADETS.

At a meeting of the above, held recently at the residence of the Officer-in-Charge, Mrs. E. Fox was elected President; Mrs. Hayward, Hon. Treasurer, and Mrs. S. Cooper, Hon. Secretary.

Miss A. S. Murray, of Neutral Bay, has very kindly consented to act as Hon. Secretary to North Sydney Sub-branch of the Navy League.

It is hoped to organise a function at an early date to provide funds to pay the rental of the depôt, and so come into-line with other sub-branches.

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That is how the notice read. It was served on us (and on many others, too) by the "Driver" of the Lane Cove Company of Sea Cadets. The object was funds which are required to pay for the building of a water front depot for the hoys. We went. Things were as advertised. True to label—the Navy League way of doing business.

The attraction took place in the local School of Arts, and was opened by the Company's patron, Mr. W. D. Loveridge, who is Chairman of the Sydney Harbour Trust. Mrs Loveridge accompanied her husband, and together they interested themselves in the various shalls by making many purchases.

Mr. Harry Shelley and Mr. Harold Cochrane, of the Navy League Executive, were also present for a couple of hours in the afternoon.

The stalls were very well patronised, and the organisers were hopeful that the financial results would be most encouraging and helpful towards the realisation of their ambitions—the building of the depot.

Those whose labours made the venture a success included the Officer-in-Charge (Mr. F. Gurre), Mrs. Gurre, Mr. Sommerville (1st Officer) and Mrs. Sommerville. Mr. and Mrs. Standish, Mr. and Mrs. Grindrod, Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Hedges (Hon. Secretary) and Mrs. Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy, Mrs. Varcoe, Miss Gooch, and Mrs. Turner. Others included Captain Carter, Mrs. S. Cooper, Mr. Lea-Wilson, W. W. Beale, and about 30 local cadets.

Congratulations to Drummoyne and Balmain Companies of Sea Cadets on the all-round improvement effected during the last few months. Progress continues to be a marked feature, and has been freely commented upon by Navy Leaguers who have visited them of late.

EASTERN SUBURBS. Contributed by Mr. C. J. Mapkins.

Since the August issue appeared we have bad an exceptionally busy month, and things are shaping towards the end we have in view, namely, to make this the premier Sub-Branch in Australia.

Now that this Sull-Branch has been reorganised on a satisfactory basis and we are able to make a forward move, we have received promises of support

from quite unexpected nuarters.

This Company furnished a detachment to attend at the Casinu Bondi Hospital Ball. Ald. Foster, M.L.A., on behalf of the Ball Committee, thanked the Officer-in-Charge for the presence of the Sea Cadets. The Ladies' Committee provided refreshments for the boys, and invited the officers to be their guests for the evening.

As we have not completed the formation of the Social Committee a few ladies, who were anxious to help this Sub-Branch along, were permitted to arrange for a function—Euchre Party and Dance to take place on the 29th inst, at the Surf Club Hall, Clovelly. The amount of work put in by the acting joint Secretaries, Mesdames Hay and Lutt, and the number of fine prizes, as well as cash donated, augurs well for the success of the forthcoming function.

The proceeds will be paid through the Hon. Treasurer into the general fund of the Eastern Suburbs Sub-Branch for the use of the local companies.

Mr. G. E. Fairfax has generously donated to this Sub-Branch a hoat to be built to specifications approved of by the Navy League. We extend our

hearty thanks to Mr. Fairfax.

Splendid support is being accorded by Mrs. P. Wirth and her daughter, Mrs Blackmore. Mrs. Wirth has donated a kettle drum and a set of boxing gloves. Hearing that we were auxious to acquire a 14t. beach boat with sails, mast and centre board complete, Mrs. Wirth volunteered to collect the amount among her personal friends and started the fund with a donation of £5, this amount, plus Mrs. Wirth's exertions on our behalf, among her friends, enabled us to purchase the boat for this Sub-Branch, and we anticipate many pleasant outings in it. Out of compliment to Mrs. Wirth we are naming the boat "Charlesworth" after her grandson, who is a member of our Company.

Mr. Wirth, Rushcutter's Bay, has donated £5. Mr. Stuart Doyle, on hehalf of himself and the Directors of Union Pictures, Ltd., £2 2s. We extend our best thanks to those gentlemen for their

enerosity.

Week-ends have been spent at the Drummoyne Company's depôt trying out our new gig. A few days ago we sailed it down to Rose Bay.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. Hooper and the

C.P.O. of Drummoyne for the very valuable assistance rendered to this Company on many occasions.

Now that we are in possession of a suitable boat enthusiasm among the boys is growing. In addition to their ordinary drill at might the cadets love to be on the water learning the art of oursmanship and boat sailing.



MISS NANCY FOX AND HER BROTHER. These young people conducted a Bazaar in Balmain at the end of August to help defray expenses in connection with the Juvenile Ball held at the local Town Hall on September to. Their splendid efforts realised about £15. The proceeds from the Ball will be devoted to further the Navy League Sea Cadet movement in Balmain.

The success of the function was largely due to the untiring effort of Mrs. Edgar Fidden, Mrs. A. W. Sommerville (President of the Ball Committee). Mrs. S. Fox. Hon. Secretary, and Miss

Foggan, Hon. Treasurer.

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THE FRATERNAL SPIRIT.



Navy League Sea Cadets visiting an American battleship changed caps with members of the crew.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

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At the monthly meeting of the Navy League Executive held at the Royal Naval House on the 14th inst., it was decided to adopt the recommendations of the sub-committee as follows :-

- 1. Special letter to be sent to members of the League who are in arrears with their subscriptions.
- 2. Annual outing to be atmosped for League members Cadets to give boating displays. Band to be in attendance. Clarke Island suggested as a suitable place. Date to be fixed.
- 3. General Appeal for funds to be made in the late Spring of each year.
- 4. Annual Meeting of League members to take place in March.
- 5. Wording of letter of reminder to be revised.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Geoffrey E. Fairfax had intimated that he would be very pleased to donate a 22-foot boat to be built to Navy League specifications, and handed to the League for the Eastern Suburbs sub-branch for the use of the sea cadets. The Committee accorded Mr. Fairfax a cordial vote of thanks for his genecosity.

Present at the meeting were. Judge Backhouse (chair), Commodore Wardle, DSO, R.N.; Sir Alfred Meeks, Messis, G. E. Fairfax, A. G. Milson, Harry Shelley, E. R. White, C. M. C. Shannon, 1. Fox. F. W. Hixson, H. Cochrage, Captains Boyes, Robins, Pearse; Commander Quick, Captain O. Smith and W. W. Beale. Mr. Kelso King was unavoidably absent, and sent an apology,

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

Lieureant : Francis Donglas Watsoo, to Penguin, to date July 9: Horace 1 If, Thompson, to l'enguin, additional, in date ply).

Boatswain: William G. Koight, to Cerberus, to date

Paymaster Cadet: Ralph F. M Lowe, to Adelaide, additional, to date July 14; Eric D Creal, to Adelaide, additional, to date July 14.

The ABERDEEN LINE

A CENTURY of PROGRESS

OLDER shipping companies there may be than that of the Aberdeen Line—although but few seeing that it bussis a history of a Century—none, however, can fairly claim a more honourable record in the Australian trade, in which its name has long been a household word with British and Australian travellets ailike.

The early records of the Company have been only very imperfectly preserved, but it is clear that by 1835 there was a fleet of ten vessels.

They were small ships—the largest being only 323 tons—but despite this made voyages to South Africa, South America and the Far East, though the Canadian and short-distant Trades were those chiefly affected.

The first ships built for the Aberdeen Line were the Helen and Marmion but the most prominent of the early vessels was the Childe Harold, of 116 tons.

Another famous vessel was the Anemone, 1840, which ship commenced the Aberdeen Line connection with Australia the same year. This vessel was followed shortly afterwards by the Neptune, Prince of Wales and Oliver Cromwell since which time except for a short period during the war of 1914-1918, the Aberdeen Line's Australian Service has never been interrupted.

New Zealand is also mentioned early in the history of the Line -in 1842 the New Zealand Company chartered the Prime of Wales to carry 116 emigrants, the passage money being £16 per head.

The Prince of Wales landed her passengers at Port Nichoison in December, 1842, and then proceeded to Sydney in search of a homeward cargo.

About this time the voyage records of certain American-built ships began to impress the British merchants. To meet this new demand of speedier delivery of goods the Aberdeen Line had built the barque Phenician. Although only 521 tons, this ressel made the passage to Sydney with a full cargo and 32 saloon passengers in 97 days, against the

average, at that time, of 120 days. In 1853 the *Phaen clan* covered the passage Sydney to Plymouth in 83 days.

The ship Woolloomooloo of 645 tons, was added to the fleet in that year but failed to beat the record of the Phanician, the maiden voyage taking 87 days and the following trip 93 days.

By regular, though rapid, stages the fleet increased till within a score of years after starting their London house, the Company owned about 25 sailing ships of the highest class.

Until the opening of the Suez Canal and the effective development of steam navigation, the Aberdeen Line clippers may be said to have held the command of the seas in the mercamile sense. They effectively outdistanced the much-vaunted Baltimore clippers which, at one time, created such a scare in the hearts of British Shipbuilders, and they no less effectively helped to oust the American element from the China trade.

In this the famous Aberdeen clipper Thermopria played a great part A full-rigged composite clipper ship of 950 tons register, the Thermopriac has been acknowledged as one of the fastest sailing vessels ever built.

The first voyage was from London to Melbourne. Sailing in November 1868, she made the fastest journey between those ports that had ever been acr complished—60 days from berth to berth. This was looked upon at the time as a quite exceptional achievement, due largely to accident, and it was never supposed that the ship could maintain the reputation she had won upon this voyage. But the next trip she made confirmed her remarkable qualities, for she made the same passage within a few hours of the exact time her maiden voyage had occupied.

The log of the first voyage is preserved in Lindsay's History of Shipping as a record of rapid sailing. On ten days at least of the sixty she occupied on the passage the average run amounted to upwards of 350 miles per day. On January



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3rd, 1870, with the wind strong abeam, she ran by the log, confirmed afterwards by observations, 330 knots or 380 statute miles. Allowing even a discount of to miles for time gained in great circle valing, this would still show an average of 15½ miles per boar.

The Thermoppia is always associated with another beautiful little vessel, the Cutty Sark, a 1921 ton composite ship owned by Mr. John Withs of London.

In point of speed there was very little difference between them, but in the tea races the *Thermopyla* generally triumphed over her opponent.

Prior to 1869 all the sailing vessels of the fleet had been of wood or composite, but in that year the Patriarch of 1,339 tons, was kunched. She was of iron with iron telescopic masts. The vessel nade a record passage from Sydney to London—63 days from the Heads to the West India Docks,

Following the Patriorch, another wooden ship the Avientore was built in 1870, but the next eight vessels were of iron, and included the Milliades 1,452 tons, Salamis 1,730 tons, Aristides 1,721 tons, Perious 1,671 tons, all names to conjure with in the days of the China Tea Races.

The Meathdon 2,003 tons, was the first and only steel sailing vessel owned by the Aberdeen Line, although the use of steel in the construction of ships was not new even in 1885, when Harland & Wolff of Belfast, built this ship.

The sailing ship was gradually being ousted by the steam; ship as the latter became more and more economical and reliable, but owing to the speed and reputation of the Aberdeen clippers the Company did not find it essential to adopt steam until 1881.

When, however, they did order a steamer they decided to be well ahead of the times, and on the advice of the late Dr. Alex. Kirk, fitted the s.s. Aberdeon with the first set of triple expansion engines that had ever been applied to a large ocean-going steamer.

The Aberdeen of 3,659 tons, was built by Robt. Napier & Sons of Govan, and like several of her successors, carried sails in addition to the engines.

Three years after the launch of the Aberdeen, the same builders delivered to the order of the Com-

pany, the Australasian 3,664 tons, which steamer on her maiden voyage, carrying 640 emigrants, made the passage from Plymouth to Sydney in 44 days.

These steamers were followed in 1887 by the Damascus, in 1891 by the Thermopylae, in 1894 by the Nineuch, and in 1898-9 by the Moravian and Salamis.

With the introduction of the steamer the Aberdeen Line gradually disposed of their sailing ships, and by the end of 1904 the Steathdon was the only sailing vessel left of the 39 that had carried the House flag round the world.

The advent of steam also caused the Line to turn their attention seriously to the Passenger Frade in which, apart from the carriage of Emigrants and a certain number of cabin passengers, they had hitherto taken no particular interest. They now commenced to concentrate upon the South African and Australian Service, which they have conducted ever since

The steamers almost from their introduction catered for only two classes - First and Third—no second-class passengers being carried, and the Abendeen Line was probably the originator of the two-class ship, which has since become so much the fashion.

In 1903 the Company added to their fleet the Millindes and Marathon, both clipper-bow steamers of 6,800 tons. These two vessels merit special mention; they were the first two-screw steamers of the Line, and were built to the requirements of the Admirally Transport Department as well as those of Lloyd's highest class.

The Miltiades and Marathon, like the other steamers of the Aberdeen Line, soon won for themselves amongst the travelling public reputations as good, comfortable, steady steamers, and in addition they promptly established reputations for speed. The former vessel not only accomplished the fastest passage ever, up till then, made on the Caperoute from London to Melbourne, but when called upon at short notice to take the place of the regular mail boat via Suez Canal, landed the Australian mail 24 hours before the scheduled date.

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Port facilities, steamers were growing to a size that a decade back would have appeared impossible.

This created a very awkward situation for the private Companies, as the costs involved in building the big ship became very great.

The Aberdeen Line found a solution of the problem in 1905 by reconstructing their business in conjunction with the White Star Line and The Shaw Savill & Albion Company. Since that date they have never built a steamer of less than 11,000 tons, whereas up till 1900 their largest steamer was under 5,000 tons.

The Aberdeen Line Passenger Service now consists of five vessels, all of which offer very similar accommodation. The first of these, the Thimistocles came into being in 1913, her sister ship the Demosthenes following a few months later.

These yessels are each of 11,250 tons, 500 ft. in length, and 62 ft. in beam and are equipped with every modern appliance for the comfort of passengers and the handling of cargo. They were the first steamers in the Australian trade to have a complete deck allotted to first-class single-berth cabins - the demand nowadays for single-berth state rooms is a marked feature of ocean travel.

The Demosthenes was the first triple-screw steamer of the Aberdeen Line, and the first vessel engined on the combination principle of reciprocating and turbine machinery to enter the Australian trade.

The largest steamer of the Aberdeen Line fleet is the s.s. Euripides built in 1914 by Harland & Wolff of Belfast-15,000 tons gross, 650 ft. in length, and 62 ft. in beam.

On the arrival of the Euripides in Australia on her maiden voyage she was requisitioned for the carriage of the Australian troops, being flagship in the first convoy to leave these shores in 1914.

The war record of the steamers of the Aberdeen Line is a proud one. The total mileage steamed was 958,487 and the troops carried 129,404; these were conveyed over nearly all seas and were of various races - Australian, Canadian, South African (black and white). Imperial, West Indian and American.

The services rendered by each of the five steamers comprising the feet at that time are as follows :--

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Milliades		177,484		21,051	
Marathon		184.379		20,804	
Themistocies	-	222,784		28,137	
Demosthenes		165,533		20,973	
Euripides		208.307		38,439	

Exposed as these vessels were to all the dangers of mines, submarines and raiders, not one was lost and all the troops were safely transported to their

As an indication of how the Mercantile Marine has changed during the last century, the following short summary of the Aberdeen Line fleet over four periods of twenty five years may not be without interest:-

1850 7 sailing ships, average tonnage, 262 1875 20 .. 1900 5 steamers, average tonnage 1,680 .. 12,450

It may also be noted that the Aberdeen Line ships have varied in size from the Marmion of 28 tons, built in 1827, to the Euripides of 14,947 tons, built in 1014.

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(Mr. Mark; article in our last issue has created considerable interest, and many letters have ended as regarding it. Mest of the writer's share the author's views; a few bring their big guns to hear below the waterline of his logic. Such a one is Mr. Dawvers Pewer whose contribution we have pleasure in printing below. Readers will judge the results of his broadside for themselves,—Ed.).

THE data given in an article by Mr. E. George Marks under the above heading in the August issue of The NAVY LEAGUR JOURNAL makes interesting reading: but are the conclusions correct?

Apparently the logic of the article is.—The Japanese want room for expansion. The Northern Territory has \$28,620 square miles, sparsely populated. Therefore Japan has designs on the Northern Territory. This false logic might be applied to any nation.

Surely we can be patriotic and take steps to defend Australia from any intending enemy without being offensive to a friendly country which consistently denies having any designs on our land, and has shown her good will by convoying our troops during the recent European war when, had she wished to do us harm, she could have attacked us without let or bindrance. If other nations had kept their words as Japan has done, things to-day would be very different from what they are.

Has Japan been treated fairly by other nations? If we look to history we find that some 70 years ago Japan was forced to open her ports by the United States of America and European nations. Since then Japan has in self defence adopted many western methods and customs, and has become a world power.

Japan assisted the allies in the late war against Germany. What did she get for it? She was given mandated country between long 130 and 175 East, and from the Equator to lat 22 North, which comprises over 600 scattered islands with a total area of about 140 square miles. Japan once held part of Southern Manchuria but had to hand it back to Chipa under pressure from Western Powers. She was debarred from retaining Kaio-

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Chau, won from the Germans during the war, by the Washington Conference, in fact wherever Japan has tried to find land for her surplus pop 2lation in Asia, to which continent she rightly belongs, she has been blocked by Europeans who themselves have annexed land or taken it by conquest, not only in Asia, but also in various parts of the world. The Africans do not want us, neither do the Asiatics, yet we have forced ourselves on

The surplus population of Great Britain, Ger. many, Italy, etc., are to be found spread over the surface of the world, but the Japanese are practically prevented from entering the United States of America, Canada, and the Commonwealth of Australia.

The Western and Eastern ways of looking at life are different. In many cases they do not blend; but we must take the other fellow's views into consideration, whether we agree with them or not. Surely the common sense and natural thing to do is to let the Japanese have Manchusia which is at her door, without interference on the part of Europeans The Japanese can certainly rule better than the Chinese.

Has Japan tried to force her surplus population on those countries - which state they do not want Japanese emigrants-in any but a legitimate manner? No; she has respected the wishes of those nations. The Japanese Government has under consideration a scheme for the distribution of Japan's population from the congested districts to those less populated—that is to say, from the mainland to Hokkaido and Saghalien, or, in other words, from the centre to the North and South. It will be seen, therefore, that the Japanese Government is doing its best to deal with the question of immigration as an internal affair.

Japan has consistently stated that she has no intention of annexing Australia. That may, or may not be believed by those who take upon themselves to explain the motives of certain actions by the Japanese Government; but look at the question from another angle. Can the Northern Territory support a large population of any nationality, in spite of its great area? Those who have been there know that the rivers shown on the maps are dry for most part of the year, but for a chain of waterholes few and far between. Even cattle cannot feed more than five miles away from the water. As to forming reservoirs on the surface, the tremendous evaporation makes them of little valueone would have to depend on underground dams. How would the Japanese grow their rice under such conditions? If an army of any nation were to land in the Northern Territory, what chance would it have of working its way south? An enemy could do much damage to our capital cities by bombarding them from the air and sea, but that is quite another thing to dominating a country already in possession of another nation which could claim belo from others.

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tion point of view; but we are told that the possession of the Caroline, Pelewand Ladrone islands by the Japanese is a mencee to Australia and New Zealand on account of their strategic position. Put it the other way round. If these islands belonged to another country, would they not be a menace to Japan? How about Singapore, the Philippine, and the numerous islands in the Pacific that already belong to nations other than Japan?

Be prepared for emergencies by all pleans, no matter from what marter it may come; but why bick your hypothetical enemy from a courteous and friendly nation whose words and actions go to show she wishes us no harm? Some thirty nine years ago there was a Russian scarce in Australia. It was quite inwarranted, and later-in 1905-Japan demonstrated how rotten was the state of the Russian navy. Then came the German scare in 1914 which was a real danger. We were then very glad to accept the help of Japan to make the seas safe for our ships. Now, because there is nothing else the scaremongers can think of they are attempting to raise a Japanese scare. Every opportunity is taken to write scare headlines and articles in the daily press-as instance the capital recently made out of the so called "Mystery Ships." It is about time that such propoganda written about a friendly nation should be stopped; it can do no good-and may do a great deal of harm. Keep on telling a man be is sick, and he will become sick. Keep on telling a nation that you expect it to fight you, and in time it will think you want 10 fight, and will get ready to do so. We We must not forget that Japan has honourably upheld the treaties she has made with Great Britain. So little do the Japanese think of our doings in Australia that one may search the Japanese newspapers, especially the "Jiji Shimpo "and the "Osaka Asahi," leading newspapers in Tokyo and Osaka respectively, and apart from reports in the commercial columns as to the Australian wool and silk markets, the only recent mention of Australia has been to De Pinedo's flight from Australia to Japan, and the visit of the Australian warship "Brisbane" to Japan, where the men and officers were given a hearty welcome.

We hear much talk about the large navy Japan is building, and ask: "What is it for?" Japan in the Pacific is in much the same position as Great

Britain is the Atlantic. She is insular, and therefore requires a larger navy to protect her shores in case of war than a country with less seaboard. Also being an island—or rather a series of islands—she must protect her trade routes.

Ms. Marks states that Japanese colonies have, comparatively few settlers. Why is this? It is because the Japanese are not natural colonists; they do not like leaving home permanently, and live in hopes of eventually returning to their own country. There are comparatively few Japanese in Australia. According to the last census report—in 1911 there were 3.489, and in 1921 only 2,738, or 751 less. The undiscerning public who cannot tell the difference between a Japanese and a Chinese, probably think there are more; for in 1911 there were 22,753 Chinese in Australia; while in 1921 there were 17,009, or 5,744 less than in the previous decade. It will thus be seen that the Chinese in Australia vastly outnumber the Japanese.

Supposing Japan owned Australia, would it help the surplus population difficulty so well as if they were nearer home in Manchuria?

It does not seem to matter much what the Japanese do; it is liable to misconstruction. She is not sending a large fleet to Australia to show off her naval strength. That might be misunderstood at the present time. Instead she is sending a high official as Consul-General to Australia, a nobleman and scion of one of the highest families in Japan, who has been educated along English lines, and who, for the sake of his country, has given up a more important position in order to try and bring about a more normal understanding between Japan and Australia. But a sinister motive has actually been put on this action, for we are told to "mark the unprecedented attention Japan is paying Australia—a country which excludes her nationals."

Japan is in a suitable position to become a numufacturing country. She does not produce much raw material, but the Asiatic continent and the Pacific Islands do. If Japan is not allowed to expand in Asia she will be forced to find employment for her population by starting various factories so that her people can remain in the country. Trade is the root cause of most of the trouble between nations, because some people want to live, out refuse to grant the same right to others.

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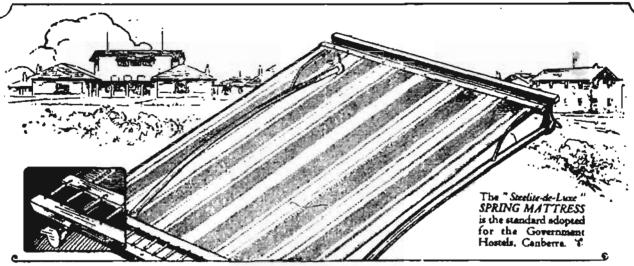
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