

MONSTER FLEET NOW ASSEMBLED FOR MANEUVERS

United States Warships in for Month of Hardest Kind of Drilling.

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Largest and Most Powerful Fleet Ever Assembled Under the Stars and Stripes—May Solve Efficiency of Our Navy.

Washington.—The largest and most powerful fleet ever assembled under the Stars and Stripes is now gathered off Guantanamo, on the North coast of Cuba, for a month of the hardest kind of drilling. It will be a great spectacle for the few civilians who will see it, but for the more than one thousand officers and 25,000 enlisted men it means work, unceasing labor, to fit the American navy for battle.

Yet every Jack Tar is glad he is there. Great fascination surrounds the maneuvers, the orderly marching and counter-marching over the parade ground of the ocean, dreadnaughts and cruisers taking the place of individual soldiers, but obeying the orders sent by wireless and wigwag just as implicitly and readily as a squadron of well-drilled cavalry.

The firing of the great guns is fun for officer and man, too. Target practice is a great game. Every nerve is strained to make the enormous rifles do their best, and hot rivalry is exhibited by the gun crews. Business is pleasure when the heart is in it.

The eyes of the whole United States are directed to Rear Admiral Frank Friday Fletcher and his ships today. A great wave of criticism has swept over the country. The European war has created interest in the army and navy; and every patriot feels that if not the greatest, we should have the best navy in the world.

Is the navy up to scratch? This is the question the maneuvers may solve and at the same time do a great deal toward making it possible to answer in the affirmative. The navy needs maneuvers, just as an army needs drills. A fleet will be awkward in forming in battle line in time of war if the superior officers have not performed all the evolutions often in time of peace.

Much Practicing Necessary. Partly due to the use of the big ships off the coast of Mexico, the maneuvers have been neglected. This is the first time in three years that the entire fleet will be assembled for battle practice. Three years means a long while when one considers how fast the art of naval warfare is developing. Just to mention one item:

Naval guns of 14-inch caliber were carried on no ship in the world three years ago. Now the Texas and the New York carry these mammoth rifles, and it is currently reported that Great Britain's new Queen Elizabeth class, now building, will have 15-inch guns.

When one considers that the fleets of Great Britain, Germany, France, Austria, Russia and Japan are now engaged in actual war work every day in the year, it is easy to see that the United States must do a lot of practicing even to approximate the degree of efficiency to which the fighting navies of the world are arriving.

The Guantanamo maneuvers will be the most extensive target and fleet practice the American navy has ever gone through. They will last through the greater part of the month, and will be followed by the Panama canal opening exercises, which may involve some maneuvers of value, too.

The armored fleet (the biggest ships) will be in four divisions of 21 vessels. Ten will be of the so-called "dreadnaught" class and 11 of the pre-dreadnaught type. Besides these, two of the four armored cruisers of the fleet and all of the torpedo flotillas, except those in reserve, will be present.

Never before did the fleet contain practically two complete divisions of the dreadnaught class. The first division consists of dreadnaughts of the most powerful type and the second division is made up of these powerful vessels except one battleship.

In addition to the battleships, five of the seven divisions of torpedo-boat destroyers will have a part in the exercises. This means 21 more craft. There will be ten auxiliaries and the scout cruiser Birmingham, which is the flagship of the torpedo flotilla.

Directs 103 Vessels. This does not mean that all the vessels under Admiral Fletcher's command will be at Guantanamo. There will be missing all the submarines, as well as all the smaller cruisers and gunboats and two divisions of the destroyer flotilla. Admiral Fletcher directs 103 vessels, of which 55 will be at Guantanamo.

It was figured by a naval officer here that the 12-inch guns of the fleet can fire a broadside of 105,400 pounds and the 14-inch guns bring this up to 133,400 pounds. There are 124 12-inch guns in the reorganized fleet, all of which are placed so that they can be fired in a single broadside.

The New York and the Texas each have ten 14-inch guns. The projectiles fired from these guns weigh 1,400 pounds each, and it costs the American people \$777 every time one is fired, not counting the deterioration in the gun.

Fletcher has five rear admirals under him, one to command each division of the fleet. There are 25 captains, more than 1,000 officers of lesser rank, and about 25,000 enlisted men.

The total money value of the fleet is \$300,000,000. The New York, with its sister ship the Texas the most powerful ship in the American navy is ordinarily the flagship of Rear Admiral Fletcher, but his flag has been transferred to the Wyoming. The New York has been fitted up with luxurious quarters to receive President Wilson and his party at New York after the maneuvers, and carry them to the canal. It had been informally christened "The Boudoir Ship."

BOY HERO SAVES PLAYMATE

George Hughes, Ten Years Old, Rescues Companion From Wheels of Railroad Locomotive.

Washington, Pa.—Ten-year-old George Hughes proved himself a hero when his playmate, Paul Enoch, of the same age, became entangled in the wheel of a moving railroad locomotive on the Waynesburg and Washington railroad here.

The two boys were standing by the track when Paul Enoch slipped and his leg became entangled in the wheels of the engine. Before it could be stopped or anyone could reach him the lad had been whirled around twice by the wheel's revolution. Then George reached him and, grabbing his companion by the leg, pulled him free and saved his life.

The boy was unconscious when rescued, but physicians, who were immediately called, said that his only serious injury was a deep gash in the right leg. George Hughes was proclaimed a hero by the persons who witnessed the rescue. He could not, however, understand that he had done anything remarkable, and insisted that he merely grabbed his playmate and pulled him out of the wheel.

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Soldiers in the Trenches Get Absolutely Dehumanized Under Continuous Fire.

Paris.—A motorcyclist who has been in front of the army and continually under fire writes as follows:

"When they are in the trenches with shells bursting all around, men become mere machines. They get absolutely dehumanized under continuous fire. It is the only alternative to going mad! One has no consciousness of danger, but obeys orders without realizing what they mean. One forgets what death is.

"When first I had to carry a dispatch under fire I used to dismount when I saw a shell burst on the road ahead and wait to see if more were coming. Now I don't notice them. My comrade riding twenty yards behind me was killed by a shell, but the incident had no effect on my mind. We are no better than brutes on the firing line."

AUSTRIANS IN THE CARPATHIANS



An Austrian outpost in the Carpathian mountains, only about 1,200 meters from the Russian front.

Rock alone, and was about to go to the penitentiary to surrender, when a delegation of friends brought him the good news.

HOLDS OFFICE FOR 44 YEARS

Civil War Veteran Has Continuous Terms as School Board Clerk.

Marshall, Minn.—For 44 years Jacob Rouse has been clerk of the school board of District No. 1 in Lyon

county. He was first elected in 1870 and has held the office ever since. He has seen the district grow from a small one-room log schoolhouse with but a few scattering pupils to a four-room consolidated school with four teachers in charge of 135 pupils who have the advantages of domestic science and manual arts. Mr. Rouse lives in the Camden valley of Lyon township, where in 1870 he took a claim in section 22. He was for one term treasurer of Lyon county and is a veteran of the Civil war.

AN EGYPTIAN SOLDIER



Type of the native Egyptian soldier in the British infantry service.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of Sunday School Course Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 14

SAMUEL CALLED TO BE A PROPHET.

LESSON TEXT—1 Samuel 2:1-13, 19, 20. GOLDEN TEXT—Speak, Jehovah; for thy servant heareth.—1 Samuel 3:9, R. V.

Samuel was the last judge and the first of the order of prophets. His name means "asked of God," and he was dedicated to God (1:11) as a Nazirite. In fulfillment of his mother's vow he was brought to the temple when he was a young child (1:24), Josephus, at twelve years of age. Hannah's song of rejoicing (2:1-10) is the expression of a great soul and a choice piece of literature. Samuel had the advantage of being well born, but after studying Eli's household we are not so confident as to the environment amid which he was placed.

1. Samuel's Vision, vv. 1-10. The young child entered heartily into the temple worship and duties as directed by the aged priest, Eli. This man was not faithful in giving the people the word of God. "It was rare" (margin) and the result was that "there was no frequent vision" (R. V.). The word is also "precious" (v. 1; Ps. 19:9, 10), though when it is as common as it is in this land men frequently set but little store by it. God will judge men for such laxity even as he judged Israel (Amos 8:4-6, 11, 12). A vision is a knowledge of a need and of the resources at our command. Eli and his sons had no vision and a people lacking in this direction perish (Prov. 29:18). Jehovah is about to make known to Israel his will and in so doing he passes over this indulgent teacher and chooses the child Samuel. Teachableness and obedience are the chief characteristics of childhood and these traits count for more with God than does age or experience (Matt. 11:25; 1 Tim. 4:12; Matt. 21:6). Samuel had not acquired the conceit of youth, he was faithful to his duties, respectful to his elders and did not boast of his accomplishments nor of the special revelation which came to him. Samuel slept in the holy place of the "sacred tent" near Eli, for the great temple was not yet built. As such he is a type for the Christian (Ps. 27:4). It was there that the Lord revealed himself to him (John 1:14 R. V. margin). One of Samuel's duties as the special attendant of Eli was to open the house of God every morning, also to tend the sacred lamp which burned from evening to morning (Ex. 27:20, 21). As he attended to these duties God made himself known to Samuel (v. 4). God frequently calls men and they are not at home but have gone into the far country. Samuel knew God as every devout worshiper knew him, but had not yet received a direct revelation, hence he "did not yet know Jehovah." Thinking at once of the priest, Samuel ran to receive orders or to render service. Had he disregarded the voice he would not in the end have received his clear revelation. To have closed his ears, turned over for further sleep or to have risen hesitatingly would, in all probability, have prevented any further calls (Prov. 1:24, 25, 28). God wants, for special services, those who make glad response to his first call (Isa. 5:8; Luke 9:59-62; Acts 9:6). Three times the call comes and three times Samuel makes reply. There are three periods in the unfolding life that are most susceptible to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Nine to twelve, fourteen and fifteen, seventeen and eighteen are particularly open to impressions, especially if the child has had a religious atmosphere and training.

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Family Religion

By REV. JAMES M. GRAY, D. D. Dean of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

TEXT—I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.—Ps. 101:2.

1. This Psalm indicates that it was written at some remarkable period in the Psalms' life, when it seemed more than ever incumbent on him to lead a life of personal holiness. It has sometimes been called "The Psalm of Pious Resolutions," because in its eight verses it contains no less than nine "wills" and five "shalls." It has also been called "The Householder's Psalm," because it refers to the author's life in his home. To be sure the home is a royal court, and yet the principles which should govern there should govern in a humbler sphere.

2. The text suggests the thought of Family Religion, and the opening of the New Year is a good time to make our resolves in regard to it. The importance of the family in the redemption scheme is seen in this—that of the three fundamental agencies to reform and save the world, the family comes before either the church or the state, for without it neither of them can survive. And then, too, the family is the place where our true character is exhibited and our most potent influence is exercised.

3. The text suggests at least two things that will be true of the home wherein each one seeks to walk "with a perfect heart." First, it will have a family altar. Even the heathen have their household gods representing the deities they worship, and surely we who know the true God should have some acknowledgment of him in our homes. But the family altar can only be sustained where the true Christian life is lived behind it. The odor of true piety manifests itself, not only in words, but in looks and tones and in the general atmosphere pervading everything and predominating over it.

4. We should note particularly that family religion is a personal matter. The Psalmist says: "I will walk within my house with a perfect heart." The husband cannot throw this responsibility upon his wife and relieve himself of it, nor vice versa. It is the obligation of parents no less than children, and of children no less than parents. But it is very clear that if the resolution is to be carried out on the part of any or all, the strength to do it must be looked for only from the Lord. We must do what David did even before he gave utterance to his vow, when he exclaimed, "Oh, when wilt thou come unto me?" It is only as God comes unto us, as he fills us with his Holy Spirit through our faith in Christ, that we can be so instructed and sanctified and quickened as to discharge this solemn duty. Let us then seek him in a new sense and with renewed consecration at the beginning of this year, that dwelling in us individually in power, he may dwell in our households.

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IN THE LIMELIGHT

ROUMANIA'S ENGLISH QUEEN



After a lapse of twenty-one years the carefully laid plans of the British foreign office are bearing most timely fruit, and today an English princess, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, sits upon the throne of Roumania alongside the new king, Ferdinand I, whose broken health and weak will make his title a more than usually empty sham. But Queen Marie is every inch a queen. It has been said of her that she combines the qualities of Elizabeth of England with the faults of Catherine of Russia. The truth is that she is a very beautiful, high-spirited and strong-minded woman of nearly forty.

She is the daughter of the duke of Edinburgh, who later became duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and her mother was the radiant Grand Duchess Marie of Russia, the petted child of the ill-fated Czar Alexander II. When she was a mere girl, barely over sixteen, she was married "for reasons of state" to his royal highness Prince Ferdinand Victor Albert Mainrad of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, who four years before had been adopted by his uncle, the late King Charles I, who had no children, and made crown prince of Roumania.

Marie at twenty-one was the mother of three fine children, but she could not win her husband's love, so she became quite the most dashing royal flirt in Europe. Then, too late, the prince fell madly in love with his wife. Six children have been born to them, but they have not enjoyed any great degree of marital felicity. The queen is very fond of her children, and each when old enough is taught a trade.

IRELAND'S NEW VICEROY

Lord Wimborne, who has succeeded Lord Aberdeen as viceroy of Ireland, is quite well known in the United States, having visited this country several times, his latest trip being for the purpose of bringing over the polo team that captured the international cup last summer. Wimborne is not especially popular, though he is affable, enthusiastic and very ambitious. His first visit to America was when, as Hon. Ivor Guest, he officiated as best man at the wedding of his cousin, the duke of Marlborough, to Consuelo Vanderbilt. Through his mother he is descended from the first duke of Marlborough. On his father's side, however, his ancestry is of a less historic character, and he is descended from John Guest, a self-made man, who in the middle of the eighteenth century founded the great Downish iron works, in Glamorganshire, which still remain in the family, and constitute the principal source of Lord Wimborne's great wealth. His income is estimated at considerably over a million dollars a year.



Lord Wimborne succeeded to his father's peerage and estates last spring, shortly before coming to this country with his polo team, and is married to Hon. Alice Grosvenor, daughter of Lord Ebury. One of his brothers, Capt. the Hon. Frederick Guest, is married to the daughter of Henry Phlips of New York, while another brother, the Hon. Lionel Guest, has as wife Flora, daughter of the late John Bigelow of New York.

WHITMAN'S SUCCESSOR



Charles A. Perkins, whom Governor Whitman of New York selected as his successor in the office of district attorney, is considered by the people of the metropolis to be safe, sane and conservative. Off and on he has been connected with the district attorney's office throughout his official life, and he has prosecuted some notable cases. First and foremost Mr. Perkins gives one the impression of the professional man, the man of quiet, scholarly tastes. There is about him nothing to suggest either the aggressive or adroit politician. In spite of his upstanding figure and military, vigorous physique, he gives a hint of an academic bent—which is not difficult to account for. His father, Albert C. Perkins, was one of the most distinguished educators of a past generation.

It is not to be imagined, however, that Mr. Perkins takes the world about him overseriously. His sense of humor is a delight to his friends. It is as keen as it is unobtrusive. No interviewer can leave him without the conviction that it is one of his outstanding characteristics, and that he has been getting a lot of quiet fun during all the years he has been in charge of the preparation of indictments for New York county, and making a reputation for keeping mum.

He is a hard and late worker, and he allows himself little time for recreation. In his younger days he used to sail a catboat. In the summers now when he goes to the woods he takes along a camera to indulge his weakness for taking views for an old-fashioned stereopticon.

JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS' DUEL

Comparatively few seem to know that John Sharp Williams once fought a duel.

It was when John Sharp was over in Germany attending Heidelberg university. He and a German student sassed each other and the German challenged him. John Sharp Williams, being the challenged party, had the choice of weapons. His opponent, forgetting all about his being an American, supposed he would pick sabers, just as any German would; but there was where John Sharp came along with a neat little joke. He said they would fight with United States army revolvers.



The idea of shooting a man with a revolver two feet long was new to German dueling, and the native student was a wreck when the morning arrived for them to kill off one another. John Sharp, on the other hand, ate heartily of ham and eggs, as the saying is, and seemed perfectly composed as they teed themselves up for the opening shot. The German, with a vibrant hand, fired off south by southeast of John Sharp, who purposely shot up toward a spot eight degrees to the left of the zenith. And having thus speedily completed the morning's entertainment, the principals shook hands and went their ways.

Speed in the War Game.

The war-service record has been set up by a Lancashire man, who left England for the front on a Thursday, was wounded on the firing line on the following Monday, and was back in England in a hospital on the succeeding Thursday—the eighth day after he left England.

Geological Survey. Areas comprising 69,058 square miles were covered last year by geological surveys of various degrees of refinement, ranging from detailed surveys to broad reconnaissance work.—Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Director, United States Geological Survey.

COW'S SKELETON SAVED HIM

Arkansas Youth Had Been Convicted in Court of Stealing Animal.

Little Rock, Ark.—The finding of the skeleton of a cow in a woods in Howard county saved William Kennedy, twenty-four, from entering the penitentiary. Kennedy had been convicted of stealing the cow, and sentenced to one year.

He was allowed to come to Little