

NAVAL WARFARE.

The frightful devastation that may be done in future battles.

We are still blindly groping when we dream of the naval warfare of today or tomorrow. All we actually know is that the penetrative powers which we assign to our guns are entirely mythical when tested in actual practice, and that we have no reliable data by which we can correct and make a proportionate scale.

Near or far, however, it needs no gift of prophecy to foresee some of the things that will happen under present day conditions. Increased range will merely prolong the early stages of an action. Sooner or later all unarmored portions of the battleships will be blown to pieces; wreckage of top hamper will gradually block the guns; shot holes in the funnels will reduce the speed and make the engine room an inferno of heat. Two hundred degrees F. may be looked for there, and it will have to be endured as best it may. The water line is little likely to be hit, but rents just above it will be plentiful enough where there is any sea on the tons of water thus shipped will seriously affect a ship's speed, if indeed it does not capsize her. The electric lights will break down. There will be nothing but oil lamps to pierce the choking blackness. Fires may be looked for here and there. It is the opinion of many naval officers that—at any rate in a duel—no captain will be able to stand the strain of this for long; that by mutual consent the ships will steam into close range, anxious to finish the matter without further delay.

What will happen in such a case, with the ships so near that no gun can miss, so near that no armor can withstand the fearful impact, the imagination cannot really grasp. The devastation such an engagement must produce is too tremendous for a fanciful conception. It has one bright side—its endurance must be very short. There are those who think that upon one side or the other panic will seize the crews; that men will spring overboard rather than endure the strain. It may be so. It is a question of discipline and of how far discipline will hold.

The real danger of a modern sea fight at long range lies in the ammunition question. After such a battle ships, perhaps still quite unscathed, will be left with empty magazines. The biggest ironclad cannot carry enough for more than a few hours' vigorous cannonade.

Curiously enough, saving a few torpedo officers—to whom the question may well present itself with special vividness—no one has yet considered the thing that, before all others, may cause the torpedoist to fire too soon. It is the thought, "Suppose I am killed before I get my chance!"

The average torpedo man expects to get killed when he attacks. With him the question is, "Shall I be killed before I can fire or after?" The more anxious he may be not to die without having done something the more likely he is to fire at too great a range.

Every step taken in invention thrusts the brave but untrained sailor or more into the background. In addition to a countless courage the ideal seaman of the future must possess more scientific skill than is needed in any other walk in life and an absolute immunity from nerves.—Fred T. Jane in Forum.

At Variance.
Precocious Juvenile—Mamma, it isn't good grammar to say "after I," is it?

His Mother—No, George.

Precocious Juvenile—Well, the letter J comes after I. Which is wrong, the grammar or the alphabet?—Chicago Tribune.

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Colorado's Mineral Collection.

During the past two years, with an appropriation of but \$16,000 for the necessary expenses, there has been collected, classified and arranged in the basement of the state capitol a collection of minerals which is far in advance of any similar collection in the mining states of the country and is in many respects superior to the best collections of the older universities of the country and in some of its special features has no superior in the world. Not long since a professor in the mineralogical department of Yale college spent eight hours per day for three weeks in studying the collection and said that he had never seen its equal. An attaché of the British museum, who visited Denver a few weeks ago, said there were specimens in the collection which could not be duplicated in any museum in Christendom, and for one of the specimens he offered \$1,200, frankly stating that it was the finest of the kind in existence.—Denver Republican.

Prince Henry of Prussia.

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