Navy's Pace Emphasized by Scrapping of Fleet's Erstwhile Giants

Interesting Bits of History Cling to Oregon and Others of Twelve Obsolete Battleships Slated for Retirement—Useful Purposes Which They Still May Serve

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The plans are being made for scrapping the old battleships, but as the hull moves down the ways at the ships' shed, old timers of the Navy Department have discovered that the records, manuals, blueprints, and plans of the last ten battleships are of incalculable value to the new Navy. The vessels which the Navy Department had offered for sale were all overhauled and fitted for the sale to the highest bidder. The plans for the last ten battleships were kept and stored in a safe deposit bank vault. The old Navy Department had offered for sale the last ten battleships and the plans for the same were kept and stored in a safe deposit bank vault. The old Navy Department had offered for sale the last ten battleships and the plans for the same were kept and stored in a safe deposit bank vault. The old Navy Department had offered for sale the last ten battleships and the plans for the same were kept and stored in a safe deposit bank vault. The old Navy Department had offered for sale the last ten battleships and the plans for the same were kept and stored in a safe deposit bank vault. The old Navy Department had offered for sale the last ten battleships and the plans for the same were kept and stored in a safe deposit bank vault.

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