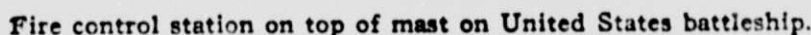


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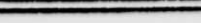
This story, which will appear in weekly instalments, is not a plea for militarism. It is not a plea for anything. It is intended simply to tell in logical sequence facts that do exist. It is the answer of military experts, who long have faced these facts apprehensively, to the question: "Can we defend ourselves?"

1 Statement based on statistics.  
2 Authorities concede these matters.



More than one citizen when he left his house to go to his accustomed work looked up at the sky and won-

It was news that told of an invulnerable fleet carrying more than a thousand rifle cannon of the largest



"Good God, man!" The Congressman wiped his forehead with a trembling, fat hand. "I can't go back and

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opinion on study of the recent naval battles, claim that a difference of as little as 10 per cent in efficiency between fleets otherwise absolutely equal means inevitable destruction for the inferior fleet.

