

SPAIN'S NAVY AND OUR OWN.

Ships That Would Fight in Event of War and How They Are Equipped.

THE DOGS HAVE SOME FINE VESSELS.

We Would Have Much More Dangerous an Enemy Than Most People Suppose—Mates for Our Own Cruisers.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—What would happen at sea if the United States and Spain went to war? In spite of all the new interests which crop up with the new administration, this is a question that people here are asking. It is a question that has been presented by almost every inquiring mind wherever patriotism exists in the United States.

about 16 knots an hour, and in this respect alone is slightly inferior to the biggest craft in our own navy. The battleship Iowa which has her trial trip next month, will be the one vessel in the United States Navy, which will come near to equalling the Pelayo. The only vessels that now fly our flag which can be considered fit antagonists for Spain's banner warships are the battleships Indiana and Massachusetts, the armament of each of which consists of four 12-inch eight and four 6-inch guns. These ships are of 11,000 tons displacement as compared with the Pelayo's 10,000, but in point of service than either of our own ships have the thickest of side armor, but it is only in a partial belt which protects the vital of the ship. It is of a maximum thickness of 12 inches, and is composed of Harvey's nickel steel. The bore of the guns of these battleships is about 12 inches in diameter. The guns are mounted within 17 inch steel turrets and 3-inch of steel protect the 6-inch battery.



IT IS THESE SHIPS WHICH WILL DO THE ACTUAL FIGHTING IF THE MURDER OF AMERICANS IN CUBA PRECIPITATES WAR. SPANISH FLEET IS THE DARK ONE. FOR EXACT DESCRIPTION OF THE LEADING VESSELS SEE ACCOMPANYING DESCRIPTION.

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could touch them. Spain has one big line upon which it could draw—the Colombia Trans-Atlantic, whose 22 steamers have a gross tonnage of more than 100,000. To defeat Spain in a sea contest would, it will be seen from the facts given, be a task that differs widely from child's play. If Uncle Sam and Don Spauldier really come to blows, it will be a duel each of the combatants in which will have a foeman worthy of his steel.

ONLY A MAGUIAN'S ACT. Yet It Frightened a Young Farmer Into Insanity and Gray Hairs. John M. Woodley is the name of a young farmer who lives in Sandwich South. One week ago he was strong and healthy, with a mind considerably above the intellect of his associates. To day he is little better than a physical wreck. His hair, which was black as a raven's wing, is already turning gray.

clever road horses. At the fair grounds starting in its suggestiveness, Woodley sat unmoved throughout the performance until the last act on the programme—that of decapitation, was reached. As the conjurer, after stating what he was about to do, started making his preparations, the young man began to display considerable uneasiness. He started in his seat and glanced about him nervously. At last all was ready and with one sweep of his big, keen-bladed knife, the conjurer apparently severed his victim's head from his body, holding it in plain view of the audience. The trick is an old one and beyond a little applause and a few nervous "oh's" from him, and a few nervous "oh's" from him, the whole being a bit of clever delusion.

The Easter Birth. Again the flower-shoot cleaves the cloud; Again the grass-ooze greens the sod; Again buds dot the willow-red. The sap released within the tree Is like a prisoned bird set free. And montheth upward buoyantly. Once more at purple evening-dream The tender-voiced, enamored stream Unto the rush renews its theme. How packed with meaning this new birth Of all the growing things of earth— Life springing after death and death!

HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

FORICOMING NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR PROMISES WELL.

The Races to Be a Prominent Feature. Notes from Raleigh—Trotters at Acca Farm—General Miles is Coming.

Secretary John Nichols, of the North Carolina State Agricultural Society at Raleigh informs me that the prospect is bright for the annual fair and race meeting to be held in October next. The fair will be probably the most successful in the history of the association, both financially and in point of attendance. The race programme which was quite a good one in 1896 and proved such a drawing card will be enlarged this fall and purses of sufficient size offered to attract a higher class of horses than have heretofore associated over the half-mile track of the association. It is very likely that a Raleigh fair and race meeting will be held at Greensboro, Charlotte, Rocky Mount, New Bern and other points in North Carolina.

fender's dam. Defender is a pacer and one of the most promising three-year-olds in North Carolina. Last season in his three-year-old form he could pace quarters in 22 seconds. He is owned by Captain R. N. Williamson, Eion College, N. C., who bred him. At Acca Farm, W. G. Bryan has probably the largest stable of trotters and pacers in training in the State, among them some with records that are likely to be materially reduced this season. He has engaged W. E. Coover as an assistant who formerly trained at Bowling Green, Ky., and later at the New Market track at Petersburg, Va. Coover trained and drove to their records among others, Red Line, 2:15; Indiana Belle, 2:24 1/4; Ellis, 2:26 1/4; Rigmores, 2:26 1/4; and Tillie Ferguson, 2:26 1/4. Bryan has commenced to jog Albert C., 2:39 3/4; Gordon Smith, 2:23 1/4; Princess Eulalia, pacer, 2:23 1/4, and looks for the trio to make good winners this season as the two former were in 1896. Bryan has over twenty horses all told in his stable, and among the new arrivals are Tillie Ferguson, 2:28 1/4 and a black mare, Kitty Hawk, 2:27 1/4. The former is owned by Orlando Burnett, Tarboro, N. C., and the latter by Cross & Linnehan, Raleigh, N. C. Bryan will make the first start of the season at Norfolk in May and then go to Baltimore and take part in the Gentlemen's Driving Park and Pimlico meetings.

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