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Britain Safe from invasion

Conclusion of an english .
naval expert

Ever since a certain foreign. Power obtained the complete designs of Britain's first Dreadnought before that vessel was ready for launching the British Admiralty has displayed an amount of secrecy over its inaval ship-building that could not be surpassed even in Germany. The utmost precautions have been taken to guard the secrets of the two battleships King George V and Centurion, which were begun on Monday. Only a very few privileged persons were present at the kleel laying of these vessels, and press representatives and photographers were barred from the ceremony.

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The King George V. is being constructed at the Portsmouth naval dockyard, and the Centurion at the Devonport naval dockyard. No details of their design are officially obtainable, nor have emp particulars of their design are officially obtainable, nor have figures which will prove approximately correct.

The vessels are two of the five first class battleships provided in the 1910-11 naval estimates. All of these ships lause been ordered. They are as follows: King George V. Centurion, Ajax, Audacious and a battleship crusier. The first four will be sister ships of the super-Dreadnought type, and they will embody many important improvements upon vessels of the Orion class, their immediate predecessors, of which four are building for the navy. The following comparison of the King George V. with the Orion and the original Dreadmought will show the great progress made in battliship construction since the birthof the Dreadmought era. battlship construction since birth of the Dreadnought era.

	George V.	Orion	nought.
Length feet	600	580	490
Beam, fest	884	884	82
Displacement	23,500	22,500	17,900
Horse power	30.000	27.000	23,000
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Broadside, pounds.	13.000	13.000	6.980

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It will be seen that, judged by hitting capacity, the King George V. will be nearly twice as powerful as the Dreadnought. The distribution of the armament is not yet known, but it is assumed that all the ten 13.5 inch twin larbettes will be on the centrel line with the second and fourth so raised as to permit of a four gun fire ahead and astern. All ten can fire on the broadside with large arcs of fire. The 13.5 tonch gun will fire a 1.250 pound shell.

The thickest armor of the original Dreadnought was 11 inches of Krupp steel. The thickest armor of the King George V and her sisters will be 12 inches of Simpson steel; which is greatly superior in its resisting power.

The original Dreadnought carried five 12 inch torpedo tubes. The King George V, will have three tubes firing the 21 inch torpedo with a range of 7.000 yards.

The contract for the fifth vessel of the 1910-11 programme, a batteship cruiser, has just been awarded to Messers. Palmer at Jarrow. Her turbines will be built by the Wallsend Slipway and Engineering Company, who constructed the turbines for the Orion It will be seen that, judged by

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as well as those for the Mauretania. The new battleship cruiser will be a mighty vessel, with engines more powerful than even those of the big Cunarder.
When the five ships of the 1910-11 programe are completed by the spring of 1913 the British nay will possess a total of twenty-five vessels of the Dreadmought class as follows.
Dreadmought Battleships—Ten armed each with ten 12 inch guns.
Dreadmought Cruisers — Four armed each with eight 12 inch guns.

Super-Dreadnought Battleships Eight armed each with ten 13.5

inch guns.
Super-Dreadnought Cruisers—
Three armed each with eight 13.5

Three armed each with eight 10.00 inch gans.

And in addition two Dread-nought cruisers, each carrying 12 inch gans, are being built for Australia and New Zealand.

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The 1909 programme includes four additional ships—the Oldenburg, launched last June, and the Ersatz Hidebrand, and a battleship cruiser, H, which should have been launched by this time and cannot be long delayed. They will be completed in the spring and autumn of 1912. At that date Germany will have thirteen Dreadnoughts ready to twenty or twenty-two British, including the colonial vessels.

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En 1913 Germany will add four other vessels of the 1910 programme and in 1914 four more, which are to be ordered officially next April, making a total of twenty-one. At that date Great-British will—have twenty-five Dreadnoughts completed, and there will be the two colonial vessels if no no further new ones are ordered.

Much discussion has arisen in London and Berlin over the publication of "Notes Containing the British Admiralty View of the Risk of Invasion" of Great British Board of Admiralty, are added as an appendix to the second edition, just issued, of "Compulsory Service," by Gen Sir lan Hamilton.

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These notes which are signed "A. K. W." the initials of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Arthur Knyvet Wilson, were prepared, it is officially stated, for the use of the War Office in a debate which was to have taken place last November in the House of Lords on a motion of Lord Roberts, who raised somewhat of a scare at the time by declaring that the shores of these islands were by no means so invulnerable to foreign invasion of their inhabitants liked to think. The debate never took place owing to the intervention of the goneral election.

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in war is not invasion but inter-ruption of our trade and destruc-tion of our merchant shipping.

Presentation on Mr. W. H. Sample

Mr. W. H. Sample

A very pleasant and notable function took place on Sunday night at the Northern Railway Station, the occasion being the presentation of an address and valuable diamond ring, by the officials and office staff to Mr. W. H. Sample. The presentation was in the form of a surprise. On Mr. Samples's return from dinner at about 9 p. m., he was somewhat startled by a sudden booming of fire crackers and giant Chinese aquibs in the yard within a few jeet of where he had to pass, this was the signal to throw the swith controlling the electric lights which had been arranged on the front porch of the dwelling. Captain W. Owem, the pier master, made the presentation and read a short address, to which Mr. Sample replied in suitable terms, thanking them for the proof of their good feeling towards himrefreshments were then passed around enlivened by toasts. The foreum of the shops on behalf of the men also presented him with an address, expressing their regretath is departure and thanking him for the many thoughtful acts of kindness received at his hands from time to time. The gathering broke up at 11 p. m. Mr. Sample was also the recipient of other presents consisting of valuable pipes, umbrella, etc., from the firemen and shop hands, all of whôm realize that they have lost a chief who was always in sympaty with them and with whom the most cordial relations existed in the execution of their several duties.

was an inveterage hunter, but did not go far afield.

"I'wo of the little creatures died and then the third, linkle, could hardly bear to let me out for her sight. But whatever happened to the mongeese they never went to any one but my husband or myself, never outley fertuing to ave anything to do with the servants, though the latter fed them and were very fond of animals, and very kind to them, as all unspoiled Filiptions. It was this quality of personal devotion which constituted the dogike characteristics of our dear lite mongeese and mude them unlike any other pets except dogs."

Current News.

We learn that a petition numer-ously signed by residents of this town will shortly be presented to the Post Master General at San Jose asking that the acting ap-pointment of Mr. Castro as post master for Limon be confirmed.

The United Fruit Co. steamer "Parismina" with mails and passengers is expected tomorrow morning. She is timed to leave in the evening for New Orleans via Puerto Barrios, taking a large cargo of bananas.

The family of Sr. Eugenio La-micq that arrived here from New Orleans on Tuesday last left on train yesterday for San Jose.

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Yesterday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock a boy about 17 years of age went into the market and when opposite Jesus Baldress tail he spied some sugar heads on his stall, the lad evidently thought his body should feast as well as his eyes walked up to the stall and snatched up one of the sugar heads. When seen he took to his heels but was holly pursued by the owner and a few other persons. The little thief discovering the distance between himself and his pursuers was being shortened threw away the sugar; the owner seemed to be content with what was rightly his picked it up and abandoned the chase.

entrance to the United The entrance to the United Fruit Company's hospital is being ornamented with a pair of elaborate iron gates; later on a keeper's lodge will be erected and a man placed in charge. An up-to-date galvanic battery is also being installed in the institution.

It is said that Mr. J. C. Wilson has acquired that magnificent property opposite the Plaza de Toros and which belonged to Cap-

Among the passengers by the "Prinz Joachim" on Monday was Mr. H. G. C. Beckett, whom on the advice of Dr. Steggall proceeds to Jamaica for the benefit of his health, Mr. Beckett had no

sooner recovered from a severe attack of black water fever than he had the misfortune of sustaining a masty fall on the pavement in front of his residence fracturing his skull, symptoms of the dreaded black water fever again appeared and through the untiring attention and skill of his medical attendant he was sufficiently restored to enable his taking the trip by which we trust he will be restored to his former good health.

Dr. Sterling of Bocas del Toro fame has abtained adrug gist license from the authorities in San Jose. We understand that it is his intention to open a small drug business in this town.

Abowt four weeks ago the s.s. Sarnia had the misfortune of landing a dead woman that had embarked at Jamaica. The woman took ill on the voyage and when a few miles from this port she died. The matter was reported to the Bristish Vice Counsel and the necessary preparations were made for the burial of the remains of the woman at Camp One. Yesterday at a put lic sale at Nº 1 Bodega the woma 'as trunk with its contents was put up for sale and "knock down" for £10, the purchaser being Mr. Ash. Like the "Old Arm Chair," when the trunk was opened by Mr. Ash to his joy and delight he found \$15 (gold) safely stored away in it. We will refer to this matter in our editorial to-morrow. Abowt four weeks ago the s.s.

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