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### THE TIMES Porto Limon, Costa Rica (G. A.) THE PRINCIPAL NAVAL POWERS.

It is significant to note, in view of the articles in the *Herald* on the centres of naval activity in the dual monarchy, that official recognition of the Austro-Hungarian navy as a factor of growing importance in the European situation is a salient feature of the well known Dilko return, a new issue of which has just appeared.

This return, which gives particulars of the ships of the principal powers reduced to a common scale for purposes of comparison was first asked for in the House of Commons was Lord Charles Beresford in May, 1886, when he was the Conservative member for East Mylebone. It was not until ten years later that the return became associated with the name of the late Sir Charles Dilke, and since then it has been issued annually.

In 1896 a change was made in the list of fleets included, the Austrian navy being omitted and that of the United States inserted in its place. After fifteen years the former is now restored to the return and thus a defeat which has been frequently pointed out is rectified.

By the inclusion of the fleet of Austria-Hungary the naval statistic is enabled to compare the material strength of the fleet of Great Britain with that of the Triple Alliance as a basis of comparison of naval strength instead of the two-Power standard because in the latter case the United States fleet must be included. Although in some ways the two-Power standard might be thought the more desirable formula because it is quite inapplicable in its application and does not necessarily introduce any invidious reflection, yet, as the Prime Minister stated two years ago that the government could not use it without taking into consideration also geographical conditions a standard which is merely of European application is deemed by many preferable.

The issue of the revised Dilko return with the fleet of Austria-Hungary included is therefore most apposite for a comparison of material naval strength by such a standard provided it is properly used. It is not enough to compare the figures alone, but in addition the age and the displacement of the ships must be analyzed. The method adopted by the Admiralty in compiling this return is to exclude, so far as armoured vessels are concerned, all ships more than twenty years old from date of launch. The total number of battleships shown in the return for Great Britain is 53, while the total for the Triple Alliance is 52, made up of 32 for Germany, 11 for Austria and 9 for Italy. This both curious and significant to discover that it makes little difference in the relative numbers whatever standard of age is adopted. Thus if instead of twenty we take fifteen years as the limit it is found that Great Britain has 43 battle ships, as compared with 41 of the three Continental Powers. If ten years is fixed as the new limit, the numbers are 27 to 29, and if 5 years is chosen then Great Britain has 10 battleships of that age to 9 for the Triple Alliance.

There is, however, a

### CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE IN THE MARGIN

when a comparison is made between the armoured cruisers of the Powers, for whereas Great Britain has thirty-eight such vessels all less than twelve years of age, Germany has only ten, the oldest being fourteen years of age; while Austria has only three armoured cruisers. If again, battleships and armoured cruisers are taken together the position is: Great Britain, 91; Germany, 42; Italy, 19, and Austria, 14, or a total for the Triple Alliance of 75. These totals are for ships actually effective on March 31st and do not include on the one hand, vessels more than twenty years of age, or on the other, those that are building.

Age is only one of the elements which must enter into a calculation of relative effective strength. To complete the comparison and to obtain a fair idea of the relative potencies of the vessels it is essential also to contrast their displacements. Provided it be skillfully designed, the larger the ship the greater its offensive power and its defensive qualities. While, therefore, naval strength depends on many factors, and mainly on the number and quality of its trained officers and men, displacement, coupled with age, is a fair measure of comparative power. It is important therefore, when showing that the Triple Alliance has fifty-two battleships and Great Britain only one more than this number, to point out also that no fewer than twenty-nine of the former are smaller than the smallest of the latter. Great Britain has twenty-six battleships of 15,000 tons and over, whereas Germany has only four and Italy and Austria have none. If 12,000 tons is taken as the standard of displacement, all the fifty-three battleships, with the exception of the "Triumph" and "Swiftsure," would be included, but only fourteen for Germany, six for Italy, and two for Austria.

### Current Items.

Rev. Waite-Smith sailed from Jamaica on Saturday 17th inst. for Bocas-del-Toro to take up his curacy to which he was appointed by Bishop Barry.

Among the deckers by the "Sarnia" on Monday for Jamaica was John Dunca, a negro carpenter, who recently perjured himself on behalf of the notorious Quack, Washington Sterling, to whom he is connected by marriage. It will not be surprising if late "Barke tariff" is applied to him in the near future.

Yesterday morning Mr. Hill laid his complaint to the higher authorities concerning the ill-treatment he received on Monday evening from two policemen, when he called upon the manager of a hotel for certain monies due him. Ample justice was given him, as a letter was at once written and sent to the Comandante recommending the instant dismissal of the two men.

Mr. Dowell, the popular agent in Limon for the United Fruit Company's liner steamers arrived from San Jose on Monday last where he was vice Mr. Charles White, who was in Limon discharging his duties. We believe

both gentlemen will be missed both ways, as wherever they go they gain the admiration of those that come in contact with them.

The United Fruit Company's s.s. "Heredia" arrived early yesterday morning from New Orleans with mails and the following passengers:—E. F. Martin, T. Barnett, T. W. Thompson, M. Ewing, S. H. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Max Koberg, Miss M. Koberg, Erom Barrios, C. F. W. Shumake, John W. Gordon, Samuel Humphreys, L. B. Sherbocker and 7 deck passengers; also 17 cabin and 11 deck passengers in transit.

The s.s. "Bolivern," of the United Fruit Company Line of steamers arrived in this harbour on Monday night on the Mobile, doing the journey in four and a half days. The captain had a very rough voyage coming down; he reported that he had the greatest and heaviest winds and heavy seas running in the Gulf of Mexico, and also in the Caribbean Sea to Cap's Gracias. When the winds moderated the swells became great accompanied by rains and squalls. The ship was six hours late in consequence of the weather.

The Quack Doctor Sterling is still up against it, according to the "Central American News" of the 17th inst. The long pending suit brought against Miss Henrietta Jackson by Washington Sterling, in which it was proven that the document alleging an acknowledgment for medical attendance, was a lie and criminal felony, was brought to a close during last week by the decision of Dr. Alejandro Rodriguez. The embargo was raised and all the money collected for rent was handed to Miss Jackson. The suit lasted nearly two years.

A correspondent writes complaining of the small congregation that assembled at St. Mark's Church on Sunday morning last. He attributes the paucity of the attendance to the shortsightedness of the Ven. Archdeacon Robinson who is in charge of the church. The writer states that besides the Archdeacon there are two Curates attached to the church; these in conjunction with the Archdeacon are supposed to do the work in Limon and on the lines. But instead of this the "Dean" was allowed to conduct service, much to the disgust of only about a dozen persons, who it is understood was not aware of his presence. The organist who is always at his post did not put in his appearance. This state of affair is deplorable as it was only recently the people exhibited their dissatisfaction, but as time wore on they became peaceable and is now trying to cooperate with their spiritual chief. It is hoped such a blunder will not be permitted again as it may cause utter collapse. The writer is in sympathy with Captain Owen and the two ladies that accompanied him expecting to get some good spiritual food.

Luise daughter of the Kaiser to hereditary Grand Duke Adolph Friedrich, of Mecklenburg-Strelitz is soon to be announced, as it had been hoped, owing to the favourable impression made here by the Kaiser's daughter, that an alliance with the English royal family would be a result, connecting the Princess's name with those of the Prince of Wales and Prince Arthur of Connaught.

### Coronation Day at Siquirres.

(From our Special Correspondent)  
There was a gathering of a public nature to mark this important event at Siquirres. The Day School teacher gave a short lecture to the children, and read the spiritual sketches of King George and Queen Mary and the coronation of Jamaica that day. The children showed great delight on seeing the portraits of the King and Queen also that of President Ricardo Jimenez. The short proceeding was brought to a close with the singing of the British National Anthem.

### AT LA JUNTA.

This section was more lively than Siquirres. All began to the energetic Jamaicans again tonight to Limon. In response to the invitation of Mr. S. Taylor, captain of the Livingston C. C., the St. Albert C. C. of San Alberto came up in full strength, led by their captain Mr. R. Hewitt. This "King of Games" and "English game" began at 12 o'clock and was fixed to stop at 5:30 p.m. Fortunately no more rain fell and as the ground was so dry there was no mud.

The St. Albert men first went in and fell out to the bowling of Skipper Taylor and Adjutant Hall with the comparatively small score of 357 S. Nation making 29 and the skipper Mr. Hewitt 10. Lunch taken, the Livingston C. C. went in, but rapid was the idea yuck to the pavilion, and when the tenth wicket fell only 12 runs were scored, leaving the St. Albert C. C. with a lead of 33 runs on the first innings. The St. Albert C. C. again went in and hit up 52 runs for the loss of a wicket. How well making 17 not out. At this juncture as there was only one left the skipper declared his innings closed. Promptly the Livingston C. C. was tried to show fight and made a grand start with their captain and one John Hall. Mr. Hall drove hard and made the biggest hit for the day, driving the ball for several hundred yards into the ground. Great was the unanimous applause of the on-lookers at the stroke, which he registered this man 6 runs and ball him the per of his side. He did, however, follow the Livingston C. C. a better kind of the ten seven wickets fell for 34. San Alberto's men, therefore, went home with the pride of victory while the Livingstonians took their defeat with 89 and 100.

It is important to note that the St. Albert C. C. quite a new club, has played three matches in succession and carried home the honours of victory. Just a fortnight ago they beat the Peacocks of Limon, with a great margin of 57, and in their first venture, they crushed the Five Mile C. C. by an innings and 10 runs.  
Cheer up, Livingston C. C.  
Long live, Saint Albert C. C.

### Birds of Paradise in Trinidad.

The London "Times" says: Sir William Ingham, a knight and Honorary Fellow of the Zoological Society, undertaken about two years ago a remarkable experiment in acclimatization. He obtained a number of examples of both sexes of the Greater Bird

of Paradise from their native haunts in the Aru Islands, and had them transported to a small island off the coast of Trinidad. The climatic conditions are fairly similar, but there is no difficulty about food, as birds of Paradise do well on almost any kind of fruit, whilst probably they take also, either regularly or occasionally, any small animals they are able to catch.

Recent reports show that the colony is doing well; broods have been reared and some of the birds are stated to be establishing themselves on the mainland of Trinidad. Fortunately the laws for the protection of birds in Trinidad are not only strict but very well kept, and there is now a good hope that a new and safer home has been found for these beautiful creatures.

### Famous Beauties.

The famous beauties of the world are wise when they leave no portraits of themselves, says a writer. Take Marguerite of Valois. She was an immortal, discommoding animal, scheming, unscrupulous, villainous, but she has done well with such charm that there was not a jailer or an enemy she could not charm when she tried. No, not a woman—not even the wives of her lovers. Men came from every country taking year long journeys, only to see her, and went away after a little glimpse: saying one has had "seen loveliness itself?" Then they see her portraits. Too much forehead, not enough eyebrow, a straight nose and expressive mouth (in one picture a lovely mouth—and that is all, Mary Queen of Scots was lovely—three king-puns batted because of her beauty—and yet her picture leaves one cold. Foucaud said her portrait showed every trait of the lowest criminal type. That was before he knew whose picture he criticised.

### New German Dreadnought.

It is a bar g—Secreey surrounds the launching of the new German battleship Frederick der Grosse.

The new Dreadnought is the second turbine battleship to be added to the navy of the Kaiser. Information as to the tonnage, armament and other details of the new fighting craft is strictly guarded by the German government, all attempts to secure same to date having been unavailing.

### Killed by Chinaman

Chicago—Because he refused to pay 25 cents for a bowl of sugar, which he had spoiled by pouring a cup of tea into it, Carl Johnson, 19 years old, was shot and fatally wounded by Charles Wae, the owner of a Chop Sui restaurant. Wae is held at the police station charged with manslaughter.

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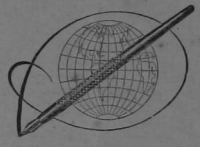
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