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HER NAVAL PROGRAM

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MR. GOSCHEN'S SPEECH

Announcing a Battleship Construction Plan Which Startled All Europe—"Leviathans of the Deep" to Be Added Forthwith to the British Navy.

In proposing the naval vote in the Imperial house of commons on July 22, Mr. Goschen, who was received with cheers, said that before he submitted the supplementary programme, which he said was not what he expected, he wished to say a few words with regard to the previous programme. The Admiralty had made good progress with the ordinary programme of the year, though he was bound to say that the effects of the labor difficulties still hampered them to a certain extent. Three cruisers had been delivered—the Diadem, the Europa and the Niobe. They were all later than expected, but not, as regarded the first two, later than their first dates. The Niobe was only six weeks behind, a fact which he recommended to the hon. members who had a passion for penalties. (Hear, hear.) The Hannibal and Illustrious, the last two vessels of the Majestic class had been completed and were now in commission. This completed an important stage of construction. There were nine vessels of the class, and they commanded great admiration. This group was followed by another fine class of ships—namely, the Royal Sovereign class, composed of eight vessels. Besides this, there were six ships of the Admiral class, giving a total of twenty-nine of the first class. Then there were building six of the Canopus class, three of the Formidable class, which were improved Majestics, and in the original programme for this year three more Formidables were to be laid down. That made twelve first-class ironclads building, which added to the twenty-nine completed, gave a total of forty-one first-class battleships built and provided for. That was the position of the original programme, independently of the recent action which had been taken by a certain great power.

FIRST-CLASS BATTLESHIPS.

If they had in that forty-one, six which were not equal to the others there was a larger number of older and inferior ships in the list of any other two powers containing first-class ironclads. Our numbers of first-class battleships were equal to those of any two powers, taking those built and building. He was prepared to maintain that those forty-one ships could not be matched in power, speed and efficiency by the fleets of any other two powers. Let them recall the original programme of this year. He included three battleships, four armoured cruisers, four cruisers and four sloops. Three battleships were to be Formidables. The House would remember that certain controversies took place in refer-

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ence to the armoured question. He did not think it possible that the armour years were more than they anticipated, manufacturing firms could deliver, in the course of the present financial. The firms were working night and day, and what was very satisfactory was that all three firms were increasing their works, and hoped within a measurable time to increase their output. There was a fourth firm which would now be able to complete with them and bring in a certain amount of armour. Hon. members and the public should know that it was not only a question of supply of plates and armour, but those plates must be put to a certain test.

THE ARMOUR PROBLEM.

It was his duty to say a few words as to the reason which had induced the board of admiralty to propose those two mighty cruisers. They had to consider the cruisers which had been built by other countries. Our position in this country was not precisely the same as that of other countries as regarded cruisers. We had to protect our trade routes and our food supply. (Hear, hear.) We had to station a number of second and third class cruisers, of which we had a considerable number, should not be exposed to some specially constructed cruisers of more power from which they would not escape, and which might make a raid amongst them in distant waters. Therefore, they ought to have a limited number of ships which would be able to watch armoured cruisers of 21 knots of other powers and be equal to a speed of 23 knots. The Crescent class was sufficiently powerful in armor and protection to deal effectively with any foreign cruisers which they might succeed in bringing into action. The essential thing was that we should be able to deal promptly with the fast armoured vessels directly they came out, and for that purpose ships superior in armament and protection and which had at the same time unmistakable advantages in speed, were absolutely necessary. In the original programme for the year there was one change which he must communicate to the committee, and he thought they would approve of it. It was that one of the cruisers was to be built at Pembroke instead of the whole four being built by contract as originally intended.

SHIPBUILDING AT PEMBROKE.

In future Pembroke would be able to finish ships up to a further point than hitherto. They would also build with great rapidity. The ship would not cost more at Pembroke than if it were built by contract. This programme was considered sufficient with the knowledge the board had at the time, the estimates for the year were submitted. It was based on what might be called the two power system—the principle that we must be superior in power and equal in numbers to the fleets of any two countries. History had shown once and over again that two allies with the same number of ships were never considered equal to one fleet of a single power. It was a system followed from the first. The admiralty had acted upon it, and now in consequence of the action taken by another power that same system compelled them to take further action by a supplementary program. (Cheers.) Not a single ship nor a single man had been added to the navy in consequence of any outside pressure from whatever quarter. (Hear, hear.) The board of admiralty had followed their own system, and he would strongly hope that that might continue to be the policy of successive boards, and that they would be sustained by the authority of the house of commons.

PARALLEL ACTION.

In stating the supplementary programme he regretted that it should be his misfortune to have to introduce the name of any foreign power; but still it was impossible to conceal the fact that it was the action of Russia and the programme on which she had entered, which was the cause of our strengthening our fleet and taking parallel action with hers. (Hear, hear.) Let it be distinctly understood that what the board of admiralty proposed was not aggressive in the slightest sense. (Hear, hear.) Let Europe note that. They intended to increase their naval power because they believe it to be absolutely essential to maintain the principle that they had laid down. He would say more. He did not assume—he was not entitled to assume—that the action of Russia had possessions bordering upon other powers, who were increasing their navies very rapidly, and Russia had a perfect right to look to her own interests, and to build a fleet as she thought her position in the world required. But deeply as he regretted we should be forced into that position, we must take parallel action ourselves, with what other powers did. (Hear, hear.) The resources of this country, both in shipbuilding and engineering, with our power of manufacturing for ourselves what we required, the rapidity with which we could build ships, if we laid down ships as others laid them down, would enable us to keep pace with, if not outstrip, our neighbors. What then was the position? We knew of six Russian battleships to be laid down this year, including one already commenced. We had now verified where those six ships were being built. Of those he took two into account in his original estimate, so that the balance against us

was four. Accordingly, he must ask the house to sanction four more battleships beyond his original programme. (Cheers.) The new Russian programme provide for four cruisers, to be commenced this year, and we proposed to commence an equal number. The supplementary programme also includes twelve torpedo destroyers.

HIS NEW PROPOSALS.

His proposal was to make four battleships, four cruisers, and twelve torpedo destroyers. The torpedo destroyers ordered by Russia he believed were to be sent to eastern waters. The type of the cruisers was not yet settled, and the question was an extremely difficult one. He believed that most of the cruisers under the new Russian programme were protected and not armed. He must appeal to the committee to allow the board of admiralty a free hand as regarded these four cruisers at present. The later they divulged their plans the better it would be in the competition with other countries. (Hear, hear.) He could not give any accurate idea of the expenditure, only a general idea of the liabilities which would be incurred in the supplementary programme. If he took the ships, the armament and the ammunition, the total liability was about £3,000,000. He must not minimize the liabilities on the original programme, which amounted to about £7,000,000. Therefore, the two programmes together for shipbuilding which was proposed to be spread over a certain number of years, amounted to £15,000,000.

Sir W. Harcourt: How many years?

Mr Goschen said that would depend upon the terms of the contracts. All the ships were to be commenced as soon as possible.

IMPROVED BATTLESHIPS.

Sir W. Harcourt—Can the right hon. gentleman give us a general idea of the limit?

Mr Goschen said it would be not more than four years. He should think that none of the ships would take more than three and a half years to build. He omitted to state that the four new battleships would not be of the Formidable class, but would have rather more speed, rather less draught of water, would be more calculated to pass through the Suez Canal without lighting—(cheers)—slightly less armoured, but designed to meet those ships which they were likely to encounter in the waters to which they were to be sent. (Laughter.) They would be fully equal to meeting them there. (Renewed laughter.) He should have thought that hon. gentleman could have read between the lines. (Cheers.) It was very unlikely that any large sum would fall on the present financial year, except with regard to the torpedo destroyers. He had conferred with the chancellor of the exchequer, and he agreed that it would be better to introduce a supplementary estimate now, which would be no guide to the committee of the money required to be spent. He hoped that the committee would approve of that proceeding. He could not conceal the immense responsibility which was imposed on the board of admiralty of having to submit to the house a program of this magnitude, involving such enormous sums of money. In proposing it they had done no more than, but as much as, they believed to be their duty under the circumstances. (Cheers.) After a short discussion the vote was carried.

A CLERGYMAN MARRIED.

To a Young Lady of New Brunswick
WOODSTOCK, N. B. Aug. 10.—(Special)—Rev John Distant, Methodist pastor Kingsclear, was married today to Miss Edith L. Plummer of Jacksonville.

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A Troop Ship On Fire—The Captain's And Crew's Undaunted Heroism—Big Cuban Victories Reported Protocol for Peace Will Be Signed at Once.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(Special)—The protocol for peace on the President's original terms have been agreed upon and will be signed at once.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(The Cuban Junta reports big victories in the western provinces of Cuba where Gomez with 3000 men forced the trocha, both sides suffering heavy losses. The Cubans are suffering for food.

COAMO, Porto Rico, Aug. 10.—General Wilson took the town with a loss of seven wounded. Spanish had a general killed. There were also many others killed and wounded.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(Special)—The third Manila expedition had a terrible experience. There was a big fire in the coal bunkers of the Murgan City but the captain and crew kept the news secret from the troops and heroically fought the flames landing the troops safely.

MANILA, Aug. 10.—(Special)—Fighting continues here insurgents forcing contests lest peace be concluded before Manila falls; many houses are burned. The British consul has died of dysentery. Terrible storms are raging and disease is rampant.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, August 10.—(Special)—The following are the closing rates:
Aug. wheat, 69; corn, 32½; oats, 20½; pork, 9.10.
Sept wheat, 65½; corn, 32½; oats, 20½; pork 9.17.
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MERCANTILE MAN WEDS.

His Bride a Teacher in Rothesay School.

KINGSTON, August 10.—(Special)—James F. Robertson of the firm of Manchester Robertson & Allison, St. John, was married here today to Miss Josephine A. Hooper, late teacher in Rothesay school for girls. The couple have gone to the White Mountains.

GARRANZA IN MONTREAL.

Suspicion of His Mission to St. Pierre.

MONTREAL, Aug. 10.—(Special)—Lieut Carranza returned today and registered at the Windsor. He has returned to say farewell to his friends. He was at St. Pierre and it is believed superintended the shipment of several cargoes of provisions, some of which were seized from Halifax.

SITUATION CRITICAL.

Press Opinions of the Anglo-Russia Trouble.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(Special)—English and European papers all discuss the Chinese situation. German papers believe England as before will back down before Russian diplomacy while French papers consider the situation critical and the English press urges that the government be firm.

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