

EVANS' ABLE DEFENSE OF AMERICAN NAVY

Replies to Critics Who Say "No Definite Scheme of Tactics" Has Been Evolved.

BATTLE PLANS ARE ALL READY

Ships Prepared to Go to Sea With Any Other Navy in Either Peace or War Drill—United States Navy Not Only One in Which Mistakes Have Occurred.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16.—Rear Admiral Rosley D. Evans, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic fleet, made reply to a recent publication which conveyed an implied criticism of the efficiency of his command by declaring that the country's peace of mind required some official statement that a "definite scheme of battle tactics" has been developed. When Rear Admiral Evans' attention was called to this matter he said:

"The critics of foreign naval powers already are familiar with the details of our naval construction. If we should permit ourselves to be drawn into controversy over the details of our tactical development they would soon be likewise familiar with that. But since the criticism implies that the Atlantic fleet is being neglected by some one, I will say that from the Commander-in-Chief down to the enlisted men an effort has been made to be made to keep the ships of the Atlantic fleet up to the highest standard of efficiency and ready at any moment to defend the country. Any effort to give to the country any other impression is unjust, injurious and uncalled for."

"The gentlemen who appear to have misgivings on this score may sleep in perfect peace. Battle plans have been worked out in detail. Not only the division commanders of the fleet, but the captains of the ships are prepared to go to sea and drill with any foreign fleet either in peace evolutions or war evolutions. My own standard in such matters is rather high, and I read with the utmost attention and care the reports of the manoeuvres and drills of all the navies of the world. As far as I am able to judge the work done by the American fleet, all things considered, compares favorably with that of any other fleet under any other flag. Having made this statement, I decline to be drawn into any controversy tending to disclose the details of our plans."

Answers "The Navy" Criticism.

Rear Admiral Evans also consented to speak regarding the sweeping criticisms recently made by "The Navy" of the structural defects of certain American battle ships. The Rear Admiral's objection to these criticisms rested not against the recitation of certain faults which have been known and deplored in the service for years, but against the inference that this proves that American ships as a class are inefficient and that naval officers have only recently discovered it by comparison with other navies.

"In the proportion of battle ships with known structural defects greater in the American navy than in other navies?" Rear Admiral Evans was asked.

"An answer to that question," he replied "can be found in the statement made in the British Parliament recently in behalf of the Admiralty. The question of maintenance of the British fleet upon the theory that it should be equal to the combined power of any two navies was under consideration. It was frankly declared for the Admiralty that only thirty-six battle ships out of a total of about seventy were considered able to go into the line of battle. The remainder are to be stricken from the navy list, sold, used as receiving ships or placed in reserve."

"The proportion of obsolete battle ships in our navy is nothing like that. A greater percentage of our ships than of the British may be considered ready for the line of battle. The same holds good in comparison of our ships with naval powers other than Great Britain. The inference from this is the fewer mistakes have been made on our naval constructors than by those of other navies."

Service Knew Defects.

"The defects of large turret and broad side gun ports on the Kearsarge and Kentucky were realized by the service before these ships were completed, but the renewed criticism of them tends to give the impression that

Wedding Invitations and Visiting Cards.

If you are thinking of having a new plate made or need anything in this line, let us attend to it for you. We do all kinds of copper plate works and turn out nothing but the very finest work in this line.

J. J. PALMER'S SONS

THE LEADING JEWELERS
2704 Washington Ave.

Est. 1892.

The Coferton Hotel.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

We are going to take care of our home people at most reasonable rates. Come and satisfy yourself that this is an absolute fact. Special rates will be offered young men. Cuisine the "Best Ever." Services all you can desire. Rooms cool and airy. See us at once.

A.A. Langhorne
MANAGER

no improvement has been made. This is not true. Line officers have been insistent in preventing repetition of such errors. Had it not been for Rear Admiral Brownson, when a captain, the Alabama would have had the same large gun ports as the Kearsarge and Kentucky class. Before he was assigned to command of the Alabama, he represented to the Navy Department the danger of the defect. The result of his energetic action and his well known influence with the Navy Department was that the six-inch broadside gun ports were equipped with Armstrong shields. There is no reason to doubt that when the Kentucky and Kearsarge are overhauled the defects of their broadside ports will be remedied, and that the large openings in the turrets will also be better protected. Several designs for the improvement of their protection have been offered. It is simply a question of selecting the best.

"There is this to be said, however, in action the Kearsarge and Kentucky would have to depend upon their turret guns entirely. They carry five-inch guns in broad side, which is the same calibre as the broadside battery of the new Delaware class. These guns are designed only to repel torpedo attacks and therefore do not need great protection. The only effective battery for war purposes must be composed of 12-inch guns. All others can be regarded as of slight value except for torpedo defence. Regarded from this standpoint the large turret gun ports constitute a very serious defect in these ships and no doubt should have been corrected long before this. So far as I know, this is a defect peculiar to the American service, but if foreign critics are to be believed, other navies have defects quite as vital. In other words, no one has yet constructed the ideal battle ship."

On Water Line Belt.

When his opinion was asked regarding criticisms of the low position of the water line armor belt on the newly designed battle ships of the Delaware class Rear Admiral Evans said:

"It has been my endeavor to bring the water line armor belt up by ridding the ships of unnecessary weights. A report will soon be made on this subject, but do not believe that the difference accomplished by this method will be equal or more than that due to the use of one day's coal supply at full steaming. I believe the waterline armor belt is a mistake in a ship unless it is so placed as to give minimum protection possibly by waterline armor when the fleet goes into action. This is not impossible when the waterline armor belt is submerged, or nearly so."

"In the case of the Delaware class, believe the 10-inch armor above the waterline armor belt, reinforced as I understand it will be by the protective deck will give a measure of protection lacking in most of our ships now. Experiment seems to show that the protection afforded by the water itself is such that no armor protection is required beyond six feet below the waterline. My views on the question of armor protection are fairly well known in the service. I am an enemy of "soft end" ships. It is my opinion that a ship should be protected all over and for this reason would thin the armor belt which is now submerged and protect with armor of protectionate thickness the ends of the ships which are now unprotected."

Detroit Beats World.

The traffic tonnage of the Detroit river is greater than that at any other point in the world. All the freight of the great lakes passes through this stream.

New Western Electric Line.

A company has been organized for the purpose of constructing an electric line from Toledo to St. Louis. It will be the longest run of the kind.

APPEARANCES TO CONTRARY

Mrs. Holton entered her sister Susan's room, and sitting into the nearest chair, undid her collar. This was preparatory to the rite, sacred in Milltown, of dressing for the afternoon. Susan, who, notwithstanding the fact that she had just returned from an art school and did not deny being artistic, refused to be called Suzanne, was doing something to her face with the aid of a handglass and many unbecoming grimaces.

"What are you going to wear this afternoon?" inquired Mrs. Holton in an elaborately careless voice.

"Nothing—that is, I'm going to wash my hair, since there is not a place in this metropolis where I can have it washed for me."

"But, Susie! Not in the afternoon! There will surely be callers."

"Just say I'm not at home and don't bother," said Susan, dragging out her hairpins and letting her red hair down over her yellow and brown and tan kimono.

"You forget that you are not in New York," said her sister sharply. "Do try to forget that you have been to art school and be decent to people. 'Not at home' won't go here. Everyone in this village knows that you are at home, for you couldn't possibly get away without someone seeing you go. And, anyway, I asked that Mr. Bates over to call on you."

"Kind of you! What Mr. Bates?" asked Susan, dropping her comb and stooping to pick it up.

"Mrs. Barton's nephew. He's from the East somewhere, and he has the nicest manners. I thought maybe you'd like to have someone come who is a little more like the men you are used to," she added.

"I would!" said Susan emphatically. "And it was nice of you to think of it. Perhaps he'll come late in the afternoon and my hair will be all dry. I'll hurry!" And she ran down the hall and slammed the bathroom door after her.

"There's something familiar about the name," she said to her face in the glass while the water was running. "And—and I don't particularly want to see any more of the Bates clan—but if Bessie should find out, she'd never let me forget it. So I'll see her Mr. Bates and try to get interested in this place."

was, she sprang to her feet, bumping her head against a pile of empty boxes which was making a deafening clatter. Then the door was flung open and someone seized her arm and drew her gently out into the sitting room. Susan gave one glance at her sister's horrified face, and then laughed helplessly. It was fortunate that she could not see her own face, which was stained in an elaborate pattern from the kimono.

"I was hunting for my comb"—she began and stopped, for the man, whose face she had not yet seen, came around in front of her.

"Did you find it?" he asked.

Susan turned white and then red, and white again before she said a word. And when her lips finally opened they uttered one thing she could have better her tongue out for saying.

"Where is Maude?"

"Maude?" Oh, she's safely married and on a wedding trip. Whatever made you run away that day when old Carton told Maude she had won the prize? We hunted for you to tell you, but you were gone."

"I didn't need to be told, I saw," she said, and then grew white again.

"But why—if you are married—why isn't Maude here, too?"

"Maude?" Suddenly the man gave a shout. "Do you mean that you think I am married to Maude? That's a good one. She is my sister-in-law now. She was engaged to Fred for five years, and they never had money enough to marry on till she got that cash prize. That was why she worked so hard to get it."

Susan began to back toward the stairway. She felt it was time to escape.

"No you don't!" said the man, and he caught one corner of the kimono and held her.

"I'm not dressed," she murmured.

"So I perceive," he answered.

"But what is the reason you ran away—because you thought Maude?"

"Old Carton told me I'd never make an artist!" she evaded.

"Did he? The brute! But that was no reason for running away from me. What else did he say?"

"He said I had better get married," said Susan. "And that was why I ran away."

As she had hoped he would, the man dropped the kimono in his amazement and she darted up the stairs, leaving him looking after her with fear in his eyes.

"Susan—tell me!"

She leaned over the banisters and smiled at him. "But, of course, I can't get married until someone asks me," she said, and she could get to her door or her room had slammed.

—CECILIA A. LOIZEAUX.

England's Dew.

The dew falling in England in the course of a year is said to be equal to 5 inches of rain.

MALE HELP WANTED.

COMPETENT BOOKKEEPERS.

Talented young business college graduates are in great demand. Some of the 250 employers we serve are calling on us daily for such men at salaries of \$50-\$120 with splendid prospects for advancement. Also openings for high grade Office Managers, Auditors and Accountants at \$200-\$250 and for men having money to invest with their savings. Offices in 12 cities. Write us today stating position desired.

HARRIS (Inc.) Brain Brokers.
1212 Commercial Trust Bldg., Philadelphia

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—ONE FRESH YOUNG cow and calf. Price reasonable. Apply 614 Twenty-sixth street. 11

FOR SALE CHEAP—6 YOUNG mules, 3 double wagons and harness. Apply to W. W. HARWOOD, Third street and C. & O. R. R. 7 14 Gt

LOTS FOR SALE OR LEASE IN ALL parts of the city. Call and get prices. OLD DOMINION LAND CO. Hotel Warwick building.

FOR RENT.

FIVE ROOM FLAT, MODERN conveniences. Apply to Proctor & Cornelius, 233 Twenty-eighth street. 7 17 Uf

FOR RENT—NICELY FURNISHED rooms, 218 53rd street. 7 11 Gt

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS. Private family, modern conveniences, 225 29th street. 72 1m

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOM—modern conveniences; terms reasonable, 223 Thirty-fifth street. 6-13-1m.

WE SELL AND RENT PIANOS, cash or easy payment plan, accept second-hand pianos or organs, as part payment on new instruments. Tuning and repairing a specialty. All work guaranteed. Ferguson Music Co., 299 Thirty-first street. Ct. Phone 95. 7 10 4m

FOUND.

FOUND—PAIR LONG GLOVES AND sleeveholders. Owner may receive same by describing property and paying for this ad. Apply Daily Press. 11

SPECIAL NOTICE.

LADIES—WHEN WANTING A GOOD Shampoo, Fancy Hair Dress or Best Electric Massage, Manicure and greatest relief from corns, etc., go to your oldest and most reliable **HAIR DRESSING PARLOR**, which is **NICHOLAS' 203**, Twenty-seventh street, Sibley Building, Bell Phone 510.

TICKET BROKERS.

BLACK CAT CIGAR STORE Billiards and Pool. Cut Rate Ticket Office.

We want to purchase Railroad tickets to all points, particularly Richmond, Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Staunton, Cincinnati, Chicago, and points west. Highest prices paid.

If You Never Risk You Never Gain

But there is No Risk in Daily Press Classified Ads.

If you have a Room to Rent,
If you want Help,
If you have something to Sell,

Put an Ad in the Classified columns of the Daily Press.

25 Words 25c

WANTED.

WANTED—A FIRST CLASS COOK, also a home girl—white or colored. Apply at once 2908 West avenue. 11

WANTED—EXPERIENCED COOK. Good wages. Apply 381 Forty-eighth street. 7 16 3t

VIOLINIST OF EXPERIENCE Wishes Engagement. Reference, F. F. Raymond, Buck Hall, Prince William Co., Va. 7 16 3t

WANTED—PERMANENT AND Table boarders, 130 Thirty-first, Home Comforts. 7 11 2m

WANTED—PANAMA AND STRAW hats to be cleaned, blocked or refitted with sweat bands and ribbons. Our work is all done at home. THE HUB, Academy of Music bldg. Both phones, 5-23-1f.

WANTED—TO BUY, SELL OR Exchange furniture and stores. C. W. LEWIS, 2502 Huntington avenue. 3-17-3m.

WANTED—TO SECURE LODGING and board for you, 300 of the most desirable homes in the city are listed with us and we can surely suit you. Exposition Hotel and Accommodation Exchange, H. B. Ball, Mgr., at the Real Estate and Insurance Office, Nelms & Co., Inc., 2517 Washington avenue, Newport News, Va.

WANTED—THE PEOPLE TO KNOW we are buying and selling new and second-hand Furniture, Messick & Cheadle, 2506 Huntington avenue. 3-2-3m.

TRANSFER COMPANIES.

OLD DOMINION BAGGAGE TRANSFER, offices C. & O. Station. Phones, Bell Nos. 401 and 135; Citiz., No. 12.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Bids are wanted by the School Board for supplies to be used during the coming session. The supplies consist of stationery, printing and hardware. Parties wishing to bid on same will call on W. L. Tubb, No. 121 27th street, to get list of articles wanted. Also bids are wanted for furnishing wood, 300 tons run of pine coal, 19 tons anthracite coal for the coming session.

All bids must be in the hands of the chairman of bidding and supply committee on or before July 25, 1907. EDWIN PHILLIPS, Chairman. Bidding and Supply Committee. 7 13 10f.

BANKRUPTCY NOTICE.

EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, County of Norfolk, ss:

In the matter of William M. Taylor, Jr., Bankrupt.

On this 29th day of June, A. D., 1907, on reading the petition of William M. Taylor, Bankrupt, for discharge, it is ordered by the Court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 18th day of July, A. D., 1907, before said Court, at Norfolk, in said district, at 12 o'clock noon; and that notice thereof be published in The Daily Press of Newport News, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Court that the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE ED-MUND WADDILL, Jr., Judge of the said Court and the seal thereof, at Norfolk, in said district, on the 29th day of June, A. D. 1907.

ATTEST:—G. E. BOWDEN, Clerk. By W. B. WALKER, Deputy Clerk. 7 19 2t

UNDERTAKER

I have completed the most up to date Undertakers' establishment in the city, with a mortuary sufficiently large for most funerals, a show room equipped with the latest improved show cases, enables me to display a large line of my class of goods. I make a specialty of the Undertaking business, and give my entire time to it, and with two assistants and two licensed embalmers, and the most modern paraphernalia, I am prepared to give the very best of service to all classes.

Respectfully,
W. E. ROUSE,
234-236 Twenty-fifth street, Phones 51 office, Residence 119.

FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

J. HUGH CAFFEE

Modern Service, with paraphernalia equal to the best. TWO EXPRESS EMPLOYEES, enabling me to give my patrons the best of attention at moderate prices.

Phone, Office—Both Phones No. 1, Residence Phone—No. 1, Office 11 Mr. Gerton vs.

MONEY TO LOAN IN SUMS OF \$50 to \$1,000 at 6 per cent. Merchants-Mechanics Savings Association, Allan D. Jones, Secretary and Attorney, First National Bank Building

EDUCATIONAL.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE, Lexington, Virginia.

6th year. State Military, Scientific and Technical School. Numerous courses of general and applied Chemistry and in Electrical and Civil Engineering. Degree of graduate in Academic course and degree of Bachelor of Science in Technical Course. All expenses, including clothing and incidentals, provided at rate of \$25 per annum, plus an average for the four years, exclusive of utility. For information, address

E. W. NICHOLS, Act'g Supt. 7 10 6w—cod

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Head of State Public Federal System, Letters, Science, Law, Medicine, Engineering, \$10 Cover, All Costs

In Virginia, study state fees and tuition in either of the academic departments, four or charges in the South. Next session begins September 12. Send for catalogue.

HOWARD WINSTON, Registrar. Charlottesville, Va.

The Jefferson Ave. Shoe Store.

SHAPE HATH CHARMS.



A trim waist. A rounded figure. A dainty ankle. A pretty foot. All turn the eye. The owners of these fascinating powers have good reason to feel flattered by admiring glances.

For shape that makes women look and pass too, try a pair of our

ULTRA OXFORDS

Light trim soles with high Cuban heels, \$3.00 the pair.

The H. D. Ballance Shoe Co

W. B. Thomas, Mgr.
1408 Jefferson Ave., between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Streets.



OLD HENRY WHISKEY

STRAUS GUNST & CO. DISTRICT

MORE OLD HENRY SOLD THAN ANY OTHER. WHY? BECAUSE QUALITY IS BEST. FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

Hotel Warwick Laundry

A trial will convince you that we turn out nothing but

Strictly High Grade Work.

Drop us a postal or phone us to call for your package this week.

PHONES, NO. 18.

T. R. WOLFOK, Manager.

OLD VIRGINIA Mint Juleps.

Will dissipate that weary feeling. Nothing more bracing. No Exposition prices. Everything in

DRINKABLES FOREIGN & DOMESTIC

—CAN BE FOUND AT—

John E. Mugler's CAFE

& Family Liquor Store
2312 WASHINGTON AVENUE

After others fail, the German Treatment is the only cure.

Prof. G. F. THEEL, 527 1/2 E. P. Philadelphia, Pa. (See Directory and ask for Dr. Theel)

Prof. Theel is a German. He has cured thousands of cases of Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Migraine, Headache, Backache, Stomach Pain, Catarrh of the Bladder, Hemorrhoids, Piles, etc. He has cured many cases of Nervous Debility, Loss of Sleep, Indigestion, and all kinds of chronic diseases. He has cured many cases of Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Migraine, Headache, Backache, Stomach Pain, Catarrh of the Bladder, Hemorrhoids, Piles, etc. He has cured many cases of Nervous Debility, Loss of Sleep, Indigestion, and all kinds of chronic diseases.

Send for free literature. Write to Prof. G. F. Theel, 527 1/2 E. P. Philadelphia, Pa.