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What Worried Him.
"What side are you on in this debate?" asked the constituent.
"I don't like to say," replied the young statesman. "My own opinions don't matter so much, but it worries me to realize that whatever way I vote I'm almost sure to hurt somebody's feelings."—Washington Star.

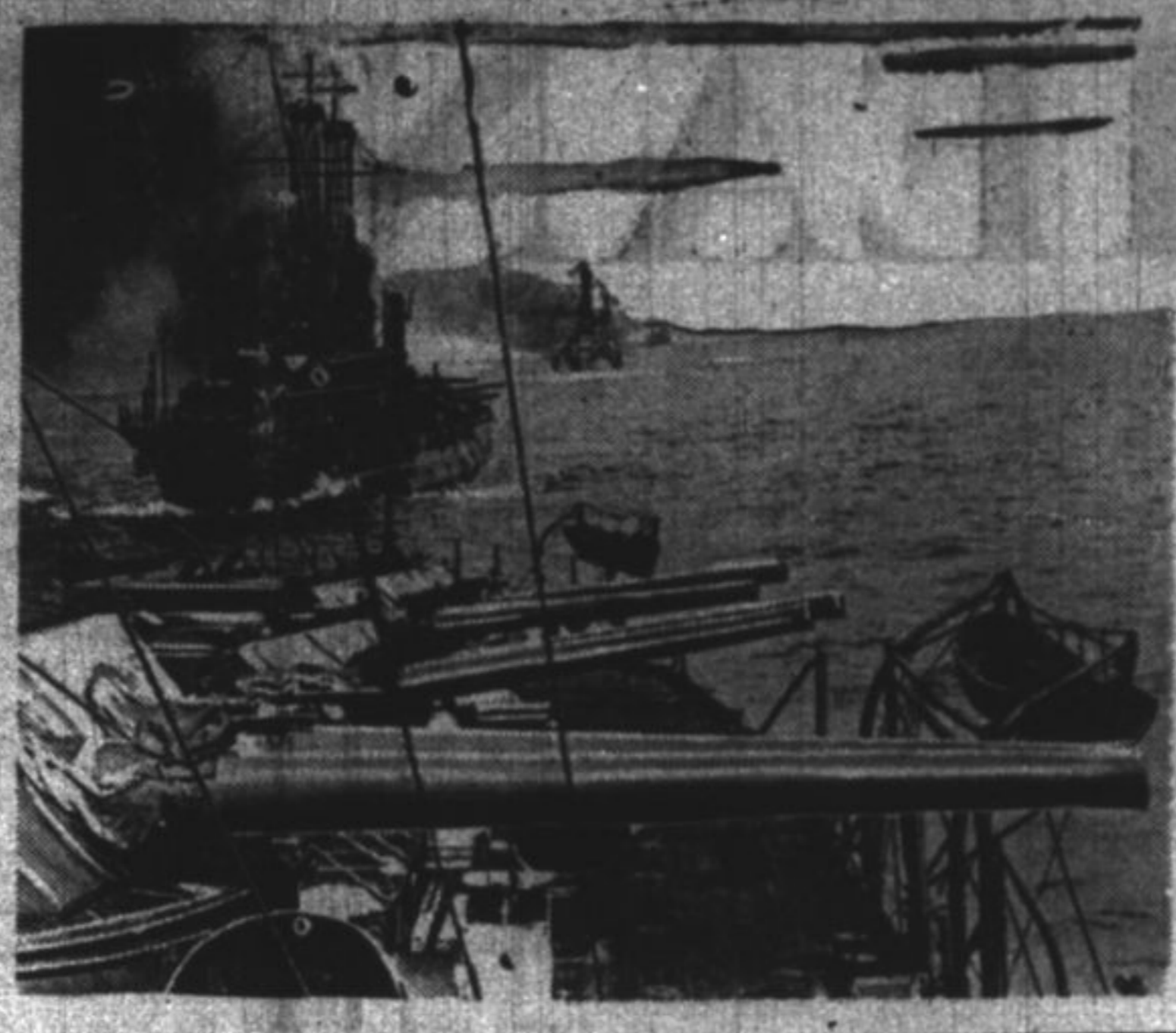


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Showing the Business End of Deck of Kansas.

THE Kansas of Rear Admiral Mayo's division, Atlantic fleet, has twenty-four guns and is commanded by Captain William B. Fletcher. Other battleships are seen in the distance.

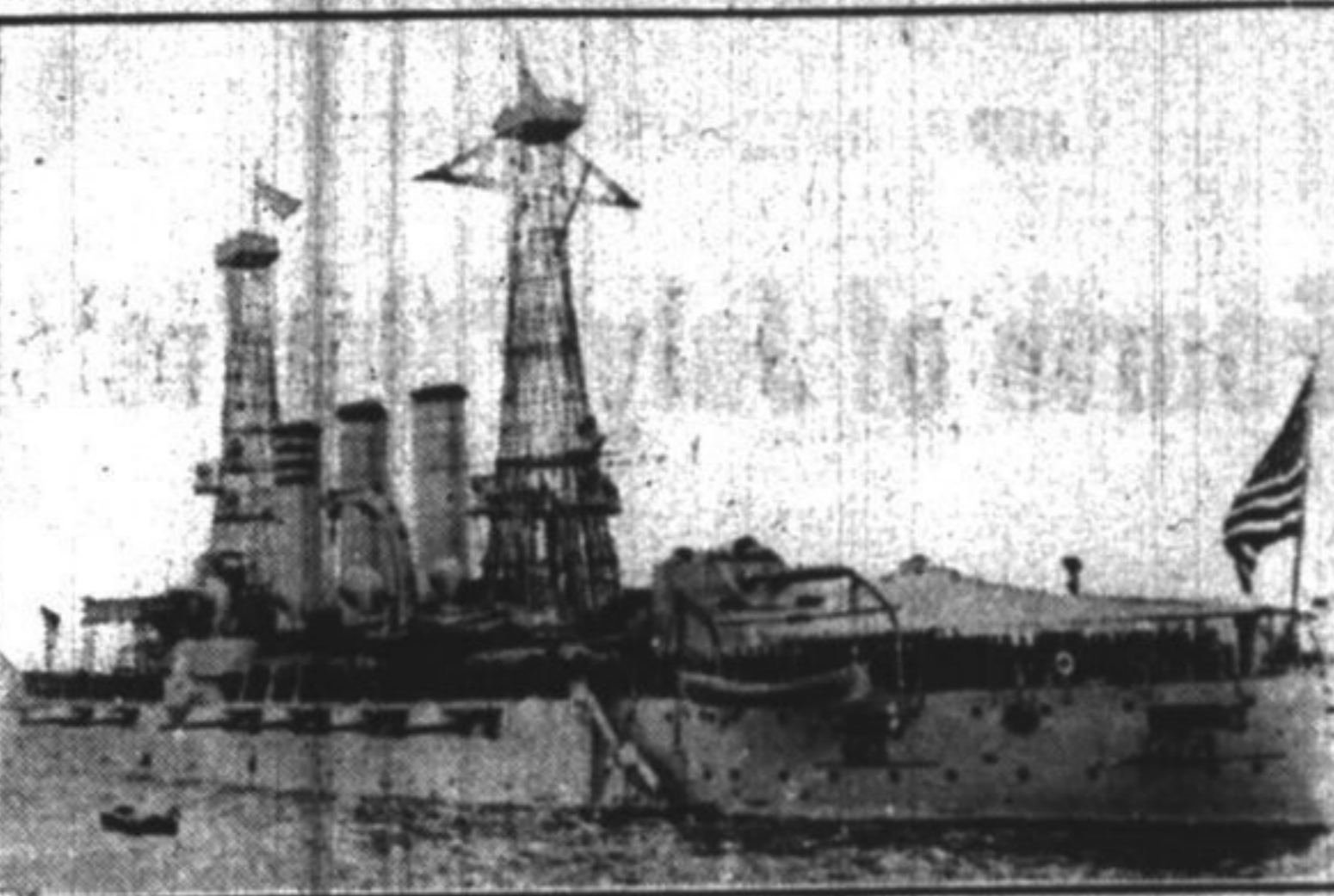


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Georgia of the Atlantic Fleet.

THE Georgia, attached to Third division, Atlantic fleet, carries twenty-four guns, is of 19,948 tons, 10,000 horsepower and is equipped with twin screws. Her commander is Captain Robert E. Coontz.



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Michigan, Showing Ten-Inch Guns.

THE Michigan has eight ten-inch guns in her main battery. She is in the Second division of the Atlantic fleet. She is commanded by Captain Albert Niblack. She is of 16,000 tons, 16,500 horsepower and has two screws. Her sister ship is the South Carolina.

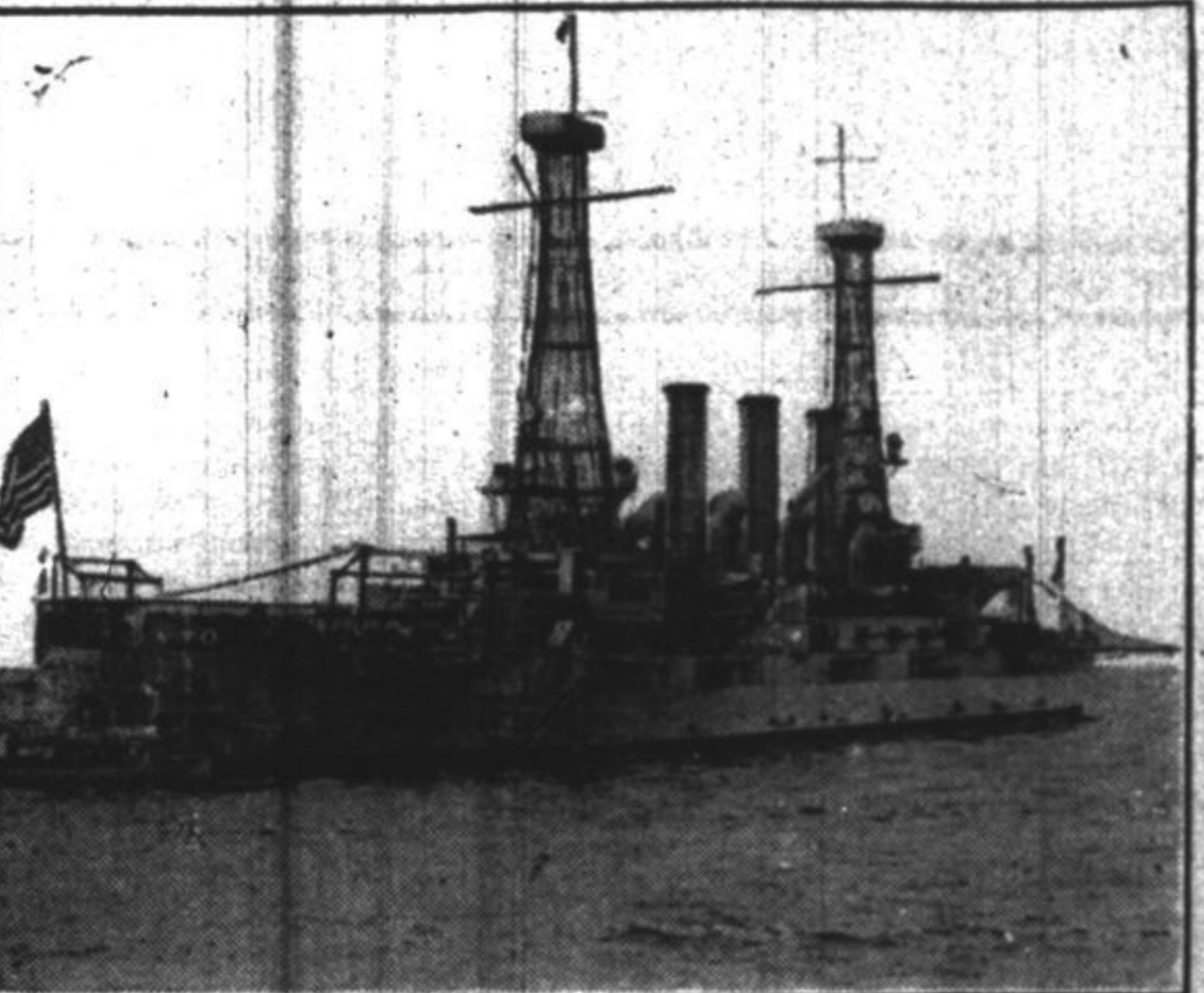


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Connecticut, Rear Admiral Mayo's Flagship.

THE Connecticut is the flagship of the Fourth division, Atlantic fleet. She is a second line ship, twenty-four guns, of 16,000 tons, 16,500 horsepower and is equipped with twin screws.

IMAGINARY MILLIONS.

Money Myths That Hover About England's Chancery Court.
Most people seem to think that there are countless and vast fortunes in chancery waiting to be bestowed upon their proper owners. This, as a matter of fact, is purely a myth, and how it arose it is impossible to say.
"We are supposed," said an official of the pay office recently, "to have the estate of a man named Hoffman, valued at £18,000,000, and we are repeatedly receiving inquiries—almost always from Poland—but we know nothing of the estate." Another estate with which the pay office has nothing to do—that of the great Sir Francis Drake—is also the subject of many questions.
In all there are 2,838 estates in chancery, but the value of the largest is not more than £7,000. And, so far from many millions, the paymaster of the supreme court of judicature has only £1,250,000 in his hands awaiting claimants. A large proportion of this money, moreover, has been lying unclaimed since the early part of the eighteenth century.
If you think you are entitled to any of this money you should first study the official list at the law courts and then make a formal claim. But it may be said, it very rarely happens that such applications prove successful.—London Answers.

PASSING OF ST. HELENA.

Made Famous by Napoleon, the Island Appears to Be Doomed.
When the great French emperor died in exile in 1821 there was probably a wish buried deep in his Corsican heart that the island which had been the scene of his humiliation might be wiped from the face of the sea.
Whether or no such a curse was ever cast upon the island, it is certain that St. Helena is doomed if not to extinction at least to become an uninhabitable rock. With the advent of steam navigation the island ceased to be a regular port of call, so that its always scanty exports dwindled almost to the vanishing point; plagues of insects destroyed its vegetation; rats, brought thither by foreign vessels, multiplied and overran its soil until the government was compelled to offer a bounty of a penny for every rodent captured. Then the English garrison, which had been practically the sole source of income to the inhabitants, was withdrawn, and the needs of the natives became desperate.
Then, as if this series of misfortunes was not enough, the terrible—that curse of tropical and semitropical countries—invaded the island and will unless controlled reduce the city of Jamestown to a pulp of sawdust.—New York Independent.

Possibilities Overlooked.
He was a suburban garden faddist, who innocently bored all his friends by asking them down for week ends and showing them around his 2 by 4 estate. Just now it was Brown from the office. He showed him his three rose trees, his pocket shrubbery, his half inch fountain jet with its little basin and pair of goldfish. He showed him his summer house, which would accommodate two people at the same time.
"Never know what you can do with a bit of ground till you try!" said the host gleefully.
"Quite so—quite so!" returned the visitor. "But why don't you take a strip off the flower bed—say about six inches wide—turf it over and make it into a blooming golf links?" — New York Post.

Wagner and Beer.
Signor Angelini Giustiniani, who traveled specially from Rome to Baltimore in order to be present at the first performance of "Parsifal" July 26, 1882, gave an account of his impressions in the *Rassegna Contemporanea*. He was surprised at seeing Wagner drive up to the theater "in a carriage which also conveyed a large barrel of beer perched conspicuously on the box seat by the side of the driver. This was carried into the theater, presumably with a view to slaking the thirst aroused in Wagner and his friends by the performance of his masterpiece."—London Chronicle.

Two Queer Epitaphs.
Near Salisbury plain, in England, is the grave of one, William Button. His epitaph runs:
Oh, sun, moon, stars and ye celestial poles!
Are graves, then, dwindled into Button-holes?
Which is not as clever as this epitaph which a famous New York dentist composed for himself:
Stranger, approach this grave with fitting gravity.
Here lies a dentist—filling his last cavity.

Missing Opportunities.
"I have no patience with a man who makes the same mistake twice," said Armes, rather severely, in speaking of an unfortunate friend.
"Neither have I," agreed his wife, "when there are so many other mistakes to make."—Youth's Companion.

Missed His Chance.
Hank—Yes; Kelley's been under bonds to keep the peace for some time. Bill—I wish I'd known. I've missed several fine chances to call him a liar.—Kansas City Star.

Banish Your Worries.
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