



In the Interest of Clarity

This newspaper is a reinterpretation of the original *Boarding Billow*, which ran for seven issues between November 1897 and December 1898. It was written and edited by Louis Stanley Young, and printed by William and Harry Glover. All the facts in our modern version are true, to our knowledge, and we have sought to emulate the tone of the original (with a few embellishments!).

Anomalies

Cruiser *Olympia*, The Queen of the Pacific, the oldest surviving steel-hulled ship of the American Navy, is a truly antique (and kind of weirdly designed!) vessel. She stands today as a massive relic of an era of great transition in thought, policy, technological advancement, military might, and imperialism in the United States.

At the time she was built (1892), U.S. Navy planners were creating a fleet of unparalleled ships, which embraced new technologies while not quite rejecting the old. As a result, the *Olympia* is host to a number of peculiar and telling features (as listed on the opposing page), each of which is indicative of a trend in thought or policy, and, when put in context, speaks to what it means to be an American. Go and seek out this ship's idiosyncrasies, and let them speak to you through the haze of time.