

For two years, some of the ships of the Royal Navy have spent their time in what is known as the Mothball Fleet.... ~~and no ship~~ and no ship of any size has ever been unwrapped. Now it has occurred to someone that it might be a good idea to find out how long it takes to get a warship out of its cocoon and make it ready for service. That's the reason for this burst of activity at Barrow. ~~The ship was the USS Intrepid, a Navy ship, and was~~ ~~treated like a ship, with conventional maintenance and repairs.~~ It was called "Exercise Sleeping Beauty".

LATE CHRISTMAS.

Last Christmas, Yuba City in California was submerged by terrible floods --- ~~so~~ ^{and} Christmas celebrations had to be forgotten while the citizens dealt with the emergency. But Yuba City was determined not to be done out of its Christmas. So here's Santa -- better late than never.

LORRY TEST.

It seems as if it won't be long before somebody builds a car that will really go up the side of a house. These are some of the lorries, built for the Italian and American military Authorities, undergoing tests at the Italian Fiat Works. They've even built a model that's first cousin to a submarine.

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

Here's a Chess Tournament between the American Embassy in Vienna and the Vienna Chess Club. Young Larry Evans of the Embassy, played a lone hand against thirty-five opponents. He lost only four games. Six were undecided and he won twenty-five.

BILLIARDS.

In Berlin --- the German Billiards Championship saw many tricky shots being played when Herr Luetgehetmann defeated Herr Apelt in the final.

But the best of all was the shot they played when they were ready to pack it up.