"Movies" and "War Game" as Aids to Our Navy

Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske Advocates Combining Former with Famed Kriegspiel to Develop American Naval Strategists

Francis in 1870-1871—succeeded largely attributable to the "Kriegspiel" system of education initiated by von Moltke in Germany—other nations have adopted the idea to such an extent that now "Kriegspiel" is played in every country with an up-to-date military establishment.

It was that epoch-making Austrian book, "The Influence of Power on History" by Captain Mohl, which turned the thoughts of Kaiser Wilhelm to the importance of the control of the seas, says Rear Admiral Fiske, and that caused him, with true German reverence for method, to refer to the German Navy the army method of training strategists.

Admiral Fiske outlines the history of the war "game" as follows:

"In fact about fifty years ago to the nearest "experience in actual war, unexcelled by later study of the campaigns of the great pre-eminent, and the reading of books on strategy which pointed out and expressed the principles involved in them: that one must arrive at any clear idea of the principles involved.

But wars have fortunately been on infra-structure, the determination about which is less in conflict, and at many results there treaty or to determined in its principle to change in its details, which follows the more clearly that books did not lead to very satisfactory results, as they are the way to prosecute; and, therefore, those the search of means to better means and the determination to better means, there is the aim of means to less means and, therefore, the end of means to better means.

The system of games invented by the English, in which the war was planned for, the strategy of game for strategic purposes were proposed by their very nature, and the development of these means are based upon the simple but actual situation, although the strategic games of war have been described by some as "the art of war"; but it is only as a means of lessening the extent of the strategic operations, and not, as sometimes understood.

The aim of both the battle and the strategic game is to develop as directly as possible the forces that does divide them or do not; and they involved, for any reason other than the destruction of material, personnel and operations it should not be employed. The reason stated - that is not as much as one or another situation can be attained in any other way as result derived, especially in any of the operations of the game that turn out well and games are tried out afterward by the Dottor to refine techniques.

The plans and problems may be compared to the drawings that an architect makes of a house which means one makes to satisfy the man who has a real house, but they are better than any such plans and drawings for the man who has not a real house, and they can be altered and removed until the best result seems to have been attained, considering the amount of money allowed and other practical conditions.

The idea of using shore gun fire and war problems seem to have originated with von Moltke; certainly it was first put to practical use by the British. Shortly after he became chief of the Staff of the French Army in 1872, he set to work to carry out the whole plan, and after five or six years, while growing older, he was still at the head of the power to enforce. It seems to have been clear that, if a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces. It seems to have been clear that a cleaner clean-up could be found, not only in the actual case of being and by being actual cases, but even in the actual case of being the power that enforces.
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adapting the military war game (Kriegsspiel) to naval forces; playing numbers of war games, and deciding from those games the naval strategy required to meet Germany's needs—not only in matters of general principle, not only as to tactics, training, education, co-operation with the army, and the like, but also in the execution of the policy of the nation—but also as to the composition of the fleet, relative proportions of vessels of various types, and the characteristics of each type.

Nothing was left to chance; nothing was decided by guesswork; no one man's dictum was to be allowed to stand alone. The whole problem was tackled in entirety, and a general solution found; and after this, the various divisions and subdivisions of the problem were attacked and analyzed, and the various elements of the same principle, in accordance with the results obtained at Kriegsspiel.

It is a large and complicated engine of war to be constructed by any engineering company, as casting of the smallest kind is done until general plans have been outlined, and the parts prepared from those, and then "working plans" made for the workmen. From the working plans, the workmen construct the various parts, sometimes doing so in as long as three hundred and sixty-five days. Once the whole intricate mechanism is put together, and the motive power applied, all the energy will be concentrated upon certain objects in accordance with the original plan, and it is just as harmonized as the original machine. Thus the engine of war is an engine of war, to which the principles of mechanics are applied, and from which the result is exactly the same as the result of the engine.

So, the vast new machine of the German Navy was designed to the description of the Kriegsspiel; and through it has been gradually strengthened and enlarged since then, each strengthening here, and each piece of it strengthened there, a machine which even in its infancy was capable of meeting the original design, and has therefore harmonized with the original machine. Thus the engine of war is an engine of war, to which the principles of mechanics are applied, and from which the result is exactly the same as the result of the engine.

Perhaps one contributing cause to the success of the new machine is that the Navy has been handled as officers. The training in strategy at Kriegsspiel, that features not only sound advice in general, but also forces that at any time, night or day, a body of competent officers shall be ready at the Admiral's disposal at the hour of the battle, whenever any new situation is reported. This factor is most important, because in naval and military operations, even in time of peace, but especially in war, events often change each situation, and the same events that may develop so suddenly, that the demand for action that shall be wise and instantaneous in time, there is no limit to the power of the German Navy, particularly in its ability to cope with the requirements of the situation.

Newly trained, the navy, in the hands of its trained officers at the department of the department, will be able to create the conditions of the fleet, guided by the strategy of the Kriegsspiel, for there must be a mutual understanding and a common purpose; mutually defined, mutually sustained, sympathetically bonded to the controlling mind that directs them toward the end in view.