

SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION.

Abbrev.	Class.
(I.)	1st class. All large modern ironclads.
(II.)	{ 2nd class. Small modern ironclads. Sea-going "coast defence" ships. Old ironclads reconstructed.
(III.)	Modern armoured cruisers
(IV.)	{ Old and obsolete ironclads. Old armoured cruisers.
(V.)	{ Coast defence ironclads unable to keep the sea for any period. Armoured gunboats.

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- (1.) Heavily armed protected cruisers.
 - (2.) { Protected cruisers with medium arma-
ment.
 - (3.) Lightly armed protected cruisers.
 - (4.) { Old cruisers, or cruisers with little or no
protection.
 - (5.) { Coast defence gunboats carrying one or
two armour-piercing guns.
 - (6.) Other ships of very slight fighting value.
 - (X.) Rams.
 - (T.) { Torpedo depôt ships, catchers, destroyers,
etc.