AMERICANISM SUPPRESSED.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

If you were to buy an automobile with four different sizes of wheels you would not get very much service or speed from it. Our navy is in the same condition. It has ships of too many different kinds and speeds, and, of course, the fastest may not outsail the slowest, while, for long cruises, the speed of all is limited to that of the coal transports which should serve them—and which,

incidentally, do not exist.

ROBERT GRIMSHAW.

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