



gelegte Wasserbecken oder Seen waren mit Tribünen umgeben, die Platz für mehrere tausend Zuschauer boten. Die dafür gefertigten Kriegsschiffmodelle hatten die Länge von einigen Metern, sodass ein Mensch darin liegen konnte, um den elektrischen Antrieb und das Ruder zu bedienen. Der besondere Publikumseffekt ergab sich aus der Ausrüstung mit scheinbar echten Geschützen: nach außen war der lange Lauf des Revolvers als Rohr sichtbar. Der im Innern fest montierte Revolver wurde vom Schiffsführer über eine Leine ausgelöst. Abgefeuert wurden Platzpatronen.

A ship revolver, circa 1900

Cal. 24 (ca. 14 mm), SN. 17, a stepped, smooth round barrel resembling a canon, length 202 mm. Cylinder for 12 rounds, hollow on the inside, with loading hatch. Proof mark double crown/ U (2 gr N.G.P. M/71). DA only. No maker's name etc. Overall length 380 mm. Weight 3,850 g. Made of cast steel, brushed, grey, finely pitted.

Before the imperial navy commissioned a new warship, such revolvers were used around 1900 in large ship models. At that time the Germans were enthusiastic about their navy, and so-called navy or fleet shows were staged

to entertain the crowds. Artificial basins or lakes were surrounded by bleachers for several thousand spectators. The warship models which were built for these events were several meters long and spacious enough for one man to lie inside and operate the electric drive and oar. The audience was especially impressed when the authentic looking canons were fired. On the outside the revolver barrel looked like a canon. On the inside the mounted revolver was fired by the operator who pulled a string. Only blanks were used.

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