## BATTLESHIP FLEET SAILS notated that position pointants to the

white in their immaculate dressings of peace, salled away to-day under the dazzing sun of a cloudless win-ter sky on their famous twin sea expedition of 14,000 miles along for-

The boom of saluting cannon marked the departure of the fleet, presenting to the people who watched a spectacle they will never forget and to the world-at-large the reality of the trimmest, most thoroughly equipped assemblage of first-class battleships ever gathered in command.

mand.

There was not a ship in the line old enough to have smelled the powder of Manlia or Santiago—stories written scarce 10 years ago in the history of nations. All were modern of design and armament.

The thrill of the beautiful marine picture was felt until the last wind-blown spiral of smoke was lost on the horizon.

RECEPTION ON MAYFLOWER.

The sailing of the fleet was preceded by a reception on the quarter deck of the Mayflower, which shortly after 3 o'clock this morning steamed into the centre of the anchored fleet. President Rooseyelt warmly greeted the four rear admirals and the sixteen commanding officers of the fleet as they climbed up the the starboard gangway of the yacht. He had a word of centidence and well wish for all, but made no formal address.

The inspiring sight of the vessels the word to go put the President in the Maine.

Sperky's SQUADRON.

The fourth class of battleships, looking backward in American naval history was found to-day, in the Alabama and Illinois, the two leading the word to go put the President to begin the Wastling for the reception to begin, the President paced rapidly up and down the decks, anxious to obtain RECEPTION ON MAYFLOWER.

lown the decks, anxious to obtain a view of the great double squadron from every possible vantage point. "Did you ever see such a fieet? and such a day? Jen't it magnificent? Oughtn't we all to feel proud!" exclaimed the President: In the midst of the reception to the higher ficers he sent for the coxswain of the Louisiana's launch and through him despatched a special when the surprised and em-seed coxswaln, Seaman William barrassed coxswain, seaman william Chandler, had been presented to Mrs. Roosevelt as well as to the Presi-dent, and had again clambered into his launch, the President said to hose about him: "I tell you our enlisted men are everything. They are perfectly bully and they are up to everything required of them. This is indeed a great fleet and a great

EVANS VISITS PRESIDENT. dmiral Evans, commander-in-chief of the departing fleet, was the first of the flag officers to be piped over the side of the Mayflower. He hurried to where the President stood waiting and ringing his right hand to seluating osition paid his formal respects and ave his personal assurance that the hips of his command were ready for sphere. President Roosevelt acknowledged the saluate with lifted hat and occupied the formal words of greet-

informal and to each had a cordial hand clasp, a grasp of the uniformed shoulder and a hearty "good-bye, old fellow, and good luck."

President Roosevelt's party on the Mayflower included Mrs. Roosevelt, Misa Ethel Roosevelt, Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Metcalf, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newherry, Rear Admiral W. H. Brownson, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, and Mrs. Brownson; Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowies, and Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Simms.

The naval despatch boat Dolphin, with a party of Congressmen on board.

"GET UNDER WAY."

ddenly the signal yards of action flashed the message:

The President's yacht was well down the bay.

The President's yacht was well down the bay when the hattleship column began to moye. Coming to anchor near the "Tall of the Horse Shee," the Mayflower again let go her anchors and stood by to review the Pacific-bound parade.

CONNECTICUT LEADS LINE.

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There was little time to wait before the wide-girthed hull of the Connecticutt, glimmering white snowed off the quarter rail. With Admiral Evans on the after bridge, high above the main Jeck, with the uion lack at the stem and a spotless new American flag fluttering from the flagtast at the stem, the Connecticut presented a picture which fairly tarilled those who saw her.

The President lifted his hat and the spontaneous cheer he voiced was quickly taken up by others in his party. From his position on the Mayflower's bridge the President had an uninterrupted view of the entire pageant. Abreast the presidential yacht the Connecticut began her series of salutes.

Following in the wake of the Connecticut; and saluting in their turn, with bands playing, drums ruffling and guns booming the Kansas, the Vermont and the Louisiana steamed by the Mayflower. These four ships are as nearly alike as the naval architects and builders could make them. They constituted the first division, first squadron of the fleet.

Foru hundred yards astern of the Louisiana came the Georgia, flying the flag of Rear Admiral William H. Emory and leading the four ships of the second division's first squadron. The details of salute with the passing of the second division were the same as those set by the Connecticut and followed by all the other ships as they came.

After the Georgia came the New Jersey, the Rhode Island and the Virginia.

The passing of the Fringinia complete the second division and the Fringinia.

ships in the fourth division, second squadron. Rear Admiral Sperry's has flew at the main truck of the Alabama. The Alabama and the Illinois displace only 11,552 but they have a speed of more than 17 knots and are ranked as first class battleships in everything except date of

construction.

The fifth and last class of ships represented in the parade of the Pa-cific-bound fleet were the Kearsarge and the Kentucky, the latter bringing up the rear of the line. The two ships were launched in 1898, about the time of the Spanish-American

When the echoes of the saluting cannon of the Kentucky had died away across the waters, the Con-necticut, at the head of the column four miles away, had almost reached the capes and the history-making

THOUSANDS WITNESS DEPART.

The Old Point shores and the ram-parts of historic old Fortress Mon-ros were lined with thousands of peraccepted the formal words of greeting as stiffly as they were uitered. Then, with the brief ceremony ended, he grasped Admiral Evans' hand and gave it the heartiest of shakes. The two conversed together informally for a moment or two until other arriving and flag and commanding officers set the reception into full swing. When Admiral Evans was about to take his leave and get the flest under way the President followed him to the gangway and then called him aside for nearly five minutes of earnest consultation.

In parting with the officers of the fleet, President Roosevelt was wholly informal and to each had a cordial hand clasp, a grasp of the uniformed shoulder and s hearty "good-bye, old fellow, and good luck."

President Roosevelt's party on the Mayflower included Mrs. Roosevelt.

The Old Foint shores and the fleet with thousands of persons as the fleet lifted anchor and set were lined with thousands of persons as the fleet lifted anchor and set was the fleet lifted anchor and set was lift of the wives, slaters and sweether acrotions. In the growd were gathered the wives, slaters and sweethearts of officers and enlisted men, all feeling th common impulse of mingled admiration for the vast marine picture unfolded before them and the heart burnings of a long parting from relatives and friends. When the flagship Connecticutt sweet by the pler, the band assembled on the quardeck should play "The Girl I Left Behind Me," and then more plain and lively came the strains of "Aull Lang Svne," followed in turn by the "Star Spangled Banner."

There was not a hitch in any of the details of the well-planned programme.

To-night the sixteen ships of the massive fleet, continuing in single order and steaming at the uniform speed of 10 knots an hour are well down the coast toward the treacherous waters of Haiteras. The first has of their journey will bring them to Trinical on Christmas Eve and there amid the heat of the tropics, the Christmas celebrations will be head.

Hurdreds of good-hve telegrams were flashed to the ships by wireless felegraph as they left the roadstead. The Fresident, after the review at the horse ships was completed, returned to Weshington, the Mayflower weighing suchor for the trip up the Potomic shortly after noon. The fleet got maker way light after 10 o'clock and less than two hours later had cleared the Capes.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 16.-The De

President, Secretary and Department of Statice the Postare of the Day's Session—Remarks Based on Resolution Directing Investigation of Recent Bond Issue—House Session Very Short and Little Business Transacted—Will Adjourn Saturday For Holiday—Oalshoms Senators Draw Lots For Terms, the Blind Senator Getting the Short Our Washington, Dec. 13.—A. speech by spain. Tillman, filled with Japanesia.

enator Tillman, filled with denunciation of the President, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Department of Justice, of financiers and "captains of industry," was the chief subject of interest in the Senate to-day. His remarks were based on his resolutions directing an investigation by the com-mittee on finance of the recent bond issues by the Treasury Department and of the Issuance of clearing house certificates throughout the country.

MR. TILLMAN'S SPEECH "I must confess I have not studied finance very much from the books," began Mr. Tillman apologetically, 'my own labors in that direction having been confined to my own expen-

Mr. Tillman said he did not know whether the criticism of the chairman of the House committee on banking and currency (Mr. Fowier) had caused the secretary of the Treasury to halt in the issuance of bonds, but a change of pian seemed to have been made and he had not been able to learn how much of the proposed bond issue had been put out. He expressed the opinion that the Secretary had violated the spirit of the law if he had not violated the law itself. Mr. Tillman said he did not know

the law if he had not violated the law itself.

"If we are not in the midst of a panic, we are in the midst of a chill produced by the danger of 2 panic," declared Mr. Tillman.

"The Treasury," he said, "has dumped its money in Wall Street, and the country has praised the patriotism of J. Pierpont Morgan in aiding the country to get a grip on itself and not let everybody go crazy and precipitate further loss and horrors on the country."

Department, even the Senate and the House of Representatives with farmer, the cotton planter and the manufacturer were, affected. He said he wanted to know who struck

"Billy Patterson."

He spoke of the manner in which the financial stringency has operated.
"And," he added, "the President says
he is proud of it. I cannot believe he said it. He has said many things lacking discretion, but I do not beleve he is so callous as to feel any easure in the condition of paralysis which confronts us. I believe he is a patriot, though he has perhaps hown it badly at times," The Senator held aloft a banking house certificate, and in loud voice called upon the Senate to look at

"Hhere is a specimen," he declared, the capes and the history-making journey had begun in earnest.

The waiting fleet prepared early to welcome the President and later bid him adien. Long before the first gray shadows of the breaking day slanted through the open gateway of the capes, the red and white Ariols janterns on mastheads were flashing slevals from divisional flagshing.

"Hhere is a specimen," he declared. "Looks like what you call Confederate money—shin plaster—and yet they are issued by national banks. Look at it. I am going to have it emprayed if it can be done without destroying it and put in the Congressional Record. But I don't propose in have it destroyed and lose a dollar just to enlighten you on the cur-

He wanted only good greenbacks and in rasping tones, speaking of the necessity of money, he said: "You will have to go to the bone-

yard if you can't get it."

As between the "shin plasters," in the form of clearing house certificates and greenbacks, he said he would prefer greenbacks based on although they were, in his opin

"He was." he said, "daily in receipt of letters from people who think they know all about the currency and have achemes for currency reform. "But I don't even read them," he

BONDS NOT SOLD TO HIGHEST BIDDIERS.

"It had been alleged," he said, that the bonds recently issued had not been sold to the highest bidders etter by Mr. Schram, of New Yorking he had bid \$102 1-2 on \$100 of the bonds, but had ool of the bonds, but had no received any of them, although the had been sold as low as \$102. "The committee on finance," he added "could find out whether that is true." complacent and polite we they are in office that most every one of them has grated into the presidency of a bank "The officials about the Preside

TWENTY MINUTES SESSION.

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The House session was limited to 20 minutes and little business was transacted. The speaker announced the appointment of the committee on appropriations. The House adjourned until Thursday. Both houses agreed to adjourn on Saturday for the Christmas holidays, the recess to continue until January 6th.

Senator William P. Frye, of Maine, was to-day sworn in as president protem of the Senate, continuing his services in that office.

The two Senators from Oklahoma were sworn into office to-day, Senator Money presented the credentials of Robt. L. Owen and Senator Cuberson those of Thomas P. Gore, the blind Senator. They were escorted to the Vice President's deek, Senator Gore walking slowly by the aid of his cane and leaning on the arm of the Texas Senator. After the oath was administered to the Senator. Gore have the senator Gore and the Senator Gore and leaning on the arm of the Texas Senator. After the oath was administered to the Senator. tor. After the oath was administered to Senator Gore he was conducted to the desk and having his pen properly placed on the book before him he signed his name to the constitution.

The terms of the two Senators were then drawn by lot. Senator Owen

secured the six-year term and Senator Gors the two-year term. ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEES.

Immediately after convening the House agreed to a resolution increasing the membership of various committees one or two members. The ways and means committee is increased to 19; banking and currency to 19; coinage, weights and measures to 18; rivers and harbors to 20; merchant marine and fisheries to 18; foreign affairs to 18; military affairs to 19; affairs to 19; military affairs to 19; naval affairs to 19; public lands to 19; Indian affairs to 19; public buildings and grounds to 17; District of Colum-

Among the bills introduced in the House to-day were the following: By Mr. Clark, of Florida, prohibiting common carriers of passengers from limiting the time for the use of inter-State tickets; providing for a trans-Florida ship canal from the Atlantic to the Gulf; by Mr. Hale, of Tennessee, bestowing a flat pension of \$30 on every veteran who served 60 days in the civil war; by Mr. Ferris, of Okiahoma, making two cents for an adult and making two cents for an adult and one cent for a child the maximum railone cent for a child the maximum rall-road rate per mile chargeable for inter-State tickets; by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, designed to admit to American registry foreign bought ves-sels engaged in domestic trade; by Mr. Richardson, of Alabama, exempting engineer officers unfit for field service from riding tasts. from riding tests.

Two White Men Jailed as Suspect and Confess to Burglarizing Store— Hunger Their Plea—Two Negroes Will Answer For Similar Offense,

Special to The Observer. Newton, Dec. 16 -To-day about 12 o'clock two white men were brought to jall here, who have proved to be the parties who last night broke into to store of Fowler and McDaniel, near the depot, and stole a lot of provis-ions. They are young men about 20 years old and give their names as J. W. Wood and Henry Carlisle, of Baltimore. They say they have been away from home seven days and being nearfly starved is the reason they broke into the store.

After the discovery of the burglary this morning Messrs. Dan Misenhelmer and Bob Sigmon, thinking the parties might have gone to Hickory, boarded No. 21 for that place. On the way the train overtook two men, who had been walking up the track and had been walking up the track and could rejoice over the troubles that passed them. Thinking perhaps these had come to farmers, manufacturers, might be the parties wanted. Messrs. laborers and others on account of the might be the parties walked, Misenfelmer and Sigmon left the panic. Misenfelmer and Sigmon vams, and "But," he continued, "we train at the flag station Oyams, and walked back down the track. Meet-ing the tramps they at once covered them with their revolvers and made to know who struck Billy Patterson, who hurt the business of the country. The South and West were more prosthem surrender. Some of the stolen perous than ever before. roods were found upon the men and they acknowledged breaking into the store. In the meantime parties had seen two strange men, early in the on Wall Street running here and there, morning, leave the barn of Poly Mc-selling greenback money at a prem-Ree, noar Conover, so the sheriff was lum. at once 'phoned for, and it was quite a party, therefore, which escorted the prisoners to jail, where they will await the next term of court in Feb-

Mr. Wast L. Alley also brought to ail this morning two negroes named herrill, who are guilty of breaking into Mr. Alley's store last week. One of the men was arrested at once on suspicion, but as there was very little against him he was released on bond. Later the second negro was found with some of the stolen goods in his lowisday that he and the first ne-

gro had done the stealing. Miss Katherine Holler, da Mr. Ab. Holler, of Catfish, died here Mr. Ab. Heller, of Cathan, died here this morning from an attack of pneumonia, aged about 45 years. The funeral will take place to-morrow at Bethel church near her old home.

Mr. Robert H. Rowe, a member of the senior class at the University, returned home Saturday night to spend the holidays.—Mrs. R. B. Knox has some to her old home in Ashe county. cone to her old home in Ashe co attend the marriage of her broth-Mr. W. H. Worth, and Miss Mande

TERISCO DISMISSES SUITS

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16 .-- At

ference here to-day between Gov or B. B. Comer and Railroad Com

TILLMAN'S FIERY SPEECH at so answer when it should PERHAPS HIS BEST SPEECH men and women when he commenced the state of the chairs on the

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Observer Bureau. Congress Hall Hotel. Washington, Dec. 16.

Senator Benjamin Ryan Tillman, of outh Carolina, made here to-day what is said to have been his best peech in the Senate. He spoke for nearly two hours on his resolution, offered several days ago. "I came not to give light but to

seek it," was among the first things he said. "I am not a member of the he said. "I am not a member of the finance committee, nor have I much knowledge of great financial affairs. The most financiering that I ever did was to try to meet my obligations," declared the South Carolinian as he looked about the Republican side of the chamber for Senator Aldrich, chairman of the committee on finance "Three mosths are there chairman of the committee on finance. Three months ago there
were signs of a brewing storm, but
the masses of the people were prosperous and in the South the great railroad men said that they could not
durnish cars for the business. The
Republicans told us of how happy
everybody was and how plentiful
money had become and what a grand
country they had made us. Suddenly
there came a collapse on Wall Street
and a feeling of distrust spreal over
the land. I was away down in Texas
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"Everywhere they said sil would be well if confidence could be restored. Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou ran to New York and emptied the money of the Treasury—the money collected for taxes—into the lap of Wall Street Morgan, you all well know, called on the President and presently the Treasury feit the necessity of issuing bonds. Two classes were to be issued and they called for bids. There has been considerable delay in saying who got these bonds.

"What I wish to ascertain is whether or not the Secretary of the Treasury had any authority by law to issue the bonds. I want some of the wise financiers or lawyers of the Senate to answer this question for me.

ate to answer this question for me. There is a feeling abroad in the land that if the letter of the law was not disobeyed the spirit was. There-fore, I ask, Did Cortelyou comply

"The Republicans have abused Democrats for issuing bonds in the time of peace to put gold in the Treasury but here they have issued onds when the Treasury is full of

"I have letters from everywhere asking about this panic and these bonds, and some correspondents charge unfairness and others worse. I am a farmer and want to know if is has been done in the proper way." Mr. Tiliman read the President's letter to Cortelyou, upholding the is-suance of the bonds, and then com-mented on an alleged interview with Dahlman, the cowboy mayor, of Omaha, who called on the President last week and reported what he said, which was to the effect that he, Dahlwhich was to the effect that he, Dahlman, could tell the boys in Nebraska that if he, Rocsevelt, had exposed the rottenness of Wall Street by bringing on the panic he was glad to accept the responsibility. The Senator declared that he did not believe that Mr. Rocsevelt had said it. He could not imagine that the President could reside over the troubles that

RAKES WALL STREET MEN. Senator Tillman was not quite at himself until he began to picture men

"Why, if a Southern man had

that it should be printed in the Con-made. If we are go pressional Record. O PUT-UP WITH "SHIN PLAS-

"Yes, they have local currency down to in authority hase their estimates upon the south." He said. "It will not float far from home. We want dollars that will pass in South Carolina, in Washington, in Maine, everywhere in this great country of ours. Greenback is good enough for me. I have become remainder of this year's small grop good enough for me. I have become accustomed to it. The people won't put up with the "sain plasters" long. If a man's blood goes wrong it will not be a great while until he is taken to the bone yard. So it is with a country when its money becomes bad. We don't like your "shin plasters" when the want real money for our cotton. There never was a time, until this panie, that cotton would not bring gold. Now we cannot get greenbacks.

TREASONATION OF THE STATE OF TH

ond bill provides for a fish natchery in the western section of the State.

Representative Robert N. Page has secured a R. F. D. route from Spies.

Moore county.

Mr. Page has just returned from Mr. Page has just returned from of picturesqueness, of healthfulness.

operation performed on his son. Robert, by a nerve specialist. The son, who is but 12 years old, fell last summer and cut his arm on a bottle. As a result of the injury received he was about to lose the use of all hand. The operation, it is believed, will save the hand and arm.

The following named Tar Heels recovered from these entries were here to-day: Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest; Cameron Mormutilated that identification is will save the hand and arm.

rison, of Charlotte; John Cameron, of most impossible. Rockingham, and Herman and Sigmond Wallace, of Statesville. All the postoffice appointments made so far by the President for North Carolina have been reported favorsble by Senator Simmons except Douglas, at Greensboro; Meeking at Elizabeth City, and Edwards, at Franklinton The appointment of Rob-

erts at Marshall has gone through af-

Joyce, of Reidsville, and others. INACCURACY IN ESTIMATE.

ter some little trouble. Spence, Charlotte, went in to-day; so

Representative Heffin, of Alabama Introduces Resolution Chargin Secretary of Agriculture With In-accuracy in Estimating Cotton Crop—Claims High. Estimate

Washington, Dec. 16.—A resolution charging the Secretary of Agriculture with inaccuracy in estimating the year's cotton crop, and calling on him to furnish to congress "the figures of the United States for 1907" was introduced in the House to-day Heffin, of Alabama.

near Conover, so the sheriff was nee 'phoned for, and it was quite try, therefore, which escorted the oners to jail, where they will be the next term of court in Febratian this market by paying at home he was told that it could be bought in the market by paying at home he was told that it could be bought in the market by paying at home he was told that it could be bought in the market by paying at home he was told that it could be bought in the market by paying at home he was told that it could be bought in the market by paying at home he was told that it could be bought in the market by paying at home he was told that it could be bought in the market by paying at home he was arrested at once on kill, who are guilty of breaking Mr. Alley's store last week. One he men was arrested at once on killing the product of the government's final report 1.885,000 bales. Now, when the government report shows only 5. Was, 1000 bales ginned by December 1807.

"Mhy, if a Southern man had money in a New York bank he could not get it out, but when he insisted on having cash to meet the demands at home he was told that it could be premium of \$3 a hundred," said the speaker.

"Money is the blood of trade. The buccansers of Wall Street would whisper to Washington and asked for deposits for their banks there. The captains of industry were blowing air bubbles. Who helped them?"

Why, if a Southern man had money in a New York bank he could be government report, there had been sin. In explaining the purpose of the ground of that year's Scrop according to the government report, there had been sin. In explaining the purpose of the solution of the second to be ginned of that year's Scrop according to the government report, there had been sin. In explaining the purpose of the solution of the second to be ginned of that year's Scood bales ginned by December 1807.

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New York, Dec. 16.—Dr. Mats, ouse physician of the hospital on ackwell's Island, to-night gave out fintement concerning the critical ndition of Abraham Hummel, the sbarred New York lawyer,

ALABAMA MINE EXPLOS

TWELLE BODIES RENO

Senator Overman introduced a bill to-day asking for \$500,000 for a public building, a customs house and a court house for Wilmington. A second bill provides for a fish hatchery and bill provides for a fish hatchery but everything possible had been done to insure the content-

trances. All of the bodies have

LIST OF RECOVERED The list of dead, recovered identified at 10 o'clock to-night

as follows: ROBERT ARNOLD, general mine foreman. WILL TOWE TOM NEWELL

A. B. GUREDLEY. SAM WRIGHT. STOVES NEIL RIDER, enginee CHARLEY SATTERFIELD JOE MADISON. JOHN TUCKER ED JONES. ANTHONY STOVES. Colored: SAM WATSON

NAT HUMPHREY. ROLAND JACKSON. P. FRANKLIN. PINK COLLINS. JIM SMITH. According to Superintendent T. C. Iuckabee, the explasion was unoubtedly due to "windy" shots. doubtedly due to Mr. Huckabee had just mour of inspection and had cor lated some of the men on the con-dition of their rooms. He left the mine only a few minutes before the

learles, Davis Creek and Brookw are here ready to help in the covery of those who are still tombed. . Thirty-Five Bodies Covered. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16.— message from Yolande at midnle says 35 bodies have been taken fro the mines and that the rescuers

Parties of miners from Abernant

lieve between 35 and 40 are still in the lower entrances. DUEL IN STREET

Edward Bragg and Form Sharborough Pull Off Di Planned Ducl—Bragg

er State Senator, was w The two had a quar