

FLEET'S PROGRESS RAPID.

Wireless Reports From Magdalena Bay Say Battleships Are Nearly Through With Their Record Target Practice. San Diego, Cal., March 24.—Wireless reports from Magdalena bay tell of rapid progress being made by the 16 battleships of Rear Admiral Evans' command toward the completion of their record target practice. All of the firing so far has been at a range of 1,600 yards, or just short of one mile. The firing also has been confined to stationary targets and it is now believed that there will be a change either of range or character of target during the remainder of the practice. The practice has been under way for more than ten days and the firing has been constant, suddenly being increased in the rush to finish as early as possible. Another ten days, it is believed, will see the conclusion of the range work and then will follow a period of coaling and clearing up for the fetes that await the ships. According to present plans, as announced by Admiral Evans, the fleet will leave Magdalena bay at daylight on the morning of April 12th, just one month to a day from the time of arrival. The steaming speed will be raised to 11 knots on the run to San Diego, to bring the fleet off Coronado Beach, April 14th. Some idea of the amount of work being done at Magdalena bay can be gleaned from the official statement of ammunition expended by the cruiser Tennessee, recently returned from the practice. At her preliminary practice the Tennessee used 13,743 pounds of powder and 26,242 pounds of shell, their cost being \$18,909.20. At record practice the Tennessee used 19,992 pounds of powder and 51,965 pounds of shell, at a cost of \$25,742.50. The Tennessee's largest guns are of 10-inch calibre, as against the 12 and 13 inch pieces of the battleships. The ships of the Connecticut type, of which there are five in the fleet, will use up at least one-half more ammunition than the Tennessee and the older ships, and the Kentucky and Illinois types will use a third more.

AMERICAN CAR AT 'FRISCO.

Italian Car and French Car Are Fair in the Rear, the Former Undergoing Repairs. San Francisco, March 24.—The American car in the New York-to-Paris race arrived at the ferry slip and was driven aboard the ferry boat at 3:37 this afternoon, and 20 minutes later was rolling along Market street, accompanied by 200 other automobiles. The car will remain here for several days undergoing numerous repairs and a thorough overhauling. It is not badly damaged, apparently. From the journey across the continent, the time of leaving here has not been definitely settled upon but the car may not start until the early part of May. The French car No. 2 arrived on the Southern Pacific overland at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. The Italian car is undergoing repairs at Ogden, 800 miles to the rear of the American automobile. It is being rapidly overhauled by the French car, which is to-night at Church Buttes, Wyo., only 134 miles east of Ogden, 17 miles ahead of the German contestant. The latter are spending the night at Rawlins, Wyo.

WILL ASK FOR CONFERENCE.

Textile Workers Not Pleased With Action of New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers—Some Sentiment in Favor of a Strike. New Bedford, Mass., March 24.—At a meeting of the textile Council to-night to consider the recent order of the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers to cut the wages of their 22,000 operatives 10 per cent. April 6th, it was voted to ask for a conference with representatives of the mill owners. The Textile Council expressed its disapproval of the proposed reduction in view of the long period of curtailment during which the incomes of the wage earners have been reduced. There is considerable dissatisfaction among the operatives, and among the unmarried men and women there is a sentiment in favor of a strike, but this is said to be confined to about 30 per cent. of the operatives. To Inspect Navy Yards. New York, March 24.—Rear Admiral Casper F. Goodrich, commandant of the New York navy yard, has been chosen by Secretary of the Navy Messers to make an inspection of the Atlantic and Gulf navy yards, with the object of re-organizing the present method of conducting the work. Under Admiral Goodrich the bureau work at the New York navy yard has been brought to a high degree of efficiency, work in the various bureaus closely identified having been consolidated as much as possible. Admiral Goodrich will visit the yards of stations at Portsmouth, N. H., Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Norfolk, Va., Charleston, S. C., Pensacola and New Orleans.

OUR PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES.

Have Not Destroyed the Republic, as Jefferson Feared They Would. Springfield, Ill., March 24.—Writing from Paris to Gen. Washington about 1820, Jefferson had learned or unlearned, who did not regard the Society of the Cincinnati, with its hereditary feature, as likely to prove destructive of the American republic. And he added at his own view: "I do not flatter myself with the immortality of our governments; but I shall think little also of their longevity unless this germ of destruction be taken out." Suppose that at that time Jefferson could have foreseen the existence in America of such a number of so-called patriotic societies as were represented at Gov. Gulliver's Washington's Birthday reception. He must at once have assumed that republican forms of government had long since departed from his country. There was in evidence not only this Society of the Cincinnati, still grouping to itself the direct heritage of glory descending from officers of the Revolution, but the following more or less kindred organizations: Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution, Sons of Colonial Wars, Daughters of the Revolution, United States Daughters of 1812, Society of the War of 1812, Sons of Veterans, and so on, let alone the associations of Veterans themselves, like the Grand Army, the Loyal Legion and Spanish War Veterans, which in turn will no doubt be perpetuated through organizations of descendants. Yet republican forms of government in the United States still survive, and even tend to become more liberal of democratic than in the time of Jefferson. And the American people generally view the existence of these hereditary orders with large complacency, and there appears to be no reason why they should regard them otherwise.

LIVED IN THREE CENTURIES VIGOROUS AND STRONG AT 108



MRS. MARY WILKINS, 108 years old.

Mrs. Mary Wilkins, of Remington, Ind., mother of Dr. John A. Wilkins of Delta, Ind., is one of the oldest residents of the state, having lived in three centuries and being in her 108th year.

She was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, September, 29th, 1799, and came to this country with her husband in 1840. She is the mother of four children all living. At the present time she is visiting a daughter in Indiana and is in splendid health. She enjoyed an automobile ride a few days ago and was greatly pleased at the speed. Mrs. Wilkins remembers the crowning of Queen Victoria, and enjoys telling of the experiences and conditions of a hundred years ago.

On January 18th, Margaret Watson, daughter of Mrs. Wilkins sent the following letter from her mother:

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MOTHER GIVES AWAY CHILD.

A Gaffney Woman Sends Her Offspring to a Negro Woman to Nurse, Saying That Later She Will Adopt It—Wanted to Keep Its Birth a Secret. Special to The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., March 24.—Sunday night about 11 o'clock there was a knock at the door of the house of Oscar Brown, colored, who lives on Birnie street just back of The Ledger Building. Upon being asked who was there a voice replied: "I am Dr. Pitman's driver and am looking for the house of Lou Falls." Oscar informed the person that Lou lived in the other end of the house and, knowing that Lou was the mother of a child which had just been born, thought no more of it. Your correspondent, went to Lou's house this morning and found her to be an unusually intelligent negro, and when asked for a statement she said: "If they pay me for my trouble, I will give you the child. Your house is a perfectly formed white infant and appears to be doing well. Your correspondent saw Dr. Pitman and was informed by him that it was taken to the negro's house, as the mother was unable to give it proper nourishment and that the woman wished to keep the matter of the birth a secret and later she would adopt it and that no one would suspect that it was her child. Dr. Pitman refused to give the name of the mother or any further information respecting the matter. The case has created a great deal of interest, large numbers of people having gone to the house to see the infant. Dr. Pitman informed your correspondent that Mr. C. G. Farish was willing to adopt the child, if he could do so legally.

CYCLONE WRECKS TOWN.

Two Persons Killed, a Number of Others Injured and Much Property Destroyed at Lynn, Ga.—A Child Blown Into the Woods. Bainbridge, Ga., March 24.—The town of Lynn, 5 miles from here, was completely destroyed by a cyclone early this morning. Two persons were killed, Jim Wright, colored, and a child of Major Lyles. A number of others were injured, including Bose and Pet. Hatcher, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Blanche Mimms, Mr. George Williams, Miss Kate Arlin and Mrs. William Lynn. The costly home of Mr. Bailey was plucked up and carried 10 feet. Every dwelling, tenant house, barn and store house was destroyed, and all the contents ruined. One little child was blown out into the woods. The track of the cyclone was 400 yards wide and two miles long. Doctors from Bainbridge and Brinson were sent on a special train to care for the injured.

Application of Oklahoma Negroes For Injunction Denied.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 24.—Judge Cotterill, in the Federal Circuit Court, to-night denied the application of Oklahoma negroes for a court order restraining the enforcement of the State Jim Crow law until its constitutionality and validity can be fully determined. In denying the application, Judge Cotterill said: "This decision merely means that the court in its present light, does not believe that the rights of the parties will be infringed on in awaiting further argument. The complainants have a right to damages in equity in this court." The hardest rain in many years during March fell here last evening from 6 to 8 o'clock.

Dr. Hunt Is Improving.

Special to The Observer. Oxford, March 24.—Favorable conditions have developed in the condition of Dr. Graham Hunt, who has been critically ill, and his friends are more hopeful now of his recovery. Best Healer in the World. Rev. F. Starbird, of East Raymond, Maine, says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve for several years, on my old army wound, and other ailments, and find it the best healer in the world. I use it, too, with great success in my veterinary business." Price 25c. at all drug stores.

Messrs. Holt and Brooks to Meet in Joint Debate.

Observer Bureau. The Bevill Building, Greensboro, March 24. Prof. J. Allen Holt, of Oak Ridge, who is an aspirant for the Democratic nomination for Congress in this district, has an appointment to speak in the court house Thursday night and has invited Solicitor A. L. Brooks, Gulliver's other candidate for the nomination, to meet him. Solicitor Brooks accepted the invitation promptly, and in the parlance of the street, it is expected that there will be "something doing" when the two gentlemen meet. Recently a few opponents of Mr. Brooks have been industriously circulating reports intended to reflect upon him for his course in following a custom of long standing in North Carolina by accepting fees in sci. ca. cases, and the impression prevails that Professor Holt will take this as his text Thursday night. United States Marshal Millikan refused to discuss the case of Deputy Marshal Vance Skogins, whose disappearance about two weeks ago has been commented upon further than to say that he has added Mr. S. K. Harkrader of Surry county, to his force of field deputies. Seventh District Convention of Tennessee Endorses Taft. Dickson, Tenn., March 24.—The seventh district Republican congressional convention here to-day endorsed the Roosevelt administration, instructed for Taft for President and declared for George N. Tillman for Governor. H. A. Haggard was the choice for delegate at large to the Chicago convention. P. Rivers and E. L. Gregory were chosen district delegates.

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