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WEATHER TO-DAY. Washington, D. C., July 7—North Carolina, showers Wednesday, cooler in the extreme portion; Thursday fair; light winds.

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WEATHER YESTERDAY. Maximum temperature, 90; minimum temperature, 71; total precipitation for 24 hours ending 8 p. m., 0 inches.

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PRELIMINARY SESSION IS HELD

Bryan Men Score Another Victory

CLEVELAND RESOLUTIONS

Adopted as Presented by the Nebraskan's Supporters

The Democratic National Convention is Called to Order by Chairman Taggart at 12 m.—Temporary Chairman Bell Delivers His Address and is Warmly Applauded—Resolutions on the Life and Death of Cleveland Are Introduced and Adopted as Agreed Upon by the Bryan Supporters—Seconded by Parker—Convention Adjourns at 2:31 P. M. Out of Respect to the Memory of the Late Ex-President.

(By the Associated Press.)

Denver, Col., July 7.—With cheers from ten thousand throats, with the swell of political oratory and the inspiring spectacle of a vast multitude of people the Democratic National Convention began its deliberations today. The session, lasting a little over two hours, was more notable for its impressive magnitude and spectacular efforts than for the business accomplished. It gave, however, the opportunity for the awakening of echoes of convention enthusiasm, the keynote speech of the temporary presiding officer, Theodore A. Bell, of California, a heated skirmish incidental to the contest in the Pennsylvania delegation and finally an unanimous tribute of homage and respect to the memory of the late Grover Cleveland. But the enthusiasm of the opening session was comparatively brief, intermittent and tempestuous, without that long sustained and frenzied clamor which is still reserved for the future. The day was devoted to the primary formalities and the committees appointed are now at work perfecting the permanent organization to proceed tomorrow.

Meantime the convention hosts chafe over the two days delay, which must intervene before their great purpose is accomplished—the nomination of a presidential candidate. The tide of Bryan sentiment sweeps on, gathering force as it proceeds and tonight the chorus of, "Bryan, Bryan" is well nigh universal.

With it is a steadily swelling under current for the nomination of George Gray, of Delaware, as vice-president, and this movement at first intangible has now assumed a definiteness which promises to merge soon with the seemingly overwhelming current moving toward Bryan. Tonight the opponents of Bryan are still seeking to unite their strength against him with the hope of ultimately accomplishing his defeat.

It was a stirring scene which spread before Chairman Taggart at noon today, when with uplifted gavel he sought to bring order out of the confused babel of sound and motion. The splendid amphitheatre, decorated with flags and bunting, was pacqked to its utmost limits with a dense and seething mass of humanity. Below in the central arena sat the delegates, just two more than an even thousands, and back of them the 1,000 alternates—these two thousand the real convention with the destinies of the party in their hands. Flanking them and sweeping around the hall were the long lines of eager, expectant onlookers rising tier on tier and gallery on gallery in solid masses, the brightness of the women in their gay costumes vieing with the splendors of Old Glory, which hung at every hand.

Here and there amid this bewildering throng stood out the notable groups of leaders. Immediately in front and under the presiding officer's eye, were ranged the Nebraskan delegation, bronzed sons of the West, headed by the cowboy mayor, Dahlman, the personal spokesman of Bryan. Well in front were the New York cohorts, with Chief Murphy, cold and impenetrable, and Judge Parker, rather serious faced. Further back Col. Guffey was the smiling center of his Pennsylvania adherents, and near him James Kerr, who is struggling to displace Guffey and take up the leadership. Illinois was to the left center, with the rotund Roger Sullivan to the fore. Further back Tom Johnson, the fighting mayor of Cleveland, moved among his adherents until the gavel sent him to his place among the distinguished guests upon the platform. Near him there sat a notable group—the venerable Senator Daniel of Virginia, a type of the old-time Southerner, with Towne, the Vice-Presidential candidate and orator, and the tall, blonde waspy Congressman Sulzer, of New York. With the Virginians could be seen Governor Swanson; with Nevada's Governor, Dickerson, and Senator Newlans; with Kentucky, Senator McCreary; with Missouri, Senator Stone and occasionally ex-Governor Dockery and the redoubtable Champ Clark; with Idaho, former Senators Dubois and Heitfeldt. Minnesota with the Johnson

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A GERMAN WINS THE GRAND PRIX

The Blue Ribbon of the Automobile World

SEEN BY NEARLY A MILLION

The Race, a Most Exciting One, Accompanied by Numerous Accidents and Two Persons Are Killed, Being Horribly Mangled by the Machines. Lautenschlager Wins With a Mercedes Car.

(By the Associated Press.)

Dieppe, July 7.—The Grand Prix, the blue ribbon of the automobile world, was won today by a German, Lautenschlager, driving a Mercedes car. His time was six hours, 53 minutes 43 4-5 seconds. Hemery in a Bense, was second, and Hanricot, also in a Bense, was third. The German victory was not popular, but still the crowd cheered Lautenschlager with a right good will.

There were numerous accidents and two men were killed outright. Cissac and his engineer, Schaub, were the victims. While finishing the final round the tire of their machine, a Panhard, was torn off. The car was thrown on top of the two men and they were horribly crushed. A Weigel car driven by Harrison, an Englishman, turned a somersault at a dangerous point in the road near Eu, and Harrison was badly crushed. The surgeons say his injuries are not

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TAKE A LEADING PART

Tar Heels Celebrate Fourth of July at Knoxville

Members of the Summer School of the South—One of North Carolina's Representatives, a Former Member of the Legislature, Makes a Brilliant and Fitting Speech.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Knoxville, Tenn., July 7.—The red letter day of America's calendar was appropriately and enthusiastically celebrated by the twenty-nine States and three foreign countries represented in Knoxville Summer School of the South. Notwithstanding the incessant downpour the large Jefferson Hall was soon filled. The members of each State were assigned a certain place, and could be known by their flags. The Tar Heels were recognizable by the white flags with the blue inscription, "First at Bethel, foremost at Gettysburg and last at Appomattox."

The program consisted of music, speeches and roll-call of different States.

The "Down Momers" did themselves proud and responded by most patriotically singing the "Old North State." Then in a three minutes speech, R. E. Sentelle set forth the greatness of North Carolina in every line, especially in education, saying that her public school system is one of the best, and that her educators are the first of the land, and that she not only trained her children for their own State, but for others, having sent Alderman to Virginia and P. P. Claxton to Tennessee, and to Claxton we all owe the great Summer School of the South. After the orator ceased the North Carolinians in lustiest tones sang so as to impress fully upon the vast crowds, that they were North Carolinians and proud of the fact—

"I'm a Tar Heel born,
I'm a Tar Heel bred
And when I die
I'm a Tar Heel dead."

When the twenty-nine States and foreign countries had responded to the roll-call, "God Save the King," was sung in respect to one of his majesty's subjects, the principal speaker of the day, the Rev. Walter Walsh, pastor of Gilfillan church, Dundee, Scotland, who delivered a masterly address on "The World's Obligation to the American Republic."

Then as a fitting climax to these loyal and inspiring exercises, accompanied by the strains of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," all the State flags, the battle-stained flag of the Confederacy, the Brazilian and Swiss flags, and the Union Jack were massed with "Old Glory" proudly waving above them all.

Following is a list of the Tar Heel students in the school:

North Carolina Students of Summer School.

Margaret Harsfield, Oxford; Bessie Loder, Wilmington; Lydia Yates, Wilmington; Sue Boon, Wilmington; Lizzie Field, Greensboro; Florence Stewart, Greensboro; Margaret Ricks, Tarboro; Lula Whitaker, Rockingham; Maude Moore, Rockingham; Bertha Ellen, Berlin; Sallie Hyman, Hobgood; Hattie Everett, Palmyra; Josephine Parris, Hillsboro; Aileen Milburne, Salem; Grace Rankin, Mooresville; Beulah Robertson, Raleigh; Lucy Brooks, Grifton; W. P. Henly, Farmington; Nannie Smith, Albemarle; Charlotte Watkins, Albemarle; Eugenia Harris, Salisbury; Mrs. D. L. Ellis, Asheville; Mrs. V. Hunt; Elkin; Blanche Royall, Yadkin; Daisy Bryant, Lenoir; Rose Earnhart, Lenoir; Pausy Green, Lenoir; Elizabeth Hartel, Greensboro; Annie Lawrence, Catawba; Annie Liddell, Charlotte; Callie McNary, Lenoir; Blanch McNary, Lenoir; R. E. Sentelle, Lumberton; L. Crawford, Marion; Essie Morgan, Marion, Miss Ervin, Morganton.

Teachers: Arch Henderson, Alphonso Smith, T. Gilbert Pearson.

CONTEST AMONG THE TAR HEELS

Senator Simmons Elected Committee on Resolutions

SIX DELEGATES ABSENT

A Lively Contest Is Waged in the Meeting of the North Carolina Delegation on the Question of Allowing Alternates Carr and Arendell to Act as Delegates in Place of Absent Ones.

(By Thomas J. Pence.)

Denver, Col., July 7.—The meeting of the North Carolina delegates developed several lively contests, all of which centered around the election of a member of the committee on resolutions. There were only sixteen delegates present, one of whom was elected an alternate. Sol. Galiert, an alternate fro mthe Tenth district, arrived at the last minute, and acted for Delegate T. C. Mills, who did not get here until today. None of the delegates from the First or Second district was present and those districts are not represented.

There was a preliminary skirmish over the question of permitting Gen. Julius S. Carr and Col. Fal B. Arendell, alternates present, to participate in the meeting and in the convention as delegates, by reason of the absent representatives from the several districts. The question was discussed at length, Senators Simmons and Overman, John D. Bellamy and Paul B. Mews opposing the motion to give the two alternates a voice in the meeting. Governor Glenn, Major Hall and others argued that the State was entitled to 24 delegates, and that such being the case, Gen. Carr and Mr. Arendell ought by right to be permitted to take the places of the absent delegates. Senators Simmons and Overman held that the two alternates present could not act as delegates because they were not elected by the unrepresented districts. This line of argument prompted Governor Glenn to remark that the delegates not only ought to see that the four districts have representatives in the convention, bu that if they desired the majority under the instructions given by the State convention, could bind all the delegates. There were prompt replies of "No, No, No," from Senator Simmons, Col. Mews and Mr. Bellamy. A rising vote was taken, which showed eight for and eight against. The motion, therefore, did not prevail and General Carr and Colonel Arendell were denied the right to act as delegates, though six delegates were absent.

This was the preliminary to the vote for membership on the resolution committee. Governor Glenn was nominated, but declined to be a candidate for this or any other position. The fight was then between Senator Simmons and Major E. J. Hale. It was decided to vote by ballot. Simmons received eight and Major Hale six votes. Two delegates did not vote. Afterwards the election of Senator Simmons was claimed as an anti-Bryan victory.

While Mr. Simmons has never professed to favor the Nebraskan, he informed members of the delegation beforehand that he would not oppose the platform as offered by Mr. Bryan and declared that as Bryan was certain to be nominated he favored a platform such as would embrace Mr. Bryan's views and meet his approval. In any event, Mr. Bryan's friends are in full control of the committee on resolutions.

A certified copy of the instructions for Bryan, adopted at Charlotte, are here. They were produced today and cleared away all doubt as to their purport. The entire delegation from the State is instructed for Bryan, and it is not believed for a moment that any attempt will be made to nullify the expressed will of the convention.

National Committeeman Daniels called the meeting to order.

After preliminaries Senator Overman was chosen chairman of the delegation and took the gavel.

L. A. Bethome was chosen secretary. Then followed the election of Josephus Daniels as national committeeman for the fourth consecutive

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TRAGEDY AT KINSTON

Young Emmett Hawkins Crushed to Death by a Cave-in of an Excavation

(Special to News and Observer.)

Kinston, N. C., July 7.—Emmett Hawkins, a young white man, was crushed to death yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock by the cave-in of an excavation, in which he had been working at the Kinston Cotton Mills. Hawkins, with two other men, was digging sand to be used in mixing mortar for the erection of a brick chimney for the mill. The hole was about nine feet deep where he was working. One bank caved in, crushing him against the opposite bank. Though he was submerged only to his arm pits he was killed almost instantly.

Coroner J. C. Greene, of LaGrange, came down this morning and held an inquest and examination of the body, cause of death, etc. The physical examination of the body showed that death was produced by crushing. When the accident occurred his companions and several employees from the mill hastened to Hawkins' rescue and soon had dug him out, but he was already dead. Hawkins was about 25 years old and unmarried.

TAR HEEL FLAG HIGH ABOVE ALL

Waived Aloft by John W. Thompson

ELLINGTON CLOSE SECOND

Prominent and Conspicuous Part Taken by North Carolina Giants in Demonstration in Honor of Bryan in Denver Convention—Where the State's Delegates Sit.

(By Thos. J. Pence.)

Convention Hall, Denver, Col., July 7.—During the demonstration in honor of William J. Bryan, which broke loose in the convention hall where the Nebraska delegation appeared holding aloft a picture of their favorite citizen, a North Carolina State flag waived above every head and hand on the floor of the convention. The Carolina colors were held by John W. Thompson, of Raleigh, who stood in a chair and led in the demonstration.

Sheriff Ellington, of Johnston, was a close second, but the Raleigh man towered above him and everyone else.

The Tar Heel delegation reached the convention early. The State's representatives were well locate. They had seats on the right side of the hall, next to Virginia and immediately in front of Ohio. The Maryland and West Virginia delegates flanked the Carolinians, who liked their company as well as their location.

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CONVENTIONALITIES

Brief Telegraphic Side Stories of Various and Sundry Doings of Delegates at Denver

New York Delegation Adopts Platform.

Convention Hall, Denver, July 7.—The New York delegation in caucus today adopted the platform prepared by its sub-committee in which they declare for a parcels post, postal savings banks, publication of campaign expenditures and a modification of the Sherman anti-trust law so as to guarantee to the wage earners, agriculturists and horticulturists the right for organized effort in protection of wages and the improvement of condition of labor to the end that such associations or their members shall not be regarded as illegal combinations in restraint of trade, declares for equal rights to all and special privileges to none and the equality of all citizens before the law.

The platform also embodies substantially the anti-injunction plank proposed by the American Federation of Labor, and is as follows:

"We insist most strongly that the courts must be maintained and upheld in every way within the province assigned to them by the constitution of our country. Neither the executive or legislative branch of the government should be permitted in the slightest degree to invade or interfere with that part of the work of the Government assigned to the courts, but because of the way in which the judges have acted in cases where contempts occurring outside the view of the court are alleged to have been committed, we pledge ourselves as we have done in three prior National platform to the end that public confidence in the courts may be continued and strengthened, to the enactment of a law forbidding the issuance of injunctions in any cases in which an injunction would not issue if no labor disputes were involved, and providing that no injunction shall be issued when there is an adequate remedy at law. Such enactment shall also provide that in the procedure for the punishment of any contempt court not committed in the actual presence of the court, the party cited for contempt shall be entitled to a trial by jury."

FOURTH OF JULY FATALITY.

One Negro Dead and Another in Critical Condition as Result of Fracas. Edgecombe to Have County High School—$100 Appropriated for Veterans' Dinner.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Tarboro, N. C., July 7.—Sam Simpson, colored, died Sunday night, and Tom Highsmith is in a critical condition as the result of a fracas at Bethel on the Fourth. Simpson attacked Highsmith with a razor, severing his throat almost from ear to ear, and Highsmith defended himself by shooting the former in the abdomen, from the effects of which wound he died. Highsmith is not expected to live.

Edgecombe will have a county high school. The suggestion of the local school board was acted upon by the county board of education at the regular meeting yesterday. This will give free tuition to any student in the county who desires to pursue a high school course. The board also ordered the erection of a building at Runnymede, a new house in district No. 2, township No. 9, a new house in No. 14 for whites and one for colored. W. W. Stallings was appointed school committeeman in No. 8 to succeed Claude Wilson, removed, and Tom Lawrence in No. 5. It was decided

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HARDWARE MEN IN WILMINGTON

Annual Convention Association of the Carolinas

30 YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Sentence Given Will Richardson, Charged With the Double Killing of His Former Paramour and Slocumb Williams, All Negroes—Superior Court Adjourns—Bishop Strange and Clergy at Beaufort.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., July 7.—The fourth annual convention of the Hardware Association of the Carolinas was called to order this morning in the auditorium of the Seashore Hotel, at Wrightsville Beach, by President W. N. Everett, of Rockingham, and after the singing of "America", Mayor Springer, of Wilmington, was presented and delivered a very cordial address of welcome, the responses having been by E. Walker Duval, of Cheraw, S. C., in behalf of the members of the association; W. W. Watt for the associate members and by W. W. Williams, editor of the Hardware Department of the Newport News "Iron Age" The morning session was largely preliminary with the exception of two addresses—"How Best to Get Legislation Through," by W. M. Otis, manager of the Columbia Lumber and Manufacturing Company, and "Hardware Advertising", by R. D. Baldwin, of Fitchburg, Mass., advertising manager for the Simond Manufacturing Company, and a member of the Boston Advertising Men's Association. The remainder of the session today was devoted to enrollment of new members and a reception at which the members became acquainted with one another and spent some time in pleasant social intercourse. This afternoon there were a number of exhibits by manufacturers and dealers in the auditorium of the hotel.

Tomorrow the visitors, of which there are a large number in attendance, with members of their families aad friends, will go for a side trip down the Cape Fear river on the steamer Wilmington, this being a part of the entertainment by the local dealers. The trip will be to places of interest about the city and to Fort Caswell. Luncheon will be served on the boat and an executive session will be held on the boat. The delegates expect to return in time for an afternoon session, when Mr. T. W. Dixon, of the Southern Hardware Company, Charlotte, will deliver an address on "How to Get Best Results From Our Clerks", and Mr. M. C. Thompson, of Charlotte, Southern manager for the H. & B. Davis Paint Co., of Baltimore, will speak on "The National Pure Food Law." Mr. W. P. Lewis, of the National Hardware Fire Insurance Company, is also expected to speak on "Mutual Hardware Fire Insurance."

The sessions will come to a close on Thursday with a business meeting and a banquet at the Seashore Hotel at night. The convention is by odds the largest held at Wrightsville Beach this season, a great many hardware dealers from the two States being in attendance.

Will Richardson Gets 30 Years.

The two weeks' special term of Superior Court which ran over into this week on account of the Fourth of July holiday, had adjourned with the finding of a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree in the case of Will Richardson, charged with the double killing of his former paramour and Slocumb williams, both colored, in an alley in the northern part of the city last Christmas. Judge Peebles sentenced Richardson to thirty years in the State penitentiary. The docket is now clear of all but three capital cases, most of which have been hanging fire for several years. The next regular term of the court convenes the last of this month.

Retreat of the Clergy.

Bishop Robert Strange, of the East Carolina Dddese of the Protestant Episcopal church, has as his guests at the Parochial School at Beaufort, this week, the clergy of his diocese, who meet him there for prayers, for study a d for recreation, it being the Bishop's purpose to make this a yearly "retreat" for the men of God with whom he is so closely associated.

HEAT KILLS 14 MORE

Hundreds Prostrated and New York's Population Held Helpless in Tropical Spell

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, July 7.—A smart southerly breeze that followed in the trail of a mild summer storm today filtrated through New York's sun-baked streets tonight and brought some relief from the tropical spell that has killed nearly two score of persons, prostrated hundreds and held the city's population helpless in its burning folds for over a week.

Fourteen persons succumbed to the heat today, a total of 31 deaths from that cause within the last thirty-six hours. Scores were prostrated today.

The thermometer reached 92 degrees at noon at the weather bureau, which is located in a down town skyscrapers, but many thermometers on the streets found the mercury hugging the 100 mark, cooler weather is promised for tomorrow.

Baton Rouge, La., July 7.—By a decisive majority the House today killed the Potts anti-cotton futures bill. A similar measure was recently defeated in the Senate.

SAYS SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL

E. E. Hight's Counsel Makes Some Corrections

WAS EMPLOYED IN STORE

Had Access to Ghoulson Store and Securing Duplicate Keys Was Unnecessary—No Attempt at Suicide. No Warning Telegram Sent to Hight in Richmond Hospital.

To the Editor: Please make a few corrections in the sensational report from Richmond concerning E. E. Hight, of this place, which appeared in this morning's paper. Such charges as may be made against him will be met in due order at court.

Mr. Hight's shooting himself occurred while cleaning a pistol some three or four weeks ago, and he stated to friends who went to his relief that it was an accident. If there was an attempt to commit suicide that fact has not been established. No charge had then been made against him, nor, so far as can be learned, was he even suspected of wrong-doing.

He did not get his information of the warrant against him from a warning telegram, but that fact was communicated to him by me as his counsel, in a personal consultation last Saturday, with the full knowledge and approval of Dr. Stuart McGuire, who had him in charge. The fact had been for some time known to Mr.

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MORE QUIET AT FAIR VIEW

No Visitors of Importance in a Political Way

However, Mr. Bryan Had a Busy Day—Telegrams Requiring Replies Poured in From Denver Over the Special Wire Into the Nebraskan's Office—No Intention of Going to Convention.

(By the Associated Press.)

Fair View, Lincoln, Neb., July 7.—There were few visitors at Fair View today and none of importance in a political way. This did not, however, mean that Mr. Bryan was not busy. His day began early and before his breakfast was completed the special wire between his office and Denver was pouring in telegrams which required replies.

Although there has been a permanent telegraph office established in a cottage in close proximity to the Bryan home for convention purposes, a special wire was run to his office, and at his desk near which the telegraph operator had been placed Mr. Bryan spent most of his time until the Denver convention adjourned this afternoon. Visiting delegations and calls of persons high in the councils of the party during the past five days had given the Democratic leader but little opportunity to read his various correspondence, and much of his time today was devoted to that duty. With his confidential stenographer he went over his mail, stopping only to make reply to the numerous telegrams which were placed on his desk during the early part of the day.

To persistent inquiries as to whether he would go to the Denver convention, Mr. Bryan stated that at present he had no thought of doing so and knew of no contingency which might arise to take him to Denver. "You cannot tell what the future will bring forth," he said, "but I know now of nothing which will take me to the convention city."

Mr. Bryan watched the convention bulletins closely and those reporting occasions which brought forth applause from the big Denver gathering were read with evident satisfaction and contented smiles, but not with looks of surprise.

News from the convention did not prevent him, however from taking a deep interest in the harvesting of his alfalfa crop, and he viewed with deep concern the prospects of its garnering before another rain should come. Patrick Ryan, who devotes his time to making the Bryan farm productive, began mowing the alfalfa this morning.

A "large, sweet, juicy, guadaloupe triumph" watermelon is on its way from Saguin, Texas, to Fair View. Notice of its shipment came in a letter from Dr. J. H. Vaughan, of that place, who mentions eight other admirers of Mr. Bryan who have taken a hand in the development and shipment of the melon. Dr. Vaughan in his letter says:

"It is our hope that its flavour may be the sweetness of victory, that its size may be illustrative of the Democratic vote in November, and that each seed may represent a Bryan vote in the electoral college."

THE CRUISER RETURNS

The North Carolina Arrives in Hampton Roads From Cape Lookout Where She Received Her Service.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., July 7.—The armored cruiser North Carolina arrived in Hampton Roads today from Morehead City, N. C., where she last week received the silver service presented to her by the people of the State of North Carolina. She came to the Norfolk navy yard this afternoon for repairs, following her shaking down run to Guantanamo, Cuba.

THROUGH THE GOLDEN GATE AGAIN

The Big Fleet Departs San Francisco

SIXTEEN BATTLESHIPS

Now to Cross the Pacific and Visit the Orient.

In Imposing Array They Pass Beyond the Headlands. Out of the View of the Thousands of Cheering Watchers on Shore and Start Fairly on the Long Voyage Through Five Seas from San Francisco to Hampton Roads—Splendid Picture of Our Fighting Strength on the Rear.

(By the Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Cal., July 7.—Fifteen battleships of the Atlantic fleet, sailed today on the voyage that is to take them around the world and end at Hampton Roads, whence they started last December. The sixteenth member of the fleet, the Nebraska, was left behind, because of an outbreak of scarlet fever among the crew. She will be placed in quarantine three days and thoroughly fumigated, after which she will join her sister ships at Honolulu.

Without ceremony or celebration of any sort, the fifteen big fighting ships got under way promptly at 2 o'clock on signal from the Connecticut, Rear Admiral Sperry's flagship, and, steaming in single column slowly wended their way out of the bay, where they had found anchorage from time to time since their arrival here two months ago. A few small craft followed in the wake of the fleet as far as Golden Gate, and gave the big white ships a parting salute with their sirens, while on the hills were scattered groups of people silently watching the departure which was in striking contrast to the enthusiastic welcome on its arrival.

The vessels presented a beautiful appearance as they steamed through the harbor. As the Connecticut passed forth the flagship signaled for more speed, and the bows of the warships were soon throwing up a sea of white foam as they plowed through the water. It was 3:10 o'clock when the Kentucky, the last ship in line, passed the lighthouse at the entrance to the Golden Gate, and, half an hour later, the fleet was lost to view in a dense cloud of black smoke from the copes of funnels and the thick water which was rolling in from the sea.

The forenoon was one of busy preparation on the ships.

A 11 o'clock Secretary of the Interior Garfield, who arrived last night from Honolulu on the cruiser St. Louis, boarded the Connecticut to pay his respects to Admiral sperry. He was saluted with 17 guns when he took his leave.

On the water front patrols of bluejackets with stout "billies" rounded up a few belated stragglers from the various ships.

At 12.50 o'clock the last boat left shore with mail orderlies.

Just before the fleet sailed Rear-Admiral Sperry received a telegram from President Roosevelt, conveying to the fleet his heartiest good wishes on the eve of its departure.

San Francisco, Cal., July 7.—A splendid picture of America's fighting strength on the sea was presented today, when the sixteen battleships of the Atlantic fleet, led by the magnificent Connecticut, with Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry on the bridge, headed out of the Golden Gate and bathed their bows in the blue Pacific. In imposing array they passed beyond the headlands, out of the view of the thousands of cheering watchers on shore and started fairly on the long voyage through five seas from San Francisco to Hampton Roads—a striking demonstration of the power and efficiency of the United States Navy.

Sixteen battleships were in the line, divided into four divisions, and two squadrons. In the first division of the first squadron were the flagship of Rear Admiral Sperry, the Connecticut, and her sister ships, the Kansas, Minnesota and Vermont. This division, as well as the entire fleet, is under the immediate command of Rear Admiral Sperry. The second division of the first squadron is under the command of Acting Rear Admiral Richard Wainright, and consists of the flagship Georgia and her sister ships, the Nebraska, New Jersey and Rhode Island. Rear Admiral William Emory commands the second squadron and third division, and is aboard of the flagship Louisiana. The Virginia, Ohio and Missouri also are in this division. The fourth division under the command of Acting Rear Admiral Seaton Schoeder, is made up of the flagship Wisconsin and Illinois, Kearsarge and Kentucky. The Nebraska and Wisconsin, formerly of the Pacific fleet, have taken the places of the Maine and Alabama of the Atlantic fleet, which are en route to Hampton Roads, as a special service squadron.

The fleet auxiliaries preceded the

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