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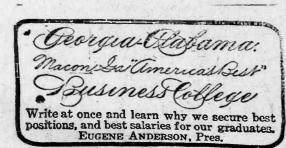


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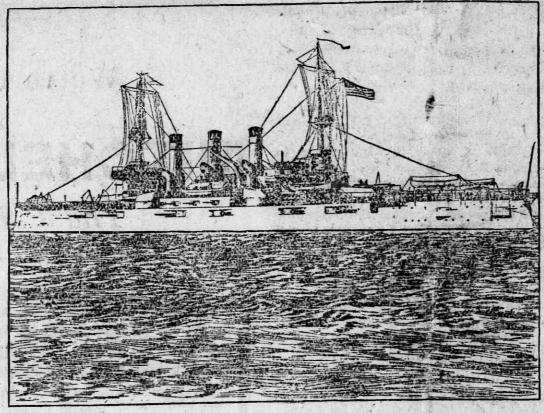


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around the earth in sailing 15,000 milesto reach a point 3,000 miles away by land, the most magnificent, the most formidable, the most effective of naval fleets sets sail from Hampton Roads. Virginia, for San Francisco From the At lantic to the Pacific, from the east to the west by war of the south, down the Atlantic coast, around

Cape Horn. through Magellan strait and up the I'a cific coast, these ships of war will plow their way through nearly 14,000 nautical knots of brine. From mid-December until mid-April the whole world will watch the progress of the sixteen mighty American battleships and their attendant lesser war vessels. Every nation on the map of the globe will take a keen official interest in the news of the cruise. Intelligent citizens in every clime will follow the dispatches chronicling the onward career of the splendid squadrons. It is an important piece of world news.

In the United States naturally the cruise of this great fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific will be of the highest interest to the average person. For Sam's are close to the mark. The may give it. United States has two long coast lines to defend, separated by 3,000 miles of Robley D. Evans this grandest assem land. Until the acquisition of Hawaii, bly of American ships that ever plow Guam and the Philippines our Pacific ed the seas is going around the tij coast was relatively unimportant in a end of South America and up through naval sense. United States ownership the blue brine of the Pacific to resusciof those islands increased the importated and rejuvenated San Francisco. tance of Pacific coast naval patrol. six months we have been talking about this proposed movement of warships.

For six months Uncle Sam has been making preparations for the voyage. Some citizens have acquiesced with enthusiasm in the pians of the navy department. Others have objected to the cruise on various grounds. Some have looked upon: it as a valuable "demonstratica" in view of possible Japanese hostilities. Others have commended the plan merely as a matter of exer- Maine ...... 13.500 cising our ships and seamen, just to show what they can do when they try. Still others have hinted that it is nobody's business outside of America what we do with our own naval equipment so long as we keep the peace. Opponents of the cruise have held that it is a needless waste of money, while a few of them seem to regard the out, the ships must travel 13,722 knots | ter. Ha, ha!"

movement as something akin to the shaking of a red rag in the face of a

Very probably those who hold that it is nobody's business but Uncle



ROUTE OF THE FLEET AND DISTANCES. tance. We have no desire to fight England or France, yet we keep the Atlantic coast constantly guarded by powerful fleets. The movement of a great fleet to Pacific waters is but a natural consequence of changed condi tions. Secretary of the Navy Metcalf remarked some months ago when this movement was under consideration that it had "practically no significance from a military standpoint." At that time there was some little friction with Japan on account of incidents in San amicably, and now the big fleet goes forward with such significance as industrial and commercial conditions

Under the command of Rear Admiral

The sixteen battleships which, with Japan's growing military and naval the necessary colliers, supply ships, reprowess further enhanced this impor- pair ships and other auxiliaries to an extended cruise, constitute this fleet

are as follows: Tonnage. Guns. Speed Connecticut ...... 17,600 Louisiana ..... 17,600 Minnesota ..... 17,650 Vermont ..... 17.650 Kansas ..... 17.650 Rhode Island...... 15,320 Ohio ...... 13,500 Alabama ..... 11,565 Illinois ...... 11,565 Kearsarge ..... 11,540 Kentucky ...... 11,540 22 11 [Guns of secondary battery not given.]

to reach San Francisco bay. This is equivalent to more than 15,000 miles The naval authorities figure that 115 days will elapse between the time of starting and the time of arrival at destination, but that only sixty-three days will be devoted to actual sailing 'The rest of the time will be spent in port en route and at target practice. It is the intention of the navy department to give the crews much practice at the big and little guns under the best conditions possible. There will be five stops on the long trip, where the ships will anchor and many members of the crews will enjoy shore leave.

From Hampton Roads to Trinidad. the first port where the fleet will pause, the distance is 1.780 knots. The sailors will spend Christmas at Trinidad, leaving there about three days afterward for Rio de Janeiro, 2,900 knots distant. About Jan. 10 the ships will anchor in the harbor of the Brazilian me-Arenas, in the strait of Magellan, is 2,230 knots farther along. The fleet will spend the closing week of January point, is 2,850 knots away According to the schedule mapped out, the fieet should reach Callao on Feb. 13. Six days' respite from cruising will be had in that harbor; then comes a stretch of 3.012 knots to Magdalena bay, on the west coast of Lower California, which is a peninsula belonging to the republic of Mexico. At Magdalena bay a considerable period will be spent in gun practice. The Mexican government has granted the United States the privllege of using this fine bay, an ocean

tice station for a period of three years From Magdalena bay to San Francisco bay, where the ships will drop anchor at the end of their voyage, the distance is about 1,000 knots. It is be lieved that, barring accidents and other untoward circumstances, the ships will ride triumphantly through its Golden Gate and anchor in the bay on

inlet forty miles long and protected

with reefs of sands, so that the water is

always placid, as a coaling and prac-

While the disposition of the fleet after arrival in San Francisco bay is not

definitely indicated, it is safe to assume that the big battleships will do more or less cruising up and down the Pacific coast. It is quite probable that considerable time will be spent in the Puget sound harbors, such as those at Seattle and Tacoma. It may be that a cruise to Honolulu will be included.

Didn't Like Her Cooking.



Mistress-The recipe I made that pudding from says it will keep a week. Maid-I think it'll keep longer than Francisco. That matter was settled that, ma'am. Master says he won't touch a bit of it!

He Won His Bet.

Thomas Nelson Page, while riding down a country road, met an old negro leading a horse and laughing as only

a negro can. "Sam," said Mr. Page, "what's the

"Oh! Mawnin' marster. I jes' won a bet offen his byear fool hoss." 'Why, Sam," said Mr. Page, "how

did you do that?" "Well, you see, boss, I was a-leadin" dis hyear hoss back yonder an' I seen a piece of paper ahead of us, an' I said. Blacky, I bet you a quarter you gwine ter be afraid of it.' But Blacky shook his haid-he wouldn't. Then I said, 'Blacky, I bet you a quarter you will-will you take my bet?' An' be nodded his haid. Well, sah, when we git up dar de wind flutter dat paper about, an', Lord bless my soul, you oughter seen dat hoss. He shy clean outen de field. Ha. ha, ha! An' dat's what tickles me-dat I'm a quarter ahead."

"Why, Sam, you are crazy. You can't collect the quarter from a horse." "Yassah, dat I can! My marster he'll give me a dollar tonight to git oats an' hay fer dat hoss, but I'll git According to the itinerary mapped him 75 cents' wuth an' keep my quar-

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