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STATE COMPELS COOPER TO ADMIT IRREGULARITIES IN HIS OFFICIAL ACCOUNTS

Purpose to Show That His Sense of Honor Was Not High.

HE DECLARES THAT CARMACK SHOT FIRST

Aged Defendant Will Be on Stand Probably for Another Day.

(By Associated Press.)

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 24.—After a day replete with exciting incidents the session of the Cooper-Sharp trial for the murder of former Senator Carmack closed with the aged defendant, Colonel D. B. Cooper still upon the stand. The direct examination of the colonel which began early yesterday morning lasted until nearly noon today. Almost the first thing the state did on cross-examination was to announce that it would try to prove that Colonel Cooper was a defaulter to the extent of over $100,000 while clerk and master of chancery in Maurey county. This preciptated a bitter fight between counsel, during which harsh words were used and much anger displayed, despite the efforts of Judge Hart to hold the reins tightly.

The state won a partial victory and straightway sprang another surprise. It resurrected some old legislative records concerning an investigation into an alleged defalcation of State Treasurer M. T. Polk in the early eighties. They offered to prove that thousands of dollars of the state's money was invested by Polk with Col. Duncan B. Cooper and others in a Mexican silver mine scheme, a walnut log scheme in North Carolina, and a scheme to buy the Nashville American.

Admits Irregularities.

Colonel Cooper admitted that there were irregularities in his office of clerk and master in chancery, but said they were due to bad management and poor bookkeeping, and that every dollar was made good. He admitted that Polk was his partner in the ventures named, but declared that he (Cooper) never handled a dollar of the money, and had no knowledge that it was taken from the state's strong box.

Colonel Cooper made an excellent witness, but one hard to handle even by his own counsel. Repeatedly he urged Judge Anderson to let the state ask "any question on any subject," and at times, answered over his own attorney's objections. Now and then he displayed great heat, but he did not contradict himself upon any point. When court adjourned, the cross-examination had reached only the commencement of the trouble, the early editorials.

It is likely that the witness will be on the stand all day tomorrow.

Describes Shooting.

Today's testimony began with Colonel Cooper's description of the shooting.

"Robin urged me to hurry," he said. "I told him to wait a minute. He and Sharp stopped, and I caught up. Then he grabbed me, and said 'let's hurry, papa.' The nervous grasp of his arm aroused my suspicion, and intuitively I turned and saw Senator Carmack. Instantly, I decided to go over and have a plain talk with Carmack, to see if this affair which was worrying my friends, my children and myself could not be stopped. The impulse came over me at once when I saw him, to go over and talk to him and have an understanding. First I thought I'd wait for him. Then I thought that might carry some significance so I walked towards him. I saw him speak to Mrs. Eastman. I said 'Mr. Carmack.' He threw up his head as though he had not seen me, and at once drew his revolver and stepped in front of Mrs. Eastman, putting her between us and stepping towards the curb. He was five or six feet from the curb when I called his name. He had his pistol in his hand and passed in front of Mrs. Eastman. Mrs. Eastman became wildly excited, and grabbed the old man with her. I made no hostile movement."

"What did you say?"

"I said, I think, that it was damned cowardly to get behind a woman with a pistol in his hand."

"Did you have a revolver out?"

"Not at that time."

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SENDS POLICE BILL BACK FOR SENATE TO ACT

Committee Agrees to Report It Without Prejudice

PROSPECT BRIGHT FOR LONGER SCHOOLS

House Tables the Game Bill. Anti Trust Measures Are Debated.

(Special to The Citizen.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 24.—The senate committee on counties, cities and towns this afternoon heard Representative Weaver in advocacy of his house bill to create the Asheville police commission, and also heard Judge Jones and J. C. Martin against the measure. The committee voted to report the bill to the senate without prejudice. Mr. Weaver insisted that there was a general demand in Asheville for the bill and presented petitions asking for its passage.

On the other hand Judge Jones and Mr. Martin declared that the commisison was not wanted by the people, would bring about discord in the democratic party, would divide administrative responsibility, and inflict in the end an absolutely useless institution on Asheville. Many questions asked the speakers by committeemen indicated a lively interest in the case by the senators. Senator Britt did not address the committee, but is quietly opposing the bill. Weaver has some strong friends on the floor of the senate who will represent him in the fight for the bill on the floor.

The house committee on records again acted unfavorably on Senator Ray's good roads bill for Henderson county.

School Bill's Easy Road.

The general educational bill carrying the regulations for holding local tax elections in the counties, and inceasing by $150,000 the state appropriation to assure four months school in every district of the state, passed its second reading in the senate today with only two votes against it. Being a roll call bill it had to await another day for final passage. It directs every county to levy a special school tax of not less than one-half of one nor more than five per cent., and a poll tax of three to fifty cents.

Anti-Trust Talk Again.

The senate spent two hours discussing anti-trust legislation before recess was taken to eight night, which the anti-trust bills were under discussion again.

Senator Ormond for the Lockhart bill and Senator Travis for the Bassett-Blow substitute were the speakers today. enator Lockhart stole a march on the opponents of his sub section "A" bill by offering it as an amendment for all, but the enacting clause of the Bassett-Blow substitute. This procedure was sustained by the chair, president Pro. Tem. Kluttz.

Game Bill Tabled.

The house after a spirited discussion voted fifty-two to forty-eight to table the Empire bill that had already passed the senate to prohibit selling quail in the state for two years and allowing sportsmen to shoot not more than fifteen in a day each.

The consideration of the revenue bill in committee of the whole for second reading was completed, and the bill put through ready for final grind of third reading. The graduated tax on cigarette dealers and manufacturers was raised so that it will be $250 for 250,000,000 cigarettes and range up to $1,500 for 500,000,000 cigarettes output.

The question of increasing the tax on express companies from 2½ to 4 per cent. on their gross receipts was proposed by Speaker Graham, but action deferred to the final reading of the bill.

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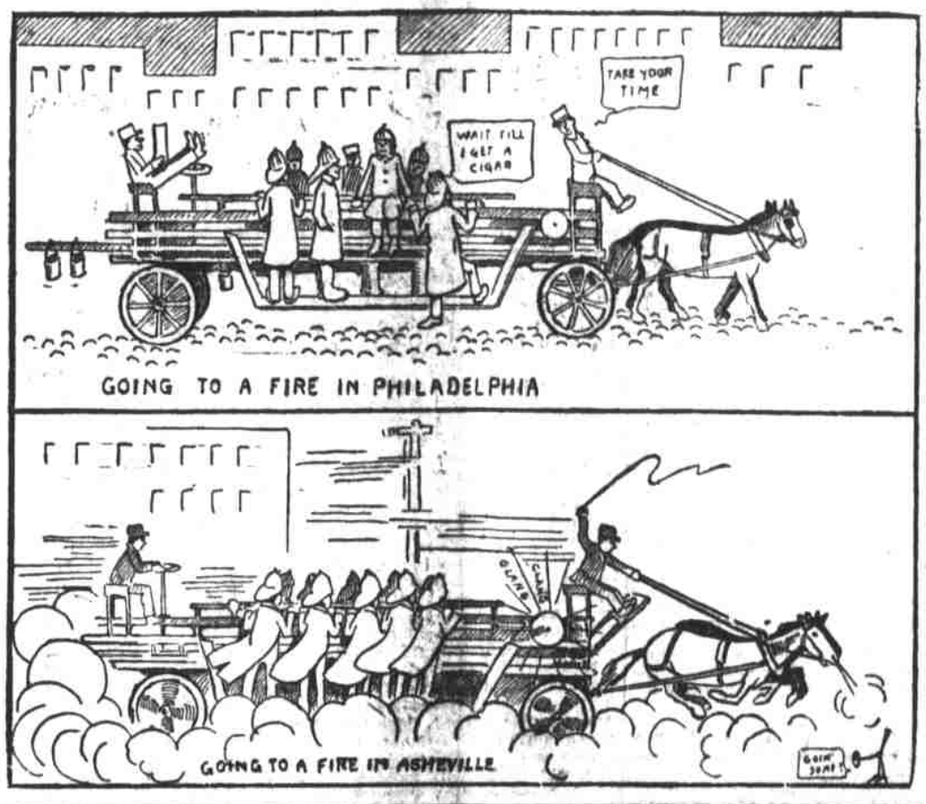
THE MOVING SPIRIT



VICTORIA INN SOLD TO MR. P. H. BRANCH

No Announcement Made Yet As to Future Management of Hotel.

Victoria Inn and its adjoining acres in Victoria were purchased yesterday by Mr. P. H. Branch from Mr. Gay Green at a price which cannot be ascertained but which exceeds $40,000.

This is the third time this handsome property has been sold in the last few days. It was first negotiated by its owner, the board of home missions of the Northern Presbyterian church, to Mr. Alex Porter, who transferred the right of purchase to Mr. Green and the latter has now transferred his interests to Mr. Branch.

Mr. Branch is well known as the proprietor of the beautiful Margo Terrace hotel on Haywood street and Victoria Inn will be conducted with the marked success which has featured it under Mrs. Martin's management.

The Citizen told several days ago of the purchase of Victoria Inn and its adjacent acreage of 15 acres by Mr. Green and with barely time for further negotiations even when expedited by traders so active as Messrs. Green and Branch, it again announces the sale of the property, the different transfers in rapid succession showing the activity which pervades Asheville real estate of high class.

No definite statement can now be made as to the future management of Victoria Inn, but it is certain that the hotel will be run on the strictly high class plane which has featured it in the past.

Victoria Inn has been conducted with notable success for several years by Mrs. Annie D. Martin and in this connection it may be said that it has been known for some days that Senator Gazzam and Mrs. Martin have been considering the mangement by the latter of Kenilworth Inn and it is hoped by those who know of the situation that this arrangement will be made.

Kenilworth is a magnificent inn, beautifully situated, but because of late years it has been conducted by the owner through a manager the sale of the property to a girl's school was considered, the proposed arrangement not however being made.

GOULD DIVORCE GETS WITNESS IN JAIL

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Margaret Teal, charged with attempted subordination of perjury in connection with the Nelon Kelly Gould-Frank J. Gould divorce action, was committed to the Tombs prison by Judge Foster as the result of developments at the trial today. She has heretofore been under $5,000 bail. The witnesses today include Mrs. Juia Fleming McCabe, who was indicted with Mrs. Teal and Detective Mousley. Blanche Hale, a manicurist, who said she was asked by Mrs. McCabe to sign a false affidavit in the case, and Margaret Folk, a colored dressmaker, who testified that she was approached with a similar proposition. Lieutenant Rayens, who made the arrests in the case told of finding a photograph of Gould and some of the affidavits signed by prospective witnesses in Detective Mouseley's pocket.

PEARL NECKLACE WORTH $50,000 STOLEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—A $50,000 pearl necklace belonging to Miss Jennie Crocker of this city was stolen during the Mardi Gras ball given by Mrs. Charles O. Alexander at the St. Francis hotel last night. The theft was not reported to the police until tonight. The necklace, which has been ranked as one of the most valuable in the country, is composed of fifty-three all flawless specimens, which were brought by Miss Crocker from Europe some years ago.

HOUSE FRUGAL, PARES SALARY MEASURE DOWN

Does Not Concur in Increase for President and Other Officials

PARTY LINES WERE LOST IN THE VOTING

Increase in Judges Salaries in Danger, Goes Back to Conference.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—With its war paint on, the house of representatives today by sweeping majorities many times defied the senate by rejecting its amendments to the legislative appropriation bill providing for salary increases for president, the vice-president, the speaker, the judiciary and for the creation of the offices of under secretary and fourth assistant secretary of state. Party lines were obliterated completely.

It was a regular field day in the lower body where oratory and confusion wed with each other for hours. Not during the present congress has the speaker been compelled to wield his gavel with such force to bring about order as today. Of parliamentary tangles there were many, but the veteran presiding officer emerged from them all with his decision undisputed.

The battle waged for more than six hours at the end of which the bill was sent to conference. So much time was consumed in consideration of the conference report on that measure that a night session was made imperative in order that further discussion of the sundry civil appropriation bill, which had dragged along for several days might be had.

Although the members were primed for discussion of the secret service, the subject was allowed to go over until tomorrow. The bill was less than one third completed when the house, at 8.08 p. m., recessed until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Begin Paring Down.

In the course of the debate Messrs. Underwood of Alabama and Clark of Missouri, criticized the senate increases especially in reference to salaries. Br. Clark in particular was emphatic in his objections to what he said were the "continual impositions of the senate in the matter of appropriation bills."

When the discussion turned on the increase in the salaries of the president, vice-president, speaker of the house and judges about which the conference could not agree, Mr. Clark declared there was much misinformation about the amount the president receives, and said that instead of its being $50,000, it actually is $291,000 per annum.

By a vote of 57 to 102 the house refused to accept the senate amendment increasing the salary of the speaker.

President Cut To $75,000.

The increase proposed in the president's salary from $50,000 to $100,-

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair, considerably colder Thursday with brisk to high northwest winds; Friday fair.

BRIDE DIES ON HER MARRIAGE NIGHT

Young Italian Husband Awakes to Learn of Frightful Tragedy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—"Little Italy" is in mourning today because of the dire tragedy which overtook Marie Mentone, the bride of one day.

Bernardo Travesaro and Marie Mentone were married by Father Pio in the church of Our Lady of Pompeii, on Bleeker street last Sunday.

Sixteen hours later the bride was found dead in the front room of their little flat at No. 67 Carmine street. The young husband lay unconscious on the bed beside her. An open gas jet had turned the honeymoon into a tragedy.

The priest who made them man and wife last Sunday will read the burial service over the body of the bride almost before the white carnations of the wedding bouquet are wilted.

Bernardo Travesaro came to this country five years ago. The daughter of his friend, Andrea Mentone, landed in America only two months ago. The lovemaking progressed speedily, and soon the girl was at work on a wedding dress.

The Death March.

After the wedding the party went at once to the new home. The neighbors came in, the wedding cake was cut, the bottles of red wine were opened.

The bride's father remained in the flat as did Susie Travesaro, sister of the bridegroom. At 9 o'clock the latter awoke. Her head ached and there was a drumming in her temples. She aroused the father, and he at once noticed the strong smell of gas. He shook the door and called to the young people to get up. When they failed to respond he broke open the door and rushed into the room.

The wedding dress was folded neatly over a chair, the bridal bouquet stood on the table and the young couple lay as if asleep. The bride was dead and the young husband was barely breathing. The Travesaro girl rushed into the street and her screams brought two policemen, Murphy and Ryan, who saved young Travesaro's life. They kept him alive by artificial respiration until the doctors came.

At first he refused to believe that the girl was dead, repeating over and over that it could not be so. But when the undertakers came and placed the body in a casket he turned his face to the wall and wept because they had not let him die too.

EXPRESS TRAIN CUTS CROWDED CAR IN TWO

(By Associated Press.)

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 24.—Three persons were fatally injured and twenty others hurt in a collision between a Pennsylvania railway train and a street car here tonight.

The street car was out-bound and heavily loaded with passengers. At the grade crossing steam from an exhaust pipe in a nearby factory obscured a view of the approaching passenger train. For this reason the gates were not lowered and the car proceeded, although the car conductor had run ahead and pulled the derailing lever. The locomotive struck the car near the rear end, splitting it in two. Many passengers were hurled several feet. That many were not killed was due to the slow speed of the train.

SOCIETY MAN GETS YEAR IN PRISON

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The trial of Carl Fischer Hansen, the lawyer and society man under indictment charging him with the bribery of a witness was brought to a sudden close today by the entering of a plea of guilty by the defendant to an amended complaint charging attempted bribery. A sentence of twelve months imprisonment in the penitentiary was imposed on Fischer-Hansen by Justice Downling. In pleading guilty, Fischer-Hansen completely exonerated his law partner, Alexander Michaelson, who had been indicted with him.

THE PATH OF GLORY LEADS BUT TO A JAIL

Suffragettes Sally Forth Three Times to Storm House of Commons

UNGALLANT BOBBIES HAVE TO BUTT IN

Thirty Society Ladies Find Themselves in Limbo for Asking Ballot.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Every effort of the suffragettes to force the hand of the government becomes more determined and it is increasingly difficult to predict how their demands may be successfully parried. The situation has taken on an embarrassing aspect for the government, owing to the high social position of many among some thirty or more women arrested this evening, these including Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton, sister of Lord Lytton and daughter of the former viceroy of India; Miss Stratford Dugdale, daughter of Commander Dugdale and cousin of Hon. William R. W. Peel, who was elected yesterday in a by-election as member of the house of commons for Taunton; Miss Daisy Solomon, daughter of the ex-premier of Cape Colony, and Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Corbett, an aristocratic supporter of the suffragette movement.

Both sides were well prepared for tonight's attempt on the part of the suffragettes to force themselves on Premier Asquith, who yesterday had declined by letter to receive a deputation. The women held "parliament" at Caxton hall, and a number of them started on "danger duty," in a solid phalanx, led by Mrs. Lawrence.

Horrid Police Butt In.

The police, abandoning former tactics of barring the aproach to the house of commons adopedt the new plan of breaking up the procession close to Caxton hall. Finally several of the women, including Mrs. Lawrence, the leader, were placed under arrest.

Word of the reception of this deputation being brought to Caxton hall, much excitement ensued, and Mrs. Saul Solomon volunteered to lead a second deputation to the house. This, in effect, met the same fate, but led to more exciting street scenes and a much larger number of arrests. A third attempt was then organized at the hall, but this time the destination of the deputation was Brooks club, where the premier was dining.

The demonstration tonight did not occasion such scenes of roughness and violence as on some former occasions, but the leaders of the movement declare their intentions to adopt still more forcible methods.

Miss Christabel Parkhurst during the course of a speech said:

"When I speak of stronger measures, I speak in all earnest. We value neither our liberty nor our lives unless the women of this country get a vote.

The women who were arrested were locked up for the night and will be arraigned in the Bow street court tomorrow.

ALLEGED ROBBER BURIED HIS LOOT

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—A jar of coins, aggregating $1,225, which is alleged to be part of the money stolen from the Forsyth Bank and Trust company of Kernersville, N. C., today was dug up from beneath a dwelling where it had been buried in that city by the robber, according to advices received by the detective bureau here tonight. Deputy Sheriff Robert Flynt, of Kernersville, left here for N. Carolina tonight with Gaither Bodenhamer, a young man, who was arrested yesterday by the Washington police, charged with having stolen more than $2,000 from the vaults of the bank.

PERMITS BOXING.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 24.—The senate today passed on final reading the house bill prmitting scientific boxing in this state. The bill now goes to the governor for his signature.

DOES 'MILADY' YEARN FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE?

Illinois Association Answers Big Question in the Negative

COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO MATTER

Committee, However, Is, as Usual, Busy Doing Nothing.

BY TAV.

(Special correspondet of The Citizen.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—"Do the majority of women, or even any very considerable percentage of women, really desire the ballot?"

The "Illinois Association Opposed to the Extension of Suffrage to Women" propounds this question for the senate committee on woman suffrage, and then straightway proceeded to attempt to answey it—in the negative.

It may be news to the reader to know that congress has appointed a committee of senators, the sole duty of whom is to inquire into woman suffrage, but such is the fact. This committee has a regular committee room, a regular clerk and the clerk has a regular stenographer. The committee even has a regular colored doorman who sits half asleep through the long days in his chair in the corridor.

Busy Doing Nothing.

The committee is regular in every way—it never does anything. Well, it did hold one meeting in the last year, remaining in session nearly an hour. Since that meeting the senate committee on women suffrage has existed only by virtue of its regular committee room, its regular clerk and its regular stenographer—and the regular colored doorman.

With the committee on woman suffrage in this languid state, along came the sensational document from Chicago, asking whether women really want to vote. Naturally the regular clerk and his regular secretary became excited. Even the regular doorman showed signs of resurrection.

The members of the committee were hurried in. Some of them renewed acquaintances, and the opposition to suffrage for women was discussed. All admitted there was more or less opposition. There being no dissenting voice heard, no regular meeting occurred. There will probably be one sometime in 1909, however.

There are nine women's organizations in the United States that came into existence for the sole purpose of fighting the advance of suffrage for women. These nine organizations represent a membership of 15,000 women. Numerically, they do not possess anywhere near the strength of the small army of women in the field for suffrage, but their ranks include many of the most prominent club women in the country. These anti-women suffrage workers are just as determined as those working for the ballot, just as much convinced they are right in their beliefs and apparently just as confident their efforts will be crowned with success.

SOME WANT TO VOTE SOME DON'T

(By Associated Press.)

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Hosts of suffragists and anti-suffragists, stylishly gowned, crowded the great assembly chamber in the capitol today and for over four hours their chosen speakers argued before the members of the judiciary committee of the senate for and against resolutions introduced by Senator Hill and Assemblyman Toombs providing an amendment to the constitution striking the "male" from the suffrage clause. Suffragists wearing yellow badges with the inscription "vote for woman," anti-suffragists who bore no distinguishing badge and women who attended out of mere curiosity, crowded every foot of available space in the chamber.

Assemblyman Toombs was greeted with a storm of applause from the suffragists. He declared that when a man of the judicial mind of William H. Taft had come out for woman suffrage there ought to be some argument in favor of reporting the measure.

"Will the gentleman please say when Mr. Taft said that?" asked a member of the opposition, who denied that Mr. Taft had expressed such views.

FIRE CAUSES LOSS OF $300,000 THREATENS TO SWEEP ENTIRE CITY

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 24.—The three-story brick building on the south sides of Forsyth street, in the heart of the business district, was completely destroyed by fire this afternoon entailing a loss estimated at $300,000. The building was occupied by the Florida Electric company, one of the largest electric supply houses in the South; J. H. Trebly, real estate, McGraw Brothers, phonographs, bicycles, etc., Jacksonville Gas company on the first floor, while the second floor was occupied as store-room for the Florida Electric company. The third floor was occupied as lodge rooms for the Eagles, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and other organizations.

The fire started on the second floor, the blaze being discovered at three o'clock. An alarm was sent in which called every apparatus in the serivce, but upon the arrival of the firemen the entire upper portion of the building was in a mass of flames. Chief Haney, of the fire department, called out reserve wagons as a strong wind was sweeping from the southwest, which threatened to spread the flames to adjoining property, but with hard work, the firemen working until after 10 o'clock tonight, the fire was confined to the one structure.

The loss on the building will be total, while the Florida Electric company and the Jacksonville Gas company, which carried heavy stocks, will be the heaviest losers. Firemen did excellent work in saving the principal business district of Jacksonville, for at one time it looked as if the entire block of handsome buildings would be destroyed.

FLEET, SAFE IN ROADSTEAD, AGAIN BUFFETED BY WIND AND WAVES

(By Associated Press.)

FORT MONROE, Va., Feb. 24.—After being flooded in brilliant sunlight throughout the morning the American "battle fleet" in Hampton Roads was swept by another severe storm this afternoon. The big battleships and cruisers did not suffer in the least from the blow, but the steam launches running to the shore made decidedly heavy weather of it.

Two sailors on ship's launches were tossed overboard during the afternoon but both were rescued without great difficulty. A launch belonging to the battleship Rhode Island was partly wrecked in trying to come alongside the ship's gangway. A luncheon party of ladies was aboard and when the wave-tossed boat crashed into a side-boom of the armorclad, several of those on board fainted.

The water was the roughest known in recent years in Hampton Roads. Many tea and dinner parties planned on board the various ships had to be postponed.

Rear-Admiral Sperry will leave for Washington tomorrow afternoon instead of on Friday, as he at first had planned. He goes to consult with the navy department authorities as to the further plans for the fleet and nothing in the way of inspection or detaching of any ships will be done until he returns. The commanding and other officers of the fleet were much gratified by the published reports from Washington today that Admiral Sperry will continue as commander-in-chief of the battleship fleet until the date of his retirement in September.