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BATTLESHIP FLEET WILL DROP ANCHOR ONCE AGAIN IN UNITED STATES WATERS

After Voyage Unprecedented in Naval Annals Big Fleet Will Reach Beautiful Bay of San Diego Tomorrow—The Speed Made.

It's Stay is to Be Marked by Most Notable Parade of Blue Jackets and Marines Ever Landed From U. S. Ship.

By Associated Press. San Diego, Cal., April 12.—The Atlantic fleet arrives here tomorrow and its stay will be marked by the most notable parade of blue jacketed and marines ever landed from American vessels of war.

Five thousand enlisted men and more than 200 officers will be in line. This force will outnumber that participating in the famous welcome to Admiral Dewey in New York city.

A Fuller Story. San Diego, Cal., April 13.—Within the next 24 hours the United States battleship fleet will drop anchor in the beautiful bay of San Diego, after a voyage unprecedented in naval annals. The ships will rest in United States waters for the first time in four months during which time they traveled a distance of approximately 18,400 miles.

The ships are to remain here until Saturday, according to the plans mapped out by the navy department at Washington. The people of San Diego have completed elaborate arrangements for the entertainment of the officers and men. The main streets are gay with bunting, and the indications are that the decorations tomorrow will be among the most elaborate ever seen on the Pacific coast. Thousands of visitors are expected here to view the fleet.

Coronado, "the gem of the Pacific coast," will join with San Diego in furnishing entertainment for the naval visitors. It is intended to give the officers and men the time of their lives, and there will doubtless be such an outburst of genuine California hospitality as has never before been seen.

When the ships enter the land-locked bay of San Diego, a magnificent panorama hundreds of miles in extent, will unfold before the eyes of the men. A high range of mountains forms the eastern horizon. In the foreground is the city of San Diego, with its beautiful environs, its semi-tropical vegetation. Situated on a plain but little raised above the level of the sea, nearly the whole of the city may be seen from the decks of the vessels. Tall buildings, spires of churches and, overlooking all, the Bennington monument, are the conspicuous features of the scene.

The bay or harbor of San Diego is 13 miles long and has enough deep anchorage to float all the navies of the world at one time.

The harbor is acknowledged to be one of the best in the world. To the west is the high promontory of Point Loma, the top of which is nearly 600 feet above the level of the ocean. From the harbor entrance, continuing to the south and forming the western boundary of San Diego bay, is the long and narrow Coronado harbor, which is designed to a depth of 30 feet at mean low tide. At the mouth of the harbor, the largest ships can enter at all times, and there are no reefs, no sunken rocks, no treacherous currents. It is a matter of record that no vessel has ever been wrecked in San Diego bay. No matter how severe a storm may be raging on the ocean outside, the waters of the bay are hardly more than ruffled.

One reason why San Diego bay is a favorite resort with the officers of the Pacific fleet is because of the fine opportunities it affords to the men for drills both on water and on land. For this purpose there is said to be no place so well adapted on the whole American coast, east or west, as San Diego bay. Both in summer and in winter the weather is ideal, and there is never a day throughout the year when the men cannot practice on the water with comfort. So many advantages does San Diego offer in this respect that many of the highest officers of the navy have expressed themselves strongly in favor of the establishment of a naval training station here.

The city of San Diego is laid out with fine, broad streets and avenues, and beside there are magnificent boulevards extending into the country. A coast road from San Diego to Los Angeles is very popular with automobiles. Within the heart of the city is the Plaza, lined on all sides by tall palms. At the eastern end of the city is a beautiful park of 1,400 acres, planted with trees and shrubs and interspersed with drives and walks.

2,000 Persons May Have Drowned. By Associated Press. Shanghai, China, April 13.—Disastrous floods are reported to have occurred at Hankow, in the Province of Hu-Peh, and it is stated that 2,000 persons have been drowned.

Mr. W. L. Rose, the prominent cotton man of Wadesboro, was in the city today on business.

Court Opens at Elizabeth City

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 12.—Judge Purnell and other officers of the United States court of the Eastern district, left today for Elizabeth City to hold the April court this week.

There are two notable cases to be tried. Joe Smith must answer the charge of numerous pension frauds, having represented himself as a pension examiner and having fraudulently collected fees from various veterans. He operated in several states. Another case on the civil side of the docket is Williams vs. Roper Lumber Company, involving extensive timber interests.

Bill Introduced to Regulate Late Liquor Shipments

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 11.—Senator Clarke reported to the senate today a bill approved by the judiciary committee, to regulate the interstate shipments of intoxicating liquors. The bill provides for shipments of intoxicating liquors from one state or territory or from foreign country to another state or county must be delivered to the person to whom consigned, or upon the written order of the bona fide consignee.

The second section of the bill provides against an agent of a common carrier acting as an agent for the buyers or seller of intoxicating liquors and the third section requires the packages to be so labelled as to plainly show the nature and quantity of the contents. Fines not to exceed \$5,000 are provided as the penalties.

Against Sunday Playing. By Associated Press. Mobile, Ala., April 12.—Judge Jules E. Alford, in the inferior criminal court, declared the Alabama law against the playing of base ball, lawn tennis, golf and other games on Sunday to be unconstitutional.

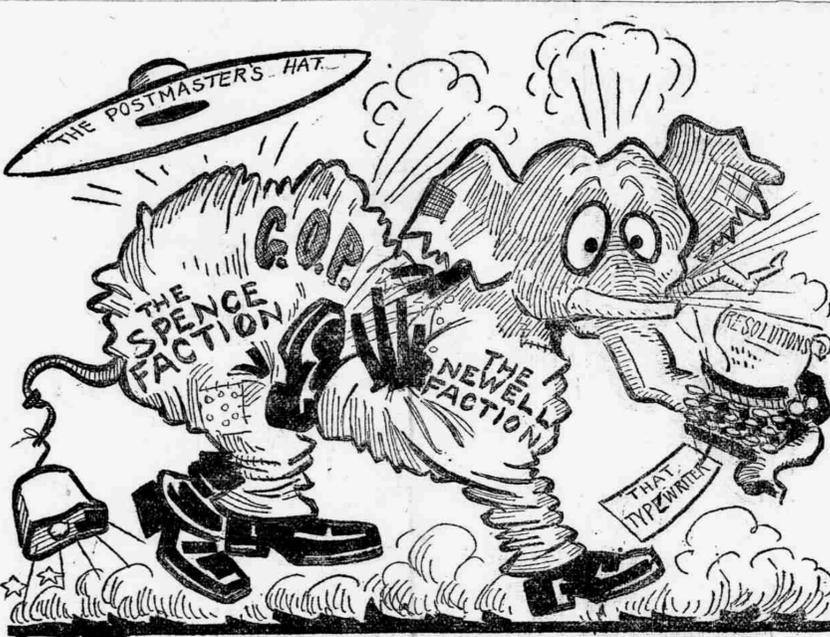
A Great Day in Virginia

Ambassador Bryce Principal Speaker at Joint Celebration of Anniversary of Jefferson's Birth and Foundation of Va.

By Associated Press. Charlottesville, Va., April 12.—The 165th anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson and the 89th anniversary of the foundation of the University of Virginia was celebrated at that institution today. The chief address was delivered by the British Ambassador, Hon. James Bryce. The attendance was perhaps the largest since the inauguration of President Alderman.

Formal exercises began at noon. After invocation by Rev. Dr. Richard Davis Smart, Mr. Bryce was introduced by President Alderman, who incidentally referred to the fact that the Tarleton soldiers chased the general assembly of Virginia from the town of Charlottesville and caused Jefferson himself to leave Monticello somewhat hastily.

"We are very fortunate today," said Dr. Alderman, "in having as our guest a representative of our great mother empire and of his majesty, King Edward. Twenty-five million people have come to this country since the Revolution from all quarters of the world, and very few of them have been Englishmen. It is perhaps fairly accurate to say that rural England and the Southern States are the English parts of the world today. Still, this republic is an English land. Every well-regulated American college man knows his James Bryce, certain that portion of his amazing activity symbolized by the historian of the holy Roman empire and sympathetic analyst and interpreter of American commonwealth."



THE MECKLENBURG "DIVISION" OF THE "GRAND OLD PARTY."

Great Wage Reduction

By Associated Press. Boston, Mass., April 12.—A wage reduction, averaging 10 per cent., went into effect today in the cotton cloth, yarn and thread mills in New England and New York state, employing a total of 42,300 operatives.

Since the beginning of the general wage reduction movement in March the pay of 152,500 mill hands in the northern states have been cut. Out of this number 144,000 are employed by the New England mills and 9,500 in New York state factories.

Laboring Men May Put Out Ticket

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., April 12.—A large meeting of the union men of Salisbury and Spencer was held in the court house Saturday night, every labor organization being represented. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing the advisability of putting out a workman's ticket in the coming campaign. It was decided to hold a meeting in Raleigh on April 27th to which every labor organization in the state will be asked to send a delegate, and to fully discuss the matter and possibly put out a state ticket.

After the Raleigh meeting various county tickets are likely to be brought out and efforts made to poll the full labor vote for these candidates. This turn is causing considerable comment here, as there are some things like 1,200 to 1,500 members of organized labor in Rowan county, the majority of them being voters. Should this be done and they present a solid front it would put a doubtful state on the result.

Drank Bed Bug Compound, Dies

Special to The News. Greenville, S. C., April 12.—William Gist, white, aged 80 years, yesterday drank a solution of carbolic acid and camphor, compounded to kill bedbugs and died within an hour. It is not known whether the dose was taken accidentally or with suicidal intent.

NEGROES HELD FOR MURDER.

Negro Shot Two Weeks Ago Dies From Wounds Today—Murchison Hangs Tomorrow. Fayetteville, N. C., April 12.—In a drunken fight two weeks ago, at Raeford, this county, Whit Monroe shot Frank Walker over a woman. Walker died today. All are negroes, Monroe and the woman, Bert Nicholson, are now in jail held for murder.

Senator Overman's Important Bill

Washington, D. C., April 12.—Through Senator Overman the senate committee on judiciary favorably reported on the bill regulating the practice of granting injunction by United States courts restraining the enforcement of state statutes. The bill provides that no circuit or district court shall issue such temporary injunctions on the ground of unconstitutionality until testimony has been taken by three judges, at least two of whom shall be circuit judges. It requires five notices of such proceedings to the governor and attorney general of the state involved, unless in cases in which loss of so much time may work irreparable damage, when temporary orders may be issued. The bill also provides for direct appeal of such cases to the supreme court of the United States and gives them precedence there. It is intended to meet conditions such as have recently arisen in Minnesota, North Carolina and other states.

Big Fire at An Asheville Hotel

Special to The News. Asheville, N. C., April 12.—A fire, which originated in the kitchen of the Swannanoa Hotel, at 11 o'clock last night, at one time threatened the destruction of that well known hostelry, and was not subdued until the wing, in which the kitchen is located was entirely gutted. There was much excitement among the guests, who were hurriedly aroused from their slumbers, and a number of them made hasty exits in scanty attire, the fire department however, by strenuous efforts confined the flames to the wing in which it originated.

The fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered and when the firemen arrived the fire was burning fiercely and dense clouds of smoke were pouring from every window of the wing. So heavy and thick was the smoke that the firemen were unable to enter and the fire was fought from the outside. The fire was a stubborn one, but was finally gotten under control. It is impossible to estimate the damage, but it is said to be quite heavy. Whether it will be possible to make repairs, without tearing down and rebuilding the wing, cannot yet be determined.

Bryan Followers Will Try To Get N. Y. Delegations

New York, April 12.—That the democratic state convention, which meets here tomorrow to send an unstructured delegation to the national convention in Denver July, is probable. The followers of Bryan are planning to upset the organization program if possible, by the introduction of a resolution endorsing Bryan.

Was Shot From Ambush

Long Distance Telephone to The News. Salisbury, N. C., April 12.—At a late hour last night Arthur Penninger, 19 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Penninger, of No. 5 township, Cabarrus county, was shot from ambush, receiving wounds from which he died in a short time. Mr. Penninger had escorted two young ladies in a buggy from church to their homes, and was returning alone to his own home when the shooting occurred. Several searching parties spent the whole night scouring the vicinity of the Salisbury-Concord road, on which the murder took place, but were unable to find the slightest clue to the identity of the guilty party. An inquest over the remains was held this morning and the jury returned a verdict that Mr. Penninger came to his death by gun-shot wounds, inflicted by parties unknown.

Wires Underground.

Poles on Fifth, Between Church and College, Will Be Removed. The removal of the poles on Fifth street, between Church and College, will greatly enhance the beauty of the street and the approach to the new Auditorium. The work of laying the wires on this street underground will begin in a few days. The street is one of the narrowest in the city, but with the net work of wires removed its appearance will be greatly improved.

CRAIG HEADQUARTERS MOVED.

Taken From Law Building to the Selwyn Hotel. Locke Craig headquarters were today removed from the Law Building and opened in Room 109 of the Selwyn Hotel. Secretary L. B. Vreeland is in charge of these headquarters. A stenographer is being kept busy placing the claims of Mr. Craig before the electorate of the city and county, and a most aggressive campaign may be looked for on the part of his friends.

Cotton Receipts.

Cotton receipts on the local market today were 20 bales at 10 1/2, against 20 bales at 11 1/2 on the same day last year.

Naval Bill Considered

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 12.—The consideration of the naval appropriation bill was resumed in the house of representatives today. The general debate having been concluded, the reading of the measure for amendment was begun.

Mr. Hobson, of Alabama, offered an amendment appropriating \$100,000 for promoting the cause of international arbitration, but on the point of order it was ruled out as not being germane to the bill.

More Troops At Pensacola

By Associated Press. Pensacola, Fla., April 12.—Additional troops were ordered here as a result of the rioting in connection with the strike of street railway employees. The city was today thoroughly patrolled but no attempt was made during the early hours to run the cars.

Street railway officials are declining to operate them until additional troops gave further guarantee of the safety of the strike-breakers.

Deleware For Judge Gray

By Associated Press. Dover, Del., April 12.—No doubt exists that the democratic state convention, to be held here tomorrow, will elect six delegates to the democratic national convention, bound by positive instructions to use all honorable means to bring about the nomination of Judge George Gray as democratic candidate for president.

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TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS AS RESULT OF DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION

VICTIMS OF HARD TIMES. Young White Men Looking for Work Arrested for Beating Train.

Three neat-looking young white men, giving their names as George R. Withers, Will Maher and J. G. Dennis, were in the recorder's court this morning on the charge of beating a train. The young men were arrested by a railroad detective on a freight train between Concord and Charlotte. They were well dressed, and did not have the look of hoboes, and their story strongly appealed to all who heard it. They stated that they were thrown out of work and had started south looking for something to do. They had money enough to pay their fare as far as Concord from Washington, and after reaching that place, and finding nothing to do, they started to beat their way to Charlotte.

It was very evident from their appearance that there was truth in their statement, and when the recorder sentenced them to jail for 30 days each, there was no doubt of the sympathy of the spectators in the court room. The young men were afterwards allowed to go on condition that they leave the city.

Besides the trial of these young men, there was a great array of offenders before the recorder. George Palmer, colored, was bound over for retailing and also bond was required. In the case of Ed Carson, also colored, who was bound over on the same charge, a \$100 bond was required. Jim Witherspoon, a negro, was bound over under a \$100 bond for having too much whiskey in his possession. Dusky Massey, colored, was sent to jail for 30 days for loitering.

John Coltrain, alias John Coleman, was tried for assaulting his wife Etta Colmena, and was bound over under a \$200 bond. Tom Samuels, colored, was fined \$10 and the costs for drunk, but appealed, and a \$40 bond was required. James Caldwell, colored, was fined \$5 for being disorderly, and Henry Orr, also colored, was placed under a \$100 bond for retailing.

The Royal is presenting "Old Isaacs, the Pawnbroker," today. It is a good picture and will please the electric theatre goers.

Standard Will Buy Ice Plant

Stockholders of Peoples Ice and Fuel Company Decide to Surrender the Charter—Will Sell Plant To The Standard. The stockholders of the Peoples Ice & Fuel Company, at a meeting this afternoon, decided to liquidate the corporation and surrender the charter, which was issued in 1901, to the secretary of state. The plant and equipment which is located at the corner of West Ninth street and the Southern Railway, will be sold to the Standard Ice & Fuel Company, located on West Twelfth street and the Southern Railway crossing. This company will hold its annual stockholders' meeting tomorrow, the officers of the Peoples Ice & Fuel Company are as follows:

T. J. Davis, president; J. R. Van Ness, vice-president; C. B. Robinson, secretary; A. J. Haggood, treasurer. The Peoples Ice & Fuel Company was granted a charter in the year 1901, at which time the stockholders elected Mr. T. J. Davis president. After operating two years the company sold out to Mr. W. S. Reamer, of Columbia, S. C., who sold a portion of his interests to the Standard Ice & Fuel Company and his entire holdings to Messrs. T. J. Davis, J. R. Van Ness, O. B. Robinson and Dr. Bland, all stockholders of the Elba Manufacturing Company.

The Peoples was authorized at \$60,000, though the plant is said to be worth several thousand dollars more than that amount. It has a daily capacity of 60 tons of ice. The Standard has a daily capacity of 100 tons, which will give the consolidated plant 160 tons per day. It is believed that the Standard will use the Peoples' plant for the icing of refrigerator cars.

TAKING UP MACADAM.

Fourth Street Between Church and Tryon Being Made Ready for Pavement. Work was begun today in taking up the old macadam on Fourth street, between Church and South Tryon, preparatory to laying the bitulithic pavement, which will start in a few days. The company is making every preparation to begin the actual work of putting down the "hot stuff."

Although it is not definitely decided, it is thought that Fourth, Fifth and College streets will be the first to be dressed up and made to look decent. While these streets are being paved the streets which carry the car tracks within the fire limits, Trade and Tryon, will be given in shape, the preliminary work on the tracks being necessary before these streets can be paved. Mr. Beam, who will have charge of the actual laying of the bitulithic, has arrived in the city and is getting things in shape to begin.

City of Boston Visited by Most Ruinous Fire in Its History—Loss is Estimated at Over \$8,000,000—Big District Swept.

Thousands of Persons Made Homeless by Flames Wander Streets All Night—Three Are Known to Be Dead.

By Associated Press. Boston, April 12.—An area of 300 acres of blackened ruins, representing nearly a quarter of the total area of the city, make the scene of the great fire which swept through the business section of Chelsea yesterday and last night, turning 10,000 people out of their homes and causing property damage estimated at approximately \$8,000,000.

The burned area is guarded by militiamen and marines to prevent possible looting. Military regulations prevail throughout the city. Three Known to Be Dead. Early today only three persons were known to have lost their lives. Over and half hundred were injured and many were taken to the hospitals suffering severely. Fire Spread Rapidly. Starting near the corner of Cypress and Third streets, from the public dumping ground, the blaze spread before a northeast gale straight across the city to the southeast, spreading out as it advanced until its northerly boundary reached the eastern division of the Boston and Maine railroad, and swept on until checked by a small creek.

On the other side it crept along Second street until Broadway was reached and then went along Essex and Middlesex streets to the waterfront at Chelsea creek, and then leaped into East Boston. The distance from the point where the fire started to the creek is one mile and a half and the greatest width of the fire is about a half a mile. Widespread Suffering. Notwithstanding efforts on all sides to render aid, there were thousands of homeless ones who passed the night wandering the streets or shivering in the parks or the squares. Many of the unfortunate applied at police headquarters for shelter and were cared for temporarily in the court house.

Homeless are Care For.

Early this morning, however, tents had been pitched in the open lots in Chelsea and the neighboring city of Everett, and all applications were sent to these temporary camps. Although it was impossible to tell even approximately the number of people made homeless by fire, conservative estimates placed it at about 10,000.

According to estimates by members of the board of assessors property in the district covered by the fire was worth at least \$8,000,000. The burned district included a large number of manufacturing concerns, stores and business houses, many costly residences and tenement blocks, churches and public buildings. Infants and Mothers Removed. During the course of the fire yesterday several babies were born in as many different houses and in each instance the mother and child had to be removed to places of refuge as their houses were directly in the path of the flames and were later destroyed.

Charges Relative to Naval Affairs

By Associated Press. New Orleans, April 12.—In conformity with orders received from Washington, Representative Broussard of Louisiana, member of the house subcommittee on naval affairs, opened in this city an investigation in connection with charges relative to naval affairs made by Congressman Lilley of Connecticut. The Electric Boat Company, which is concerned in the investigation has been doing business in New Orleans, but the names of witnesses summoned to appear before the inquiry have not been made public.

Many Strike Breakers Answered Ad. in Papers

By Associated Press. New York, April 12.—Several hundred men responded to an advertisement published in the newspapers calling for nonunion motormen and conductors to be sent out of the city. Their destination was not disclosed, but it was rumored among the men seeking employment that they were to be sent to Chester, Pa., where a strike was reported to be pending. It is also reported that some of the men were to be sent to Pensacola, Fla., where a strike is in progress on street railways. So many applicants appeared at the agent's office that the street was blocked until the police cleared a passage way.