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PACIFIC FLEET READY TO SAIL NEXT MONDAY

Work of Preparing Warships for the Long Cruise Was Completed Today and Next Monday After the Formal Review President Will Signal the Start

GAITIES MARK HOURS AFTERNOON AND NIGHT

Last Night a Big Ball in Honor of R. Admiral Evans Was Attended by 1,500 Officers and Women and Their Friends—This Afternoon Other Social Functions Are Being Pulled Off—A Jap. Servant Caught Taking Notes of the New System of Gun Control—Sail-off Would Have Kicked Him Overboard But Was Prevented by Officers—President Officially Notified That All is Ready.

SOMETHING OF THE COST.

- The Pacific fleet is ready.
Some idea of the cost of the expedition and the value of the fleet:
\$175,000,000 worth of ships.
\$5,000,000 in ammunition.
\$1,000,000 for food.
\$6,000,000 for salaries.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Fort Monroe, Va., Dec. 14.—The work of preparing the great Pacific fleet for sea has been completed. It is now play time for officers and men until President Roosevelt signals from the Manflower next Monday for the fleet to start on its long journey through the Straits of Magellan to San Francisco.

The festivities which will be in order between this and sailing-time commenced last night with a magnificent ball at the Hotel Chamberlin, given by Mr. and Mrs. George F. Adams, in honor of Rear-Admiral Evans and the officers of the fleet under his command. It was attended by about 1,500 men and women.

The reception of the guests began at 10 o'clock, those receiving being Admiral and Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Harrison, wife of Colonel George F. E. Harrison, commandant of the army post, and Mrs. Berry, wife of Rear-Admiral R. M. Berry.

The social sets of Norfolk, Richmond, Baltimore, Washington, and other eastern cities were largely represented in the spectacular gathering. Several naval attaches from the foreign embassies and legations at Washington, have arrived here to attend the social events and to witness the maneuvers attending the departure of the fleet.

The report that no Japanese were to be allowed to accompany the ships as servants has been confirmed. Almost every launch arriving at the point pier yesterday carried a Japanese servant, his bag and baggage. They have been ordered off the ships of the fleet by Admiral Evans because they were not content to be merely servants, but insisted on taking notes of everything they heard or saw.

A Jap Caught Spying.

The Japanese servant of the captain of the battleship Ohio was detected two days ago when taking notes of the new system of gun control and other recent installations. The chief gunner of the Ohio caught him at it, took his notes away, and did his earnest best to kick the Japanese over the side into the sea. Officers interfered, however, and saved his life.

Under the rules laid down by the present secretary of the navy the enlistment in the navy of persons not citizens of the United States is strictly forbidden, and for this reason none of the Japanese can be re-enlisted and all aliens are thus to be eventually eliminated from the enlisted force.

The officers of Fort Monroe will tender the navy a reception this afternoon and a return ball will be given aboard the flagship Connecticut. There will also be dancing aboard most of the other vessels.

President Roosevelt has been formally notified that the Atlantic fleet assembled in Hampton Roads is in readiness to proceed on its cruise to the Pacific coast. The notification was made by Assistant Secretary Newberry, who called at the White House for that purpose.

LAST DAY OF THE BICYCLE HIPPODROME

New York, Dec. 14.—"Pat" Logan, of the Interstate team in the six day race at Madison Square Garden, dropped unconscious to the track today from sheer exhaustion after five days of terrible, ceaseless grind.

The racer was picked up by Dr. Creamer and his trainer and revived after he had been carried to his quarters. When he came to his senses he was delirious and raved like a mad man. He had to be held in his bed and given drugs to quiet him.

The physician at last was able to bring Logan to his senses, but no sooner was the racer somewhat recovered than his partner, Walter Hardgett, who had been taken out of bed to take the exhausted rider's place on the track, gave out and had to be carried back to the training quarters.

When Logan saw Hardgett brought into the training quarters he at first turned his face to the wall and refused to get up. He cried like a baby, saying he was completely worn out and could not move a muscle. His trainer reasoned with him, begged him not to give up the race and at last Logan, with a supreme effort, pulled himself together and was helped back to the track.

When the crowd in the garden saw Logan coming out of the training quarters it got on its feet and let out a wild cheer. The shouts and applause seemed to hearten Logan. He raised his head and walked unsupported to where his wheel was being held ready for him.

As the plucky Boston boy started to mount his wheel there was another great cheer from the crowd. Setting his feet on the pedals once more seemed to give Logan renewed courage and he started out with a little spurt to catch the riders, who were some fifty yards ahead of him.

Morning Score at 10 O'Clock.

At 10 o'clock the score in the bicycle race was as follows: Fogler and Moran, 2,085.5 miles, 6 laps; Georgett and Dupre, 2,085.5; Galvin and Wiley, 2,085.5; Downey and Downing, 2,085.5; Logan and Bardgett, 2,085.4; Breton and Vanoni, 2,085.4.

THE ONE O'CLOCK SCORE.

New York Dec. 14.—1 p. m. score (122nd hour): Fogler and Moran, 2,133 miles, 6 laps; Rutt and Stoll, 2,133.4; Georgett and Dupre, 2,133.4; Logan and Bardgett, 2,133.4; Galvin and Wiley, 2,133.4; Krebs and Vanderstuyft, 2,133.4; Downing and Downey, 2,133.5; Breton and Vanoni, 2,133.1.

The record is 2,531 miles, no laps, made by Miller and Waller in 1899.

Last year's record was 2,121 miles, one lap.

Contest Ends at 11 Tonight.

The race will close at 11 o'clock tonight. A great crowd is assembling to witness the closing spurts of the racers.

SHIP SUBSIDY TO THE FRONT

Washington, Dec. 14.—Ship subsidy is coming to the front again. It will be an old familiar face in a new disguise. This time it is suggested that congress pass an amendment to the mail subvention act of 1891 so as to increase the rate to be allowed to sixteen-knot ships from \$2 a mile to \$4 a mile.

The form the legislation will take at this session is that recommended by President Roosevelt in his annual message. The president called attention to the fact that the American flag was becoming scarce on the high seas; that the law of last winter had not resulted in stimulating shipbuilding; that ships were dropping off the routes to the Far East from San Francisco and Seattle, that there were no lines to Samoa or to Australia and that new ships could be put on and new lines established if the mail subventions of 1891 for sixteen-knot ships on the Pacific could be raised from two to four dollars.

17 GO DOWN WITH WRECK

American Ship Lawson in a Terrific Gale

ONLY ONE OF CREWSAVED

Largest Sailing Vessel Ever Lost to Destruction on the Rocks, Shilly Islands—Crew Eaten of Star Life Unsuccessfully—Could Not Pass the Jagged Rocks—Bodies Lashed to Spars Picked Up, Only One Still Alive.

(By Cable to The Times.)

London, Dec. 14.—The American ship Lawson was blown on the rocks of the Shilly Islands during a terrific gale and pounded to pieces. Seventeen men went down to death with the wreck.

There was one survivor, a Londoner named Allen.

It is accepted here that the ship is the Thomas W. Lawson, the largest sailing vessel afloat. She was a four-masted schooner.

Details are meagre, but are sufficient to show that the schooner made leeway until she was close to shore.

When it was too late to take the ship out of danger, a terrific gale broke with the suddenness of an April shower.

The crew battled for life, trying every device to pass the jagged reefs jutting out from Shilly's shore.

Crowds on the shore watched the struggle. Assistance seemed impossible and no attempt was made to reach the vessel.

The Lawson struck one reef, lurched onward and, caught in the teeth of the gale, was hurled on the rocky shore, where she was pounded to pieces. A boat had been launched but it was thrown against the ship and crushed like an eggshell.

The seamen were drowned. Several bodies, lashed to spars, have been picked up along shore. Allen, more dead than alive, was washed ashore an hour after the wreck. He was badly cut and bruised by coming in contact with the rocks, but will live.

The Record of American and Foreign Shipping describes only one ship named Lawson, that being the seven-masted schooner, the Thomas W. Lawson, the largest sailing vessel afloat. The vessel was built in 1902, at Quincy, Mass., by the Fore River Ship and Engine Building Company. The last report shows that J. G. Crowley, the managing owner, was captain of the vessel.

The last survey of the vessel was made shortly after she was launched in 1902. The Lawson was of 5,218 tons register, 375 feet in length, 50 feet beam and had a depth of 22 feet and 9 inches. Her seven masts made her one of the most picturesque ships of the seas.

About a year after the Lawson was launched she was driven ashore in a gale off Martha's Vineyard and then sustained considerable damage. This fact led mariners to believe that the seven masts would be a detriment at vessel to manage in a fierce storm, as had been anticipated. She carried too much sail.

About a year ago the Lawson was chartered by the Sun Oil Company, one of the subsidiary concerns of the Standard Oil Company, and since then had been engaged in carrying cargoes of oil in cases to foreign ports.

JABBED OUT EYE OF ENGINEER

(Special to The Evening Times.)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 14.—A singular accident happened to Engineer Thomas Butts of the Norfolk & Southern Railroad. While on his engine between New Bern and Washington he saw a man on the ground who had a letter fastened on stick meant for him. While the engine was still running Butts leaped out from his cab to take the letter from the stick. The man holding the stick, in order to give Butts a better chance to get hold of the letter, shoved the stick forward, hitting Butts in the eye and putting his eye out.

He was taken to the hospital in Washington for treatment.

Photograph of Mrs. Emma Lewin.



Mrs. Emma Lewin, for whose murder Mrs. Vera Gould has been sentenced to the gallows, and her husband, New Thomas St. Leger Gould, to live in imprisonment at Monte Carlo. Robbery was the motive. After Mrs. Lewin's diamonds and money had been secured her body was cut up and placed in a trunk. Blood stains on the trunk led to the discovery of the crime.

SANTA CLAUS IS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—Postmaster General Meyer has adopted a liberal attitude toward the children, sanctioned by his action of today in issuing an order to postmasters all over the country to whom "Santa Claus" letters full of trust and pleading are now coming in vast numbers from the little ones in the hope of their gifts upon the approach of the new year.

Hereafter and until the close of the first of January, 1908, postmasters are directed to deliver all letters addressed plainly and unambiguously to "Santa Claus" without any other terms or expressions identifying the person for whom such letters are intended, to any regularly organized charitable society in the city or town of address, to be used exclusively for philanthropic purposes. In the event that claim should be made for more than one such society for letters so addressed, such letters will be equally divided according to number between or among the societies making such claim.

The order is confined to letters addressed to Santa Claus and it is found that the name "Kris Kringle" appears in various city directories and that name was left out of the order to avoid confusion and the loss of letters intended for persons of that name.

DEATH OF AN OLD RACE-TRACK SPORT.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—James Marrow died at the homeopathic hospital here yesterday of diabetes and gangrene.

STORM DAMAGES SHIPPING IN FLORIDA

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 14.—Considerable damage was done to shipping interests by the storm which passed over Pensacola at an early hour. The wind, which was blowing east, reached a velocity of thirty-two miles an hour and increased steadily until it reached a maximum of forty-five miles.

The Russian ship Avonca dragged her anchors in the harbor and collided with the British bark Emma, carrying away the bowsprit and doing other damage. The vessels remain jammed together until noon. Eight barges, some loaded with lumber, dragged their anchors and were beached, while two hundred sticks of timber broke loose from the ship Washburn and are drifting. The barometer was very low last night, reaching 29.6.

TREASURER-ELECT HAS TROUBLE ABOUT BOND.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 14.—George E. Williams, treasurer-elect of Mississippi, doubts that the guarantee companies have all rights to decline to make his \$250,000 bond, he having no property to indemnify them in case of loss. Mr. Williams, it is said, has appealed to his friends throughout the state to come to his rescue and make his bond, lest he be ruined, he having spent all he had in his canvass.

TODAY 108 YEARS AGO GEO. W. DIED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—Today is the anniversary of an event which caused sorrow in all civilized countries—the death of George Washington, first president of the United States, which occurred in 1799. The event will be observed with proper ceremonial by the local and Alexandria masonic lodges at their respective meeting places.

PRESIDENTIAL BOOMS CORTELYOU, CANNON

The President True to Taft But Secty Cortelyou Contest-ing With His Chief for Delegates, Which May Cause a Resignation ... Uncle Joe on Deck

SENSIBLE GIRL DOESN'T CLAIM HALLOW'EEN JOKE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Boston, Dec. 14.—White Miss Helen Caldwell, a waitress in a Harvard Square cafe, says that her marriage to Edward King Adams, Harvard '10 and son of Attorney John A. Adams, of Philadelphia, is all a hallowe'en joke. Adams says that "it is no joke and that he is going to stand by it. Friends of Adams say the marriage will have to be legally dissolved.

Adams came of a wealthy Philadelphia family and is well known socially. Miss Caldwell says she is the granddaughter of a New York court justice and is working in the cafe to secure money to attend college.

The young couple were married on October 28 by the Rev. Stockdale, pastor of the Union Church of Boston, using the names of Edwin K. Caldwell and Miss Helen Adams. The bride gave her age as 22 years.

Adams is said to be 20.

Miss Caldwell, when asked about the affair:

"I have met Mr. Adams here and considered him a perfect gentleman, and I know he dealt with me perfectly fair. I will not deny that Mr. Adams has helped me and is helping me some in the purchase of my art studies and my studies in the school of stenography.

"I do not consider that I was ever locally married to Mr. Adams. We did go to a minister, and went through the marriage ceremony upon former assumed names, which was merely a hallowe'en joke. I had no wedding ring at the time, nor have I had one since.

"I don't love Mr. Adams. He is merely a friend of mine, and we were introduced to each other last year by a mutual friend who is also a Harvard man."

A dispatch from Philadelphia says that young Adams' father is about to take steps to have the marriage annulled.

HAS ENGLAND RECALLED HER AMBASSADOR?

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—The rumor to the effect that Ambassador Bryce has been recalled by his government will not down and is becoming more and more credited by those in a position to form trustworthy opinions in diplomatic matters. At the British embassy nothing will be said about the report. The ambassador is reported as saying that it is a subject concerning which he can not talk and at the state department it is declared that nothing is known about it and that moreover it is a matter about which the English government should be allowed to have the first say.

BODY OF KING LIES IN STATE

(By Cable to The Times.)

Stockholm, Dec. 14.—Clothed in an admiral's uniform, the body of King Oscar lies in state in the chapel of the royal castle. Only those persons especially invited are admitted to view it. The catafalque is banked with flowers. The public will be admitted to the chapel today.

ROOSEVELT IS SLATED FOR THE U. S. SENATE

It is Understood That the President's Private Secretary, Mr. Loeb, Will Manage the Taft Candidacy—There Are No Outward Signs of Trouble Between Roosevelt and Cortelyou, But the Latter is Training With the New York Money Sharks Who Are Against President Roosevelt or His Candidate—The Situation May Soon Call for Cortelyou's Retirement From the Roosevelt Cabinet. Gossip and Speculation.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Dec. 14.—A Washington dispatch to the Evening Mail says: Taft in the white house, Roosevelt in the senate—that is the administration program after March 4, 1909.

If that can be accomplished the Roosevelt policies will be insured for another four years at least. The president is committed to both of these ideas with characteristic tenacity and energy, and so far as he can do so he proposes to use his influence toward their accomplishment.

Cortelyou May Resign.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—While no direct confirmation of the persistent report can be secured, there is reason today for the belief that Secretary Cortelyou will very soon announce in a formal way his candidacy for the presidential nomination. Privately and confidentially, Secretary Cortelyou has indicated his feeling that he has been unfairly dealt with by the Taft boomers, who have so constantly carried to the president complaints about the proceedings of the secretary of the treasury.

The report that Secretary Loeb will become manager of the Taft movement has aroused the greatest interest. There has been no such direct and emphatic denial as would satisfy people who do not like the prospect of such a development.

Mr. Loeb has, indeed, been diligently managing certain important phases of the Taft movement for some weeks, and he has been doing it adroitly and effectively. His definite selection as manager would be evidence that the president is sincere in his purpose of doing everything possible for the war secretary.

If there has been anything in the developments of the last few days to disrupt the friendly relations that always have existed between the president and Secretary Cortelyou, there are no outward indications. Those persons who happened to be about the white house when the hour for the assembling of the cabinet arrived, saw Secretary Cortelyou enter the president's office in his usual calm and untroubled way. He left after the meeting was over in just as good spirits as any other member of the cabinet and gave every evidence of the existence of relations that enabled him to meet the president for the first time and discuss with him and his associates the problems before the administration in the same fashion in which he has discussed them for months past.

The Old Speaker Still Ambitious.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—"Keep your eye on Uncle Joe." This is the word that is going around Washington these days. Particularly has there been much talk of this sort since the president's final renunciation of a re-nomination. Politicians generally recognize that Speaker Cannon is in a position of no mean advantage with reference to the nomination for the head of the 1908 republican ticket and that stronger things might happen at the caucus next June than that he is the winning candidate.

It would be a remarkable thing if this man who has served continuously in congress, as a member of the house, for nearly a third of a century, were to round out his career by a term in the white house. He is now seventy-one years old and over.

He will be seventy-two next May and almost seventy-three before he could enter the white house to succeed Mr. Roosevelt. He would be nearly seventy-seven before he could end a four-year term as chief executive, and yet it is everywhere conceded by those that have given the situation careful consideration that he has elements of strength that are not to be despised.