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RALEIGH,

NORTH CAROLINA.

Pacific Fleet Sails

From Hampton Roads

(Continued from First Page.) transferred through any obvious improvement, but the fact remains that no new ones have been taken on and all that could be left behind without direct injustice are not to continue longer with the westward moving stars and stripes.

But, beyond those physical facts in Hampton Roads lie other world facts which those who are with the fleet cannot forget. Extra shifts have been placed on the work of fortification about Subic Bay, in the Philippines; the forts of San Diego, Monterey, San Francisco and Puget Sound are being worked overtime in preparation and the Japanese believe their navy invincibly first among the fleets of the world. If one mentions these facts he does it in an undertone. No one dares to discuss the possibility of war. It is a subject about which an ominous and deadly silence is preserved.

Only once has the well of longing and apprehension that lies beneath bubbled forth. At a dinner on the Kansas, the band struck up "Dolly Grey." It was atrociously bad taste to dig up so old a tune for it aroused uncomfortable feelings. A young wife who is in the second month of her honeymoon, laid her head on her arms and burst into uncontrollable sobbing.

As for handship, the young officers do not find it in thought of war. Their favorable self-imposed discipline is to dance until 3 a. m., take a 3:30 lunch for their ship, change from dress suit to a sweater and go on duty in a 4 o'clock watch. Last night the last curtain was rung on that.

Today they face the forts of South America, the Straits of Magellan, the coast of California, and—possibly—Japan.

Interest in Foreign Countries.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—The impending departure of the American fleet for the Pacific causes intense interest here. Officers are unanimous in their opinion of the far-reaching effects of shifting the great naval strength from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast.

"It will," says the Novoe Vremya, "serve as the best guarantee of peace by checking the elation of the Oriental nations."

The Hetch fears that the concentration of such immense power on the California shores will vastly increase the responsibilities of the federal government, as it is inevitable that it will produce an outburst of warlike sentiment and will feed the flame of race feeling in the Pacific coast states.

London, Dec. 16.—The Outlook, a weekly publication, discusses the political significance of the American fleet movement, saying:

"The building up of the states on the Pacific slope, the annexation of Hawaii, the growth of American commerce in the Far East and the rise of Japan have reacted upon the destinies of America with ever increasing intensity. As a possible battleground in the future it is no longer the Atlantic, but the Pacific, which claims American thought.

The Sunday Observer says it is difficult to see that the sailing of the fleet is dictated by purely professional reasons and continues:

"The plain fact is that the cruise is a political reconnaissance of force in view of the rise of Japan. The fleet bears the American flag to the Pacific as a symbol of power and an expression of the national will that it will defend and develop American interests."

The Sunday Times says: Count Hayashi, the Japanese foreign minister, to whom the full recognition of Japanese immigrants is a matter of life and death, is not the man to be

Oh, Yes, He Could Stand the Cut

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Detroit, Mich., Dec. 16.—Hughes Jennings has found out that there is such a thing as gratitude. When Jennings met his employers, Yawkey and Navin, at the Chicago meeting of the American League, they called him to one side.

"We don't want to take advantage of you," said Spokesman Navin, "but I wish you would take this new contract and look it over and see whether you are willing to stand the cut."

Hughes opened the document. Instead of a cut, there was a liberal boost for the unexpected portion of the time for which he had been engaged. Jennings signed the new contract without a murmur, and now will receive as much as any leader in the American League.

GORILLA NEGRO LYNCHED TODAY

McHenry, Miss., Dec. 16.—Pat Jones, the negro who robbed and assaulted two young women at the point of a revolver, was today lynched about six miles east of the scene of his crime by an angry mob.

Ever since the report was spread that he had been looking for the perpetrator, but he seemed to have eluded the searchers. When found he was given an opportunity to defend himself but after a number of conflicting statements confessed the crime and begged for mercy.

Jones was yellow negro about 25 years of age and is said to have just completed a penitentiary term for a similar attempt.

DEATH IN ANOTHER UNLOADED PISTOL

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 16.—Victor Johnson, 18 years old, was shot yesterday afternoon by his close friend and companion, J. Delmar, aged 19 years, at their room in a boarding house in this city. The shooting occurred about 3:20 o'clock.

Delmar claims that he unlocked his trunk for the purpose of securing some money, as he and his friend were preparing to go down to the city. The pistol was in the top tray of the trunk, and Delmar picked it up. He withdrew the cartridges and believed he had unloaded the weapon which he began snapping. One cartridge had been overlooked and the bullet was fired into the head of young Johnson. Both men were from Pensacola, Fla., and were employed by local firms.

FOUR YEARS' RECEIPTS OF LIQUOR DISPENSARY

Following is the official statement of the business done by the Raleigh municipal liquor dispensary since it opened up for business nearly four years ago.

The report, which has been prepared at the request of some citizens, by the clerk to the board of dispensary commissioners, covers only nine months of the present year, the whole period being for four years, less three months.

The sales now and last year amount to a quarter million dollars per annum. It has taken in, or will have done so by January 1, over \$900,000 in the four years of its existence.

There are other interesting figures given. Read them for yourself:

Summary of Dispensary Reports from January 1, 1904, to October 1, 1907. Amounts Paid to City and County of Wake.				
Year	Month	City	County	Total
1904	Jan. 1	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
	July 1	6,250.00	6,250.00	12,500.00
	Oct. 1	7,750.00	7,750.00	15,500.00
1905	Jan. 1	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
	July 1	6,181.83	6,318.17	12,500.00
	Oct. 1	6,400.00	9,600.00	16,000.00
1906	Jan. 1	8,000.00	12,000.00	20,000.00
	July 1	6,181.83	9,818.17	16,000.00
	Oct. 1	6,000.00	9,900.00	15,900.00
1907	Jan. 1	7,400.00	11,100.00	18,500.00
	July 1	7,000.00	10,500.00	17,500.00
	Oct. 1	7,400.00	11,100.00	18,500.00
Total for 1904		\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$56,000.00
Total for 1905		\$26,181.83	\$36,318.17	\$62,500.00
Total for 1906		\$30,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$75,000.00
Total for 1907		\$21,400.00	\$32,100.00	\$53,500.00

Recapitulation.		
Year	City	County
1904	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
1905	26,181.83	36,318.17
1906	30,000.00	45,000.00
1907	21,400.00	32,100.00
Total		\$141,418.17

Summary of Dispensary Reports from January 1, 1904, to Oct. 1, 1907. Receipts.	
1904	\$ 38,496.23
1905	40,712.19
1906	38,873.30
1907	60,342.66
Total for 1904	\$178,424.78

1905	\$ 49,343.21
1906	48,193.54
1907	73,194.61
Total for 1905	\$215,942.53

1906	\$ 58,496.84
1907	57,802.80
1908	55,612.78
1909	81,823.12
Total for 1906	\$253,736.54

1907	\$ 72,748.23
1908	66,932.32
1909	67,473.74
Total for 1907	\$207,154.29

Recapitulation.	
Sales for the year 1904	\$178,424.78
Sales for the year 1905	215,942.53
Sales for the year 1906	253,736.54
Sales for nine months of 1907	207,154.29
Total sales for three years and nine months	\$854,358.14

Summary of Reports for Four Years. The tabulated summary of dispensary reports for the last year (which we are unable, from lack of time to print in that form today) shows these facts:

For 1904—	Expenses were	\$3,259.50	For 1906, the same items were—	Expenses	\$3,999.51
	Salaries were	5,022.00		Salaries	6,743.33
	Dividend was	56,000.00		Dividend	75,000.00
For 1905 these items were—	Expenses	\$3,549.73	For 1907 (nine months), they were—	Expenses	\$ 2,986.61
	Salaries	6,408.69		Salaries	5,815.00
	Dividend	62,500.00		Dividends	63,000.00

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Straight White Copper Corn	2.25	4.00	2.35	4.20
American Fine Gin	2.50	4.50	2.60	4.75
Imported Holland Gin	4.00	7.50	4.10	7.70
Maryland Peach Brandy	2.50	4.50	2.60	4.75
New York Apple Brandy	2.50	4.50	2.60	4.75
Virginia Apple and Peach Brandy	4.00	7.50	4.10	7.10
Canadian Malt Whiskey	3.00	5.50	3.10	5.75
Private Stock Corn	2.50	4.50	2.60	4.75
Hatke's Virginia Mountain Rye	2.50	4.50	2.60	4.75
Merry Old Kentucky Rye	3.00	5.50	3.10	5.75
Golden Corn	3.00	5.50	3.10	5.75
Old Four Hundred Rye or Corn	4.00	7.50	4.10	7.70
Old Five Hundred Rye or Corn	5.00	9.50	5.10	9.70
Old 1867 Rye Whiskey	6.00	11.50	6.10	11.70
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