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GREAT FLEET ASSEMBLED

The Most Powerful Fleet Ever Gathered Under the Stars and Stripes

READY FOR REVIEW

There are 102 Vessels Assembled Representing the Fighting Strength of the Atlantic Squadron—Will be Reviewed Tomorrow by Secretary Meyer and Other Navy Officials—Pacific Ships Gathered Off Los Angeles—400 Guns and 17,000 Officers and Men on Fleet in New York Harbor.

New York, Oct. 29.—The most powerful fleet ever assembled under the Stars and Stripes lies anchored in New York harbor today. The vessels numbering 102, the fighting strength of the Atlantic Squadron, are decorated from stem to stern with flags and bunting, ready to be reviewed by Secretary of the Navy Meyer and Navy Department officials tomorrow. Counting the other fighting ships that are grouped off Los Angeles and will be reviewed simultaneously by other Navy officials, the present American mobilization ranks second in history only to the great English review on Spithead during the coronation.

Following the review and the manoeuvres, the first division of the fleet will put to sea on Wednesday, but the second division will remain as a visitor until the second week in January.

The prodigious power of this grim array is fearful to contemplate. In fifteen minutes they could blow New York off the map. Dark, sullen, impressive, the spectacle of the big sea monsters by night provided thrills for thousands of Manhattanites and visitors who thronged toward Riverside Drive this evening and gloried in the play of searchlight, in the chug-chug of launchers as parties of bluejackets left their floating homes on shore leave and in occasional snatches of martial music by the sailors' band wafted over the waters by the wind.

The vessels are grouped in three divisions and extend northward from 57th street in the Hudson for a distance of eight miles. The first group is comprised of battleships, cruisers, armored cruisers and colliers. They face New York. The submarines are just astern of the battleships. The second group consists of destroyers and auxiliaries. The third group is made up of torpedo boats.

The fleet of battleships mounts exactly 400 guns manned by about 17,000 officers and men. The total displacement of the fleet is 577,599 tons.

The Secretary of the Navy and party will review the vessels from the deck of the Mayflower tomorrow. In the evening Halloween night, the whole 102 ships of war will be strung with electric lights. On the day following Secretary Meyer will inspect one vessel in each division.

There are 31 battleships and armored cruisers in the harbor. In the destroyer class 13 of Uncle Sam's total fleet of 34 vessels are in New York. Nine torpedo boats out of a flotilla of thirty-two, and eleven submarines out of eighteen owned by the United States are also here.

These smaller boats will play a prominent part in the manoeuvres which will mark the mobilization.

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PRESIDENT VISITS CHICAGO STOCK YARDS

Chicago, Oct. 30.—Chicago's world-renowned stock yards received President Taft at nine this morning. The President attended the National Dairy Show.

The President's route through the stock yards was decorated with flags and bunting, behind which stretched acres of pens containing bleaching cattle, sheep and hogs. Later Mr. Taft laid the cornerstone of the Hamilton Club's new building and was the guest at the Hamilton Club luncheon at LaSalle Hotel.

VOTERS TO SAY TOMORROW

Whether the Market-House Is to Be Sold, Moved or Remodeled

THE ARCHITECTS' OPINION

The General Opinion Prevails That Would be an Exceedingly Costly Proposition to Attempt to Remodel the Present Building—To Keep It Would Entail a Loss to the City of About \$3,500 a Year, Say Authorities—Number of Architects and Contractors Give Their Opinion on Proposition.

The voters of the city of Raleigh will say tomorrow whether we shall move the market house, sell it, or remodel the present building. A few facts placed before the public will be of vital interest just at this time. The estimated revenue, gathered from the city authorities, the city gets out of the market house is \$3,000. Now it costs, at the lowest figure, \$1,000 per year to maintain it. The lowest figures placed, should it be sold, is \$75,000, and six per cent interest on that amount would be \$4,500. At those figures, the city is today losing \$2,500 per year. To sell it, \$3,000 would be placed on the tax books, bringing the amount, at the city losses, up to \$5,500. At present the market house is non-taxable property.

To get a general idea of what the architects and contractors think of the idea of remodeling the present building, a reporter of The Times saw several today. Practically all of them are of the opinion that it is utterly impossible to remodel the present building. The walls are soft and nothing but shells. They say that to remodel, they would have to go down to the very bottom and put in a new foundation, and build practically new all the way up, which would mean the erection of a new building. Statements from some of the architects and contractors are as follows:

Frank Thompson. Mr. Frank Thompson, one of the leading architects of the city, said that he was not in favor of remodeling the present building, because it was simply impossible to use the present walls, nor any part of it. No contractor would hardly attempt to use any of the material in the present building, as it is unfit for use. The walls are all soft and of sand. Two instances were cited when material in the old building was offered for use in the erection of the new buildings. First the old Law Building; second the old Grimes building, where the new state building is to be erected. \$500 was given for the material in the Law building, and it was just simply a loss of that amount, as none of the material could be used. The Grimes building had to be given away, as no one could use it at all. And the same is true of the market house. It is almost impossible to use any of the present building, under no conditions to build anew. The only thing to do in the present situation is to sell.

J. M. Kennedy. Mr. J. M. Kennedy, an architect of the city, said, personally, he favored selling the market house. He had been told that down in the basement supports had to be erected to keep the walls from falling in, that the brick was so soft, the walls would not stand alone. If that is the condition, then it is utterly impossible to remodel the present building, and it would be a waste of the city's money, to try to remodel a building with walls in the condition those are in, that could not stand the work. So far as he is concerned, he would not attempt to remodel the present building, under no condition.

D. C. Hill. Mr. D. C. Hill, a contractor and architect, said personally, he was in favor of letting the market house go. The best thing to do is to sell it, and get rid of it. While the present walls might be used in remodeling, it would be a very expensive thing to undertake. J. G. Connell. Mr. J. G. Connell, a contractor, stated that he favored remodeling the present building. That it would be the best and cheapest for the city. (Continued on Page Six.)

The Three Market House Propositions.

The citizens of Raleigh are called upon tomorrow to participate in an election with regard to the sale, removal, or the remodeling of the market house, and as there are a large number of people who do not fully appreciate the significance of the importance of this election we state the case. The act of the legislature of 1908 permitted the people of Raleigh to vote on the question of selling the market house and which created a board of representative citizens styled "The Market House Commission," whose duty it was to select a site and erect thereon a market in the event the people should vote for the sale of the market. The vote to sell was overwhelming, in fact, almost unanimous, but the commission after waddling and wrangling over a site in the endeavor to please everybody finally ended in a veritable fiasco and thwarted the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box by taking no action in regard to the matter.

The advocates of the measure, or rather those favoring the sale of the market, applied to the legislature of 1910 and secured the passage of the bill under which we hold our election next Tuesday.

This bill provided for three separate propositions to be submitted to the people, and unlike the former election, the proposition receiving a majority of the votes cast, must and will be executed.

The market can not in any event remain as it stands, and in order that we may vote intelligently, it appears proper that we should understand the various propositions and the reasons why we should or should not support them.

- 1. For remodeling the market house. 2. For removal of market house. 3. For sale of market house.

If the first proposition, or For Remodeling the Market House, should receive a majority of the votes, it will mean that the market is to remain just where it stands for years to come, in the most conspicuous location in our city, a location whereon there should be erected, if the citizens vote to sell, a magnificent structure that will be an ornament to our city.

But not only should this proposition fail to carry in order to make way for an up-to-date and imposing building, and thereby improve the appearance of our main street and our city in general, but to remodel the market will cost the city about \$25,000.00.

According to the present newspaper reports the financial condition of the city is at a low ebb, in fact, the mayor states that we have already spent something over \$29,000.00 and it will take the strictest economy for the city not to run head over heels in debt, therefore to force this extra expenditure of \$25,000.00, would be an exceptionally heavy burden and one which no man who has the interest of the city at heart could afford.

There has been considerable talk with regard to reducing the tax rate, a question which vitally interests us all, but if the vote next Tuesday is to remodel the market house at an expenditure of \$25,000.00 instead of reducing it, may increase the tax rate, for we all know the money is going to come out of the people's pockets.

The second proposition, or For Removal of Market House, means that if this proposition should receive a majority of the votes, the city would be compelled to purchase directly back of the present location a site and erect thereon a market, which would cost in the neighborhood of \$85,000.00 to \$90,000.00.

The estimated value of the present market is \$75,000.00 and that is about the figure it would bring if put on the market, the location selected to build the market on, in the event of the removal of the present one, would cost about \$90,000.00; here in mind the fact that the city has no option on any site, and ask yourself would it be right to force the city to purchase land the price of which is to be determined by the property owner, then to build the market on the land would cost at the very lowest \$25,000.00. Therefore, should this proposition carry, the city would simply give its most valuable pieces of property in Raleigh, situated on our main business street, commanding a most prominent position, and a bonus of from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 for a market house on a back street. This proposition should not receive a single vote.

The third proposition that of For Sale of the Market House, appears to be by far the best of the three, because as stated above, the remodeling or removal of the market would entail heavy expenses, and the city is not in a financial position to contract further debt.

And again there are any number of cities as large and larger than Raleigh, who long ago gave up the general market business as a losing proposition from a financial standpoint, and it is even so with Raleigh, as you will observe in the following:

The average derived from the rental of stalls in the market is approximately \$250.00 per month or \$3,000.00 per year. As stated above the market is valued at, and can be sold for \$75,000.00. With this amount of money out at six per cent, the city would get an interest \$4,500.00 per year, or in other words Raleigh is losing just \$17,500.00 every year by maintaining a market which is unsanitary, unattractive, and an eye sore to every visitor to our fair city.

Have you ever heard of any city, anywhere, maintaining a foul smelling, dilapidated, unsanitary, old fashioned market house, on the best and most prominent location of its main thoroughfare, and without at an annual expense to the city?

DEMAND IS GRANTED China Will Be Given Constitutional Government

Shanghai, Oct. 30.—A wireless message from the British warship at Hankow says the imperialists are burning the native city of Hankow, and the entire government forces advance is marked with hideous brutality.

Beijing, Oct. 30.—The throne has acceded to the National Assembly's demand for a complete constitutional government.

In an imperial edict, the throne humbly apologizes for its past neglect and grants an immediate constitution with a cabinet from which the nobles will be excluded and grants free pardon for rebels and all political offenders.

Shanghai, Oct. 30.—Complete surrender of the throne to the revolutionists' demand is considered to have been the outcome of negotiations between the latter and Yuan Shi Kai.

Hankow, Oct. 30.—The imperial forces are preparing to follow up their victory over the rebels by an attack on Wu-Chang and Haiyang. Admiral Sah has notified the foreign consuls he was about to begin the bombardment of Wu-Chang and Haiyang.

AN HONORED MASON DIES IN NEW BERN

News was received in the city today of the death at New Bern yesterday of Hon. Charles C. Clark, grand master of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons in 1870-71. A special communication of the grand lodge will be held in New Bern tomorrow to attend the funeral at 11 o'clock. Mr. John C. Drewry, grand secretary, and Mr. R. H. Bradley, grand tiler, will leave tonight for New Bern. Mr. Clark was over 80 years old.

Speaker Clark Declines Room. Washington, Oct. 30.—Speaker Clark has declined to allow the new private dining room at the capitol be designated as the Speaker's. The room will be set aside for committee dinners, etc.

HEARING IN TOBACCO CASE

Wickersham Does Not Approve of the Plan Filed By the Tobacco Company

New York, Oct. 29.—Attorney General Wickersham's answer to the dissolution and reorganization plan of the American Tobacco Company, was filed in the circuit court of the United States, southern district, of New York today.

Wickersham, after referring to supreme court's directions, to restore competitive conditions, says: "Any device ascertaining and determining upon a plan should reserve to the governmental the right, at any time, within five years to apply to the court for further relief, upon a showing that such plan has not resulted in creating a new condition, in harmony with the law."

IN INTEREST OF COTTON Governors Meet At New Orleans Today

New Orleans, Oct. 30.—The governors of several southern states, with their commissioners of agriculture met today to frame a way to increase the price of cotton and find more economic means of placing the staple on the market and getting adequate statistics beneficial to the soldiers.

The government will be urged to provide data and statistics concerning the cotton consumption, stocks in spinners' hands, and accurate figures of foreign productions.

The most effective means of placing the farmer in control of cotton, according to Commissioner Kowne, of Texas is to cut down the cotton acreage and go in for crop diversion. Kowne would have the planter grow such things as his family needs and such things as will yield ready cash, thus keeping cotton a "clear crop."

PROCLAMATION FOR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING

Chicago, Oct. 30.—President Taft today issued the annual Thanksgiving proclamation, calling upon the citizens of the United States to celebrate Thursday, November 30th, next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

Peach Trees in Full Bloom. Americus, Ga., Oct. 30.—Hundreds of thousands of peach trees in this section are in full bloom. A failure of next year's crop is feared.

PILOT CAR LEFT TODAY

the Way From Atlanta to Richmond For Big Tour Soon

OTHERS AT HEARING IN RALEIGH THURSDAY

Wickersham Asks that for Period of Five Years the New Companies Shall Not Have Any Directors or Officers in Common and Shall Not Have Any Stock Interest in Each Other—Shall Be Entirely Separate Companies in Fact and in Name—Leaves the Court the Capitalization of the Companies

Under the auspices of the Touring Club of America and with the co-operation of the Capital Highway Association, the American Association for Highway Improvement and the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, the pathfinding car for the Good Roads Tour left Atlanta this morning at 8 o'clock.

This car, accompanied by several others, will blaze the way for a tour next month from Atlanta to Richmond by way of Augusta, Columbia, Camden, Cheraw, Pinehurst, Raleigh, Henderson and Emporia for the purpose of increasing interest in the development of the Capital Highway.

Mr. Leonard Tuft, of Pinehurst, is one of the leading spirits in the movement, and is giving lavishly of both his time and money to make it a success. This tour of 700 miles through Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia with some twenty or thirty cars participating, will no doubt stimulate considerable enthusiasm in those states for better roads. After a few more links of the highway are made better passable, there will be an unbroken road all the way from New York to Florida. The various cities and towns en route have not entirely awakened to the significance of this highway and comparatively little support has been given to the project in the south. North Carolina is just beginning to "do something" however, and her roads will very likely show up favorably with those of other states before much longer.

The pilot cars will reach Raleigh about noon next Thursday, November 2, and after luncheon at Hotel Raleigh, will proceed to Henderson for the night stop. President Litchford and Secretary Olds of the Chamber of Commerce, are arranging for an escort to accompany the pilot car into the city. Every automobile owner who is interested in good roads (and there aren't any who are not interested) will be asked to meet the tourists and help to give them a favorable impression of Raleigh.

Officials. The following officials are accompanying the pilot car: Leonard Tuft, president Capital Highway Association.

W. T. Dabney, secretary Chamber of Commerce, Richmond, Va. Col. Henry MacNair, editor Official Automobile Blue Book, special agent U. S. office of Public Roads.

H. B. Varner, of Lexington, N. C., editor of Southern Good Roads, and representing the Capital Highway Association.

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ELLINGTON PLACE SOLD AT AUCTION

The plant, buildings and machinery of the Ellington Building Supply Company was sold at public auction this afternoon under orders of Mr. M. A. Moser, commissioner of the bankrupt concern. The plant and buildings were bought by W. J. Ellington for \$7,000, but it was not learned what the supplies and other items brought. Mr. D. R. Byrum acted as auctioneer.

Anyhow, a girl would rather go to school than help her mother at home.