

Chamberlin. It is literally crowded to the doors with the sweethearts and wives of the officers. Last night a farewell trip took place. The next comes up and scores of officers could not reach their ships because the launches could not weather the gale.

Early arrivals this morning, bedraggled and smelly from the heavy seas of Chesapeake Bay that riddled in roughness a trip across the British Channel, were astonished to see these same storm-stayed officers taking breakfast in the public dining rooms of the Chamberlin in their evening clothes.

The launches soon came dashing to the floe in the force of the wind and rain waves and by 11 o'clock all the belated officers were back on their ships and in appropriate costumes. The clouds lifted at noon, the women who departed early this morning came down from their rooms, fresh batches of officers came ashore for luncheon and to say the lingering words they forgot to say last night, and the Chamberlin's corridors and observation parlors were filled with the roar of chatter such as only a combined meeting of the National Federation of Women's Clubs and a national political convention could produce.

The women, however, dominated everything. There was a talk, a dance, a reception talk, in fact every kind of small talk that such a gathering might be expected to bring forth. For a gayety was the dominant note. One of Admiral Evans's staff summed it up in this way:

"This entire happy scene is just like laughter at a funeral. These women will say good-by with smiles and will show their nerve by waving hands and kerchiefs bravely, but two minutes after the fleet starts the tears will be rolling down their cheeks. Ten minutes later the corridors of this hotel will be deserted and upstairs there will be pillows drenched and the one prayer will be: 'Bring him back safely.' They are true good fellows, these women, God bless them," is already on the lips of every man in the fleet.

Admiral Evans has remained on shore all day and has been holding a continuous levee in the hotel. He had the satisfaction of sending yesterday to the Secretary of the Navy a dispatch saying that the fleet was ready to start on an instant's notice, thereby confounding those who had declared that it would be impossible to have all the ships prepared fully by December 15, the day of starting.

Jack had his last play ashore this afternoon. The men of the Kansas and Vermont fought out the football championship of the fleet. Kansas won by a score of 4 to 2 on a field behind the ramparts of Fort Monroe that made the game look like a contest in water polo. After the game the victors and vanquished, each sated by their ship's band and yip and yowling and followed by the first class men of each ship on shore leave, marched down to the Chamberlin to cheer the Admiral and receive a rousing demonstration from the thousands there.

The Vermont's men were in the rear, but they cheered their opponents vigorously. Their mascot goat, made conspicuous by his green bordered blanket, made a dash to chew up one of the Kansas's sunflower flags, but he was caught in time and told to go to the ash heap where he belonged and where the only fodder that he could appreciate would be found. The jack tars showed their enthusiasm for the cruise by hurrying aboard their ships.

"We won't have a dozen deserters in the entire fleet," said a Captain who was returning from the football game. "The same spirit shown on that field is what is animating the men on ship. If there is any trouble ahead they are sure to be there."

To-night there is nothing but gayety ashore and afloat. The vessels are all brightly lighted, red and white signals are being flashed from ship to ship, little launches are dashing in and out, piping their shrill whistles, and far down in hotel corridors eyes look into eyes, strong hands steel about those more slender and the old game of love and war is being played again as it has been played for hundreds of years when men have gone away clad in the habiliments of war.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—President Roosevelt and his party will leave Washington at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon on the Mayflower for Hampton Roads, where he will receive the officers of the battleship fleet on the deck of the yacht and will review the fleet as it passes out of the Chesapeake into the Atlantic coast. In addition to the President the party will include Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Metcalf, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Brown, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles and Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Sims.

After arriving in Hampton Roads the Mayflower will anchor while the officers of the fleet are being received by the President. At the conclusion of this ceremony she will weigh anchor and sail on a short distance in order to review the fleet as it passes out into the ocean. After the fleet has started down the coast the Mayflower will return to Washington, probably arriving here on the morning of Tuesday, December 17.

FAKE CRIMES, SAYS BINGHAM

NOT ALL THE ROBBERIES SHOULD BE HELD UP AGAINST HIM.

Police Commissioner and Comptroller Discuss Their Departments at West End Association Dinner—Metz in a Glassy Vein but Has a Good Word for Bingham.

At the dinner given by the West End Association last night at the Hotel Marcelline, Broadway and 103rd street, Commissioner Theodore A. Bingham and Comptroller Herman A. Metz, guests at the banquet, gave complete accounts of their stewardships without the possible reflections upon each other's domain that might have been expected. Comptroller Metz had only to say in reference to Commissioner Bingham's department that a little more humanity on the part of the Brooklyn police might make for better regulation of the Police Department. He referred to the treatment that he had witnessed of certain Italian street vendors in Kings county.

But in extenuation of Commissioner Bingham Comptroller Metz made this general assertion:

"I want to say that any Police Commissioner, or any other official that does what he thinks is right can tell all the people who may rise in criticism against his methods to go to the devil and trust in the common sense of the people of New York to vindicate him."

James Van Dyck Card, president of the association, presided at the dinner, which was attended by about 150 members of the association. Among those present were Lawson Parry, Walter Bensch, William R. Wilcox, Prof. Isaac F. Russell, Henry Smith, Congressman J. Van Vechten Olcott, Alfred L. Manierre, former candidate for Governor of the Prohibition party, C. N. Boyce, Charles O. Meas, and the Rev. R. S. MacArthur.

President Card introduced Commissioner Bingham as one who had been chosen to do a duty and who had made good. Commissioner Bingham was received with vociferous applause. He said:

"I feel gratified at the kind words of your president in introducing me. We don't get very many of them in the Police Department and we appreciate them when we do get them."

Commissioner Bingham then gave a résumé of the work which his department had attempted to accomplish during the last year. He said:

"The year opened with two important propositions: To give the Commissioner a stronger hand in the Police Department and to allow to the Commissioner more initiative in the detective department. I believe that I have taken full advantage of both opportunities. As to the detective department, the men who have been chosen for that work have only been selected after careful consideration, and if they have not made good in each instance they have been put back on the pavement."

"We have been developing the younger men as much as we can. I believe that it is only fair to say that the great number of burglaries arising during the fall months have not been all bona fide crimes. We feel in the Police Department that it is time to put a stop to this fake crime. Twenty per cent. of the robberies committed during the autumn months have been phony."

When Comptroller Metz was introduced he began a complete résumé of all the work which has come under his department since he took office. If there was anything that he overlooked none of the diners present dared to suggest it to his notice.

Mr. Metz had something to say about "the system" which obtained in all departments of the city government. He said Commissioner Bingham had broken the system in his department.

In regard to his own department, Mr. Metz said that there was no tabulation yet of the property that the city owns and that as far as that was concerned no citizen suspected what the municipality really did own.

"But," said he, "if you ask the Corporation Counsel on any knotty point in this matter of proprietorship you have to wait four months and then you get a conundrum in reply."

Comptroller Metz drifted into a very pessimistic vein when he said:

"If you do things in the department to which you are elected according to the common sense view which you may have, you are liable to indictment for violating the Charter."

"According to the strict letter of the law I ought to have under my control \$200,000 to meet outstanding contracts. You know yourself how much I have got."

Continuing Mr. Metz said that there was no such thing as public sentiment in New York city and that the people did not know or did not care to know what the managers of the government were doing. He said that he ought to have a budget that tells the truth and that he never has had one. And also that in all of the offices of the city government there was lack of initiative among the employees. Mr. Metz concluded with this aphoristic confession:

"I haven't read the Charter yet, but I will abide by Section 8, which says in effect, 'Don't act.'"

Other speakers were John C. Coleman, A. Walker Otis, Park Commissioner Henry Smith, William R. Wilcox and the Rev. R. S. MacArthur.

SAYS HER HUSBAND IS INSANE. Mrs. Eva M. Barker Applies for a Commission to Inquire Into His Sanity.

GOSHEN, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Application was made before Supreme Court Justice Mills here to-day by Mrs. Eva M. Barker for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the sanity of Charles Bell Barker, who tried to have a bill passed a year ago legitimizing his child, Queenie, the daughter of a woman known as Adelaide Stringer. Mrs. Barker first made her application for a commission in New York city in October, but Supreme Court Justice McCall sustained the contention of Barker's counsel that the application should be made in Orange county because Barker's home is at Central Valley.



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William L. Montrose Under \$5,000 Bail. William L. Montrose of 154 Clinton avenue, Newark, who was released in \$2,500 bail by Coroner Dooley yesterday on the charge growing out of the death of his wife in the Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan on Friday, was later taken to Newark, arraigned there on a similar charge and placed under an additional \$2,500 bond. It was furnished.

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DIED. GREEN.—On December 14, 1907, at residence of son-in-law, J. Bradley Tanner, 186 Arlington av., Jersey City, N. J., Elizabeth Berthoff, widow of John E. Green. Funeral private. Interment at Nyack, N. Y.

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DIED.

HURLEY.—Thomas Jefferson, suddenly on Friday, December 13, in his 81st year, at his home, 67 Pierrepont st., Brooklyn. Funeral Sunday afternoon, services private. Interment at Newton Cemetery, Newton, Mass. Fort Worth and St. Louis papers please copy. INGLIS.—On Friday, December 13, 1907, at Malta, Vale, London, England, James Smith Inglis, president of Cotler & Co. Notice of funeral hereafter. Montreal papers please copy. LEGGETT.—On Saturday, December 14, 1907, Mary E., wife of Frederick W. Leggett. Funeral services at her late residence, 10 West 27th st., on Tuesday, December 17, at 10 A. M. Interment private. MCCOON.—On December 14, 1907, Mary E. McCoon, widow of Hewitt T. McCoon of Glen Head, L. I. Funeral services Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of her son, F. H. McCoon, 19 West 44th st., New York. McMANUS.—On Friday, December 13, 1907, Marie McManus (nee Quinn), Ballinacree, County Londonderry, Ireland, the beloved wife of the late John McManus, the beloved mother of Senator Thomas J. McManus, John Owen, James, William, Edward and Charles. The funeral will take place on Monday, December 16, at 10 A. M., from her late residence, 307 West 49th st., thence to the Church of the Sacred Heart in West 114th st., where a solemn requiem mass will be said for the repose of her soul. Fall River, Albany, Troy, Cleveland and Chicago papers please copy. ROWLAND.—In this city, December 13, 1907, after a protracted illness, Thomas Fitch Rowland, in the 71st year of his age. Funeral services at the Church of the Heavenly Host, 31st av. and 42d st., Manhattan, on Monday, December 16, at 10:45 A. M. Burial at Evergreen Cemetery, New Haven, Conn. TOWNSEND.—On December 13, 1907, Arthur Bronson Townsend, son of Catherine Bronson Townsend and the late John J. Townsend, in the 4th year of his age. Funeral services will be held at Trinity Church, Broadway and Wall sts., at 12 o'clock noon Sunday, December 15, 1907.