

THOUSANDS CHEER FLEET AT CALLAO

Greatest Enthusiasm Shown on Long Cruise.

OBSERVED AS A HOLIDAY

Stores Closed So Employees Can Join in Demonstration.

American Flag and Words of Welcome on Huge Placards Throughout City—Greatest Crowd of Visitors Ever in the Seaport City Watches Arrival of Fighting Vessels—Elaborate Arrangements for Festivities.

Callao, Peru, Feb. 20.—The American battle ship fleet, Rear Admiral Evans commanding, arrived here at 9:20 o'clock this morning, having traversed some 10,600 miles since it sailed from Hampton Roads December 15. From Punta Arenas the scheduled cruising speed of ten knots an hour was maintained.

Yesterday afternoon the Peruvian cruiser Biogreski, which had been dispatched for the purpose, met the fleet at sea and escorted it to this port. While the Connecticut, the flag ship of Admiral Evans, was 500 miles distant from this port, a wireless message was received from Senor Pardo, president of Peru, extending a hearty welcome to the fleet in the name of himself and the people.

Thousands Throng City.

Callao was thronged to-day with thousands of persons from Lima and other places, who had come to the city to see the great fleet and welcome it. In none of the ports at which the war ships have called—Trinidad, Rio de Janeiro, and Punta Arenas—has such enthusiasm been displayed as shown here. This was without question due, in a great measure, to the recent visit of Secretary of State Root, which established a special feeling of friendship between Peru and the United States.

Furthermore, the Peruvians have always maintained a friendly feeling for the Americans ever since the war between Peru and Chili, in 1879, when the United States supported Peru. Consequently the greeting extended to the visitors to-day was marked by the greatest heartiness and the Americans practically own the town.

Two ocean steamers loaded with excursionists, met the war ships some distance at sea and steamed as close to them as was consistent with safety. Shouts of welcome and cries of "Viva los Americanos" and "Viva los Estados Unidos" frequently reached the ears of those aboard the war ships, and were understood even by those whose knowledge of Spanish was exceedingly fragmentary.

Observed as a Holiday.

The enthusiasm displayed by this first contingent of Peruvians, however, was not to be compared with that shown by the people ashore, many of whom fairly went wild in their demonstrations of welcome. The day was observed as a general holiday not only here but in the capital. All the stores in both cities were closed to give an opportunity to all the employees to go to the water front to see and welcome the American vessels. It is doubtful if Callao ever saw such a crowd of visitors from the surrounding country before. Throughout the city were posted placards bearing lithographed representations of the American flag and words of welcome. These had been put up by order of the government.

Great preparations have been made for the entertainment of the visitors, both officers and bluejackets, whose time will be well occupied during their stay here. Tomorrow official visits will be exchanged.

On Saturday President Pardo will give a dinner to 500 officers of the fleet.

On Saturday also there will be a regatta in the harbor here, in which native boats and the boats from the warships will take part.

On Sunday there will be a regatta. The biggest and most spectacular event on the programme is a special bull fight which will be held Monday under the auspices of the government. This will be attended by 600 officers and 2,000 men.

Garden Party on Tuesday.

On Tuesday the municipality will give a garden party in the exposition grounds for which a great number of invitations have been issued. It will be attended by all the high state, municipal, military, and naval officers, and by all the members of the highest society.

On Tuesday Rear Admiral Evans will give a dinner on board the Connecticut in return for the courtesies extended to him and his officers by the Peruvian government.

The fleet will give an entertainment on Friday.

On Saturday the fleet will sail for Magdalena Bay, where considerable time will be spent in gun practice.

In addition to the official programme, many private entertainments have been arranged and everybody is looking forward to a jolly time during the fleet's stay here.

Ships Begin Coaling.

Four of the ships will begin coaling to-morrow. The others will proceed to sea to swing around and adjust their compasses. Some will go out to-morrow for this purpose, and the others will go Saturday.

EX-QUEEN'S CAR HITS CHILD.

Margherita Takes Little Girl to the Hospital and Watches Over Her.

Rome, Feb. 20.—Ex-Queen Margherita was riding in her automobile through the streets to-day at a moderate speed when a four-year-old girl, not seeing the car, ran ahead of it.

The driver immediately put on the brakes, but he was too late, and the car hit the child. The ex-Queen took the girl into the car and carried her to a hospital, where it was found she was severely bruised.

The ex-Queen stayed by her bedside, attending her. This evening she sent out and bought a doll for the little one, and ordered that inquiries be made for her family. Upon leaving the hospital, the ex-Queen was enthusiastically cheered by a large crowd.

GOV. GILLET COMING.

California Chief Executive Will Consult with President Roosevelt.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Gov. J. N. Gillett, of California, arrived in Chicago to-day, on his way to Washington to consult President Roosevelt on matters of importance to his State.

It is believed that his mission includes the Japanese exclusion question as bearing on labor and social conditions in California. His trip may also relate to the visit of Admiral Evans' battle-ship fleet to the Pacific.

EUGENE GUINDON A SUICIDE.

Express Company's President Shoots Himself at His Office.

New York, Feb. 20.—Eugene Guindon, president of Fuller's Express Company, killed himself in his office at 188 Chambers street to-day. He was a member of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History.

Several clerks were working in the company's office near Mr. Guindon when he shot himself. According to A. L. Roome, a director of the concern, ill health was the reason for the suicide. The president was sixty-five years old and had been head of the express company for years.

AMELIE TO LEAVE PORTUGAL.

Widow of King Carlos Will Make Her Home in Spain.

Madrid, Feb. 20.—Ex-Queen Amelia, widow of King Carlos, proposes to leave Portugal and live at Seville. Members of her family have applied to the Archbishop of Seville for permission to buy the historic palace of St. Elmo, which was bequeathed to him by the late Duchess of Montpenzier for a seminary.

If he consents, ex-Queen Amelia will reside there.

DIVORCED FROM E. H. BABCOCK.

Wife of Cashier of Washington Hotel Fieri in Accusation.

"Girl in Violet" Mentioned in Bill. Denial by Hotel Employee that He Has a Wife.

Special to The Washington Herald. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 20.—Some knotty points in divorce law are thrust aside by the decision of Judge Isaac Johnson, of Mead, granting a decree absolute to Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett Babcock, of Bryn Mawr, forever dissolving her marriage to Edwin H. Babcock, of Washington.

Mrs. Babcock is now residing with her daughter, Mrs. Melville C. Hard. Mrs. Babcock's mother, Mrs. Mary V. B. Barrett, lives at the same house. Both are well known at Saratoga Springs, in Philadelphia, Washington, and New York.

Col. Babcock, the husband, now matrimonially out in the cold, has for fifteen years been the cashier at a hotel in Washington, and before that was in a similar position at Saratoga Springs.

Mrs. Babcock's charges were as fiery as could be transcribed with a blue typewriter ribbon. A girl, known in Washington as Annie Turner, is mentioned in the bill filed by Mrs. Babcock. Annie is often spoken of as "the girl in violet."

E. H. Babcock, connected with a Washington hotel, talked over the phone from a house at 49 Seaton place last night with a reporter for The Washington Herald and denied having been divorced by Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett.

Babcock asserted he was a bachelor, and had no wife. When asked if he knew Annie Turner he laughed, but refused to answer on the ground "That is nobody's business. What do you want to ask me that for?"

He said there were two men by the name of Babcock in Washington; that his name was E. H. Babcock, and that he was connected with a hotel, but declared his first name was not Edwin.

It was said at the hotel that "Col. Edwin H. Babcock" was employed there as cashier.

STOESSEL GUILTY; OBTAINS CLEMENCY

Death Verdict Followed Request for Leniency.

HERO STANDS UNMOVED

Defender of Port Arthur Cheered Up by His Friends.

Gen. Fock Gets Reprimand, While Gens. Reuss and Smirnov Are Acquitted—Long Court-martial Ends, and Officers Present at Once Sign Petition to Czar Asking Clemency for Convicted Commander.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—The court-martial trying the generals for the surrender of Port Arthur delivered its judgment to-day. Gen. Stoessel was condemned to be shot and Gen. Fock to be reprimanded. Gens. Reuss and Smirnov were acquitted.

The courtroom, which was the concert hall of the Army and Navy Club, was crowded, mostly with officers, but there were also several women present. The court had spent Wednesday and Thursday considering its verdict.

It was 8 o'clock this evening before the courtroom was opened to admit the public to the final act of the proceedings.

The accused generals, as at previous sessions, took their places among the crowd of officers at the back of the courtroom. At 8:30 o'clock the court entered, headed by its president, Gen. Vodar. The judges walked to the center of a dais and stood beneath a portrait of the Czar, while Gen. Vodar read the decision aloud.

Hears Death Sentence.

During the delivery of the sentence, which was brief, there was tense silence in the courtroom, except for a suppressed gasp when Gen. Stoessel was condemned to death for surrendering Port Arthur before all means of defense in the fortress had been exhausted and against the protest of his fellow-officers and without the knowledge of its commandant, Gen. Smirnov.

The court had, however, Gen. Vodar announced, decided to petition the Czar to graciously commute the sentence to ten years' confinement in a fortress in consideration of the facts that Port Arthur, beset by overwhelming forces, defended itself, under Gen. Stoessel's leadership, with a stubbornness which astonished the world at the garrison's heroic courage; that several assaults were repulsed with the infliction of tremendous losses on the enemy; that Gen. Stoessel throughout the siege sustained the courage of the defenders, and that he had energetically participated in three campaigns.

Face Betrays Uneasiness.

At the declaration that he was adjudged worthy of death, Gen. Stoessel's face betrayed momentary uneasiness, but otherwise he was outwardly unaffected, and he stood with soldier-like rigidity, with his eyes fixed on the president of the court.

Gen. Fock, whose reprimand was for offenses against discipline, was grimly unmoved. Gen. Smirnov looked quietly pleased, and Gen. Reuss' eyes filled with tears.

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Impressions of Defender by Only War Correspondent Who Reached Fortress.

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In China—and, of course, the same thing holds in Manchuria—few things are more important than what the Chinese designate as "saving the face," an expression which translated means practically finding a decent excuse.

The excuse, the thing which, to a certain extent, will "save the face" of Russia with the Chinese, who were no less disgusted than surprised at the easy defeat of the Russians by the Japanese, will be found in this conviction of Gen. Stoessel, his degradation, and his punishment, whether or not the death sentence is commuted to a term of imprisonment.

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FOUND GUILTY BY COURT-MARTIAL.



GEN. ANATOLE STOESSEL, Hero of Port Arthur, sentenced to death, but for whom clemency is asked.

BETRAYER IS SLAIN

Italian Who Talked Meets with Horrible Death.

BODY IS CARVED TO PIECES

New York Police Unravel Mystery of Turso and Limbs Found on Dumping Ground—Crime Committed in Barber Shop—Victim's Tongue Cut Off—Search for Counterfeiters.

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On the other hand, there are those—and I am one of them—who are loath to believe that Port Arthur was surrendered unnecessarily.

It is true there were provisions. As to ammunition, reports as to the quantity surrendered to the Japanese must be taken cum grano salis. Long before the surrender, it is known that mechanics among the garrison at Port Arthur were employed in sawing off sections of brass tubing and filling them with explosives, these impromptu shells to be used against the invading army.

"WOMAN IN BLUE" GUILTY.

Mrs. Aimee Lloyd, Who Had Washington Victims, Goes to Prison.

Special to The Washington Herald. Rochester, Minn., Feb. 20.—The case of the State of Minnesota against Mrs. Aimee Lloyd, the young woman who gained so much notoriety in this city last October for having passed forged checks, came to an abrupt termination to-day when, before Judge Snow, of Winona, at a special session of the court, Mrs. Lloyd changed her plea of not guilty to that of guilty.

Judge Snow immediately sentenced her to an indeterminate term at the State reformatory. The case has been a peculiar one and has been surrounded with much mystery and many speculations. Mrs. Lloyd at one time was a Rochester schoolgirl and a leader in society.

Leaving here, she went East and became involved in a series of sensational forgeries, some of her victims being in Washington, D. C., where she was known as the "bold woman in blue."

She is unusually pretty, her photograph winning a prize in a Chicago contest.

TAMMANY NOW IN FAVOR.

Up-State Democrats for the First Time Recognize Murphy.

New York, Feb. 20.—Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany, began to-day to receive visits from up-State Democrats. He talked with these Democrats in his private rooms in the Wigwam. Some were from Onondaga, others from Monroe, while others came from several counties in the southern tier.

From this time until the Democratic State convention assembles in May to select four delegates-at-large and their alternates Mr. Murphy is to be in close communication with Democrats in every county in the State. Most of the county leaders are to come here to confer with him.

This is the first time in the Democratic history of the State and in the annals of Tammany that the Tammany chieftain has been recognized as the Democratic leader of the State.

DIE IN POWDER EXPLOSION.

Five Whites and Twenty Chinese Are Victims Near Oakland.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—An explosion occurred in the mixing house at the California Powder Works at Pinole, back of Oakland, late this afternoon. Four white men and one white girl employed in the office and twenty Chinese were killed. The explosion shook all the towns near by. It was the worst explosion at the powder works for many years, and practically wrecked the plant.

HIGH PRICES AT CONGER SALE.

K. Slater Gets Thirteen Volumes of Buddha Temple Service.

Total for Second Afternoon of Auction of Chinese "Loot" Treasures Amounts to \$9,382.

New York, Feb. 20.—The second afternoon sale of Mrs. E. H. Conger's collection brought \$9,382. The largest price was again paid by K. Slater, \$200 for a set of thirteen ancient volumes of the Buddha Temple service, from the famous Hanlin Yuen, or Imperial University, Peking, erected some 1,200 years ago.

Three cylindrical snuff bottles, with figures and wave design in brilliant color, went to R. Scoville for \$18. Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., paid \$150 for a pair of small carved ivory birds, \$45 for a white jade vase, \$55 for a jade cup, \$37.50 for a carved jade ornament, and bought also many smaller articles.

Mrs. R. H. Williams bought a mandarin necklace of 108 amber beads for \$75. A small hair ornament of jadeite of brilliant green went to K. Slater for \$115. Thomas James bought a large oval cinnabar lacquer box for \$180, a very rare antique gold watch incrustated with rose diamonds and pearls for \$150, and a smaller cinnabar lacquer box for \$85, while another of the same size brought \$115.

Charles B. Alexander bought a number of old caskets and a white jade scepter. A pair of large jade bowls of thin light green camphor texture with highly polished surface went to Mrs. Chapman for \$200.

There was a quantity of old thumb rings, the best of which were bought by an agent of Loring and by K. Slater.

SNOW BLOCKS RACING CARS.

American Machine Still Ahead of Foreign Competition.

Kendallville, Ind., Feb. 20.—After an all-night battle through seven miles of snow-drifted road from Corum to Kendallville, the American car in the New York to Paris automobile race, arrived in Kendallville at 8:25 a. m. to-day.

The driver and party of five assistants were completely worn out from a weary struggle at shoveling snow nearly all night, and were in need of a good rest. Having a good start ahead of the foreign cars, the party decided to remain here till 4 o'clock this afternoon.

TART AS A SECOND CHOICE.

Efforts Being Made to Get Illinois Delegates for Him.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Delegates pledged to Secretary of War Taft as Illinois' real choice for President after "Uncle Joe" Cannon is given a favorite vote in the Republican national convention, is the plan of campaign outlined to-day by the Chicago Taft Club managers. The idea of a general primary was abandoned at a meeting of the club officers held to-day.

It was believed that better results would obtain by avoiding an open fight with the Cannon men at a primary.

Lieut. Totten Very Ill.

Milford, Conn., Feb. 20.—C. A. L. Totten, former instructor of military tactics at Yale, and a former lieutenant in the army, is very ill.

ARMY AND NAVY AT WHITE HOUSE

Brilliant Gathering Marks End of Receptions.

MANY DENIED TICKETS

Beautiful Gowns Set Off by Military Uniforms.

Hundreds of Visitors Include Those High in Walks of Life in Other Cities—All Official Washington Receptions—Ambassador Held Present—Many Fail to Get There in Time to Greet Executive.

Many thousands of the Capital's representative society folk were congregated last night at the White House, the occasion being the fourth and last of the state functions.

The reception, known as the army and navy, given complimentary to the officers of both branches of the service, is second in brilliancy to but one, and that the diplomatic reception, the first of the series, at which the guests of honor are the Ambassadors and Ministers and the personnel of their various embassies and legations. With some, last night's reception is more popular, for what it lacks in artistic effect and color it makes up in brilliancy, the officers' uniforms and accoutrements being almost as effective as the court uniforms of the diplomats, glistening with bullion and bejeweled orders and decorations.

This is the only reception at which any feature is made of the decorations, and in this regard it is therefore unique of the series.

Army and Navy Colors Used.

A patriotic note was struck in the draping of the inner corridor with the insignia and colors of the army and navy.

Old Glory, accompanied by the flags of the President, the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of the Navy, and the flag of the Admiral of the Navy, were suspended from the high ceiling over the long festooned between, linking the whole decorative scheme.

Some of the official receptions have fallen short of the average attendance this season, but last night was crowded to the limit, all invitations having been exhausted some days ago. Even those who sit "in the seats of the mighty" were refused invitations for friends some time ago by Secretary Loebe.

The last Congressional reception was the most brilliant one of its kind seen here in over half a dozen years, and last night's army and navy reception ran it a close second.

On the previous occasion several distinguished guests brought from New York to the Capital by the mid-winter ball given by the New York colony here, and the brilliant dance of Mrs. Richard Townsend, were present, to see and be seen.

There were Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, mother of the newly-made Countess Szechenyi; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt, Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, Minister and Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, and several other well-known persons.

Ambassador Held There.

Last night there were present Mr. Whitelaw Reid, Ambassador to the Court of St. James; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant, Gen. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson, of New York, the President's brother-in-law and sister, and many others, and those with whom they are stopping and those also who are winning and dining them were present last night to meet them again. Other personal friends took the opportunity to see them there, and still others, who were merely spectators, out to see all the celebrities of the evening, were also on hand.

Every one who has a father, husband, or brother, friend or sweetheart, among the officers in the army and navy, stationed here, were also desirous of being present at this reception, given especially for these officers, and the result was a crowd that taxed the capacity of the historic old mansion to its limit, and which brought together an assemblage brilliant in the extreme.

Came from Library.

Preceded by the aids, Capt. F. R. McCoy, R. O. Van Horn, S. A. Chidney, Fitzhugh Lee, and Lieut. C. R. Miller, Chauncey Shackford, Semmes Read, and Thomas Holcomb, Jr., the President and Mrs. Roosevelt descended from the family library on the second floor to the Blue Room below, heralded by the bugle call, which gave place to the strains of "The Star-Spangled Banner," and followed by the Cabinet officers and their wives.

Many especially invited guests awaited them in the Blue Room, and without a stream of carriages extended far down the Avenue waiting to discharge their friends of guests, to the strains of the hymn of humanity, on foot, filed through the entrance for pedestrians.

Began at 9 o'clock, the guests were still passing "down the line" till after 11, when, the reception being over, the President and his party returned again to the second floor of the mansion and partook of supper.

Band Programme Appropriate.

The Marine Band played a particularly enjoyable programme of popular and familiar music. The programme was as follows:

"Light Cavalry".....Suppe
"Enter the picture".....Bagner
"A Waltz Dream".....Strauss
Excerpts from the "Merry Widow".....Lehar
"Somer Fields".....Sousa
"The Bachelors".....Sousa
"Rustling Silks".....Sunder
"With Her Smile".....Boise

The first to greet the President was the Assistant Secretary of War, Gen. Robert Shaw Oliver, Mrs. Oliver, and Miss Oliver, who, in turn, were followed by Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry.

Brig. Gen. J. Franklin Bell led the army, accompanied by Gen. Frederick Dent Grant and Mrs. Grant.

Admiral Dewey Not Present, and in his absence, Rear Admiral Pillsbury Continued on Page 2, Column 4.

A la Carte Lunch Served Daily At Eckstein's from 12 to 2, 1112 N. Y. ave.