

FLEET COMING BACK

Battleships to Have Target Practice Off Capes.

FIRE AT TORPEDO BOAT

Cork-filled Hull Will Again Be Used As Target by Gunners—Means Shore Leave for Tars in Tidewater.

Rear Admiral Schroeder's Atlantic battleship fleet will return to Hampton Roads the latter part of this month and will have its regular winter target practice on the Southern drill grounds, thirty-five miles southeast of the Virginia Capes.

This will be the first time in the history of the United States navy that the Atlantic fleet has had the winter gunnery practice off the Capes. Heretofore this practice has been held at Guantanamo bay, Cuba, but the style of targets have been changed this year and the department found it impracticable to tow the new style target to Cuban waters and hence the order for the fleet to come back to the Roads.

In years gone by the battleships steamed by stationary canvas targets and the gunners banged away at the canvas. All this was changed last summer. The navy department decided that the best kind of practice for the gunners would be firing at moving targets generally resembling warships. Accordingly the old torpedo boats O'Brien and Nicholson were pressed into service as targets. The boats were fitted with cork to make them unsinkable and strips of canvas were stretched along their decks and made fast to improvised masts. On this canvas targets, smokestacks and masts were painted, the idea being for the gunners to shoot at the painted objects while the torpedo boats were being towed by cullers.

SHIPPING REPORT.

Tuesday, March 8, 1910.

Arrived. Steamer Akershus (Nor.) Martin, Baltimore to White Oak Coal Company in ballast.

Steamer Argo (Br.) from Galveston to Chesapeake & Ohio Coal & Coke Company for bunker coal.

Schooner Katherine D. Perry from Portland to New River Coal Company in ballast.

Schooner Tifton from Portland to Chesapeake & Ohio Coal & Coke Company in ballast.

Barge Kennebec from Boston to Chesapeake & Ohio Coal Agency Company in ballast.

Barge Idaho from Providence to Chesapeake & Ohio Coal & Coke Company in ballast.

Barge Lancaster from Fall River to Chesapeake & Ohio Coal Agency Company in ballast.

Cleared. Steamer Argo (Br.) for Copenhagen, Aarhus, etc.—Chesapeake & Ohio Coal & Coke Company.

Sailed. Steamer Argo (Br.) Copenhagen, etc.

Schooner Jane Palmer for Boston; Barges Nearchus for Providence; George R. Skiffeld for Boston.

Calendar for Today. Sun rises 6:24 a. m. Sun sets 6:08 p. m. High water 8:24 a. m., 8:49 p. m. Low water 2:11 a. m., 2:53 p. m.

Coal for Vera Cruz. The Norwegian steamer Akershus arrived in port yesterday from Baltimore to load a full cargo of coal here for Vera Cruz, Mexico.

One Steamer for Fuel. One foreign steamer, the British Argo, arrived yesterday from Galveston to load fuel coal. She is bound to Copenhagen and other European ports.

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STEAMER HAS DOCK TRIAL.

J. A. Chanslor Has Successful Preliminary Test. The new oil steamer J. A. Chanslor, building at the shipyard for the Associated Oil Company, of San Francisco, had her first test yesterday. The vessel was put through an all day dock trial to try out her engines. The test proved highly satisfactory to the yard officials.

The J. A. Chanslor is rapidly nearing completion and she probably will have her speed and endurance trial in the very near future.

STEAMER LEAVES DRY DOCK.

Having had her hull below the waterline cleaned and painted, the Norwegian steamer O. A. Knudsen was hauled out of dry dock No. 2, at the shipyard, yesterday afternoon. The vessel will load a cargo of coal here for a foreign port.

ESAU JOHNSON GIVES JAILER MUCH TROUBLE

Duelling Negro Objects to be Locked Up in Cell and Threatens Officers. Esau Johnson, known to the police as "the duelling negro," who supposed himself legally "dead and buried" until he was nabbed in Richmond for the local police, is giving City Sergeant Mugler and his deputies all kinds of trouble. Johnson scares his fellow prisoners almost out of their wits and threatens to do bodily harm to the officers in charge of the jail.

Johnson objects to being locked in a cell and occasionally it is necessary for the jailer to call on the police department for aid in subduing the prisoner. Johnson is mortally afraid of Detective Samuel Pearson and when that officer goes to the jail he is as meek as a lamb. Now, however, Johnson says he defies all the officers and that once he gets out of his cell again he'll never be put back into it alive.

H. ST. GEORGE TUCKER HERE.

Valley Gubernatorial Candidate Shakes Hands With Friends. Harry St. George Tucker, who is an avowed candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Virginia three years hence, was in this city yesterday shaking hands with many of his friends. Mr. Tucker is spending several weeks at the Chamberlin hotel, Old Point.

Mr. Tucker appears to be in the best of health and spirits. He is chuckling over what he terms the defeat of the Anti-Saxon League by the Democratic "machine," which the league supported in the gubernatorial campaign last year.

HEARING DAMAGE SUIT.

Judge Clarence W. Robinson was occupied in the Circuit Court yesterday in hearing the damage suit of Frank Harris, a negro longshoreman, against the United States Shipping Company for damages in the sum of \$1,000. The suit grows out of injuries received by the negro while working for the company. The case will be given to the jury this morning as Judge Robinson took the instructions to the jury under advisement yesterday afternoon. Col. J. W. Friend and Attorney J. Thomas Newsome, colored, represent Harris and Messrs. Little and Seawall, of Norfolk, are representing the shipping company.

GOES TO PETERSBURG.

Washington Attorney Accepts Secretaryship of Chamber of Commerce. PETERSBURG, VA., March 8.—R. Gordon Finney, of Rosslyn, near Washington, and a practicing attorney of that city, has accepted the office of secretary and treasurer of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, in place of Edwin L. Quarles, resigned.

Mr. Finney is well remembered here as the manager of the memorial reception in honor of President Taft last May, and is regarded as a highly capable man for the position he accepts.

FIGHT DEFINITELY ANNOUNCED.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 8.—After weeks of negotiation between the joint promoters, it was definitely announced today by Tex Richard and Jack Gleason that the Jeffries-Johnson fight, on July 4, would be held in an arena within the race track enclosure of the California Jockey club at Emeryville, Alameda county, just across the bay from San Francisco.

MR. MORGAN GETS CONTRACT.

Contractor Edward Morgan arrived in this city yesterday from Atlanta, Ga., for a brief stay. Mr. Morgan has just received a contract for the construction of a chapel building for the Little Sisters of the Poor at Savannah, Ga., the contract price being slightly more than \$40,000.

GOES TO SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Rev. Charles W. Sommerville, D. D., Ph. D., pastor of the Crescent Hill Presbyterian church, Louisville, Ky., and a brother of James A. Sommerville, of this city, has accepted the chair of Biblical languages in the Southwestern University, a Presbyterian institution at Clarksville, Tenn. Dr. Sommerville has paid several visits to this city, preaching at the First Presbyterian church.

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BRAZILIAN OFFICERS INSPECT SHIPYARD

Captain Das Neves and Staff of Minas Geraes Pay Visit to This City.

Captain das Neves and his staff of officers of the new Brazilian dreadnaught Minas Geraes, which is anchored off Sewall's Point, came over to this city yesterday and paid a visit to the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company. The officers were shown about the big plant by the officials of the yard and inspections were made of the dry docks, the shops and the ships under construction.

After leaving the shipyard, the officers returned to Old Point, where they boarded launches for the return trip to the Minas Geraes. This was the first time that any officers of the Brazilian navy had visited the shipyard.

The Minas Geraes will remain in Hampton Roads until next Thursday, when she will steam for Rio de Janeiro to convoy the United States armored cruiser North Carolina, which will have aboard the body of the late Brazilian ambassador.

According to persons who have visited the Minas Geraes, the ship was in rather poor condition when she reached the Roads. It is said that she was dirty and in need of painting in the interior quarters. A force of laborers from the shipyard was sent to the ship Sunday to clean her up, while another force of men from this city went out to the Roads to help in coaling the ship.

The Minas Geraes is on her maiden voyage and there are a number of Englishmen in her crew. The engineers are Englishmen.

LAW GIVING NEGRO VOTE DECLARED VOID

Congressman Sisson Wants Court's Decision on Constitutional Amendments.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—A resolution introduced in the house today by Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, declares that the 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution were null and void and directs the attorney general to submit the question to the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Sisson's resolution recites that the journals of the senate and house of the 39th, 40th and 41st congresses show that the two amendments relating to the enfranchisement of the negro, were not adopted in the two houses by a two-thirds vote, and further that three-fourths of the several states did not ratify them as required by the constitution.

The attorney general is "ordered and directed" to submit the question of their validity to the Supreme Court and to file at the same time with the court copies of the journals of both houses of congress and of the legislatures of the states which acted upon the matter.

STEAMER LIBELED.

Wilmington Craft Bring Action Against Norwegian Ship. (Special to Daily Press.) WILMINGTON, N. C., March 8.—Libels aggregating \$18,500 have been filed in the United States Court here against the Norwegian steamer Herman Wedel Jarlsberg by local harbor craft, which recently pulled the ship out of a dock where she was endangered and damaged by fire at the Seaboard Air Line terminals while discharging a cargo of fertilizers for the German Kall Works, of Baltimore.

Two of the libellants have filed attachments on the part cargo of kait in the vessel's hold.

Owners of the Jarlsberg and cargo will give bond for defense of the libel and after completing temporary repairs here will proceed to a shipyard for permanent repairs.

BOTH MAKE CHALLENGE.

(By Associated Press.) SYDNEY, N. F., March 8.—The United States National Lawn Tennis Association and the English Lawn Tennis Association have both challenged for the Dwight Davis international cup now held by the Australians.

The American challenge was received some time ago, but that of the Englishmen came only today by cable.

MR. PETERS LEAVES.

Mr. R. P. Peters, accompanied by Mrs. Peters and their little child, left yesterday for Ferguson, S. C., where they will make their home. Mr. Peters, who has been employed in the cashier's office at the shipyard for the past two years, has accepted a position with a lumber company at Ferguson.

Joe Stennett Dead. Joe Stennett, 37 years of age, died last night at 10 o'clock at the Elizabeth Buxton hospital. Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Stennett had lived in this city since boyhood.

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DR. STARR ADDRESSES MEETING OF PATRONS

Largely Attended Session of Twenty-fourth Street School League is Held.

Rev. William G. Starr, D. D., pastor of Trinity Methodist church, addressed a largely attended meeting of the Patrons' League of the Twenty-fourth street school yesterday afternoon. His address proved a very interesting and instructive one and his remarks were followed with interest by the patrons.

Supt. of Schools Jenkins also made a brief speech on the annual training in the city public schools. He told of what progress has been made in this department and expressed the hope that the department would not be abolished. He declared that in time and time it was best to teach a boy practical work as well as give him a classical education.

The following literary and musical program was carried out: Instrumental solo—Mrs. H. G. Huntington.

Recitation—Miss Elizabeth Lounsen. Vocal solo—Mrs. W. J. Knight. Duo—Misses Wilson and Cox. Vocal solo—Miss Williams. Instrumental solo—Miss Edith Davis. Vocal solo—Miss Wade.

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