

VOYAGE OF FLEET INTERESTS EUROPE

Englishman Says Trip Is the World's Memorable Feat.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Europe is showing surprising interest in the great American armada's cruise from Hampton Roads to the California coast. H. Wilson, an authority of international reputation, refers to it in the London Daily Mail as a voyage which "will be ever memorable in naval history."

The British press generally seemed disposed to take an unfriendly tone, referring to the cruise as a wanton affront to Japan and a specimen of American "bombast." Wilson, however, discusses it very fairly.

"Never before has so enormous a force attempted such an operation," he says. "Rojestvensky's fleet was in every respect inferior to Evans' command, though the number of ships in the Russian Baltic fleet was slightly larger. The British Channel fleet is weak by comparison. The German high sea fleet is left far behind."

"The announcement has been made that the voyage will be accomplished under war conditions. But the fact remains that in war it would not be possible to use central ports, and it is upon neutral ports that Evans will depend to do his coaling."

"Another fact has to be noted. The twenty-one collars which will supply the fleet are British, and under real war conditions neutral assistance to a belligerent fleet would not be permitted. The Japanese, in 1904, gave notice that they would sink any neutral collar accompanying the Baltic fleet, and they were perfectly within their rights in so doing."

"The fleet will twice have to pass through the tropics, and the intense heat may try the smokeless powder, which is very apt to be affected by high temperatures."

"The world will watch with interest this great experiment of a 15,000-mile cruise, essayed by what is practically an entire navy."

ROYAL PLAYERS.

A "command" to play before the King is always appreciated by actors, but the honor of taking a company to Windsor or Sandringham is an expensive one, says the Dundee Advertiser. First-class railway tickets are provided by his majesty's secretary, but everything else has to be paid by the manager. These expenses include special scenery to suit the improvised stage, the carriage of properties and dresses, and the cab fares for the members of the company, who always arrive in London at an unearliest hour, when "growlers" are few and far between. Sir John Hare's recent appearance before the King cost him about \$4,000.

Bunco Steerer's Trick Dupes the Betting Man

Purchases(?) "Brass" Chain From Government Dead Letter Sale and Gambles That It's Gold, and It Is.

Postoffice inspectors are looking for a certain person who yesterday executed a clever flim-flam game at the dead letter sale on Ninth street.

Several days this week the officials of the department have been given considerable trouble by a class of "undesirable citizens," who have congregated in the rear of the badly crowded store room and piled a series of peculiar transactions.

Yesterday, during the sale of the line of cheap jewelry, as the catalogue properly describes it, as distinguished from the better class, which is sold under another heading, one of the undesirables purchased a small package for a nominal price.

With the eagerness with which all the packages are opened he broke the seals, and was soon dazzling before the eyes of the curious through a handsome bracelet, containing numerous bangles. He declared that he believed the clerks had made a mistake and put a gold article in the cheap class.

A bystander, a partisan of the Administration, who has unlimited confidence in all its work, resented the soft impeachment, and said it was surely brass, or something just as cheap.

Flim-Flammer Makes Bet.

The flim-flammer offered to wager \$10 that it was gold. The hacker of the Administration quickly covered the bet. Across the street went the disputants, closely followed by several dozen curious individuals. A nearby jeweler made a test, pronouncing the bracelet a gold one, and the bangles to be made of \$5 gold pieces.

The inspectors have discovered that the bracelet was borrowed from a second-hand dealer on the Avenue, but the fellow who worked the clever ruse has made good his escape.

The officials of the department, in commenting on this case, declared that the dead letter sales, as the department was now forced to conduct them, were a source of some embarrassment to them, as the lottery features connected with them made it possible for the light fingered gentry to impose upon the public, the case cited being only one of many that is practiced every year.

Change Method of Sales.

It is proposed to change the manner of disposing of the accumulations. A bill was introduced in Congress last year looking to this end, and will be again pressed this year. The bill provides that hereafter dead letters and parcels containing valuable salable

articles of merchandise shall be recorded in the division of dead letters, and when they cannot be delivered to the addressee or to the sender shall be held, subject to reclamation, for one year from the recording thereof. If within said period they shall not have been reclaimed, such letters and parcels and all other letters and parcels of value or importance to the person addressed or to the sender and which cannot be returned to either, shall be disposed of as the Postmaster General may direct.

Should the bill become a law it is proposed to dispose of the articles in a way that will eliminate the present lottery features, which the officials deem a bad precedent for the department to set.

An amusing incident occurred yesterday when an elderly woman paid \$1.50 for a package that contained one box below, an arrangement for feeding powder in bees, that retails for about 25 cents. "Stung" chimed in the feeling people, and the old lady soon fled out of the room.

The dead letter sale, which has been in progress for the past week, closed last night at 11 o'clock.

ORDAINED AS PRIESTS IN BALTIMORE CHURCH

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—Among the candidates ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood here today were: Francis Joseph Czestuta, John A. McKeever, John Ferrac, Cleveland, Ohio; Joseph Daniel Hagan, Jeremiah O'Connell, John Christopher Angel, Ferdinand Henry Angel, Edward A. Glennon, Joseph Sargalski, Pittsburg, Pa.; Thomas C. Johnson, Harrisburg, Pa.; John Francis O'Connor, Springfield, Mass.; Patrick A. Brennan, Chester, Pa.; Eugene Kjerman, La Crosse, Wis.; Edward H. Brady, Los Angeles; Timothy J. Duff, Fall River, Mass.; William Clade Pierall, Mobile, Ala.

LEGGE WILL FILED.

The will of John F. Legge, former terminal agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in this city, was filed for probate this morning. The entire estate, personal and real, is left to the widow, who is named as executrix. No valuation of the property is given.

LID OFF A LITTLE IN NEW YORK TODAY

The "Mucilage" Cracks on Gotham's Sealed City After Siege.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The New York police will not actually yank off the lid tomorrow and throw it away. Nevertheless, it will be what Commissioner Bingham calls "a comparatively wide-open Sunday."

One thing is certain—moving picture shows are under the law's ban. They must be kept shut or arrests will be made. Otherwise the amusement men will be permitted to have things pretty much their own way. They will run as usual, accordingly.

Of course, it is understood all the entertainments must be strictly "sacred." The only question which will undoubtedly arise is what is "sacred" and what isn't. The commissioner held a conference with his inspectors tonight and told them the policemen must use their judgment.

No attempt is made to conceal the fact that "bluecoats" don't want to get into trouble and that their judgment will be as charitable as possible.

In cases where they are puzzled the patrolmen are advised to ask their inspectors what to do, the inspectors will ask the commissioner and the commissioner will ask Corporation Counsel Wendleton.

This suits the amusement men perfectly. They fear arrests, fines, and loss of licenses—not conferences of the powers.

Commissioner Bingham admits the new law is hazier, if anything, to him than the old one. "Just what may happen it is impossible to foresee," he confesses, "but I am sure the police and the amusement people will get together and keep the law."

Theatrical entertainments, according to an opinion rendered by the corporation counsel in response to the commissioner's query, may be given if they are "sacred" enough to suit the police. Concerning vaudeville there seems to be some doubt. The common kind is unlawful, but with "sacred" vaudeville there can be no interference.

GOVERNMENT TREES.

There are in the Western States eight Government nurseries for the growing of forest trees, located in the national forests of San Gabriel, Santa Barbara, Gila, Dismal river, Pike's peak, Salt Lake, Bees, and Lincoln. The combined area of seed beds at the eight stations is eleven acres, which contain 5,000,000 trees from one to three years old. About 700,000 trees were planted during the winter and spring of 1907.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS RAISES NEARLY \$300

The series of luncheons arranged for the benefit of the charity fund of the Phil Sheridan Woman's Relief Corps, No. 12, has resulted in a fund of nearly \$300. Over 2,000 tickets were sold during the five days the luncheons were in progress. Party tables were entertained at the euchre party on Monday night, which was one of the most successful affairs of the entire series.

FIRE AT DEWEY HOME.

The Fire Department was called out for a small blaze shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning in the home of Admiral George Dewey, 1601 K street northwest. The fire was caused by an overheated furnace, and was extinguished without damage.

G. P. O. WATCHMAN DEAD; KNOCKED DOWN BY RUNAWAY

John B. Ingledue, sixty years of age, a watchman at the Government Printing Office, living at Mt. Ranier, Md., died yesterday morning in the Washington Asylum Hospital as the result of a runaway accident. December 18 Mr. Ingledue was crossing First street northwest, near H street, when he was knocked down and run over by a runaway horse. He will be buried Monday at Arlington.

COUNT ARRESTED FOR FRAUD.

NAPLES, Dec. 21.—Count Blinler has been arrested for his part in the operation of a clandestine emigration bureau, which gave false passports to emigrants who wanted to go to America.

PRESIDENT GOING AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

It was announced at the White House yesterday that the President and his family would spend the Christmas holidays at Pine Knot, Allegheny county, Pa., leaving Washington the day after Christmas and returning the day before New Year.

The President expects to spend his vacation hunting, horseback riding, and walking.

Mrs. Alice Longworth, who last week was operated upon for appendicitis, will, it is believed, have recovered sufficiently to accompany the family party to Virginia.

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1 Persian Lamb Set; was \$47.50, now	\$29.75
1 Persian Lamb Set; was \$45.00, now	\$27.85
2 Persian Paw Scarfs; were \$14.90, now	\$8.95
1 Persian Lamb Scarf; was \$35, now	\$19.75
1 Caracal Set; was \$28.50, now	\$14.75
2 Caracal Sets; were \$22.50, now	\$12.75
Black Lynx Fur Set; fancy scarf; muff trimmed with tails; was \$112.00, reduced	\$67.85
2 Black Lynx Collars; were \$75.00 now	\$39.75
1 Black Lynx Collar; was \$35, now	\$18.75
Black Lynx Fur Set; throw scarf and pillow muff; was \$79.50, reduced to.....	\$49.75
Manchuria Mink Collar; was \$47.50, now	\$29.75
Northeastern Mink Fancy Scarfs, two yards long; were \$22.00, reduced to.....	\$12.75
1 \$95 Mink Fancy Scarf, reduced to	\$57.50
3 \$50 Mink Fancy Scarfs, reduced to.....	\$38.75
1 \$79.50 Mink Fancy Scarf, reduced to.....	\$52.75
3 \$39.50 Mink Fancy Scarfs, reduced to.....	\$22.75
1 \$32.50 Mink Fancy Scarf, reduced to.....	\$18.75
1 \$19.50 Mink Fancy Scarf, reduced to..	\$9.75
1 \$15.00 Mink Fancy Scarf, reduced to..	\$7.85
1 Manchuria Sable Collar; trimmed with head and tails; was \$125, reduced	\$69.75
Manchuria Sable Collar; lined with shirred satin; was \$49.50. Reduced to.....	\$29.75
Manchuria Sable Fancy Collar; was \$35.00, reduced to.....	\$16.75
Blue Wolf Fur Sets; scarfs one and one-half yards long; pillow muff; were \$22.50, reduced to.....	\$11.75
1 \$225.00 Persian Lamb Coat; beautifully lined; guaranteed Leipzig dye; reduced to.....	\$97.50
1 \$175 Persian Lamb Coat, guaranteed Leipzig dye; reduced to..	\$87.50

Women's Gray Squirrel Muffs, pillow shape: Were \$9.90, now.....\$5.75
Were \$12.90, now.....\$8.75
Gray Squirrel Throw Scarfs, to match above muffs. Were \$5.90, now.....\$3.75
Were \$7.90, now.....\$4.75
Were \$8.90, now.....\$5.75
Were \$9.90, now.....\$6.75
Were \$12.90, now.....\$7.75

25 Ostrich Flat Boas; 4 strands, 2 yards long; black, white, navy blue, brown, and natural; were \$10.98, now.....\$4.95

\$225.00 Fancy Mink Collar, trimmed with heads and tails. Reduced to.....\$119.50

\$167.50 Mink Collar, reduced to.. \$95.00

2 \$165 Mink Collars, reduced to.. \$92.50

3 \$135 Mink Collars, reduced to.. \$87.50

1 \$125 Mink Collar, reduced to.. \$82.50

1 \$115 Mink Collar, reduced to.. \$75.00

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