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FORTY-FOURTH YEAR.

READY TO SAIL, FIGHT OR SHOOT AT TARGETS

Fighting Bob" Evans Prepared For Any Eventuality—Fleet Now In Magdalena Bay.

MAGDALENA BAY, Mar. 15.—(By S. S. Cruiser Buffalo to San Diego).—Ready for immediate action, if need be, according to Rear Admiral Evans, the American battleship fleet of six warships, sailed into Magdalena Bay this morning, and after exchanging courtesies with the Mexican authorities, represented by Governor Canguin, of Lower California, prepared for their annual spring target practice.

Admiral Evans informed the Associated Press correspondent that he was ready to continue the cruise, to begin shooting at targets, or to fight in battle.

Rear Admiral Thomas denies he has, at any time since the fleet left Hampton Roads, been obliged to take over command. He has represented Admiral Evans, socially, at times on the voyage, but never has there been a day that Evans has not had full grasp of the duties pertaining to his position at command. Admiral Evans says he is improving in health all the time and expects to be able to participate in the

welcome of the fleet when California ports are reached.

May Complete Target Practice April 5.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 16.—The steamer St. Dennis arrived today from Magdalena with the committee that went south for the purpose of arranging with Admiral Evans the details for the fleet celebration here. The admiral says he will be disappointed if target practice is not completed by April 5. In that event the fleet will be due here April 8. Five thousand sailors will take part in the parade of sailors in this city.

New Zealand Invites Fleet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—An invitation from the premier of New Zealand has reached the state department for the American battleship fleet to visit that country.

Out Down Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Today the sub-committee's report on fortifications was reported to the House. The bill carries \$8,500,000. The total was cut from \$30,500,000, to avoid the impression of probable trouble with Japan.

barrel after it was opened at the spigot hole. It is estimated the brewery has been defrauded of \$8,000 in this manner during the past two years.

WOMAN RELEASED; MAN HELD.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 16.—Mrs. Gertie Pierson, arrested on the charge of poisoning her husband, James L. Pierson, was released on bond today.

Leasure O'Neal, a farmer, 62 years old, who was arrested, accused of being implicated in Pierson's death, could not furnish bond and he was remanded for hearing March 18.

Mrs. Pierson, clad in her widow's weeds, sat in the courtroom and sobbed. She said that the charge was drummed up by one of her husband's relatives who never liked her.

NORTHWEST IS FLOODED; ONE VICTIM

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16.—Floods are reported in nearly all of the valleys of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Lewiston, in the last named state, will be isolated all this week. The damage in that place will amount to several hundred thousand dollars. Alex Hudson, driving a lumber raft, was drowned there Sunday.

Specials to the Oregonian state that obstruction to travel on the main line of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company's lines, due to a land slide near Wyeth, Saturday night, has been removed and trains are running tonight for the first time in three days.

Flood conditions are improving in the Clear Water valley, and at Lewiston, Idaho, the waters are receding. That city is still cut off from railroad communication and Northern Pacific railroad officials are not yet willing to say when they will be ready to resume.

JAP PRINCE COMING.

HONOLULU, March 16.—It is reported here that the crown prince of Japan will make his long contemplated visit to the United States and Europe during the coming summer.

"BENDS" FATAL TO WORKER ON BRIDGE

Two Men Seized With Paralysis And One Dies

Two caisson workers, a white and a colored man, were brought to the Mercy hospital here, Sunday, from Parker, both paralyzed. The men were attacked with the "bends" while working in a caisson for the Arizona & California railroad bridge over the Colorado river.

Yesterday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, Pete Nichols, the colored man, succumbed to the fatal ailment, despite the efforts made to save him. The other sufferer, named Stewart, is not expected to live.

The "bends" is a peculiar disease usually contracted while working in a cavity filled with compressed air. It causes a contraction of the muscles and generally develops into paralysis.

Deceased was aged 52 years and a native of Kentucky. His remains were taken in charge by the Maus & Saanon undertaking establishment to be prepared for interment. His remains are being held at the undertaking parlors awaiting instructions from the superintendent of the bridge building company at Parker, in whose employ he was when stricken.

PRESIDENT WILL GO SLOW

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—It is evident that President Roosevelt is in sympathy with the disposition manifested in Congress to defer action on bills relating to gambling in stocks and futures. Attention has been called to the fact that pending bills were held up in both Houses of Congress that the committees may have opportunity of ascertaining the possible effect of such legislation upon the legitimate trading.

While President Roosevelt has not changed his views regarding the necessary reforms in respect to trading on grain and stock exchanges, he said today, in discussing the subject with callers at the White House, that he is convinced that much information must be obtained before it will be safe for Congress to enact legislation on this subject. He has directed Secretary Strauss of the commerce department to begin an inquiry through the bureau of corporations into conditions in the various exchanges, and how much of the trading is really legitimate. This investigation will be conducted by Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, and is expected to continue through the entire summer.

President Roosevelt recognized, in the recommendations which he made to Congress on the subject of gambling in stocks and futures in grain, that there would be danger, unless great care were taken by Congress in legislating on this subject, of doing serious injury to legitimate trading. He has come to believe that it is necessary to make a thorough inquiry to ascertain what branch of the business is really necessary for the conduct of legitimate business.

MRS. SCHOFF RE-ELECTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Mrs. Frederick Schoff, of Philadelphia, Pa., was today re-elected president of the National Mothers' congress.

TO PATROL THE DANGEROUS FIRE BELTS

Steps Taken By Government To Prevent Forest Fires

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—A co-operative agreement for the patrol of dangerous foothill areas in and around the Sierra (S.) national forest, California, where forest fires have done considerable damage in the past years, has just been entered into by the United States forest service and G. B. Lull, state forester of California. The work will be in co-operation with Kern and Tulare counties. Each county will furnish two fire wardens to serve from May 15 to October 15, and the government will furnish two guards in each county for the work during the same period. The entire force of eight men will be appointed by the officers in charge of the Sierra forest and the patrol organized and directed so as to protect most effectually the entire foothill belt within and outside the national forest. The protection of this foothill region is most important, for it is the most dangerous fire belt in California.

State Forester Lull is most hopeful that the plan will work in checking the dangerous forest fires to a degree where loss through them will be very

little compared with losses in previous years. The government's foresters in Washington have also approved the plan of co-operation in all of its details and have said that the forest service will be ready to put it in effect in other forests in California where local conditions warrant and where the necessary guards can be furnished without serious injury to their work. Forest officers and individuals who desire such co-operation in fire fighting between the government and the state have been requested to confer with State Forester Lull.

BOTTLERS ALSO STRIKE.

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—Eight hundred bottlers of the Anheuser Busch brewery struck today in sympathy with the wagon drivers.

YAQUIS RAID JAPANESE CAMP

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—According to information brought by the steamer Curacao, arriving today from ports along the Mexican coast, Yaquis raided a Japanese camp back of Guaymas, while the Curacao was in that harbor. Several Japs were killed and others severely wounded. The raiders escaped. The struggle occurred at night.

WILL REPRESENT PRESCOTT.

Mayor Goldwater has received an invitation from J. C. Adams, of Phoenix, to be present at a reception he will tender the Phoenix Board of Trade, March 18, or to send a representative. Being unable to attend, the mayor yesterday appointed LeRoy Anderson, who will act as Prescott's representative and will respond to the toast, "Prescott, and Northern Arizona."

OVERPOWERED ASSASSIN AND GETS A PARDON.

DENVER, March 16.—Guy Sexton, a "trusty" serving a short sentence for petty larceny, was today pardoned by Governor Buchtel. The prisoner overpowered Giuseppe Alio, slayer of Father Leo Heinrichs, when the latter attempted his recent escape from the county jail. A scissors blade was found today concealed in Alio's coat. It had been ground to a sharp point.

GET BANK ROBBERS BUT NOT THE MONEY.

EL PASO, Tex., March 16.—According to telegrams received here the robbers who made away with nearly \$300,000 from the Banco Minero, of Chihuahua, Mex., recently, have been captured. The funds have not yet been recovered.

DISCUSS WAGE SCALE.

ROANOKE, Va., March 16.—A conference of the executive officers of the several railway brotherhoods met in this city today and took up for consideration the wage proposition recently submitted by the Norfolk & Western railroad.

CASHIER UNDER ARREST; BANK IS CLOSED

ASPEN, Colo., March 16.—The People's National bank was closed today, due to the failure of the directors to make good a defalcation of \$25,000 by former Cashier Pomprey, who has been arrested in Kansas City. The bank had a capital of \$25,000, and has about \$14,000 cash on hand.

DENY THEY USED ANY MONEY

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Former Senator Butler, of North Carolina, C. E. Cressy, of Washington, and E. P. B. Sands, a brother of Rear Admiral Sands, today testified before the House committee examining into the charges made by Representative Lilley that the Electric Boat company used improper influences to secure contracts from the government. All testified they had been attorneys for the boat company and denied they had ever used money to influence members of Congress.

Pitchfork Tillman Breaks Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Under the guise of discussing legislation, the Senate today was devoted to political discussions. Senator Tillman made a bitter attack upon President Roosevelt. Senator Beveridge defended the national administration.

"In God We Trust."

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—The House today passed a bill to restore "In God We Trust" on the coinage of the United States.

TO BE BANK PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—J. P. Edwards, assistant secretary of the treasury whose resignation becomes effective tomorrow, will become president of the Amsterdam National bank, which recently resumed, after closing during the panic.

GLAD TO GET IT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—The resignation of Charles S. Stillings as public printer has been accepted by the President.

PROBATE COURT.

H. William Stevens, guardian of the estate of Dan Miller, insane, filed his second annual report of guardianship, yesterday, in the probate court, the hearing of which was set for March 21.

Citations heretofore issued in the matter of the estate of Guadalupe Barnal, deceased, were dismissed.

George P. Harrington filed a petition, praying that letters of administration be issued to him in the estate of John Thomas, deceased. The hearing of the petition was set for March 26.

In the estate of William Weise, deceased, the administrator returned an account of the sale of personal property of the estate in the sum of \$200 and an order was made and entered confirming the sale.

TWO WILD CATS.

Clerk Peter, of the board of supervisors, received a wild cat scalp and hide from Frank Clark, of Skull Valley, yesterday, and the outer covering of another feline from Supai Prince, of Seligman. Demands for the statutory bounty were filed in each case.

FEAR ATTACK ON THE FRENCH LEGATION

PARIS, France, March 16.—General Antonio Firman, who led the last revolt in Hayti, is among the refugees in the French legation. President Alexis claims the plot against him was hatched there, and an attack upon the legation building is feared.

TERMS OF RELEASE OF THE TATSU MARU

PEKIN, China, March 16.—(Special Dispatch to the Journal-Miner).—Full terms under which the Tatsu Maru, the Japanese steamer seized by China on the allegation that she was conveying arms and ammunition to Chinese revolutionists, will be released, have been settled, as follows:

First, China agrees to punish the officers who lowered the Japanese flag on the Tatsu Maru, and will send a warship where the ship was seized and fire a salute as the Japanese flag is rehoisted.

Second, The Tatsu Maru will be released at once.

Third, China will purchase the arms and ammunition seized.

Fourth, China will punish the officers who committed the breach against international usage.

Fifth, The viceroy at Canton will settle on the amount of demurrage for the retention of the steamer, after a consultation with the Japanese consul, and, finally, Japan agrees to exercise extra vigilance against her subjects in the matter of smuggling arms into China.

SKELETONS IN CHURCH.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 16.—A dispatch from Guadalajara says that a secret underground chamber was uncovered while excavations were being made in the ancient Universidad Church at that place. In the chamber were found many human skeletons. It is believed that they were victims of the Spanish inquisition. The skeletons occupied all sorts of positions, some of them standing upright, others leaning against the walls and others lying prostrate. The present church authorities had no knowledge of the existence of the chamber.

HAD GREAT SCHEME.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 16.—Charles Webb, a saloonist, and R. A. Miller, driver for the local brewery, are under arrest, charged with a violation of the revenue laws. It is alleged Webb would soak off an unused revenue stamp from a beer barrel and that Miller would then steal a barrel of beer from the brewery, on which the stamp would be placed until the barrel was about to be opened, when the performance would be repeated. A cancelled stamp would be placed on the



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