

SAN PEDRO GREETED THE BATTLESHIPS ENORMOUS CROWD GREETED THEIR APPROACH CITY GAYLY DECORATED IN PATRIOTIC COLORS

Official Parties Leave City to Extend Welcome to "Fighting Bob's" Fleet—Visiting Hours Today

Resplendent in her robes of lavish holiday decoration and with a setting of earth, sea and sky glorious in beauty, San Pedro, the harbor city, yesterday stretched forth her hands in welcome to the great white fleet.

As the first rays of the morning sun shone green and gray across the landscape and somber sea they brought into relief the beautiful decorations, forming a fury of color down the principal thoroughfares, each gaily bedecked building shining in gleaming raiment as though in envy of its neighbor.

On every bluff and outcrop ground thousands of persons had already gathered, and each minute added to the multitude until late afternoon, when a mass of humanity, whose numbers could only be estimated in tens of thousands, filled the whole business portion of the city and overflowed upon the harbor wharf and breakwater, extending in solid ranks from a point near the library building to Point Firmin, a distance of more than four miles.

The plaza was the central point to which all moved, and by noon its broad expanse was filled to overflowing with a jolly, laughing, care-free crowd. So great was the congestion in the city that it became necessary early in the day to notify the officials of the railroad not to allow passengers to leave their cars but to have them carried to Point Firmin.

Came in Automobiles Never, perhaps, since the use of the automobile became a means of travel was so large a number of cars assembled as reached the city during the day. Beginning in the early hours of morning and until late in the evening a procession of these vehicles could be seen along the roads leading from Los Angeles, Pasadena and other points toward San Pedro, and at the hour when the fleet was scheduled to reach the harbor it was estimated that fully 2500 machines, carrying a total of 20,000 persons, had arrived in the city.

For the most part these cars found rendezvous in the vicinity of the South Coast Yacht club, a mile from the center of the city, but along every street and in each vacant lot the soft-footed carriers could be seen.

The streets of San Pedro were made beautiful with flags and bunting, Beacon, Fifth and Sixth being especially attractive, while along the harbor front rowboat and steamship were adorned with pennant and ensign, waving and greeting to their more formidable companions of the deep. The most beautiful sight, however, was that witnessed as twilight approached, her gentle wings upon the earth and out of the gathering darkness a sheen of lights in the rational colors threw itself across the waters and was reflected in long shimmering lines, broken at intervals by ripples of the placid sea.

These lights stretched along the great breakwater, the west jetty and the single wharf which ends at Ocean View. Intermingling with them was the lovely illumination of the sixteen ships, each outlined against the dark background of night with bulbous globes of fire. As the hour advanced, the manner of the ships drew near scores of thousands gathered upon every elevation. Afar off through the clear atmosphere a powerful glass noted a long line of white, broken at intervals by dark shadows, and the word went along the lines of solidly packed human beings that a man had seen the fleet.

Other glasses were brought into use and the cry of "There they are!" rang out. The signals from a thousand steaming throats, however, did not sound until the breakwater, by the vessels, the Connecticut, appeared opposite San Juan point and began nosing its way along Huntington beach. Then for the first time the multitude in general was told in a mistaken manner that the fleet was in sight. Each whistle noisily told the story and mingled with the shrill notes were the cheers which rang forth and sent a thrill through every patriotic heart.

Not a hulling was left tenanted as the intelligence was spread, and the noise, giving wings to willing feet, sent thousands to join the already overflowing coast line. The tops of box cars, piles of lumber, and even the roofs of buildings, were suddenly filled with life, each atom of the great mass waving and cheering a welcome, which while seen and unheard by its objects was none the less sincere.

but a number of midshipmen and blue-jackets prevailed upon their superiors to allow them to land, and when they did so were greeted with open arms. Each man, however, must report back to his ship at 7:30 o'clock this morning, and general leave will not be granted before Monday, when the ships will be distributed in the harbors of four cities along the coast, San Pedro, Santa Monica, Long Beach and Redondo each receiving its quota of four.

Visiting Hours Today visitors will be allowed on board the battleships between the hours of 11:30 in the morning and 1 and 5 in the afternoon. At San Pedro sixty-five launches will be placed in the service of carrying the visitors, fifty cents being charged for a return ticket. The launches have a capacity of from twelve to 150 passengers, and it is expected will be sufficient to supply the demands made upon them.

Although every trolley car and train was crowded yesterday an every inch of wharf space and traffic-filled street was taken up, accidents were few. For the most part they included those who had been overcome by the crush in the cars, and no serious results will follow in any case. Police arrangements in the harbor city were of the best, and at a late hour last night but few arrests had been made.

The multitude began breaking up immediately after the arrival of the fleet inside the breakwater, but it was not until midnight when the last car loaded with happy humanity left the city on its homeward journey. Afar out a long line of light stretched its way along the breakwaters and the beautiful lines of the great white squadron were outlined in fire. Then, group by group, the lights went out, and the world's great orb shone down upon the fleet, sixteen massive, chalky islands, merged into the deep magnificent expanse of the sea.

WILD WEST RIDERS TO SHOW AT PARK INTERESTING FEATURES ARRANGED BY CLUB

Steer Riding, Bronco Busting, Stage Holdup and Other Novel Stunts Prepared for Spectators

An exhibition of how a wild steer is caught was witnessed by those who visited Agricultural park yesterday afternoon when two of the steers to be used in the show tomorrow were secured. It took several cowboys almost four hours to get them back into the pen. "I'll bet \$50 no man will ride on the back of either of these beasts," said a first horse, and at the crack of the gun rim for the mail sack, strap it on and get away. At the end of each mile horses, saddles and bridles must be changed as quickly as possible and a start made again.

"Arizona Charlie" Meadows will give an exhibition of fancy shooting and he will be joined at this game by A. C. Freeman and William Norman. All of these men are among the best rifle and revolver shots in the southwest. For the first time in this city a tug of war on horseback will be seen, and this promising rare fun. There will be fancy riding by the cow punchers, and then will come the wild west stage hold-up, with Miss Viola Talmadge as the center piece. She is the passenger whom the cowboys and rangers rush up to protect. The stage robbers will be Walter Hill, J. S. Hendrickson and James F. Bean, and the deputy sheriffs who put these men out of business are E. R. Plummer and J. J. Chapman.

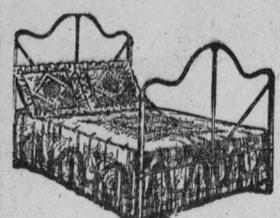
Will Hold Up Stage In the holdup scene there will be a number of unusual features that are sure to be pleasing and several that are equally certain to be laughable. The general manager of the show will be John S. Hendrickson, and he will be assisted by William Crawford, J. P. Kevner, J. J. Chapman, Charles G. Lehmann, John M. Walsh, G. M. Guzman, J. J. Norman and A. C. Freeman. At Agricultural park, which may be reached by the University cars of the yellow lines or the Jefferson streets cars of the green line, a typical western town has been built.

Scene Is Typical There is a blacksmith shop, saloon, general store, the inevitable Chinese laundry, and a judge, sheriff and his deputies, several loafers and gamblers, miners, bartenders, and a piano artist doing jig-step stunts in the saloon. The Catalina band will also be present in another part of the grounds to furnish music.

As a start to the program, while everything is apparently peaceful in the little camp, six cowboys come dashing up on horseback and shoot up the town. Finally they are pacified and are led away. Then the ensemble of the company will parade on horseback, led by Dr. G. A. Scroggs. After this will come the quadrille—a real dance on horseback—given for the first time in the city of Los Angeles. Those who will take part in this quadrille are Mrs. Starbuck, Miss Helen Kinch, Miss Evelyn Baker, Miss Adele Hendrickson, Clarence Giddings, Walter Hill, Fred Hamer and James F. Bean. Others to take prominent parts in the entertainment are Lewis F. Stone, the well known actor, who will act as judge; Harry Earl, the unsuspecting English tourist; W. E. Hutchinson, who will be a bartender; E. H. Hutchinson, who will drive his own old Deadwood stage that he drove in the Black Hills twenty-five years ago; William Crawford, who will do the familiar act of attorney; G. M. Guzman, the blacksmith; Senor Bonitas, transformed from a Spaniard into a Chinaman in charge of the laundry, and Dr. F. C. Shurtliff, Gene Plummer and J. J. Chapman will be general round-ups and vaqueros. W. H. Strother will attend to the policing of the cowboys.

Real Indians There In addition to all of these there will be a band of real desert riders from Arizona, and a band of real Indians who will give war dances and other Indian feats. Spanish and American airs will be sung by Miss Frances Plummer. The horseback quadrille will be followed by bronco-busting, gen-

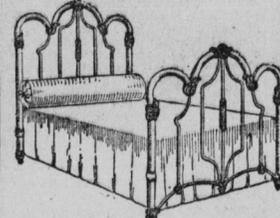
Astounding Furniture Bargains For Fleet Week



75c Iron bed, like cut, for 75c. Cable springs, \$2.50; cotton top mattress, \$2.50. The whole outfit for \$5.75. Sold in sets only.



\$3.75 Sanitary couch, folds to full size bed; splendidly constructed; bronze finish. Regularly \$5.25; during Fleet Week \$3.75.



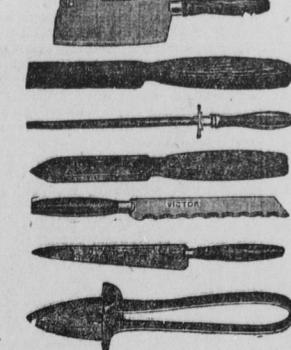
\$5.75 Massive Iron Bed, in a variety of colors. A new and original design. Regularly \$9. During Fleet Week \$5.75.



\$9.75 Solid Oak Dining Table, just like out, claw feet, full box top, five legs, very handsome article; regularly \$15. During Fleet Week \$9.75.



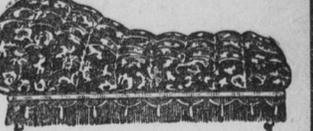
\$12.50 "Eastern Jewel" Gas Range, steel throughout; guaranteed a good baker. Try it for 30 days. If you don't like it, get your money back. Price \$12.50, without broiler.



\$4.95 Dresser in golden oak finish, 30-inch base, oval pattern or square top. Worth \$9.50. During Fleet Week at \$4.95.

This Kitchen Set 75c Sold to Purchasers of Dining Tables Only

If you buy an extension table this week you are privileged to get one of these kitchen sets at 75c—regularly \$1.50 outfit—seven articles as illustrated. You must buy a table in order to get the set at this price.



\$7.50 Full size couch in corduroy or fancy velour; tufted; full steel construction; regularly \$12.50. During Fleet Week \$7.50.



\$19.75 Brass bed with two-inch posts; colonial design; regularly \$35. During Fleet Week at \$19.75.



95c Solid Oak Dining Chair. Well braced. Continuous posts, cane seat—just like cut. Reg. \$1.35. During Fleet Week, 95c.

EASTERN OUTFITTING CO. 620-626 S. Main St. Adjoining Huntington Bldg.

Free! Hammock With Every Bill of Goods With every bill of furniture sold during Fleet Week we will give one of these fine hammocks. Made of red, white and blue duck with patent adjustable hanger. You will want one of these patriotic hammocks during Fleet Week. Buy a bill of furniture and get one free.

Wild broncos and not tame horses being set free for the vaqueros to lasso. Then will come the old Spanish game of torbay or ring-spear. After the ring-spear there will be an old-time pony express race with three contestants. Each will have two extra horses and each must stand at the head of the first horse, and at the crack of the gun rim for the mail sack, strap it on and get away. At the end of each mile horses, saddles and bridles must be changed as quickly as possible and a start made again.

SAILORS TAKE HEARTILY TO LOS ANGELES SONG Mrs. Bartlett's Composition, "Sailing Around the Horn," Sung by Thousands of School Children During Week

One of the active members of the fleet committee has recommended the universal singing of the composition in these stirring times, as the chorus contains the spirit of the work, viz: Sailing, sailing, sailing 'round the Horn—Here's to the men of the U. S. N. The bravest ever born. Here's to the flag they serve so well, Here's to each captain true, Here's to the foes they've sent below And again the boys in blue.

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BUFFALOES ARE CATTLE IS DECISION OF COURT Opinion Will Increase Receipts of Customs House in New York. Price of Shoes May Be Higher

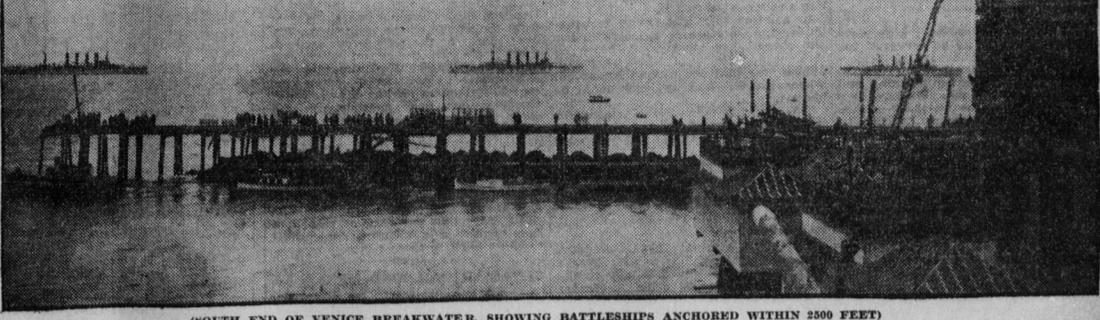
NEW YORK, April 18.—The United States board of general appraisers decided, in order to make a classification for buffalo hides received at this port, that the live animals were not cattle, but the United States court of appeals has decided the board was in error, and that Indian buffaloes are cattle, in the tariff sense, at least.

The India or Calcutta skins have been held up pending final decision. The board will now have to reverse itself and assess duties. It is said the decision will add \$2,000,000 annually to the price paid for shoes and the government will receive a million yearly. The buffalo hides are used for shoes leather in the cheaper class of shoes. Seven to ten million dollars' worth of the hides are imported yearly, and are about one-third less in value than the hides of the regular domestic cattle. The tariff act of 1897 provides a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on hides of cattle.

Murray to Succeed Ridgely WASHINGTON, April 18.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Lawrence O. Murray to be comptroller of the currency, vice William B. Ridgely resigned.

Fleet! Warships! Venice!

April 19th to 25th Warships Will Arrive at Redondo and Venice 8 A. M., Sunday, April 19. Illumination of Ships Every Evening Nearest point to see the GREAT FLEET. ONLY 14 MILES. 30 minutes from Los Angeles. Large new broad-gauge cars. Two and three-car trains continuously—ALL DAY—EVERY DAY AND EVENING. Prepared to handle with comfort ANY sized crowd. THREE ROUTES to Santa Monica, Ocean Park and Venice. Ample special service between Los Angeles and Redondo.



Santa Monica Bay Day, Friday, April 24th

GRAND CELEBRATION AND ENTERTAINMENT. GORGEOUS ILLUMINATION OF SHIPS AND SHORE. MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS. DON'T MISS THE GREATEST SIGHT OF ALL. THE FORMATION OF ENTIRE FLEET IN SANTA MONICA BAY SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 25, for MANEUVERING and FIRING OF 100 GUNS as PARTING SALUTE.

Car Fare, 50c Round Trip Boat Fare, 25c Round Trip Cars from BOTH stations, Fourth and Hill streets.

LOS ANGELES-PACIFIC RAILROAD

SING NEW EASTER HYMN AT FELLOWSHIP SERVICE

Mrs. Emma M. Bartlett of Los Angeles has composed an Easter hymn appropriate to today entitled "Awake! Rejoice," which will be sung by Miss Helen Tappe at the service of the Los Angeles Fellowship this morning. The services will be held in the Bingham hall, which will be converted into a floral bower for Easter. Many of the friends of the young composer will be on hand to hear Miss Tappe's sweet voice render the new sacred melody.

INDICTMENT AGAINST WOMAN BOMB THROWER INVALID

OAKLAND, April 18.—The indictment against Mrs. Isabella Martin was set aside this morning by Superior Judge Henry S. Wells in the superior court on a technicality. The case was resubmitted to another grand jury and she was remanded to the custody of the sheriff. "Baby" John Martin, who is now in Oakland, will swear to a formal complaint in the police court charging her with attempting to blow up the home of the sheriff. The case was resubmitted to another grand jury and she was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.