

READY FOR WAR OR PEACE—EVANS

ADMIRAL TAKES LEAVE OF HIS OFFICERS

METCALF REVIEWS GREAT FLEET IN HARBOR

Pageant in San Francisco Bay is the Most Magnificent Naval Spectacle Ever Witnessed in Pacific

(Continued from Page One) The fighting tops and down again to flagstaffs at the stern, of 'Bo'sun's' whistles blowing out the orders of the day, and of official calls upon the reviewing officer after the Yorktown had made its tour of the long lines and taken its station in the midst of the flagships Connecticut, Minnesota, West Virginia and Whipple at the heads of the four columns.

All of the flag and commanding officers paid their respects to Secretary Metcalf, who received them formally on the quarter deck of the Yorktown. As the officers, in full dress uniform and attended by members of their staffs, came over the side from the starboard gangway they were greeted by the blast of bugles, the rattle of drums, by saluting lines of side boys at the gangways and by a cordial handshaking from the chief officer of the navy department. Other than the official introductions the ceremonies aboard the Yorktown were simple and informal.

The afternoon was marked by the presentation of silver services to the battleship Nebraska and the armored cruiser California, the elaborate sideboard and table sets being the gifts of the states after which the splendid ships were named. Governor Gillett of Nebraska and Governor Gillett of California personally made the presentation speeches.

Tonight interest is divided between two shore functions and entertainments provided for the fleet. At the St. Francis hotel the official dinner of welcome by the city of San Francisco was presided over by Mayor Edward R. Taylor, who made an address filled with renewed assurances of the city's overflowing hospitality.

Rear Admiral Thomas responded in behalf of the fleet. There were a number of other speeches, both formal and informal. Covers were laid for 300, all of the flag and commanding officers present. Following the banquet at a later hour and attended by all the higher officers and a veritable host of younger men, came the dance of the Friday Night club, probably the most exclusive social organization of the city, at the Fairmont hotel, under the direction of E. M. Greenway. A distinguished company of the city's social set helped to make the dance one of the notable events of the fleet's stay. The enlisted men of the fleet are receiving special attention by the receiving committee. Tonight there were wrestling matches in the official naval pavilion, where some sort of entertainment is provided each evening. Next week the bluejackets and marines are to be feasted and taken on excursions in large numbers.

Evans at Banquet The banquet tonight was given in the white and gold dining room of the St. Francis hotel, where Admiral Evans and his family have been making their headquarters since the arrival of the fleet on Wednesday. It had been hoped that the commander-in-chief of the fleet, who hauls down his flag tomorrow forenoon from the truck of the Connecticut, might appear for a few moments, but it was not known until well along in the progress of the dinner that he was actually well enough to do so.

The admiral was wheeled into the crowded dining hall amid spontaneous cheers, in which the officers and their hosts, the citizens of San Francisco, joined with equal enthusiasm. He was in civilian attire, as was also his son, Lieutenant Frank T. Evans, who personally wheeled the admiral chair. Rear Admirals Thomas, Sperry, Emory, Dayton, Sebree and Swinburne, the captains of all the ships, Governor Gillett, Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, Mayor Taylor, General Funston of the army, and other notable guests crowded about the chair and shook hands with Admiral Evans, who had a cordial response for each in turn.

Mayor Taylor introduced Admiral Evans with just a word, and as the guest of honor, refusing all assistance, pulled himself to his feet the cheering began again and continued for several minutes.

Welcome Pleases Him "It was most unfortunate for me," began Admiral Evans, "and a great disappointment that upon approaching the hospitable shores of California I found myself too ill to engage in any of your social festivities. "But I had a friend who told me of the wonderful curative waters of your healing springs, and I went there and found a wonderful benefit. If I had stayed longer I undoubtedly would soon be well. But I am in San Francisco because I said I would come. What little rheumatism I had left was all taken out of me yesterday by the cheers and the kind voices of the people of San Francisco. And if I ever have that blessed rheumatism again I shall bid it begone in the memory of those cheers. "If you ask me why the Atlantic fleet was sent to the Pacific coast, I can only say that I was told to bring it, and here it is. "In this connection I feel that it will not be a violation of a navy regulation to tell you that when we were about to start out I was assured by the president of the United States, and by the secretary of the navy, that great man of the cabinet who is here tonight, and who is doing so much to give you a big navy, that it was purely a matter of course, but we must be prepared to fight if necessary. So we came on our peace cruise, and in the end have presented the fleet to you in San Francisco, men and officers of our ships. They are all wool and a yard wide. If you ever have occasion to need them, you will find I have made no mistake in my descriptive list of that gang."

Wants Men Who Can Shoot "You have heard a lot of talk lately about water line armor belts," Evans said, "and I see here tonight the man who had much to do with starting it all. From what has been written and said you would imagine we had a lot of eggs placed along the water line to be smashed by every shell that comes along. But let me tell you it is not armor belts or water lines that win battles. It is the men who shoot straight and hardest and can stand punishment the longest. If you have such men—and we have just that kind of stuff in our navy—it makes no difference whether the armor belts are of leather, or wood, or egg shells, or anything else. "That you need a big navy is not for

me to say. It goes without saying. You people are our country, and if you want a big navy congress will have to give it to you. "And if you would preserve the peace of the world give it plenty of battleships and fewer statesmen. When we have battleships, if you want us to keep the peace, we will do it even if we have to fight for it. On the other hand, if you want us for any other emergency just push the button and we will try to do the rest. "Gentlemen of San Francisco, I have no words to express proper thanks for your treatment of the men of my command. I wish I might have the silver mand. I wish I might say all that is in my heart. We are grateful, deeply grateful, for all you have done for us Gentlemen, good night and good by."

JAPANESE REGARD VISIT OF FLEET WITH COMPLACENCE

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—The fleet committee received yesterday a cordial note from Baron B. Takahira, Japanese ambassador to the United States, in which he took occasion, while expressing his regret at his inability to participate in San Francisco's festivities, to state his belief that the approaching visit of the warships to the friendly relations between the two powers.

He referred to the great service rendered mankind by President Roosevelt when he brought the war in Manchuria to an end and closed his communication by drawing a parallel between the famous mission of Commodore Perry to the United States and the projected voyage of the united squadron to the shores of his country.

STATE'S GIFT PRESENTED TO CRUISER CALIFORNIA

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—Governor Gillett this afternoon presented to the cruiser California the beautiful silver service given by the people of the state. The ceremony took place on the deck of the cruiser, the service being accepted by Captain V. L. Cottman, its commander. The set is of solid silver and gold and was also carried in this state. On each piece is mounted a solid gold bear and raised in solid gold letters is the word "California."

Running through the design and set against the border of silver is a rope that adds a nautical tinge to the whole. Sailors Contest By Associated Press. ALAMEDA, May 8.—Crack crews from the Atlantic and Pacific fleets were entered in a rowing regatta held this afternoon on the estuary. There were also carried in rowing scullers from the Dolphin, Alameda, Ariel and South End boat clubs were entered. The course extended from the foot of Broadway, Alameda, on the tidal canal, to a point off the north end of Grand avenue.

To Hold Religious Service

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—An unusual religious ceremony, the first of the kind ever held in the state, will be conducted next Sunday, when an open air military mass will be celebrated at the Goat Island training school. This will be a mass of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of the fleet in port.

This is Oakland's Day

By Associated Press. OAKLAND, May 8.—Oakland fleet day will be held tomorrow. Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, Rear Admiral Thomas, Rear Admiral Glass, chief of staff to Secretary Metcalf, and other admirals and officers of the fleet; Governor Gillett and staff and mayors of the Bay cities will review the parade.

Johnson Men Defiant

ST. PAUL, May 8.—Chairman Day of the Democratic state committee, who is private secretary of the state committee, today ridiculed the threat of the Bryan men to hold a rival convention and send a contesting delegation to Denver. He said that the Bryan men have probably carried but six counties, with a total of fifty-nine votes, and that in no event will they have more than a hundred of the 935 votes in the state convention.

Trust Company Fails

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 8.—The Euclid Avenue Trust company of this city today made an assignment to the Cleveland Trust company in the insolvency court. The last statement issued gave the assets \$1,700,000; liabilities \$1,700,000.

MAY FESTIVAL WILL BE GIVEN THIS AFTERNOON

Flower Show for the Benefit of the Art Fund of the Nithdale School to Be Held Today

The May Festival and Flower show for the benefit of the art fund of the Nithdale school on San Rafael ranch, which was planned to take place at the residence of Miss S. C. Foy last Saturday, will be given this afternoon. The program, to begin at 2 o'clock, will include the following numbers: Song in costume, "Come Lassies and Lads"; Louise Nixon Hill; May pole dances, Gypsy dance, May Field Brown; scenes from "Alice in Wonderland"—First, Alice's arrival in Wonderland; second, the caterpillar and white rabbit; third, the Mad tea party; fourth, Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee; fifth, the gryphon and mock turtle; sixth, lobster quadrille with special ballet and scarf dance. May Pole Dancers—Ellnor Coffeen, Evelyn Reynolds, Anna Hultz, Eleanor Dean, Nellis Abbott, Hazel Marmon, Vernie Rhodes, Marion Abbott, Helen Horton, Winona Bassett, Mary Gibbs, Ellen Galpin, Rachel Graves and Florence Willard. Characters in "Alice"—Alice, Dorothy Barrett; caterpillar, Mary Harvey; March hare, Florence Willard; porcupine, Mary Harvey; mad hatter, Harry Johnson; Tweedle Dum, Harlow Bailey; Tweedle Dee, John Harvey; gryphon, Harry Johnson; mock turtle, J. T. Fitzgerald; queen of the fairies, Juanita Sands; little fairies, Frances Canales, Gladys Halpin; little maco turtle, Chester Curry, Little gryphon, John Mitchell; brownie, Willard Howland; hatters, Chester Curry, Gibbs; Halpin; rabbit, Randolph Harvey; rainbow lady, Ellen Galpin; red lady, Evelyn Howard; queen of hearts, Gertrude Halpin; red king, Phillip Curry; white king, Willard Howland. Scarf Dance—Soloists: June Gilpatrick, Allen Chase; assisted by Beatrice McCurkin, Wilma Faust, Cecile McLaughlin, Lillian Hamilton, Gertrude Jolly, Ruth Brownson, Rosetta Ashton, Edna Arnold. All Out-of-Door Performance—flower show, choice exhibit from finery gardens and hot houses of Pasadena. Refreshments, tea. Music by members from the Woman's orchestra. To Get There—Pasadena Short Line, transfer west on California street to end of line.

REPORT PROGRESS ON CHARTER WORK

REVISION COMMISSION GETS TOGETHER

RESIGNATIONS CAUSE COMMITTEE CHANGES

Works Becomes Chairman and Washburn Vice Chairman of Body. All Subcommittees Meet Next Week

The charter revision commission reorganized last night with some new men at the desk in the council chamber and some familiar faces missing. Commissioners William Mead, Meyer Lissner, Dr. John R. Haynes, W. B. Mathews, Joseph Mesmer and Joseph Luckenbach, with the chairman and secretary alone reported for duty. Judge John D. Works took the chair in the absence of Chairman W. J. Hunsaker, who resigned from the commission this week, and the commission immediately elected Judge Works as president of the commission. George Nolan remains as secretary.

William Washburn was elected as vice chairman in order to prevent any interruption of meetings during the summer season. Commissioner Lissner, being the only member of the ward boundaries committee present, reported what had been done in the way of ward revision. The city had been divided into eleven wards in a tentative way, he said.

Chairman Works explained that in framing a skeleton charter a nine-ward plan had been worked out by his subcommittee on general scope of revision and form, leaving eleven or more wards as an alternative proposition to be voted on by the people.

Favor Eleven Wards

Mr. Lissner, continuing, said that his colleagues felt that due regard for an equal division of population—putting about 2500 voters in a ward—demanded eleven wards. A readjustment was necessary, notably in the Sixth ward.

Messrs. Lissner, Fennessy and Mead constitute the ward boundaries committee. A special meeting will be held today, Mr. Lissner will be absent from Los Angeles next week.

Mr. Washburn suggested that the committee take into account the possibility of a change in the borough system. He thought the time would soon come when there would be a larger city.

Mr. Mesmer remarked that he thought population alone should not determine ward lines. In some wards there is much more work for the councilmen than in others, and he thought this factor should be carefully considered.

Dr. Haynes reported that he would call together the committee on health department next week and submit charter amendments for discussion. Mr. Mesmer, as chairman of the park committee, said he had a report, but preferred to await action by the other members of the committee.

Dr. Haynes, for the health committee, stated that he had conferred with health department officials and their views would be agreed on shortly.

Mead on Utilities

Mr. Mead was made chairman of the public utilities committee, whose work deals among other subjects with water, a question with which he is specially familiar. In doing this Mr. Mead steps into the shoes of Joseph H. Call, who recently resigned.

Chairman Mesmer said he had discussed enlargement of the city with men who had framed the borough system, and he added that he hoped to do definite work shortly in that committee on consolidation of city and county government.

Mr. Washburn requested that Dr. Haynes be added to the committee on education. It was done.

Mr. Mead suggested that all subcommittees should hold independent meetings next week, so that two weeks hence a full report of progress could be had. This was carried formally. Secretary Nolan being instructed to notify all chairmen.

Last night's session of the commission was the first at which William B. Mathews, former city attorney and now counsel for the Owens aqueduct commission, attended as a commissioner. The Bar association selected Mr. Mathews with the understanding that he will serve if he finds that such service does not detract too much from his time and attention to city affairs. He succeeds Mr. Hunsaker, who resigned.

ICE CREAM VENDOR PROMISES TO RETURN

Case Charging W. N. Johnson with Assault Continued Until Complainant Can Return to City

Because G. W. Thompson was still busy at San Francisco peddling ice cream to the fleet the case against W. N. Johnson, scheduled to be heard today before Justice Summerfield, was continued until June 10, when Thompson says he will be back in Southern California, ready to face the charge. Thompson claims he had a contract to supply the Atlantic sailors with ice cream and that he met the fleet at San Diego and followed them up the coast. He also declares that on April 22 W. N. Johnson, an enterprising agent for the Christopher company of Los Angeles, butted into his business and tried to put him out. There was a row, and Thompson declares Johnson pulled a gun and threatened to kill him.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL SERVICE HELD FOR MISS PINKHAM

Impressive funeral services were held for Miss Charlotte Pinkham, the former soprano of St. John's church choir, yesterday afternoon at St. John's. Musical vespers for the dead were chanted, Rev. L. G. Morris, the rector, officiating.

The floral tributes were especially beautiful and were banked about the casket, which was of silver gray cloth. The choir rendered several appropriate selections at Rosedale cemetery, where interment was made.

SMOKER GIVEN BY EAGLES ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS

About 1200 members of the local order of Eagles and their friends attended the annual "smoker" given by that body last night at the lodge rooms, 123 East Third street. Everybody was happy. Some of the presiding officers pronounced it the most successful "smoker" ever held in the city. Several artists from the local theaters performed to the enjoyment of the assembled.

Visit ship hotel, Venice, on your sea-side trip. Good service and popular prices.

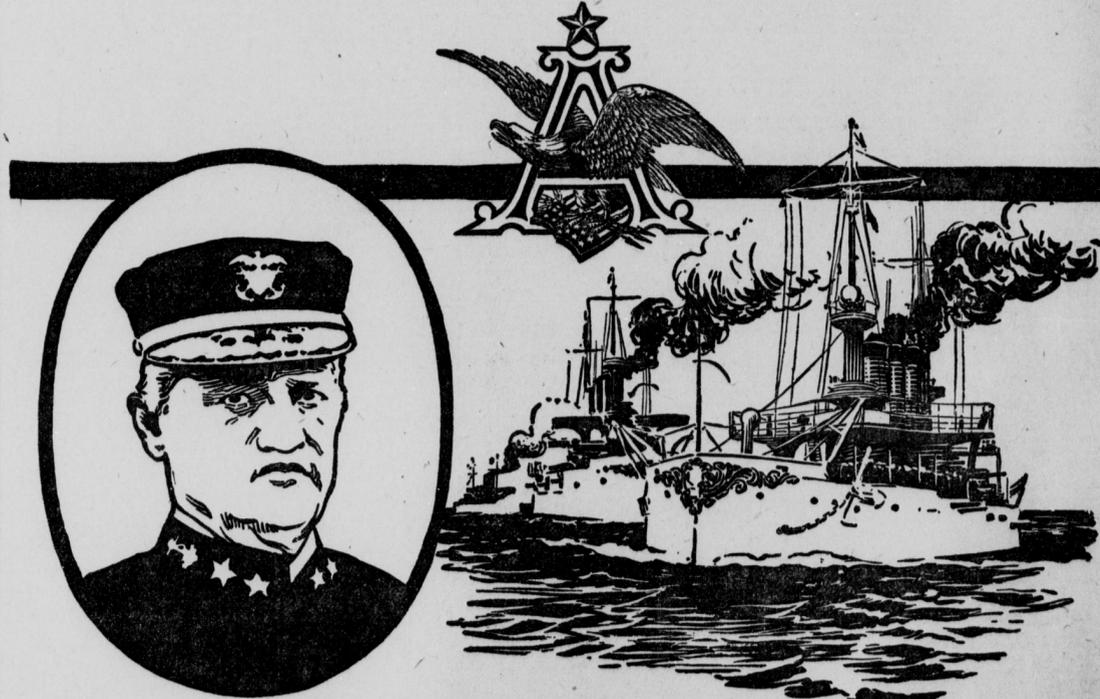


Our Ocean Warriors

played a mighty and memorable part in the war for Independence. To this very hour we depend upon our great iron battle ships (now afloat upon the Pacific), and the strong men who handle them, to give force, power and respect to our national spoken word. "We have just started to fight," shouted Paul Jones (when in command of a sinking ship) to an offer of surrender—these immortal words from the founder of our navy, voice forevermore the unconquerable spirit that inspires all true American seamen—every man of whom enjoys pure malt beer—even as their fathers did in the days of Paul Jones, and for countless generations before.

Budweiser

The millions in revenue it has paid the government (during many years) helped to build and equip our proud and invincible navy ever ready to defend our honor or vindicate our might against foreign aggression—should it ever come.



DETECTIVE SAYS MEN ROBBED THEIR EMPLOYERS

Two Arraigned in Police Court and Charged with Stealing Valuable Indian Blankets and Curios

H. J. Angell and George Talmadge, accused of stealing \$1000 worth of goods from the Benham Indian Trading company, were up for examination before Justice Rose yesterday and held on a charge of larceny.

Both men were employees of the company. Their method, as described by Detective Charles Jones who arrested them, was to select a piece of leather goods or an Indian blanket under their coats when going home at night. When a large quantity had been

SENDS SCHOOL EXHIBITS TO MEXICAN SCHOOL OFFICIAL

Secretary Frank Wiggins of the chamber of commerce yesterday sent to the minister of public instruction of the City of Mexico a box of exhibits prepared under the supervision of the Los Angeles school officials showing the work done in the kindergarten and primary grades of Los Angeles city schools. More exhibits of the same kind are to follow.

C. L. Wilson is superintendent of a new exhibit to be placed in the chamber of commerce, showing flowers and fruit blossoms that thrive in Southern California. These are to be placed in chemical solutions in glass jars.

FIGHT PRAIRIE FIRE IN THE CITY LIMITS

Residents of Palmo Heights Compelled to Battle Against High Winds and Spreading Blaze

Fighting a prairie fire within the city limits of Los Angeles was the somewhat novel task placed before the residents of Palmo Heights yesterday afternoon.

Acres of tall, dry grass, a high wind and a lighted match tossed away by a youthful cigarette smoker was the combination that brought out the residents of the suburb and for two hours transformed them into a volunteer fire brigade. Armed with the tops of euclayptus trees and assisted by a bucket brigade

made up chiefly of the feminine element, they fought the flames lustily. For a time the home of Ernest Gregory, superintendent for the Janes Investment company, was threatened.

Led by the postmaster of Station L, the volunteer firemen beat down the dried grass about the house and soaked it with water, thus creating a barrier which the flames could not pass.

Sunday Excursions The Southern Pacific sells tickets at half rates to all points east as far as Beaumont and return, good only on Sunday, also on Santa Ana branch. Fare to Riverside and Redlands and return. "Through the Orange Groves," \$2.05. Beaumont, \$2.45, and others. Information at city ticket office, 600 South Spring street, corner Sixth, or Arcade station.

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