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Old Directors Resign and Depositors Choose a New Management to Rehabilitate Shattered Bank Great Battleship Fleet Starts on Its Long Voyage to the Pacific

REVIEWS THE MIGHTY SEA PAGEANT

President Cheers as Sixteen Ships Depart

Massive Modern Fleet Presents Fine Spectacle

Practice Cruise the Most Notable in History

Roosevelt Says "Bully" as Battleships Glide By

Strength of Fleet

Ship and Commander	Tonnage	Gun
Connecticut, Hugo Osterhaus	16,000	24
Kansas, Charles E. Vesilind	16,000	24
Louisiana, Richard Wainwright	16,000	24
Vermont, William P. Potter	16,000	24
Georgia, Henry McNeil	14,948	24
New Jersey, W. H. H. Southard	14,948	24
Rhode Island, Joseph B. Murdock	14,948	24
Tennessee, Walter Schmeder	14,948	24
Minnesota, John Hubbard	14,948	24
Ohio, Charles W. Barlett	12,500	20
Missouri, Grenadier A. Macnam	12,500	20
Maine, Giles P. Hather	12,500	20
Alabama, T. E. Dew, Veeber	11,325	18
Illinois, John M. Brown	11,325	18
Kentucky, Hamilton Hutchins	11,325	18
Kentucky, W. C. Coates	11,325	18

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Dec. 16.—

Sixteen hard hitting steel belted American battleships, guns bristling and burly of girth, but sparkling white in their immaculate dressings of peace, started away today under the dazzling sun of a cloudless winter sky on their famous twin sea expedition of 14,000 miles, along foreign shores and changing climes, to the west coast of the United States. President Roosevelt, on the bridge of his cruiser yacht, the Mayflower, personally led the magnificent four mile line of fighting vessels during the first stage of the voyage. From the anchorage ground in Hampton roads to the horseshoe bend of Chesapeake bay his eagle crested flag of blue pointed the way to the fleet's new home at the Golden Gate. Then, when the wide reaches of the sea were visible through the wide swung capes of Virginia, he turned aside and came to anchorage, and reviewed the passing pageant.

The blue of sky, the stretch of green sea miles, the glistening of spotless hulls, the curl of foam crested bow waves, the cheering of sailors afloat and friends ashore, the breeze blown strains of "Auld Lang Syne" floating across the waters, the blare of trumpets, the ruffle of drums, the flash of signals and the boom of saluting cannon marked the departure of the fleet, presenting to the people who watched a spectacle they will never forget and to the world at large the reality of the trimmest, most homogeneous, most thoroughly equipped, most mobile and self-reliant assemblage of first class battleships ever gathered in one command.

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NEW MEN ARRIVE

Thirty Strike Breakers Come In Without Disorder on Union's Part

By Harry Quinn

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 16.—General Funston said this evening that he had completed his investigation of the strike of the western federation of miners as far as the army was concerned, and would return to San Francisco Wednesday. The situation, he said, was now in the hands of the Roosevelt commission.

The members of the commission have not decided upon the plan they will pursue to secure the information they require, but it is probable that they will hold executive sessions and take testimony from numerous witnesses on both sides of the controversy. They have telegraphed to San Francisco for an additional stenographer and will push their investigation as rapidly as possible. The officials of the federation have for several days been preparing for the arrival of the commission.

President McKinnon of the Goldfield miners' union was called before the commission tonight to give his version of the trouble. After the meeting it was learned that McKinnon told the commission that the members of the western federation of miners had been peaceably inclined at all times and was emphatic in his declaration that no necessity had existed for the presence of federal troops. He promised to prepare a comprehensive statement of the federation's side of the controversy.

WILL REVIEW DISPUTES
The mine owners' association through its attorney, C. L. Bryant, drew up this afternoon a comprehensive review of the numerous disputes between the operators and the miners, together with a complete presentation of their side of the dispute. This will be presented at the first regular session of the commission, which will begin at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

A prominent member of the association, when asked this afternoon what would be the salient features of the operators' contention, said: "The leaders of the western federation of miners are the men who have made that organization notorious throughout the world. They have been notorious for crime of such rank, cruel, revolting character as has caused that organization to take precedence of the 'black hand' of Sicily, the highbinders of China and the stranglers of India. The crimes committed by or in the name of this organization are of such varied, desperate and reckless nature that a year ago few who were not obliged to deal with the organization could credit the account of them to anything but the lively imaginations of mine owners or Pinkerton detectives."

ARRAIGNS FEDERATION
The revelations during the past summer at Boise, Idaho, the evidence there given to the world and the numerous lines of corroborative testimony furnished, while not considered sufficient beyond reasonable doubt to convict an individual of a specific crime, were sufficient to damn the western federation of miners with a load of brutality, ignominy and horror that in the years to come will cause the very name to be loathed by decent men and women.

"This organization, the western federation of miners, with its criminal record, its murderous leadership, its bloody handed heroes, its recipe of socialism, anarchy and dynamite for the regeneration of the world, is the incubus which today is fastened upon Goldfield and other mining camps of central and southern Nevada."

WILL FIGHT TO FINISH
Acting President Downell and Secretary Erb of the mine owners' association declared today that they were in

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MINE EXPLOSION DEALS DEATH TO SCORES OF MEN

Thirty-five Bodies Taken Out of a Colliery in Alabama

MANY YET ENTOMBED

Estimates Place Number of Dead at From Forty to Eighty

HOT AIR RUSHES OUT

Rescue Work Prevented for Some Time by the Terrific Heat

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 16.

A message from Yolande at midnight says 35 bodies have been taken from the mine and that the rescuers believe between 35 and 40 are still in the lower entrances.

YOLANDE, Ala., Dec. 16.—An explosion took place in mine 1 of the Yolande coal and coke company at 10:25 o'clock this morning. It is impossible to tell at this hour how many are dead as a result of the explosion, the estimate varying all the way from 40 to 80. The work of rescue has been extremely slow because of the debris in the mine and the large crowd of women, children and sight seers at the opening. The explosion is known to have occurred in either the fifth or sixth right entrance. All of the bodies have been recovered from these entries and some of them were so mutilated that identification is almost impossible. The bodies of 12 white and seven colored men have been identified.

According to Superintendent T. C. Hucklebee the explosion undoubtedly was due to "windy shots." Hucklebee had just made a tour of inspection and congratulated some of the men on the condition of their rooms. A few minutes after reaching the top he saddled his horse and was about to go for a day's hunt when the explosion occurred.

RECOVERING THE DEAD
Parties of miners from Abertane, Sealeys, Davis Creek and Brookwood are here ready to help in the recovery of those who are still entombed. It will be noon tomorrow before all of the dead are recovered.

Under the supervision of Chief Mine Inspector J. M. Gray and his assistant, James Hillhouse, forces are at work clearing away the wreckage.

The mines go down 1,500 feet. There was a terrific explosion, the force of which was seen outside, dust and timber being blown out in great quantities, destroying small buildings near by and also landing on the station, some distance away. Terrific heat was felt after the explosion.

FOURTEEN MEN SURVIVE
Officials of the company on the scene immediately took steps to start a rescue party to reach the men on the inside. The fans were started and other measures taken to drive out the bad air. Within an hour 14 men had crawled out of the mine. Several of these men were badly burned. Two hours after the explosion it was still impossible to venture near the mouth of the mine, so hot was the air that was rushing out.

The Yolande mines are but a few miles from Virginia City, where a similar explosion occurred about two years ago, 112 men being killed at that time. Yolande is 35 miles south of Birmingham on the Birmingham Mineral railroad. The Yolande coal and coke company is headed by Dr. G. B. Crowe of Birmingham. Between 125 and 150 men are given employment in the No. 1 mine. This being Monday morning, the full force did not go into the mine, less than 100 men going down.

The Yolande mines were among the Moseley collieries of the Birmingham district. Nonunion men were worked exclusively, but everything possible had been done to insure the contentment of employes with their conditions.

SHOOTS HIMSELF IN HEAD
SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—William Carman, whose address is 2531 Sutter street, San Francisco, shot himself through the head in Central park tonight and is dying. He left a note in which he stated that he was such a miserable wretch, as a result of his own misdeeds, that he decided to end his life.

HUMMEL STILL ALIVE
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Dr. Matz, house physician of the hospital on Blackwells Island, said tonight that Abraham Hummel, the disbarred New York lawyer, who is serving a sentence of one year for conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case, probably would live through the night.

James Treadwell, former director and controller of the wrecked California safe deposit and trust company, who issued a statement yesterday detailing the connection of the institution with his industrial ventures.



Four New Cardinals at Secret Consistory

In His Allocation the Pope Protests Against Propaganda of the Modernists

ROME, Dec. 16.—Pius X today held a secret consistory in the Vatican, which he created four new cardinals and preconized several bishops. The new cardinals are: Monsignore Pietro Gasparri, secretary of the congregation of extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs; Monsignore de Lai, secretary of the congregation of the council; Monsignore Ludovico Henry Lucon, archbishop of Rheims, and Monsignore Paul Pierre Andreux, archbishop of Marseilles.

The pope delivered an allocution, in which he made reference to the persecution of the Redeemer, and said that his church had been attacked from all sides in a warfare open or dissimulated. The rights and laws of the church had been trampled on, even by those who should safeguard them, and the impious and vulgar press had fought her, even to the extent of disturbing the public quiet. The pontiff cited the recent disorders in Italy.

To this must be added, he continued, the disastrous propaganda in the bosom of the Catholic church itself, which is being carried on by modernists who disdain themselves authoritatively to sanction a new faith and a new conscience. If the modernists would enlist themselves frankly among the enemies of the church this evil would be less; as it is, they proclaim themselves Catholics, partake of the sacrament and celebrate mass. Fulfilling his apostolic duty, the pope said, he had adopted against the modernists such measures as were necessary, striving particularly to save young clergymen from perversion.

In conclusion the allocution reads: "The episcopacy has accepted the papal directions with eagerness and has applied them with zeal, but the modernists persevere in their rebellion and give manifest proof of their attitude even in the press. May God enlighten these misled ones."

The pope made official announcement during the consistory of the appointment of Monsignore Kenny, rector of the American college here, to be titular bishop of Indianapolis and the appointment of Monsignore Dennis O'Connell, rector of the Catholic university at Washington, to be titular bishop of Sebaste.

HITCHCOCK SHORN OF POLITICAL POWER
SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Proof of the growing friction between the president and Secretary Cortelyou was forthcoming today when it was made known that First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock had been shorn of the political power attaching to his office, which has control of the appointments of postmasters throughout the country.

Hitchcock is a protege of Cortelyou, was assistant chairman of the republican national committee during the last campaign, and since that time has had charge of the patronage of the postoffice department. It is said that he has built up an immense administration machine, but during the last few weeks there has been doubt as to whether this machine was not inclined to run amuck in favor of Cortelyou.

Since the president announced his third term renunciation on December 10 the activity of the Cortelyou boomers has been manifest and the embarrassment caused by the presence of two presidential candidates in the cabinet has increased.

It is said in some quarters that Hitchcock has been inclined to turn the postoffice department machine against Secretary Taft in the south, where it is especially potent. This, however, is a Taft rumor and is denied by the Cortelyou contingent.

It is certain that soon after the rumor gained currency the control of postoffice patronage was transferred from Hitchcock to Postmaster General Meyer, who is loyally in line with the Taft sentiment.

B. P. OLIVER HEADS NEW REGIME

Chief in the Graft Inquiry Elected President

New Company to Begin by Raising \$6,000,000

David F. Walker Is Retained as an Adviser

Worthless Securities to Be Wiped Off Books

A complete reorganization of the management of the defunct California safe deposit and trust company was effected yesterday. The directors and officers tendered their resignations at a meeting held in the Merchants' exchange building, and a new set was promptly elected. B. P. Oliver, foreman of the grand jury that indicted the grafters, was chosen president of the bank; Louis Saroni vice president, and O. M. Goldaracena secretary.

The new directors include R. O. Bliss, A. H. Williams, J. C. Brickell, J. A. Young, A. Aronson, B. P. Oliver, Louis Saroni and David F. Walker.

It was stated that Walker was asked to remain on the board of directors in order that he might assist the new officers in rearranging the affairs of the bank. Walker is acquainted with the New York end of the bank's affairs and the new officers desire to be enlightened on this phase of the business.

The change from the old board to the new was made in much the same manner as the shift from the Schmitz to the Taylor board of supervisors. One member resigned at a time and his place was promptly filled by the election of his successor. One member of the old board, James Salec, still remains. Salec is in Redding and could not reach San Francisco in time to attend the meeting. It is said that he will resign upon his return.

The directors who resigned yesterday included J. Dalsell Brown, R. D. Fry, Walter J. Barnett, W. C. Payton, E. N. Harmon, James Treadwell, A. D.

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