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DEPARTMENT PLANS DOCKING OF SHIPS

Movements of Vessels Prior to Arrival of Fleet Announced

Will Be Out of Way Before Admiral Evans Has Arrived

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The navy department has decided upon the program of the Pacific fleet until May 1. The West Virginia and Maryland upon completion of target practice in Magdalena bay will go to Mare Island about February 10 for repairs and to Puget sound about April 20 for docking. The Colorado and Pennsylvania will go to Puget sound about February 15 for docking and repairs.

DICKIE JOINS THE NAVY'S DETRACTORS

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structed to afford an opportunity to any competent constructor to submit plans. I accepted an invitation extended to me.

Without going into particulars in regard to this design I may note that I provided for an armor belt 11 inches thick, 12 feet 6 inches wide, eight feet of which was to be below the load water line, twelve 12 inch guns and twenty 6 inch guns, the center line of the main battery to be on one plane 25 feet above load water line.

MADE CAREFUL DESIGN

"This design was worked out for burning oil, the ideal fuel for a warship and especially for service on the Pacific ocean. This feature of the design was given very carefully, every provision being made for the safe handling and stowage of the fuel, all of which was carried between the outer and inner skin of the vessel; each compartment occupied two frame spaces. There were to be oil tight doors between these and means of filling each space with water, thus maintaining the trim of the vessel always. The water jacket was provided to keep down the temperature of the oil so as to eliminate the danger of fire.

"A special board was appointed by the navy department to examine and report on the designs submitted. It was found to be composed practically of the board of construction, that is the bureau chiefs, with the assistant secretary as president. When I learned this I lost my interest in the result.

"Now this special board did the natural thing in selecting its own plan or some other plan was the best made it impossible for the navy department to benefit by the work done on outside plans. A naval architect who had sent in plans showed me the letter he had received from the department after the committee had made its report. This letter was word for word the same as mine, and was sent to a well known English naval architect who had submitted elaborate plans.

"SECRET," SAYS BUREAU

"I replied to the letter sent by the department saying that I had seen letters sent to others who had submitted plans and expressed my surprise at the board being able to express in the same words their disapproval of plans so entirely different from each other. When I asked for a copy of the findings of the board and their discussion of the various plans submitted I was informed that the matter was held private by the department.

"With all my admiration for the ability of the men at the board of construction bureau of the navy department, who form the board of construction of the navy, their entire independence of all help or advice from those who have been building our navy, such as it is, and who have most of them been close students of naval deeds and naval practices in all countries, puts us at a disadvantage compared with other countries. These countries advise with the best native talent and are ever ready to receive suggestions from any one who knows, even though he be not an admiral."

Speaker Dickie closed his remarks by expressing the hope that some day there would be a merchant marine worthy of the protection of such a navy. He added that the leisurely movement of this fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific could not be accomplished without hiring a foreign merchant fleet to keep it in fuel, which might not be so easy in time of war. This was the real weak spot in naval efficiency, he said, and if the coming of the fleet opened the eyes of the people to this real weakness in naval defense the result of this exposition might mean a revival of our merchant marine worth far more than the winning of a great naval victory.

The banquet of the California metal trades association was attended by more than 200 iron and steel men from along the Pacific coast. Other speakers at the dinner were: Walter N. Kelley, toast master; Edward J. Fowler, president of the metal trades industry of the Pacific coast; Fred J. White, Charles M. Gunn, general manager of the Columbia steel company, and James W. Kerr, secretary of the metal trades association of California.

MINETTI TO GIVE RECITAL SERIES

Fifteenth Season of the String Quartet Will Open Friday at Century Club Hall

Giulio Minetti announces the opening of the fifteenth season of chamber music recitals by the Minetti string quartet. The first concert will be given Friday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock in Century Club hall, Sutter and Franklin streets.

The musicians comprising the quartet are Giulio Minetti, concert master, and one of the best violinists on the coast; Hans Koenig, who is an artist of high attainments; Andre Verdier, viola player, and Arthur Weiss, cellist. These four musicians have played together for so long that their ensemble work is almost perfect, and in the interpretation of the classics of chamber music they have achieved great success.

GETS IMMUNITY AND GOES ON THE STAND

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—Following his policy of bringing over to the prosecution individuals who were indicted with John H. Hall and Edwin Mays, and using them as witnesses against the two men on trial in the land conspiracy case, Attorney F. J. Heney this morning dismissed the case against former State Senator Franklin Pierce Mays and put him on the stand as a witness against Hall. F. P. Mays' evidence was not directed against his brother, Edwin, on trial. Dismissal of the case against F. P. Mays was the immunity Heney offered for Mays' testimony.

Furthermore Heney announced that he would not prosecute F. P. Mays on any of the other charges under which Mays is indicted—these being various land fraud cases—owing to Mays' physical condition, but Heney explained that his promise, of course, would not be binding on the prosecutor's successor in office.

There were three witnesses on the stand today, Steiner for cross examination, Mays and James W. Rennie of Wisconsin, now a school teacher but formerly a special agent.

Henry Meltrin, former surveyor general and now serving sentence at McNeil's island as a result of Heney's prosecution, will be brought to Portland next week to testify that he was the one who forged the name of former State Senator George C. Brownell to certain field notes.

The fact that the Brownell signatures were forgeries was discovered only recently and the charge against Brownell will also be dropped.

SIGHT TORPEDO FLOTILLA

Argentine Destroyers Go to Meet Vanguard of Fleet

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 25, 3:10 p.m.—The American torpedo boat flotilla, accompanied by six Argentine torpedo boats, was sighted from Montevideo at 2:30 this afternoon. The Argentine torpedo boats met the fleet of Maldona and will escort the vanguard to this port, where they are expected to arrive early tomorrow. The program for the entertainment of the Americans has not yet been definitely fixed. There will be, however, an official reception to the officers by the president of the republic, Dr. Alcoriz.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 25.—The police of this city have gathered up six sailors from the American battleships who had either deserted or failed to return on board before their vessels sailed from here three days ago. They will be sent after the fleet on a collier.

A dispatch from Valparaiso says that the Chilean vanguard, which is to become the American battleships to Chilean waters, has arrived at Valdivia. The British cruiser Sapho, which has been on the west coast, is now on her way down to Punta Arenas. A large party of Chileans had returned to Valparaiso to greet the American warships as they pass up the coast.

PAY INCREASE GRANTED

VALLEJO, Jan. 25.—Word has been received at Mare Island navy yard that the navy department has approved the recommendation for an increase of pay for all quartermen and leading men of this yard. Quartermen get increase of 25 per cent of present pay, leading men 10 per cent, to take effect at once. No action was taken by the department on the recommendation to increase the pay of foremen.

TALK ON MYTHS OF JAPAN.

Mrs. Ralph C. Harrison delivered an entertaining lecture on "The Myths of Japan" yesterday afternoon at Calvary church lecture hall before the Japan society of America. Mrs. Harrison's remarks were illustrated by the Japanese artist, Shimada Sekko, who drew sketches of mythological incidents during the lecture. A large attendance of members of the society and their friends greeted Mrs. Harrison.

York tonight, maintains a discreet silence. George Washington Young, but two weeks ago divorced from his first wife and one time president of the United States mortgage and trust company, head of the banking house of George W. Young & Co. of New York, and a member of the exclusive clubs of the east, is the prospective bridegroom which report names.

Young, it is alleged, is sponsor for the financial end of the San Carlo opera company, with which Mme. Nordica has been traveling. It is stated he backed her heavily in other ventures in which she exhibited a passing interest. Today, after receiving a telegram, Mme. Nordica ordered a maid to hastily pack her trunks, dispatched a number of telegrams, and within an hour was aboard her train.

The exports of British automobiles and bicycles and parts has greatly increased. So far this year's value of exports aggregates about \$1,500,000 during the first three months, nearly double the value in the like period of 1907.

The Final Sale of All Fall Suits

No Reservations Whatsoever—All our \$25.00, \$35.00 to \$45.00 Suits now \$15.00 Each (SEE WINDOW DISPLAY)

Monday and Tuesday will witness here some remarkable selling in our Suit Department. All our \$25.00 to \$45.00 Winter Suits will have a new price on them for tomorrow's selling. We hold none back—every suit must go—it's the final clean-up sale of every Fall Suit in our stock. It is to your advantage to avail yourself of this sale as early as possible tomorrow, as the selling is sure to be rapid—you know our Suit Sales always bring large crowds.

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In this sale we include our high-class Tailor Suits, in English Box Coats and semi-fitting effects—also some very swell long and tight fitting effects.

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A Clean-Up Skirt Sale

Two lines will be cleaned out tomorrow, regardless of original price. Skirts of choicest materials, in light, medium and dark gray mixtures, stripes and checks, on sale as follows: \$6.50 and \$7.50 Skirts at \$3.50 each \$8.50 and \$10.00 Skirts at \$5.00 each



THAT GREAT GLOVE SALE MORE PHENOMENAL GLOVE BARGAINS

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IS LILLIAN NORDICA ABOUT TO MARRY?
Her Friends Say She Is and Her Relatives Declare She Is Not
SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Is Mme. Lillian Nordica, one of America's most famous operatic stars, about to contract her third marriage? Her friends say she is; her relatives say she is not; Mme. Nordica, comfortable in her private compartment aboard the Twentieth Century Limited, speeding toward New

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MILLIONAIRE HATTER DIES AT ADVANCED AGE
Bernard Triest, One of Pioneer Businessmen in City, Passes Away
Bernard Triest, the millionaire hatter, died on Friday at his home at 1421 Sutter street. Triest had not been in good health since the fire, and succumbed after a general breakdown. He was one of the pioneer businessmen of San Francisco and had been active in business, despite his 76 years, almost up to the time of his death. His wife and nine children survive him. He was born in Bayreuth, Germany.

Divorce Easy in Egypt
There is no disgrace attached to divorce in Egypt. If mutual admiration wanes with the honeymoon, there is nothing more natural to the Egyptian mind than that the dissatisfied party take steps toward another trial. Marriage is universal in Egypt. There are no old maids; widows remain widows but a short time, and, as a rule, no young man is considered fitted for business or entitled to the confidence of the community until he is married.—Kansas City Journal.

The Grand Duchess Cyril
The Grand Duchess Cyril of Russia, who has been staying in London, is by birth a British princess, being a daughter of the late duke of Saxe-Coburg. She is a handsome, dark haired woman and a perfect dresser; is clever, witty, well read and an admirable musician. She also paints prettily, especially fruit and flowers, and her pictures have been on view in London exhibitions. The grand duchess takes rank as one of the best sportswomen in Europe.—Kansas City Journal.