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OFF TO THE PACIFIC
Battleship Fleet Sails From Hampton Roads.
PRESIDENT LED THE WAY
On the Mayflower Mr. Roosevelt Led Double Line of Sixteen Ironclads Through Virginia Capes On Their Long Voyage.



ADMIRAL ROWLEY D. EVANS
sent the battleship fleet on its cruise to the Pacific. As the ships passed out to sea, their last farewell was given from the deck of the Mayflower. He led the ships through the Virginia Capes, then gave way to the flagship Connecticut as the double line of 16 ironclads set their course to the southward. This began what the president has planned as the supreme test of the American navy. The announced destination of the fleet is San Francisco bay, but when and where the cruise will ultimately end seems as yet an unmaturing plan for the future.

Shore liberty for the sailors ended at 10 a. m. Sunday, and at that hour the enlisted force of each ship, numbering nearly 1,000 men to the company, was lined up at quarters to listen to the reading of the articles of war. The men seemed deeply impressed, as they were also with more personal words which came in orders from Admiral Evans, the commander-in-chief, and from the rear admirals on board the three divisional flagships. Every man was told what his duty was to his country, to his flag and to his superior officers. They were cautioned to uphold the dignity of the uniform which came in orders from the American flag, and to conduct themselves in an orderly and sober manner.

After the articles of war had been read the chaplains of the several ships read from the Bible at divine worship. A few stragglers who overstayed their leave from vessels of the auxiliary squadron, which has preceded the battleship fleet to Trinidad, have recently turned up on the flagship Connecticut, and Admiral Evans has directed that they be taken aboard until the fleet falls in with the ships to which they belong.

A New Style of Soul Marriage.
Cleveland, O., Dec. 15.—To practice his understanding of Theosophy on the union of souls, Boris Minoff, a Bulgarian, attempted to kill Jessie Schroeder, 13 years of age, and then committed suicide. The girl's parents objected to his love-making. The law, also, was a barrier. Denied a legal marriage, the young man thought of soul marriage. Minoff boarded a train Sunday night and went to a hotel. There, with a handkerchief, he chloroformed the girl and himself. The girl will recover. Minoff's spirit departed alone.

Abd Hummel Is Dying.
New York, Dec. 15.—Abraham Hummel, the lawyer, who is serving a sentence in Blackwell's Island penitentiary for conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Roose divorce case, is near death from kidney affection, according to prison physicians. Dr. Matz said that Hummel's condition was such that he was likely to die at any moment. Hummel's sentence on Blackwell's Island would expire within a few weeks.

Creditors Get a Matchbox.
Wilmington, Del., Dec. 15.—Creditors of Harry L. and John H. Evans, of the bankrupt brokerage firm of H. L. Evans & Company, will get John H. Evans' silver matchbox for divvying themselves. The Evans brothers will be allowed to retain their jewelry, which the creditors tried to get, but which Judge Bradford has ruled is wearing apparel and cannot be taken from the bankrupts.

Orders 5,000,000 Railroad Ties.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—It is said that the Santa Fe Railroad company has just contracted for 5,000,000 railroad ties in Hawaii, the biggest contract ever let for such material to be shipped by water.

VIRGINIA NEWS
The Piedmont Medical Society will hold its monthly meeting at Orange, C. H. Dec. 21st.

1,066 Dies in Virginia in Six Months in the record of the insurance bureau at Richmond.

Thos. Johnson, negro, who murdered C. P. Sneed, was hanged at King William C. H. Friday.

Mr. Manly Broadhead, who was elected supervisor in Newtown district, King & Queen county, was not a candidate, but was voted for and elected by writing of his name upon the ballots. Mr. Broadhead at first declined to serve, but finally yielded to petitions and personal appeals and will serve.

Sam B. Taylor, of Gloucester County, announces the approaching marriage of his only daughter, Miss Lettie Taylor, to John Edward Graves, of Dorchester County, Md., the ceremony to take place in Ebenezer Baptist church the last of December.

The board of directors of the state railway report to Gov. Swanson that during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1907, the institution cleared \$29,727.18 over and above expenses. This, too, despite the fact that 29,000,000 were engaged on the public roads.

TO REJECT DEMANDS
Railroad Presidents Decide to Resist Unions.
SIXTY-FIVE ROADS AFFECTED
Should Unions Insist On Demands a Stupendous Tie-Up Would Result, As Trainmen Are Acting In Concert.

New York, Dec. 15.—It was learned here that the executive heads of 65 railroads, including practically every system in the United States east of the Mississippi, have decided not to grant demands made upon them some time ago by an association of all the unions of railway workers, with the exception of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. That organization has always maintained an independent position in labor disputes.

The decision of the railway presidents will not be formally announced until after December 20. On that date it is proposed to hold a conference in this city of the executive heads of the 65 affected roads to work out the details of their decision and phrase its announcement to the leaders of the unions.

When the unions sent their demands to the various railways they made it known that a refusal to grant them would be followed by a complete tie-up of every railroad in the eastern half of the country.

At the time the demands were in process of being staved off last October, trade conditions were flourishing and the railroads were overcrowded with freight. In the past month there has been a material shrinkage in business, and most of the companies have cut down their working forces and abandoned all but absolutely necessary improvements. The result being that many thousands of men are out of work. Some of the presidents of the large railroads are satisfied that the officers of the labor organizations will realize the futility of asking the companies at this time to add to their financial burdens by increasing the number of employees.

Should the labor unions insist upon all their demands, the most stupendous conflict between labor and the railroads the country has ever seen may, it is feared, ensue.

For the first time in the history of negotiations between the unions and the railroads, the former are acting in concert. The national leaders got together at a series of conferences held at the Broadway Central hotel last October and subsequent meetings were held at Altoona, Pa., where the demands were drawn up. These, among other things, call for an increase of pay averaging 10 per cent.

President Garretson, of the Order of Railway Conductors, and Grand Master Morrissey, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, will meet in Chicago on December 26 to receive the formal reply of the railway presidents. In the meantime the vote which is now being taken on all the 65 affected railroads will be canvassed. This vote is practically all collected and is said to be in favor of an insistence upon the demands.

The voting in December before the recession in trade had reached its present dimensions. While some of the railway men expect a final decision on the strike question on January 2, others do not look for it before January 20 or February 1.

Couder's Find Bible For Sale.
Woodbury, N. J., Dec. 15.—A woman in this city desired to make a Christmas present of a Bible to a church friend and scoured the city stores in quest of one, only to meet disappointment. She, casually mentioned the fact, which reached the ears of Daniel Mumford, "mayor of Mumfordsville," who buys everything at public sales that no one else wants. Mumford has notified the woman that he had Bibles and Testaments galore—anything from 100 years old to those of modern print.

Okla. Gets Its Liquor.
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 15.—Federal Judge Edward R. Meek has refused to grant a temporary injunction to restrain the Wells-Fargo Express company from receiving consignments of in-bottle liquor for points in Oklahoma. Judge Meek holds that the complainant's right to the relief sought was involved in grave doubt that it would be an improvident exercise of discretion to grant temporarily the injunction prayed for pending the final hearing of the case on its merits.

Students Badly Steamed.
South Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 15.—While conducting an experiment in the chemical laboratory at Lehigh University first week in Dec. H. C. Hester, of this place; J. J. Boyle, of Freeport; J. W. Ganser, of Baltimore; and A. Guerber, of Allentown, were badly burned about the face and body by escaping steam. They will recover.

Suspended, He Takes Gas.
Norristown, Pa., Dec. 15.—Because he had been suspended for a month Edgar W. Hull, a Reading railway freight conductor, attempted suicide here by inhaling gas. When found by his wife Hull was unconscious and his condition is serious.

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New York, Dec. 15.—Colonel John Jacob Astor is confined to his home on Fifth avenue with a severe attack of grip, which threatens pneumonia. His condition is not considered to be serious.

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LOOKS LIKE MURDER
Alleged Suicide by Hanging Bears Marks of Violence.
TWO MEN UNDER ARREST
Hebrew Carter and Father of Dead Man's Sweetheart Held As Witnesses in "Homicide Case"—Conflicting Stories.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Pending a further investigation into the strange death of Robert Abrams, a young Hebrew, at the home of his sweetheart, in the southern section of the city, Abraham Broaslow, a cantor in the Hebrew Israel synagogue, and Levin Pressman were held by the coroner here as "material witnesses in a homicide case."

Abrams, who was a baker, was paying court to Besse, the 17-year-old daughter of Pressman, in whose house he was found dead Thursday. After the death, members of the family, including Broaslow, moved out of the house. They reported the case to a policeman on the beat, saying Abrams had died suddenly. When the coroner's physician went to examine the body he found that the young man had died of strangulation. There was a dark ring around the neck when he examined the corpse and a contusion on the bridge of the nose.

The members of the family told conflicting stories. First, according to the police, Pressman said he came down stairs and found the body of Abrams hanging from the top of the door to secure an electric knob on the opposite side of the door from where the towel was fastened to the knob. When the police searched the house they found a portion of two towels tied together. The towels had been cut apart with a razor.

It was learned that Abrams had loaned money to members of the Pressman family and that he called on Besse on Tuesday night. She told the police that after the rest of the family had gone upstairs she informed Abrams that she could not marry him and went up to her room, leaving him down stairs, where there was a couch. She says she scoured him and that she believes he committed suicide. A delivery boy who entered the house in the early morning shortly after Abrams' death, told the police that he found Abrams lying on the floor and the girl lying on the couch in her night dress.

The police do not believe the young man could have hanged himself with the towel in the manner described, as the towels tied together and the formal reply of the railway presidents, nor would the hanging explain the contusions on the body of the dead man. So conflicting are the statements of those who were in the house that the police decided to arrest Broaslow and Pressman, and it is said other arrests will be made.

Michigan Treasurer Dying.
Chicago, Mich., Dec. 15.—Alarming reports are in circulation regarding the illness of State Treasurer Frank P. Glazier, whose failure three weeks ago involved interests aggregating over \$1,000,000, and who had \$65,000 of state funds deposited in the Chicago Savings bank, which was closed by State Banking Commissioner Zimmerman. At the time that his financial difficulties were disclosed Mr. Glazier was sick at his home and was not able to attend any of the meetings of creditors and of state officials who were investigating his affairs.

Murdered With An Axe.
Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 15.—J. B. Knight, a white teamster employed at a lumber mill in Shelby county, 30 miles from here, was killed by a negro named Patterson. It is said that Knight was carrying a load of lumber in the yard at the time, and after a few blows had passed the negro struck Knight, severing the head from the body with one blow of an axe. A posse of citizens is in search of the negro, and if he is found it is feared a lynching may follow.

Took \$66,000,000 In Car Fare.
New York, Dec. 15.—The nickels New Yorkers handed out for car fare in the last fiscal year footed up \$66,000,000. This amount went into the treasury of Ryan and Belmont ex-Anthony Braden. The figures were collected by the public service commission for use in its annual report which is to go to Albany within a week.

Rooster Struts on Four Legs.
Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 15.—Edward L. Heilman bought from Fred Holloway in Bethlehem a perfectly formed four-legged rooster. It is a cross of a white Plymouth Rock and a white Leghorn. Holloway parted with it for \$20 because his old servant, Mary Blakeslee, says it's bewitched.

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Capt. Braxton Chilton, of Lancaster county, died recently at the home of his son, R. P. Chilton, in that county, aged 71 years.

HONEYMOON FROM JAIL
Bride Who Married Convict Was at Prison to Meet Him.
Easton, Pa., Dec. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Stewart, of South Bethlehem, who were married at the court house in this city on August 21, 1905, started on their wedding trip. The journey was delayed because the bridegroom was serving a sentence in the Northampton county prison.

Stewart served three months for stealing brass. He had met Miss Mary M. Ruede, and they became engaged. Several weeks before his arrest the date was set for August 21, 1905, but when that day arrived Stewart was in jail. Miss Ruede declared that she would marry him anyway, if arrangements to that effect could be made. So Stewart was taken from the prison to the court house, where the young woman was waiting, and they were married. Then Stewart was taken back to his cell. When Stewart's three years expired Mrs. Stewart was there to meet him.

1,285,349 IMMIGRANTS
This Year's Figures Broke All Previous Records.
Washington, Dec. 15.—Immigration to America during the year ended June 30, 1907, was vastly greater than in any previous year of the history of the United States. This fact is placed in strong light in the annual report of Frank P. Sargent, commissioner general of immigration. Of this great flood of immigrants, Commissioner Sargent says:

"An army of 1,285,349 souls, they have come, drawn hither by the free institutions and the marvelous prosperity of our country, surpassing in number the record of all preceding years. The immigration for the year 1907 exceeded that for 1906 by 184,614, and that for the year 1905 by 258,850, or an increase over the year 1906 of more than 17 per cent, and over the year 1905 by more than 25 per cent."

Has Been Deaf 55 Years.
Danville, Va., Dec. 15.—William Jones, who was the first patient admitted to the state hospital for the insane here, is dying. He was admitted to the institution in 1872, but previously had been an inmate of the insane asylum at Harrisonburg for 20 years, including the period of his manly 55 years. He has cost Montour county annually \$31.25, or a total of \$618.75 for the 55 years.

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WOMAN FOUGHT BURGLARS
Exchanged Shots With Two in Dining Room of Her Home.
York, Pa., Dec. 15.—Struck down by burglars to whom she bravely gave battle, Mrs. W. G. Wingrove, of this city, is in a serious condition from her injuries, and the police are hunting high and low for the man whose blood is plentifully spattered about the dining room in which she was found unconscious, revolver in hand.

The Wingroves were in bed, when Mr. Wingrove became ill and his wife arose and, attired in her night gown, started down the stairs to get a bottle of medicine which had been left in the dining room. Near the foot of the stairs she thought she heard a noise in the dining room. She crept back to the bedroom, secured a revolver and descended again.

Reaching the dining room door, she saw one of the burglars raise a revolver and there was a flash. The woman fired quickly at the place where she had seen the men, and heard a cry: "My God, she has hit me. Kill her!"

Something struck her in the face as she was thrown to the floor and kicked and beaten. She fired once more before she lost consciousness, and the intruders escaped.

A SHOOTING MYSTERY
Bullets Missed Woman, But Husband Is Found Dead In Yard.
Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—When Mrs. Minnie Neldhammer, who lives just across the river from this city, attempted to light a fire in an out-kitchen some one shot at her twice, missing her both times, immediately afterward two more shots were heard by the occupants of the house, and when daylight came the dead body of John A. Neldhammer, her husband, from whom she had been separated for some months, was found in the snow in the yard.

Neldhammer had a bullet hole in his head just above the right temple, and as there were no powder marks about it, and because there were footprints in the snow that did not correspond with the shoes he had on the coroner's jury returned a verdict of death at the hands of a person or persons unknown.

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