

HIGH WIND LASHES FLEET ON EVE OF DEPARTURE SOUTH

Day Put in Making the Final Preparations for Inspection.

START 10 A. M. MONDAY

President Will Pass Among the Battleships in Yacht and See Start.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—With the coaling and loading of stores of every description complete, and everything in readiness for next Monday morning's start on their voyage to the Pacific coast, the severe snow storm which struck the coast, lasting throughout the night and continuing with greater intensity during the day, had little effect upon the great battleships of the Pacific-bound Atlantic fleet as they rode safely at anchor through the gale in Hampton Roads.

Wind 48 Miles an Hour. The wind reached a velocity of 48 miles an hour at Cape Henry at 4 this morning, and the seas, rolling almost mountain high, made it dangerous for craft of all kinds caught in the teeth of the gale. The storm was followed by a hard wind along the coast, and a dense fog at the Virginia capes, making it well nigh impossible to distinguish passing vessels.

Find Work to Do. Today there was considerable activity aboard ship getting everything in the best possible trim looking to absolute perfection for Monday's start and for the inspection at long range of the armada by President Roosevelt from the deck of his yacht, the Mayflower. The heavy seas and today's storm made the massive big steel ships roll considerably, but the storm was not of unusual consequence except of its interference with small launches.

Day of Farewells. Sunday will be a day of farewell greetings at Old Point Comfort. Families of many officers who go out in the fleet are there and the last visit ashore of the officers will be made Sunday night. The signal to get under way will be flown from the towering yards of the flagship Connecticut shortly before 10 Monday morning, and under the eye of the president the ships will pass outside the capes and turn their bows to the south.

Will Show Biggest Fleet. Trinidad is the first scheduled stopping place on the way. "We will show the people of the Pacific coast the finest double squadron of war vessels ever in the western seas. No fleet of such size has ever made the voyage," wrote the president in his message to congress, a statement which gives official expression to the magnitude of the undertaking, whose chief purpose, it is stated, is "to train the battleships in squadron maneuvers under severe conditions," and it is officially added: "Teach by Actual Practice."

"The only way by which to teach officers and men how to handle them so as to meet every possible strain and emergency in war time is to have them practice under similar conditions in time of peace."

It will be the object of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans and the officers and men cruising in the wake of the double straggled flag to bring out on the 14,000-mile journey all the information the navy department and the president desire in sending them and to show what the needs of the navy are to enable the authorities to provide for them.

Have Naval Ball. Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 14.—A naval and military ball was given at the Hotel Chamberlain last night in honor of Admiral Evans and the other officers of the 16 battleships which sail Monday to the Pacific ocean.

The reception and dance closed a day given over to social functions, for there is little or no work to do. Enlisted men came ashore in large numbers, while on board ship the runners and wardroom officers kept open house. Afternoon tea was served on every vessel and impromptu musicals were given. Launches filled with gay parties from shore made frequent trips during visiting hours.

Ballroom Bright with Color. The ball, the most formal event of the week, called for dress uniforms and naval officers were a-glimmer with gold lace. Army officers from Fort Monroe added a touch of artillery red and flags of all nations draped the ballroom. The social sets of Norfolk, Richmond, Baltimore, Washington and other eastern cities were represented in the gathering.

Several naval attaches from foreign embassies and legations at Washing-

ton have arrived to witness maneuvers attending the departure.

Japs Being Dropped. In answer to the report that all the Japanese servants on board the vessels of the fleet have been transferred to other ships that are to be left behind, it was stated that only those Japanese stewards and mess attendants whose enlistments expire prior to July 1 have been replaced by American sailors recently trained for the work. The Japanese coming within this restriction have been placed on receiving ships at various navy yards, as it was not desired to discharge them at a distant port and be under the obligation of paying their fares back to the eastern portion of the United States. A number of Japanese servants whose enlistments have a year or more to run are being taken.

No More Aliens in Navy. Under the rules laid down by the present secretary of the navy, the enlistments of persons not citizens of the United States is forbidden.

SCHOONER IS LOST

American Ship, Thomas W. Lawson, Wrecked in the Scilly Islands.

Hugh Town, Scilly Islands, Dec. 14.—The American schooner Thomas W. Lawson was wrecked in Borad sound, Scilly Islands, during a fierce gale last night. It is believed only one man of the crew survived. Three dead bodies have been found. The sole survivor has been landed at St. Agnes by a life boat and is only partly conscious.

The number drowned is said to be 18. George Allen, the sole survivor, is fatally injured.

Bark Goes Aground in Storm. New York, Dec. 14.—The bark Edmond Phinney was driven ashore on the east side of Sandy Hook in a heavy snow storm this morning. A life saving crew went to the assistance of the crew.

Foremast Carried Away. The foremast of the Phinney has been carried away. A number of men can be seen in a group near the stern of the vessel. Life savers are again endeavoring to get a line to the vessel. It is reported another vessel is ashore near Sandy Hook.

All Brought Ashore. New York, Dec. 14.—(Later.)—The captain and crew of 10 men have been brought ashore from the Phinney.

BUT ONE OF CREW SAVED

Survivor Is Fatally Injured—Edmond Spinney Driven Ashore Off Sandy Hook.

PROVIDES THANKSGIVING TURKEYS FOR THE POOR

Will of Minneapolis Woman Leaves \$3,000 to Be Used in Hancock County, Illinois.

CHILD LABOR LAW INVALID

Ohio Circuit Court Decides the Measure Is Unconstitutional.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 14.—The Ohio state child labor law, which forbids the employment of children under 14 years in any factory or other heavy manual labor was declared unconstitutional yesterday by the circuit court in session at St. Clairsville, Ohio. The reason handed down by the court was that the law curtails the liberty of the people granted by the constitution of the state and the United States.

The case at issue was that of the state against T. A. Rodefer, proprietor of the Rodefer Glass works, Bellaire, Ohio. He was charged with employing boys after legal hours.

THE COOKE BREWERY BURNS

Families Are Routed and Four Persons Hurt in Chicago Blaze.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—One-fourth of the Chicago fire department battled last night with a blaze that destroyed the bottling works of the Cooke Brewing company in Cottage Grove avenue, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets, drove a score of families from their homes and resulted in injury to four persons. A property loss estimated at \$200,000 resulted. Small frame buildings at either side of the burned structure were crushed by falling walls, and the men of engine company No. 9 narrowly escaped being caught under the mass of bricks.

SAXON QUEEN NEAR DEATH

Last Sacraments Administered and End Is Expected Soon.

Dresden, Dec. 14.—The condition of Queen Carola, widow of King Albert of Saxony, who is suffering from nephritis, is hopeless. The last sacraments were administered yesterday. Queen Carola is a daughter of Prince Gustave Vasa of Sweden. She was married to Prince Albert of Saxony in 1853, and in 1873, on the death of King Johann, ascended the throne with her husband, King Albert, and June 19, 1902.

FOR STATE NAVAL MILITIA

Gunboat Nashville Assigned by Navy Department.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The acting secretary of the navy yesterday assigned the gunboat Nashville to the Illinois naval militia. This action was taken in accordance with the request of Representative Foss of Chicago chairman of the naval committee of the house. The gunboat will be taken around to the lakes next May by Captain Purdy and his men.

No Changes in Bike Race.

New York, Dec. 14.—The final day of the six-day bicycle race opened with slight changes in the relative scores and no changes in the position of the contestants.

STEPS TO SETTLE COMES BACK AT MR. FISH

Mine Owners and A. F. of L. Prepare to Patch Up Agreement at Goldfield.

SCHEDULE KEPT IN FORCE

Conference Will Be Held Within 10 Days—Funston Says Situation Is Still Serious.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 14.—Secretary Erb of the Mine Owners' association announced yesterday after the meeting of the executive committee of the association that the resolution passed suspending the wage scale of the association recently adopted would not be enforced for 10 days at the request of the American Federation of Labor. During the 10 days a committee of the Federation and the association will perfect a new wage scale, which will be satisfactory to the Federation.

Funston Makes Statement.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 14.—After having met and conferred with many citizens of Goldfield yesterday, General Funston stated last night to the Associated Press that he is finding conditions here worse than he had anticipated.

"The possibilities of further trouble growing out of the difficulties between the mine owners and miners," he said, "are greater than my information previous to coming to Goldfield had led me to believe. I have just telegraphed a second report to Washington which is based on the information I have gathered today. I do not believe the governor will declare martial law at once and no serious disturbance has occurred. I am satisfied with this and shall not advise such action until it is absolutely necessary. As to the matter of patrolling the vicinity of the mines and the streets of the city with the regulars, that is a procedure that may become necessary at any hour."

Reports of Withdrawal Answered.

The statement of General Funston settles effectively the question of the withdrawal of the troops from Goldfield. Neither General Funston nor Governor Sparks will yield to the pressure that has been brought to induce them to favor the withdrawal of the troops before the arrival of the labor commission from Washington.

There is a rumor that a committee of citizens has been formed to act as a volunteer fire and police department in the residence district, but which will be more in the nature of a vigilance committee of the early California days sort.

WILL WAR ELGIN SALOONS

Churches and Religious Organizations Meet to Form Combination.

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 14.—Three delegates from every church and semi-religious society attended an anti-saloons organization meeting at the First Baptist church last night. Plans were made for a local option campaign in Elgin township next spring. Politicians admit the possibility of victory to the combined church interests. Rev. P. S. Lent of Grace Methodist church declared that by the end of the week every county in Illinois will be aligned against liquor.

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IN ANANIAS CLASS STANDARD OIL FINE GOES INTO COURT OF APPEALS

Governor Cummins Grilled by Senator Dolliver, Who Quotes Old Letter.

NOT ALLISON'S OPPONENT

Executive Shown to Have Written Expressing Himself Positively on Subject a Year Ago.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Dolliver of Iowa placed Governor Albert B. Cummins in the Ananias class last night. He not only assails the governor's veracity, but backs himself up with a letter from Willard H. Torbert of Dubuque, who has been one of the governor's warm personal friends.

The latter nails the governor by quoting him as saying he is not a candidate to succeed Senator Allison, and that "it is simply abominable" the way his enemies "lie" about him.

Made But a Year Ago.

In his speech at Council Bluffs Senator Dolliver said he made reference to the assurances given to the friends of Senator Allison by Governor Cummins during the latter's campaign a year ago and the fact of these assurances was so well known to so many people in Iowa that he never dreamed the governor would deny having them.

On account of the governor's denial, and notwithstanding his reluctance to become involved in any question of veracity with the governor, in defense of his own word he at once sent a letter to Willard H. Torbert, at Dubuque, Iowa.

Tells of Cummins' Pledge.

The reply of the Dubuque man, under date of Dec. 11, is, in part, as follows: "For many years I have been an admirer and warm supporter of Governor Cummins, in all his campaigns. On Oct. 19, 1905, he was in Dubuque, and his candidacy for re-nomination and election as governor became the subject of conversation between us."

"Suggestions had been frequent that he was an aspirant for Senator Allison's place in the senate, and that his re-nomination and election as governor would only strengthen him for the contest with Allison."

"Accordingly, in the spring of 1906, I had some correspondence on this subject with both Governor Cummins and F. R. Conway, who, in the governor's frequent absences from Des Moines on his campaign work, was looking after the governor's political interests."

"My last letter on this subject was to Mr. Conway, April 18, in which I wrote as follows: 'As I wrote you yesterday, I think it a certainty nothing would help the governor in Dubuque and the Third district more than making some denial that Governor Cummins wanted Senator Allison's seat in the senate.'"

"The following is an exact copy of Governor Cummins' reply to my suggestion: 'I note what you say in regard to Senator Allison. I am not a candidate for Senator Allison's place, nor have I ever suggested a thing to a mortal man. It is simply abominable the way my enemies lie about me. 'I am a candidate for governor, nothing else. It would be just as appropriate for me to deny that I was a candidate for president of the United States, or for the appointment to some vacancy in the supreme court of the United States as to deny my candidacy against Senator Allison. 'It is unmitigated rot and should not deceive any man. 'With sincere regards, I am, 'ALBERT B. CUMMINS.'"

BANDITS BATTLE WITH TRAIN GUARD

Attempt to Hold Up Valuable Mails Near Tiffin Unsuccessful and Many Are Shot.

Tiffin, Transcaucasia, Dec. 14.—A band of 60 robbers attacked and derailed a mail train running between Tiffin and Baku last night near Salakhlu. The train was carrying a large sum of money.

The train guard repulsed the bandits after a fight in which many passengers and soldiers were wounded. The bandits finally retired, leaving four dead behind them.

Weekly Bank Statement.

New York, Dec. 14.—The weekly bank statement follows: The banks hold \$40,101,000 less than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule.

Loans decreased, \$11,168,000. Deficit decreased, \$6,109,000. Deposits decreased, \$7,835,000. Ex-U. S. deposits decreased, \$6,488,000. Reserve increase, \$4,113,000.

Frisco Banker Again in Jail.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Judge Dunne yesterday afternoon raised the

COMES BACK AT MR. FISH

Harriman, Through Attorneys, Alleges His Adversary is Unfit

FOR I. C. PRESIDENT

Seeks to Enjoin Voting of Stock Solely Because it Will Not Support Him.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Attorney Herrick in an argument on behalf of E. H. Harriman today in the Illinois Central injunction suit characterized Stuyvesant Fish as a man unfit for the position of president of the Illinois Central. Attorney Shaw for the defendants declared Fish desired to enjoin the voting stock held by the Union Pacific solely because he knew it would not be voted for him at the annual election.

Claims Right to Combine.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Attorney Herrick continued his argument in behalf of E. H. Harriman today in the Illinois Central injunction suit before Judge Ball. He cited the act passed by the Illinois legislature in 1859 authorizing connecting lines of railroads to combine if each is mutually benefited and argued from that, that the Union Pacific and the Illinois Central had a right to work in unison provided that neither property was damaged by so doing.

SHOWS ORCHARD IN BLACKEST COLORS

Attorney Darrow Content With Showing Character of Chief Witness for the State.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 14.—Clarence Darrow had Harry Orchard on the rack for two hours and a half yesterday. The cross examination was rigid and effective in picturing Orchard as an inhuman monster, a murderer, bigamist, perjurer, gambler, thief, and incendiary. Profiting by the failure of Attorney Richardson in the Haywood trial to shake the testimony of Orchard, Darrow made little attempt to make the witness contradict himself. Twice only did he try to confuse Orchard in regard to his testimony, and each time he failed.

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ball of J. Dalzell Brown and W. J. Barnett from \$75,000 to \$200,000, the original amount fixed in each case. Brown was returned to the city prison and Barnett was given time to get the additional bail, two officers being detailed to accompany him.

LOST TO LUTHER

Augustana Team Is Defeated in Debate Held at Decorah, Iowa, School.

JUDGES' VOTE STOOD 2 TO 1

Initiative and Referendum the Subject—Phrenokosmian Society Enjoys Folk Song Program.

The debating team that represented Augustana college in the annual debate with Luther college at Decorah, Iowa, last evening was defeated by the latter team, by a vote of two for the negative and one for the affirmative. The Augustana boys took the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, that the interests of the several states will be best served by the adoption of the optional initiative and compulsory referendum." The team was composed of C. O. Bengtson, Gustafson and J. T. Helene. The judges in the contest were Dr. Fisher, president of Lombard college; Dr. W. F. Wallager of Concordia college, and Dr. C. E. Seashore of the Iowa State university.

The team, accompanied by Dr. E. F. Bartholomew of the college faculty, will arrive this evening, and on Monday evening will be given a banquet by the Junior and sophomore classes.

Folk Song Program.

"Northern Folk-songs" was the subject of a delightful entertainment given by Professor Jules Mauritzson and Mrs. Edla Lund, assisted by Miss Effie Johnson, before the Phrenokosmian society of Augustana college last night. Professor Mauritzson spoke on the origin, growth and development of the folk-songs, while Mrs. Lund illustrated the lecture by singing 11 selections representative of the various lyrics sung in the land of the nightingale. Mrs. Lund was dressed in the costume of a Norwegian peasant girl, which added to the picturesque of the entertainment.

Miss Johnson made the program complete by rendering several polka and quadrille selections on the piano. She succeeded excellently in bringing out the various movements.

OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR YEAR

Annual Meeting of Local Chapter of Royal Arcanum Is Held.

Rock Island Council, No. 1952, Royal Arcanum, held its annual election last evening, as follows: Regent—William Emig. Past Regent—Conrad Wittick. Vice Regent—James Bagley. Orator—Frank Hughes. Secretary—H. H. Robb. Collector—George Garlock. Treasurer—H. K. Walker. Chaplain—F. N. Boyd. Guide—William Easley. Warden—William Hubbe. Sentry—William Beale. Representative to Grand Council—George Garlock. Alternate—H. H. Robb. Trustees—Ed Munn, B. E. Robb and H. H. Robb.

The officers will be installed Jan. 10 at the next regular meeting.

At the regular session of Tenguwa tribe, No. 259, of the Redmen, at Besen's hall last evening, 15 palafaces received the degrees of the order. The work was conferred by members of King Philip tribe of Moline and following the ceremonies a banquet was held in honor of the visitors.

PART NEAR LIFE'S CLOSE

Woman, 81 Years Old, Begins Divorce Suit, Defendant Being 80.

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 14.—Because her husband treated her in a cold and distant manner, and spent nearly all of his time planning how he could make himself more disagreeable to her, Mrs. Ruth Anna Hunt Ratliff has filed suit for divorce from Joseph C. Ratliff, on a charge of cruel and inhuman treatment. Mr. Ratliff is 81 years of age and her husband is 80 years old. Both are active members of the local Hicksite Friends meeting. Mrs. Ratliff states that her aged spouse used abusive language to her and in her presence took the Lord's name in vain.

Mrs. Longworth Improving.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The condition of Mrs. Longworth, who was operated on two days ago for appendicitis, continues entirely favorable.

Judge Landis Signs Bill of Exceptions in Famous Case.

HEARING GIVEN SOON

Some of Books in Case Which Were in Possession of Alton Road Are Missing

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The bill of exceptions in the appeal of the Standard Oil company of Indiana from the fine of \$29,240,000 was today signed by Judge Landis and was later filed in the court of appeals. It is expected the entire record in the case will be filed within a few weeks and hearing had upon the appeal within a comparatively short time.

Books Are Missing.

At a conference yesterday afternoon between Judge Landis of the United States district court and the attorneys, Attorney John S. Miller made an announcement that three commodity tariff books of the Chicago & Alton railway which figured in the trial were mysteriously missing. The tariff books were offered in evidence by the Standard and the company's attorneys to show that they were in existence many other tariffs in Illinois similar to that for the acceptance of which the Standard Oil company was prosecuted.

Called Upon Railroad.

Attorney Miller declared that he had called upon the railroad officials to produce the books since the trial and that they informed him that they could not be found. The books were excluded by Judge Landis at the trial and it is expected that the defendant will use this fact in arguing for a reversal in the United States court of appeals. The signing of the bill completes the history of the case in the lower court.

STATE OFFICER TO TAKE A HAND

Attorney General Sends Word to County Prosecutor That Saloons Must Not Be Open Sunday.

A telegram received by the county attorney in Davenport today indicates that the state authorities propose to take a hand in the enforcement of the liquor laws in Scott county. The message, which comes from Attorney General Byers, states that it has been stated Davenport saloonkeepers intend to open their saloons tomorrow. The attorney general admonishes the county attorney that he must see that the saloons are closed, and that the law is enforced, "under penalty of legal proceedings."

SCHEME FAILURE; PRISON TERM NOW

Brilliant Idea of Young Ohio Clerk Involving Sending Bombs Worked Out Badly.

Denver, Col., Dec. 14.—Kemp V. Biglow, a young clerk formerly of Bryan, Ohio, who mailed dynamite bombs to several leading citizens of Denver two months ago in the hope of securing rewards by giving warning before any harm was done, pleaded guilty today. Sentence will be pronounced Monday.

HEADS THE PERE MARQUETTE

Receivership Ends and Company Will Again Control Lines.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 14.—It is announced at the office of the Pere Marquette railroad today at the first directors' meeting of the reorganized company, held Friday in New York, William Cotter was elected president of the road, and George W. Perkins of New York chairman of the board. The receivership of Judson Harmon ends tonight, when he will turn over the system to the officers of the reorganized company.

ACCEPTS POSITION IN SOUTH

Superintendent Mullinaux Leaves Tri-City Dairy Farm.

A. Mullinaux, who for the last three years has been superintendent of the Tri-City Milk company's dairy farm in Black Hawk township, has received and accepted an offer of a similar position in Virginia and leaves for his new post next week.