

WEATHER FORECAST: Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday; fresh east to south winds.

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REAR ADMIRAL BARKER RETIRES FROM SERVICE

Hauled Down His Flag on Battleship Kearsarge and Turned Over Command of North Atlantic Squadron to Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans.

CEREMONIES ON THE FLAGSHIP

Retiring Officer Paid Glowing Tribute to the "Men Behind the Guns."

ROWED ASHORE BY HIGH OFFICERS OF THE FLEET, ESCORTED BY CAPTAINS IN THEIR GIGS--BATTLESHIP MAINE THE FLAGSHIP OF REAR ADMIRAL EVANS.

Massey upon the quarter deck of the U. S. battleship Kearsarge, flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, the officers of the fleet and men of the Kearsarge yesterday listened to the farewell address of Rear Admiral Albert S. Barker after which, amidst the booming of guns in salute, his flag was hauled down and he retired from active service in the United States navy.

A Brilliant Spectacle. A brilliant spectacle was presented as shortly before 10 o'clock, the hour set for the ceremonies, Rear Admiral Barker and the captains of the battleships and cruisers of the North Atlantic fleet gathered near the colors while before them in review passed the officers and men of the Kearsarge.



REAR ADMIRAL EVANS, Commander in Chief of the North Atlantic Fleet.

Followed by a detachment of marines under arms. Immediately following the parade the entire ship's company assembled aft and listened with attention to the farewell address of the retiring commander in chief, immediately after which the formal transfer of the flag to the Maine occurred. Rear Admiral Barker left the Kearsarge at 11 o'clock in the Admiral's large launch, manned by three Lieutenant Commanders, five Lieutenants, one Junior Lieutenant and three Ensigns, Captain Raymond P. Rodgers, of the Kearsarge, Chief of staff, personally acting as coxswain. As the barge pulled away from the Kearsarge the men, who had gathered on the starboard side testified to the regard they felt for their retiring chief by cheering him heartily, a compliment which he acknowledged by lifting his hat several times.

Greater Attention to Be Given to Athletics



ATHLETICS IN THE ARMY. The officials of the United States Army have determined to in future give much greater attention to athletic sports. Gymnasiums are to be constructed at our leading army posts and every effort will be made to rival, if not outdo, European nations in making our fighters physically fit.

CONSPIRATORS TO RESIST EXTRADITION TO NEW YORK

MORGAN SMITH AND WIFE, INDICATED FOR COMPLICITY IN KILLING CAESAR YOUNG, WILL ATTEMPT TO SECURE FREEDOM BY HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS.

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, March 31.—That Morgan Smith and wife would resist extradition to New York, where they have been indicted for complicity with Nan Patterson in connection with the Caesar Young murder case, was made evident this afternoon, when their attorney secured writs of habeas corpus, returnable on Monday. One writ was for Smith and the other for his wife in which it is alleged that both were held without warrant, that no charge has been placed against them and that there is no authority in law for their detention.

Defunct Cotton Company Promoter Held for Trial

Philadelphia, March 31.—On the testimony of two former employees of the defunct Storey Cotton Company, Stanley Francis, accused of being a promoter and director, was remanded for trial to-day with bail fixed at fifty thousand dollars.

CONFERENCE OF CABINET

LAST MEETING PREVIOUS TO THE PRESIDENT'S SOUTHWESTERN TRIP--ONLY ROUTINE MATTERS CONSIDERED.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 31.—The president and cabinet conferred to-day for the last time before the president goes on his southwestern trip. They will probably not meet for at least two months. Little beyond regular routine business was considered. It is stated authoritatively that the Venezuelan matter was not mentioned, nor was there any discussion of the rumor that the president is to be designated as peace mediator between Russia and Japan.

THE WORM HAS TURNED

Standard Oil Magnate Makes Statement Regarding Gift.

HOT SHOT AT REV. GLADDEN

VICE-PRESIDENT OF ROCKEFELLER'S BIG TRUST TAKES MINISTER TO TASK FOR STATEMENT THAT JOHN D. GOT HIS MONEY DISHONESTLY.

By Associated Press. Boston, Mass., March 31.—H. H. Rogers, vice-president and director of the Standard Oil Co., made a statement to-day as to the conduct of the Standard Oil Company, which was evidently prompted by criticism of the acceptance of Rockefeller's gift to foreign missions. Mr. Rogers said: "Ministers say queer things. Dr. Gladden says that everybody knows that John D. Rockefeller obtained his money dishonestly. With as much reason others could say that everybody who knows Dr. Gladden would not trust the ten commandments with the deacons of his church for ten days, because they would surely break some and bend the rest."

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ROUGHING WELCOME WILL BE GIVEN HIM AT REUNION OF ROUGH RIDERS.

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ROOSEVELT SELECTED AS A PEACE MEDIATOR

St. Petersburg Correspondent Says Negotiations Are Already in Progress and Suspension of Hostilities May Be Shortly Expected.

DECIDES CASE AGAINST FRENCH CABLE COMPANY

VENEZUELAN COURT SAYS COMPANY HAS FORFEITED ITS CONTRACT--ACTION FOR DAMAGES BY GOVERNMENT DECIDED AGAINST VENEZUELA

By Associated Press. Caracas, Venezuela, March 31.—President Arana of the highest court, to-day decided that the French Cable Company had forfeited its contract by the failure to submit to its terms and decided against the government in the action for damages resulting from the company's acts. Five days were allowed the company to appeal for a reconsideration by the entire court, whose decision will be final. "Venezuela's government asks no more than Mr. Roosevelt proclaims. We hold that the French Cable case and the Bermudez case are identical. Neither company has fulfilled its contracts. Both have revolutionists there. Their cases were not submitted to the mixed commission, because they knew it was Venezuela which should have made claims instead of themselves. Their disposition, then, was to ignore Venezuela's rights. "The cable company is fully aware. Original documents and proofs are in possession of the government. The company and many persons of the greatest importance were seriously involved. Time will reveal all." President Castro declared that the asphalt company gave the revolutionists \$400,000 in one instance.

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JAPAN HAS NOT DECLINED TERMS

Upon Which Russia Has Indicated She is Willing to Negotiate.

By Associated Press. New York, March 31.—Repeated announcements in regard to the probability of peace are confirmed, it is asserted in a dispatch from a Times correspondent at St. Petersburg in information from what is called an unimpeachable source, showing that Russia and Japan have selected President Roosevelt as mediator, that negotiations are already in progress and that the suspension of hostilities may shortly be expected. "To detailed reports as to the negative conditions of peace laid down by Russia and set forth recently in dispatches to the Associated Press the Times correspondent adds: "The selection of President Roosevelt as mediator, which was due to Japanese initiative, is regarded here as evidence of excellent discrimination. The Japanese thereby make a firm friend, who at the same time will make it a point of honor to bring the negotiation to a successful issue, and who therefore would not be likely to have accepted the difficult post of mediator if the Japanese intended to present exorbitant demands."

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