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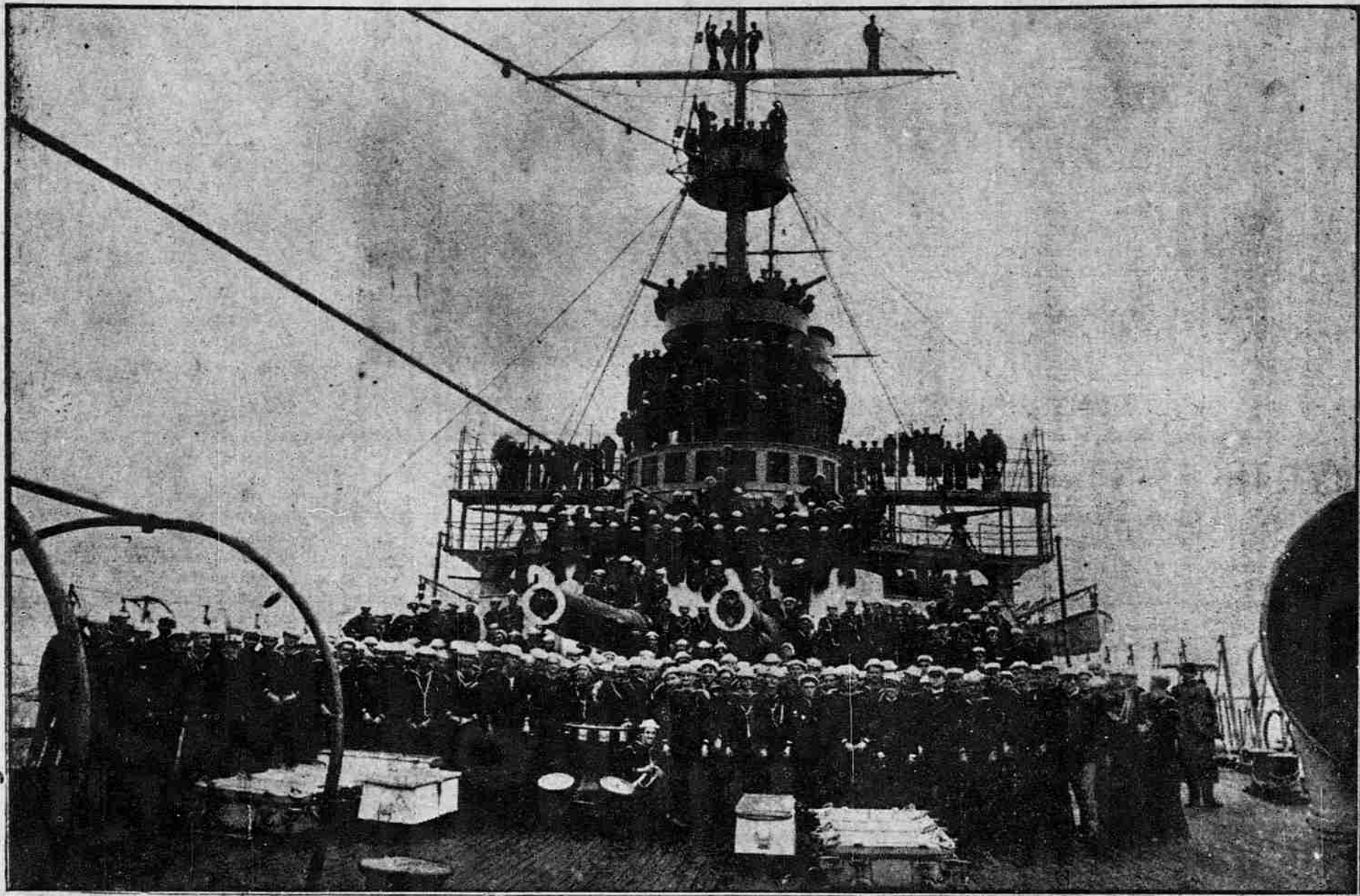
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THE WISCONSIN AND HER GALLANT MEN MAKE A FINE APPEARANCE



WISCONSIN'S CREW.

(Advertiser Photo.)

WHEN Uncle Sam finds it necessary to set his navy bull dogs loose the first class battleship Wisconsin will undoubtedly make history with her 13-inch muzzles which project proudly from her massive turrets. The Wisconsin, already a familiar vessel to Honoluluans, is a huge fighting machine which needs only a baptism of fire to show that it will sustain the wartime reputation of the great northwestern State which stands sponsor for her acts upon the high seas.

There is something magnificent and awe-inspiring in the steel mass which lies at Naval Dock No. 2. Even alongside the great flagship Kentucky with her superimposed turrets, the Wisconsin looks full of strength.

The Wisconsin is yet young in the service for she was commissioned only two years ago—February 4, 1901. She has seen service only in the waters of the Pacific and in the seas surrounding Japan, Korea, China and the Philippines. That the Wisconsin has a future before her is evidenced by the fact that she comes from the same builders as the battleship Oregon, now lying within a short stone's throw of her, and as the Olympia, Dewey's flagship. On November 16, 1898, the battleship was launched, the keel having been laid on February 9, 1897. When she was launched Captain George C. Reiter was given command. When the vessel had her trial trip she made 17.47 knots per hour, but while on the Asiatic station a maximum speed of 18.8 knots per hour was maintained for four hours. The "Badger" men are proud of the ship's achievements in this respect, and the only drawback to their happiness is the fact that the vessel is no longer a flagship.

Only last month the Wisconsin occupied the proud position of flagship with Rear-Admiral Cooper aboard. The orders to come to Honolulu gave the supreme command to Admiral Evans and Admiral Cooper, in command of the cruiser squadron, transferred his flag to the cruiser New Orleans. The "Badger" printed aboard the Wisconsin, treats of this important event in its Thanksgiving issue as follows:

"Admiral Cooper and his staff were quite busy on the morning of the 13th inst. preparing official and personal effects for transfer to the new flagship New Orleans and several trips were made between the two ships by the running boats.

"The Admiral left the ship shortly before noon in company with Lieutenant Boughter, and upon his departure was greeted by three rousing cheers from the crew which plainly showed the esteem with which Admiral Cooper is held by the enlisted men.

"A first class cruiser may arrive on the station before Admiral Cooper returns to this ship as Commander-in-Chief. In such an event he will remove to the newly arrived cruiser. Should a new flagship be sent to the cruiser squadron it will in all probability be the Minneapolis.

"The Admiral's flag remained at our mainmast until we were under way on the following morning, when just as it was being hauled down, a blue flag

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MITCHELL BILLS LATER

Hawaiian Matters on the January List.

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—Republicans are clearing the decks for action in the regular session which convenes next Monday. The extra session is coming to a close rather ingloriously with no vote on the Cuban reciprocity bill, although the agreement to vote in the Senate December 16 assures that bill becoming a law. The announcement of committees by Speaker Cannon today was the last act necessary to the complete organization of both houses for business. The Senate Committee have already been appointed.

Both branches are therefore fully equipped for business but it is not expected that much business will be done before the Christmas holidays. The debate on the Cuban reciprocity bill is not likely to attract wide attention for the reason that the result of the vote is a foregone conclusion. Some of the tariff discussions may have a little public interest in view of the approaching presidential campaign. It does not appear to be the intention of the House leaders to do much before the Christmas holidays when Congress will adjourn for two weeks as usual. One or two appropriation bills will probably be enacted and sent over to the Senate.

HAWAIIAN LEGISLATION.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, stated today that he did not anticipate any action on Hawaiian matters until January. "I do not know just what plans Senator Foraker, the chairman, may have," he declared, "but I do not see how there will be much time in the committee for considering the Hawaiian bills." Senator Foraker takes the same view.

Consideration of the bills, which Senator Mitchell has introduced, will probably be undertaken at meetings in January, but that does not necessarily assure speedy legislation.

Delegate Kuhio has been in New York for several days. His only committee assignment is that at the foot of the Republican list on Postoffices and Postroads. It is a very important committee of the House at this session of Congress, in view of the disclosures in the administration of the Postoffice Department. However, it can not be so much importance to Prince Kuhio as would have been a place on the Territories Committee, which has to deal directly with Hawaiian affairs. But the

assignments to the Territories committee are earnestly sought by other territorial delegates, especially because of the fight for statehood which is now vigorously beginning again. The Speaker named two territorial delegates on the territories committee, Mr. Wilson, Democrat, of Arizona, and Mr. McGuire, Republican, of Oklahoma. Both those territories are clamoring for admission to the union and it could hardly have been expected under the circumstances that Prince Kuhio could have been added to the membership. (He has since been added.—Ed. Adv.) The original membership of the Territories Committee is as follows:

FRIENDS OF HAWAII.

All the old Republican and Democratic members retained include some of the best friends of Hawaii in the House. Representative Hamilton of Michigan, the chairman, as has been stated in letters heretofore, is a very competent man and his policy will undoubtedly be in the main friendly to the islands. Little is known of the new Republican members, who include Mr. Spalding, Mr. Lilley and Mr. Sterling, except that they are creditable men. Mr. Jackson, who was on the Committee last session is a wealthy Marylander of old family and is serving his second term in the House. He is a big lumber dealer on the Eastern shore and a brother of a Democratic ex-governor of Maryland.

Mr. Spalding, of North Dakota, was in Congress a few years ago for one term. He is a native of Vermont and a lawyer by profession. Mr. Lilley is a wealthy provision dealer, now serving his first term in the House, and is well spoken of. Mr. Sterling is from Bloomington, Ill., a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, and a lawyer by profession.

Gordon Russell, of Tyler, Tex., the first of the new Democratic members of the Territories committee, is a well educated and well connected man, a lawyer and something of an orator. Mr. Reid, of Arkansas, is serving his second term in Congress and is a lawyer by profession.

It will probably be late in the session before the House Committee reaches

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SECRETARY ROOT WILL DROP MACARTHUR CASE

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Secretary of War, after considering all the circumstances of the MacArthur case, has decided to take no action in the matter. Full explanations have been had from Honolulu.

JONES FOUND NOT GUILTY

Surprising Verdict in the Parmenter Case.

Edward M. Jones was found "not guilty" of the murder of Mrs. Sarah Parmenter by the jury who tried him for the crime. They were out only forty minutes when, at five minutes before six o'clock yesterday evening, they returned the verdict of acquittal. For, although the jury retired at five minutes after five, they immediately sent out a request for information about the form of the verdict. Judge Gear had them called in and instructed, a clerical defect in the form being corrected, which consumed fully ten minutes.

DEFENDANT SHOWS APPRECIATION.

Although, from the nature of the defense and of the court's charge, the reason for the verdict was presumably the insanity of the defendant, Jones manifested a clear intelligence of his good fortune. On the announcement of the verdict he smilingly accepted the congratulations of his counsel, relatives and friends, who quickly surrounded him, and joyfully extended his hand to all for a shake.

STILL A PRISONER.

Jones is not yet a free man. He is held under an indictment for the murder of Mrs. Linda Jones, from whom for some time before her death he was divorced. It is likely, owing to the shortness of time left, that his trial will be continued to the January term. Possibly the Territory may ask for a change of venue to another Circuit.

BEGINNING OF TRIAL.

The trial concluded yesterday was begun on Monday, November 23, with the work of empanelling a jury. That night the defendant's father died and in consequence on Tuesday the trial was continued until the following Fri-

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POPE LEO'S HOARD OF GOLD COMES TO LIGHT

Nine Millions of Dollars in Gotti's Hands, Two Millions in a Hole of the Wall—Methodist University Burned—Lipton Will Try Again.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

ROME, Dec. 19.—Cardinal Gotti has handed the Pope the enormous sum of nine million dollars in gold which the late Pope Leo secretly entrusted to his care for delivery to his successor. Two other millions have been found in a hole in the wall of the late Pontiff's chamber. Pope Leo stipulated that the whole sum should be withheld from the new Pope four months so as to impress the latter with the need and methods of economy.

The production of the late Pope's enormous hoard recalls the half-suppressed inquiry, after his death, into the whereabouts of the great sums in Peter's pence which he had been known to receive but not to account for to the almoners of the Vatican.

METHODIST UNIVERSITY BURNED AT NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Walden University burned during the night and twenty-five to forty colored students were killed or injured.

Walden University is a Methodist institution which was organized in 1867. It has thirty-eight instructors and about eight hundred students. Dr. J. B. Hamilton is president of the institution.

FLORA COURT MARTIAL.

VICTORIA, Dec. 19.—The court-martial to investigate the accident to H. M. S. Flora reprimanded Commander Baker, the navigator of the Flora, for carelessness.

LIPTON WILL AGAIN CHALLENGE FOR CUP

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Sir Thomas Lipton was presented yesterday with a silver service subscribed in the United States. He announced that he would challenge for the cup a fourth time.

AN EXPLODED SENSATION.

TOKYO, Dec. 19.—It is officially denied that a fleet and troops are going to Korea.

A COMPULSORY ARMY SERVICE BILL IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The War Office is preparing a scheme for compulsory military service between the ages of 18 and 22. The measure excites violent opposition in England but is regarded, by the War Office, as vital to the defence of the empire.

PROBING LAND AND POSTOFFICE FRAUDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—J. A. Benson of San Francisco, the alleged head of a ring engaged in Western land frauds, has been arrested, under a Federal indictment, for bribery. The House has ordered the production of all papers bearing on the postal frauds.

SCHOONER AND STEAMER COLLIDE NEAR THE COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The steamer Del Norte and the schooner Mary Buhne have been in collision off Humboldt bay. The Buhne sunk and one man was drowned.

The Mary Buhne is a 140-ton schooner owned by Charles Nelson of San Francisco. The vessel was built at Eureka in 1876. The steamer Del Norte is of 450 tons register and trades to coast ports from San Francisco.