

## COMPROMISE ON FAIR

### Congressional Committees Agree on Seattle Appropriation.

### SPEND \$650,000 FOR EXHIBITS

#### Washington Delegation Highly Elated at Result—Useless Expenses Are Stricken Out.

Washington, May 23.—The conference committee on the sundry civil bill yesterday agreed to give \$650,000 to the Seattle exposition. Fifty thousand dollars will be cut off from the expenses of the government board, which is reduced to three members, and uninteresting features of the government exhibit are eliminated. There was no cut in the appropriation for buildings or the Alaska, Philippine or Hawaii exhibits. The conference report will be agreed to today. The compromise is highly satisfactory to the Washington delegation.

#### GOVERNOR SPARKS DEAD.

#### Nevada Executive Killed by Overwork at Extra Session.

Reno, Nev., May 23.—"I don't fear death. I have done my best. I am tired and am ready to go. Good-bye." Surrounded by his wife, three sons and a daughter, Governor John Sparks, conscious to the last, sank to death at 8:30 yesterday morning, after uttering the above words.

The illness which culminated in the governor's death was directly due to overwork and nervous strain attendant upon the extra session of Nevada's legislature late last fall.

Mr. Sparks was born in Mississippi, August 30, 1843, and came to this state in 1868, engaging in stockraising. He owned large cattle ranches in Nevada and Texas, as well as a large cotton plantation in Texas. He was elected chief executive in 1902 and again in 1906 by large majorities.

Lieutenant-Governor D. S. Dickerson is now governor of Nevada. He came to Nevada eight years ago and went to work in a mine at Cherry Tree.

#### EXTRA SESSION CALLED.

#### Philippine Assembly Needs a Month More to Finish Work.

Manila, May 23.—The statutory time for the adjournment of the Philippine assembly having arrived with the work of that body incomplete, Governor-General Smith has called a month's extra session. Prior to the adjournment of the regular session, the radicals attempted to present a resolution favoring immediate independence, but were headed off by the conservatives under the leadership of President Osmena. It is believed that the attempt to present the resolution will be renewed during the extra session.

The Philippine commission has rejected the assembly bill providing for the teaching of the various Filipino dialects in the public schools, and has substituted a bill creating an institute for the study of these dialects.

Margel Quescon, a member of the assembly, has been appointed delegate to the navigation congress, to be held at St. Petersburg. He will sail tomorrow, accompanied by his secretary, Theodore Rogers.

#### Sues to Recover Graft.

San Francisco, May 23.—Joseph A. Sullivan, a retired capitalist, who owns a block of stock in the United Railways Investment Company, today began a suit in equity in the superior court to recover the \$200,000 Patrick Callahan, president of the United Railways, is alleged to have paid, through Tiley L. Ford, general counsel for that corporation, to Alie Ruel for the purpose of influencing the supervisors to grant the company a trolley franchise. Interest on the above-named amount and costs are also demanded by the plaintiff. The complaint alleges that the suit is brought in the interest of all the stockholders of the corporation.

#### Conspirator May Hang.

Deer Lodge, Mont., May 23.—William Hays, a convict in the state prison here, was today found guilty of first-degree murder in killing Guard John A. Robinson in the course of the sensational prison break in March. George Rock pleaded guilty two weeks ago and was sentenced to hang June 15. Hays' defense proved he had not laid a hand on Robinson, but he was found guilty of conspiracy. The jury recommended hanging. Two others are charged and are yet to be tried. These are C. B. Young and Orell Stevens.

#### Eight Perished in Fire.

Chicago, May 23.—Although eight men are believed to have perished in the fire that destroyed the Wintermeyer box factory yesterday, only two bodies had been recovered at midnight, when the search was abandoned until tomorrow.

#### FAVORS BIG FLEET.

#### Great Lesson Taught by Cruise, Says Admiral Evans.

Washington, May 23.—Admiral Evans, in an interview with W. S. Merriweather, told of the results of the cruise of the Pacific and its benefits and the future policy and prospects of the American navy.

"What, in your opinion," he was asked, "is the most vital question affecting the navy today?"

"The shortage of officers and men, particularly officers," Admiral Evans replied. "We have not a battleship in commission today with a sufficient number of officers properly to look out for her battery. Those we have are excellent, but they are so overworked that they are giving way under the strain. Men can be trained for duties on shipboard, as has just been shown in the cruise of the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific, but not so with officers."

"In case of a sudden outbreak of hostilities, we would find ourselves seriously handicapped from this cause."

The Admiral was then asked what was the chief lesson to be drawn from the cruise of the battleship fleet.

"There are two," he replied. "First, the absolute necessity for two fleets, one on the Atlantic and one on the Pacific; second, that we took the fleet to sea with one-third of the men untrained and arrived at the Pacific entrance to the Straits of Magellan and Magdalena Bay absolutely in condition to go into an engagement."

"What should be our future naval strength, and how distributed?"

"Forty-eight battleships with the necessary cruisers, torpedo boats, submarines and auxiliaries. They should be distributed—24 on the Pacific and 24 on the Atlantic."

#### FIRE ON OLD VESSEL.

#### Sensational Naval Experiment Will be Tried by Navy.

Washington, May 23.—The most sensational naval experiment ever attempted by this country will take place today in Chesapeake Bay, when the monitor Florida will be submitted to bombardment by big guns and torpedoes to demonstrate the effect of modern projectiles upon the internal fittings and the structure of the fighting craft of the American navy.

The Florida is so constructed and fitted internally in such a way as to have practically the same strength of resistance as the latest type of American battleship.

At first it was proposed to put five sheep in the turret of the monitor, but this plan has been abandoned because it is believed the death of the animals would prove little as to the probability of loss of human life under similar circumstances. The plan to test the ability of the modern ship of war to withstand the heavy firing of the latest big guns has attracted much attention in official circles and it is looked upon as a matter of great importance by foreign officials at the embassy here.

#### PACIFIC MAIL IS PASSIVE.

#### Would Not be Benefited by Proposed Subsidy Clause.

San Francisco, May 23.—The progress of the postoffice appropriation bill, now in its last stages before Congress, is being watched with much interest in this city, especially with regard to the ocean mail subsidy amendment, agreed to by the conferees, but rejected by the House, which has asked for another conference on the measure. The proposed increased compensation to steamship lines directly affects the companies running vessels from this port to China, Japan, Australia and the Philippines.

When asked what would be the result should the subsidy amendment be retained in the bill, F. S. Samuels, manager of the Oceanic Steamship Company, said:

"Whether we will resume running vessels to Australia and carry the mails cannot be determined for a time. Australia and New Zealand have made other contracts for carrying the mails since we discontinued, and we do not know at present whether we could get that business again."

Adolph J. Frey, assistant to the vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Company, the Japanese and China line, said there was little prospect of the Pacific Mail availing itself of any increased allowance, chiefly because of the difficulty of securing crews composed largely of Americans, as the law would require, at a rate of wages permitting of any profit.

#### Germans Angry at Frenchmen.

Berlin, May 23.—Denouncing Paris clubs as mere gambling resorts and clubmen as card sharps and blacklegs, the German court and press are declaring today that it is easy enough to see why Teuton members are unwelcome—they have something better to do with their time than to spend it at a gaming table. But for the comment by members of the Cercle de l'Union that Germans are regardless of French club custom, the blackballing of Ambassadorial Attache Hortsmann might have been permitted to pass as a personal matter.

#### Franz Josef in Serious Condition.

Vienna, May 23.—Emperor Franz Josef has caught a fresh cold and general audiences have been suspended. The court physicians say they do not consider his majesty's condition alarming, but there is much uneasiness concerning him, owing to his age and continued ill health.

## SEEN BY THOUSANDS

### Atlantic Squadron In Sight Hours Off Astoria.

### GET SPLENDID VIEW OF PACIFIC

#### Excursion Steamers Salute Warships as They Round Tillamook Head—Colors Dipped in Reply.

Astoria, Or., May 21.—From a point of vantage on dukes and islands between Willapa Harbor and Tillamook Head yesterday the patriotic people of the Pacific coast met the Atlantic fleet as they steamed up the coast. Ten thousand throats cheered the imposing pageant of the nation's sea power; hats were flung high in air and tears streamed down the faces of many spectators in an expression of patriotism, as the imposing monster fighting ships rounded Tillamook Head and came in sight of the waiting multitude.

It was a magnificent sight, which the Oregon coast has never before witnessed. In the lead, flying the Admiral Sperry's blue two-stripe flag, was the Connecticut, the lead type of the navy's latest machines. The vessel that led the squadron on its historic voyage to Hampton Roads, with "Fighting" Evans on the bridge, still stood at the head of the column, which was made up of the following ships:

First squadron, first division—Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota and Vermont.

Second division—Georgia, Maine, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

Second squadron, third division—Louisiana, Virginia, Ohio and Missouri.

Fourth division—Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky and Kentucky.

Accompanying the war vessels was the hospital ship relief.

As the fleet rounded Tillamook Head at 11:30 in the morning, the battleships, which were abreast of each other in a single line stretching to the horizon, came into a single column, the flagship leading the van, and cruised within miles of the shore, affording a splendid view to the spectators on shore. The fleet of excursion steamers came to the bar early in the day and greeted the battleships off Tillamook Head with a volley of whistles. Each vessel was loaded to its capacity with excursionists, and their cheers were added to the noisy salute. The entire fleet escorted the war vessels northward of the Columbia bar when they returned to Astoria. As the war vessels left the rendezvous behind, the battleships made their positions steaming to the van abreast of each other.

As the squadron steamed along in perfect order, each vessel dipped its colors in acknowledgment of the acclaim from the excursion craft.

#### BOMB WRECKS TENEMENT.

#### Black Hand Angered Because Effort to Extort Money Failed.

New York, May 21.—The refusal of a wealthy Italian physician to comply with the demands of Black Hand criminals for money resulted in a dangerous explosion of 100 pounds yesterday, when a bomb was exploded in the tenement house at 18 Eleventh street. A number of persons were injured and the occupants of the house rushed into the street, while doors and beams which had been twisted out by the explosion tumbled all around them. The rear part of the house was almost completely wrecked. None of the occupants was dangerously hurt with the exception of Tony Lambarro, who was crushed by falling timbers and internally injured.

The explosion occurred when one of the occupants of the house was having breakfast. The bomb had been placed in the rear hall, under the stairs. The stairway was almost completely blown away, every door on the first and second floors was wrenched off, windows were blown out, and plaster and beams all over the house were shaken down. Lambarro was on the stairs when the explosion occurred. The others injured were struck by falling timbers in their apartments.

#### Big Deal in Oil Land.

Los Angeles, May 21.—The biggest oil deal in the history of California has been closed by the purchase of 1,200 acres of oil fields in the heart of the Coalinga district by the American Petroleum Company for the sum of \$2,000,000. With the exception of the Southern Pacific holdings, this deal represents all the undeveloped ground in the best part of the Coalinga field. Early operation and the production of an enormous quantity of oil are assured, as the American Petroleum Company is capitalized at \$10,000,000.

#### Italy Protests.

Rio de Janeiro, May 21.—The minister of Italy has delivered to the minister of foreign affairs a protest against the conduct of the oil planters of San Paulo, who are urging Italian laborers to become naturalized citizens before they will employ them.