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## FLEET GOES TO AUCKLAND

EVERYTHING READY FOR DEPARTURE AT 6 O'CLOCK.

After Being Royally Entertained at Honolulu, the Fleet With the Exception of One Ship, Sails for New Zealand This Evening—Not a Sailor Arrested at Island Port—Auckland Prepares—John Bull is Jealous of Our Popularity.

Honolulu, July 22.—Everything is in readiness aboard the fleet today for departure at 6 this evening for Auckland, New Zealand, on the second longest leg of the "round the world" cruise. The distance to be covered on this leg is 3810 miles.

The entertainment at Honolulu was the most successful given the fleet since its departure from Hampton Roads. Not a sailor was arrested. The 15 ships sail tonight, the Minnesota receiving orders to remain in port to get the mail expected on the next steamer from San Francisco. The vessel will then follow the fleet, overtaking it before reaching Auckland. The five men injured in the explosion in the boiler room of the Kearsarge are recovering. The fleet will remain a week at Auckland, sailing August 15 on a 1200-mile cruise to Sydney, then Melbourne will be the next port reached. The fleet will probably reach Manila October 1.

New Zealand Prepares Welcome. Auckland, N. Z., July 22.—Although New Zealand owns allegiance to the British crown, the ignorant visitor would be inclined to believe it an American colony, owing to the wild enthusiasm that has been aroused by the prospective visit of the Yankee fleet. Thousands of American flags have been made their appearance in the city. The fleet will not arrive until

August 9, but the preparations for its reception, in progress for many weeks, are about completed.

John Bull is Jealous. London, July 22.—While the American battleship fleet, which sails tomorrow from Honolulu bound for the British colonies in the Antipodes, will be given a warm welcome by the officials and people of New Zealand and Australia, the feeling in the mother country is far from cordial. As a matter of fact, John Bull is a little jealous of Uncle Sam and some of the London newspapers even charge the latter with an attempt to alienate the affections of King Edward's dominions beyond the seas.

## BIG DEBTS TO BE PAID

CENTRAL PACIFIC OWES FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS.

Big Banking Companies of New York Back of Proposition—Bonds Guaranteed by Southern Pacific—Union Pacific is Principal Creditor—Bonds Will Bring About the Present Market Value, Which is 97 1/2%.

New York, July 22.—It is announced here today that the flotation of 18 millions of the Central Pacific first mortgage and refunding bonds will be undertaken at once by the Kuhn-Loeb company, the Speyer company, and the National City bank.

The price of the bonds is undecided, but may be near the present market value, which is 97 1/2%. The money is to be used for the liquidation of the Central Pacific's floating indebtedness of \$15,000,000. The bonds are to be guaranteed by the Southern Pacific. The Union Pacific will probably get the bigger portion of the issue, because it is the Central Pacific's highest creditor.

## LANDIS FINE WAS WRONG

SO DECIDES FEDERAL COURT OF APPEALS.

Big Case of Government Against the Standard Oil Company Remanded to Lower Court for Rehearing—Court of Appeals Flays Judge Kenosaw Mountain Landis—Says Standard Was Not Even Indicted When Big Fines Were Imposed for Rebating.

Chicago, July 22.—The Illinois court of appeals has ordered that the Standard Oil case be given a rehearing, and remanded it for that purpose.

The decision is a scathing arraignment of Judge Landis, holding that he imposed a fine when the defendant company was not on trial—not even indicted, and Landis' decision of nearly a year ago was a big sensation. The case was based on the alleged rebating by the Standard Oil company of the Standard. Landis assessed the highest possible fine in each separate alleged offense.

Today's decision is a great shock to the government. The court of appeals is composed of Judges Peter Grosscup, Francis E. Baker and William H. Seaman. The Standard of Indiana is one of the subsidiary companies of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, and has a capital of one million dollars, but the government's investigation has shown that through some certain periods it made more than 1000 per cent profits.

Judge Grosscup read the decision in part: "Briefly, the reason for impersonal sentence was because after conviction and before sentence was imposed, it was brought out in the examination of some of the officers and stockholders of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, that the stock of

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## EXHIBIT HALL TO BE USED

BEING RENOVATED FOR RECEPTION OF FRESH FRUITS.

Mr. Lavey, Manager of the Boost Department of the Club Activities, Praises the Board of Managers—They Are Proceeding Carefully, But Every Move Has Been Advantageous to Town and Valley—Results Soon Begin to Show.

P. C. Lavey is at work today cleaning out the Exhibition hall at the depot. It is the intention of the board of managers to get this place in shape and get some good advertising out of it. Mr. Lavey will be there when all trains pass through and will "boast" for the Grande Ronde valley and La Grande.

"The board is proceeding carefully and are sure of every step they take," said Mr. Lavey to a reporter for the Observer this morning. "They do not believe in doing things first and considering afterward. They are business men and are going at this just as if they were running their own personal business, and I predict that the results will be satisfactory to the people of this valley and city. Rome wasn't built in a day, you know, and where you find men giving their best thought to the advancement of their home town and surrounding country, you will get results which may not show at first, but when they do begin to come they will come fast, and the people will be pleased."

## A EUROPEAN WAR COSTS

SO EMPEROR WILLIAM IS INFORMED BY EXPERT.

William II Desires to Learn Probable Cost of European War, and Is Met With Astonishing Report—At Least Four Powers Would Be Involved—Would Leave Us Masters of World—Not Likely That William Will Start Anything.

Berlin, July 22.—Showing that a European war at this time would cost 16 billions of dollars annually, and would result in the United States becoming the undisputed leader of the world, General Blume, a famous military expert today submitted a report ordered by Emperor William, on the probable cost of a continental war.

If Germany were to fight another European war Blume says it would cost the empire one and a half billion dollars yearly in direct outlay, entailing a further loss of two billions and a half annually in the paralysis of commerce. Blume declares that owing to the present delicate adjustment of European politics, the next war will involve at least four powers, and that his estimate of cost applies to each. Such a financial drain would result in the supremacy of the United States.

To Oppose Prohibition.

Kenosha, Wis., July 22.—A movement in opposition to the prohibition wave will be thoroughly organized by the Retail Liquor Dealers' association of Wisconsin, which began its annual convention here today. Reports show that the organization has 1800 members and 63 local branches in the state.

Canada Welcomes Prince.

Quebec, July 22.—His Royal Highness George Frederick, Prince of Wales, and heir apparent to the throne of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, will this afternoon make his triumphal entry into the ancient city of Quebec. Entering the harbor

aboard the magnificent British cruiser Indomitable, escorted by a naval squadron, the prince will land at the King's wharf. The British, American and French warships will fire a royal salute, the bells of all the churches of the ancient city will peal in unison, whistles will blow and thousands of loyal Canadians will cheer their future sovereign.

The cruiser Indomitable is known as the "mystery ship," owing to the fact that it embraces many new ideas in naval construction. The British admiralty has kept a profound secret every important detail of the huge vessel's make-up. With the exception of her sister ships, the invincible and inflexible, the Indomitable is the longest, largest and most heavily armored cruiser afloat.

## ROOSEVELT IS IN DANGER

WAS ABOARD MAYFLOWER, WHICH SANK A SCHOONER.

Accident Occurred This Morning at 1:15—Schooner Complete Loss, But All Her Crew Saved—President a Sound Sleeper—Was Not Awakened by Shock.

Washington, July 22.—It is rumored that the yacht Mayflower, with President Roosevelt aboard, ran down and sank a schooner off Newport shortly before noon today. The report indicated that the Mayflower was not damaged.

Newport, July 22.—The yacht Mayflower, with President Roosevelt aboard, ran down and sank the schooner Menawa, owned by C. E. Pemberton of Ileton, Maine, in a heavy fog at 1:15 this morning. The Mayflower lost her bowsprit but suffered no other damage. The Mayflower's crew rescued the captain and five members of the crew of the schooner. The best evidence that the president sleeps soundly is the fact that he was not awakened by the heavy impact of the collision and did not hear of the accident until he arose at daylight. The Mayflower's lookout failed to see the schooner, and the sharp bow of the president's yacht crashed through the wooden hull of the schooner, which filled with water and sank in a short time. The schooner is a total loss. The president made inquiries about the accident, which occurred in Long Island sound, between New Haven and New London.

Besides the president, members of the party were: Mrs. Roosevelt, Ethel Kermit, Archibald, Quentin, Mr. Emmen Roosevelt and wife, C. H. Netherlands and John L. McGrew.

Big Profit on Seed.

Houston, Texas, July 22.—It is estimated that the gross value of the onion crop of Texas this year will be over a quarter of a million dollars.

## A BIG HAUL BY BANDITS

GET \$28,000 FROM STRONG BOX IN CALIFORNIA.

Police of Nevada on Look-out for Two Bold Robbers—Big Haul Made Monday Night in California—Hobbed the Stage Running Between Two Modoc County Towns, on Proposed Route of Nevada, California & Oregon Railway—Done Quickly Done.

Reno, Nev., July 22.—The state police are today watching every station on the Southern Pacific in the northern part of Nevada for two bandits who held up the stage coach between Liberty and Alturas late Monday night, securing the Wells Fargo box containing \$28,000. The story of the driver is that after stopping the horse-drawn bandits ordered him and the express agent to throw down the box, then made the driver whip up his team and leave the scene.

None of the passengers were aware of the hold-up because it was accomplished so quickly. The money was the payroll of the Nevada, California & Oregon railway and several stock camps.

TURKEY TO BE FREE.

Frightened by Specter of Russian Intervention.

Constantinople, July 22.—Against the advice of his counselors Sultan Hamid received a grant of the constitution to the people of Turkey. This is understood to be the only means of checking the Macedonian revolt which has spread until it has affected the whole northern portion of the Turkish empire. The sultan feared the intervention of Russia, which was decided upon Tuesday at St. Petersburg. It is understood he has issued orders to General Bey to cease operations on the Turko-Russian border.

Harvey Aids Esperantists.

New York, July 22.—Colonel Geo. Harvey, editor of the Harper publications, will take a leading part in the movement launched at the National Esperanto convention, now in session at Chautauqua, to secure the international convention for this country next year. Colonel Harvey is very much interested in the propaganda of the new universal language and may attend the international congress at Dresden next month.

J. W. Bills is over from Cove today to secure cherry pickers. He states they have a very large crop this year, but as yet have no absolute market. Several growers are shipping on their own account.

Yesterday's Results.

Oakland, 8; Portland, 2. Los Angeles, 2; San Francisco, 6.

## TRUNKS, BAGS, SUIT CASES

AND TELESCOPES

of all kinds, from two of the best trunk factories in America. As an illustration of the saving prices in our large trunk stock, we call your special attention to our painted canvas covered trunks, with four hardwood slats on cover and two hardwood slats on sides and ends with heavily reinforced iron on end of each slat—Monitor locks and strap hinges, full iron covered bottom—a splendid value at \$7.00, OUR SPECIAL PRICE now : : : \$5.50

A COMPLETE LINE AT EQUALLY SAVING PRICES \$6.50, \$7, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50 up to \$25.00

## A FEW ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OUR

### Special Bargain Tables

50c Boys' Blouse Waives, now... 36c	25c Sun Bonnets..... 15c
50c Boys' Shirts with Collars... 26c	75c Misses' and Children's Wash Hats..... 15c
60c Boys' Dress Shirts with and without collars..... 37c	20 Ladies' Waists, worth up to \$1.50, suitable for outing wear; to close out..... 49c
35c to 50c boys' Summer Underwear..... 27c	Ladies' White Waists, regular \$1.50 to \$2.50 values, in Indian Head, Lawn and Linen; plain, tucked and embroidered fronts; slightly mussed and soiled; to close at..... 68c
\$1.25 boys' Hats, good assortment..... 78c	
75c to \$1.50 Straw Hats in wide brim and Dress Hats, choice for 45c	

### Shoe Bargains

In Men's, Boys', Children's, Misses' and Women's Shoes; all out on tables where you can examine them at your leisure. All marked at prices that represent a saving of from 50c to \$1.50 the pair. Shoes for dress and every day wear. Solid, all leather Shoes, in Vic Kid, Box Calf, Velour Calf and Patent Colt, in Oxford, Bal. and Blucher cuts.

Children's..... 49c up
Boys'..... \$1.39 up
Ladies'..... \$1.38 up
Men's..... \$1.28 up

ALL ON TABLES WHERE YOU CAN EXAMINE THEM

Sharp Reductions in Summer Goods, REMNANTS, see the Window Display--To-day



## Take a Little Soda For Your Stomach's Sake

This Advice Certainly Holds Good with Everyone This Sort of Weather

Soda served at our fountain is more than a tasty thirst-quenching beverage. It is tonic and refreshing and every glass a strengthener for the stomach.

Our Soda is absolutely pure, strengthening, reviving, refreshing and healthful. It "lands direct" on the "dry" spot and quenches thirst as nothing else will, because we serve it at just the right temperature.

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