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## WARSHIPS RACE ACROSS ATLANTIC

FAMOUS FLEET NOW ON  
LAST LAP OF JOURNEY.

Cannons Boom Farewell to American Fleet as It Starts on its Homeward Journey—Vessels Will Race Individually to Establish New Mark in Crossing Atlantic—Will Assemble in Hampton Roads for Final Review by Roosevelt.

Gibraltar, Feb. 6.—With cannons of a dozen foreign warships in the harbor booming farewell, the American battleship fleet sailed on the last leg of its journey around the world. The ships weighed anchor at 9 o'clock and steamed from the harbor in single formation.

When the straits of Gibraltar are passed, the single column will be broken, each ship to steam for itself in a race for the Atlantic shores to establish a new record.

The engines have been thoroughly overhauled. The fleet's rendezvous is Hampton Roads, where it will be reviewed by President Roosevelt, who will crown his presidential service with a floating pageant. The vessels will then disperse to the different navy yards.

Services to Allison.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—The senate today held services in memory of the late Senator William Allison of Iowa.

Veto Considered.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The president's veto of the national census bill, including the veto message, was referred to the census committee by the house today.

## HEAVY FINES.

Imposed in Yamhill County for Local Option Violations.

McMinnville, Ore., Feb. 3.—Deputy District Attorney Corner was called to Carlton today to finish up in justice court a batch of prosecutions for violation of the county prohibition law. Dr. A. D. Morrison, a druggist, was convicted on three counts, and fines aggregating \$550 and 30 days' imprisonment in the county jail were imposed.

James L. Fowle, proprietor of a near beer joint, was convicted on three charges and for the several offenses was fined a total of \$450 and 20 days in the county jail. His bartender, Phillip Mullen, was convicted on three separate counts and sentenced to pay fines aggregating \$200 and 20 days' imprisonment. All three of the defendants filed notice of appeal to the circuit court, which meets here the third Monday in March.

## SEEKING HUSBANDS

FOUR HUNDRED GERMAN GIRLS  
COMING TO OREGON TO MARRY.

Picture of Oregon Shepherdder Attracts Bevy of German "Maedchen"—Arrive in New York Today.

New York, Feb. 6.—Four hundred German maidens from Wurttemberg, Germany, arrived here today on the Graf von Waldersee, en route to Oregon to find husbands. The attention of the German girls to Oregon was drawn by a picture shown them by Mrs. Frieda Walburg, wife of an Oregon shepherd, who is reported to be responsible for the migration of the girl.

Calls Alaskan Delegate.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Feb. 5.—James Wickersham, a delegate to congress, left this morning via Valdez for Washington, D. C., at the request of President Roosevelt, who wants to confer with him before March 4.

## ARISTOCRACY IN LIMELIGHT

FRISCO CHINAMAN PUTS  
SOCIETY ON ANXIOUS SEAT.

By Issuing Subpoenas an Arrested Chinaman Causes Commotion—Wants to Make San Francisco's Society Explain in Court What Gambling Privileges Are Allowed Behind Club Doors—Society Leaders Attempt to Dodge Subpoena Servers.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The wealth and culture of San Francisco, represented by scores of prominent clubmen and women, including Mayor Taylor and police commissioners, were subpoenaed by Ah Sam, a Chinese, arrested for gambling in the Asiatic club. All are endeavoring to escape service, as they do not want to discuss club life in open court. Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, mother of William Randolph Hearst; Mrs. R. E. Revalk, president of the Papyrus club; Mrs. F. M. Wright, president of the Forum club, and other equally prominent in club life have been subpoenaed. \*The Chinaman wants to show by them what privileges are enjoyed by them behind club doors of exclusive organizations.

CLERKS ON BRANCH.

Joseph Train Will Soon Be Equipped With Better Mail Service.

The Joseph-La Grande branch of the O. R. & N. is rapidly becoming "all the same" main line. A mail clerk is soon to be put on each train and when this occurs, letters can be mailed on the train the same as on the main line passenger trains. Mr. Mays from Portland, will be the first clerk to go on. Just when the service will be commenced is not announced, though it will be soon.

## CALLS JAPANESE FILTHY HEATHENS

SHARP REPRIMAND GIVEN  
ROOSEVELT BY THE NEWS.

San Francisco Paper Affirms Separate Schools Be Provided for Children of Asiatics if Exclusion Law Passes—Insult to American Morals to Allow White Children to Attend Same School as do Japanese Heathens, Says Paper.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The Daily News this afternoon prints the following editorial on Roosevelt's action in connection with anti-Japanese legislation at Sacramento under the caption, "Busted His Big Stick." It says:

"If there is anything like dignity about the California legislature, it ought to feel grossly insulted by Roosevelt's latest cracking of the whip, which was sent to Gillett, the dancing pro-Jap kid. It is Japan that is offended we can tell her we have provided special schools for her aliens and that to compel our children to associate with vicious and diseased heathen she sends to California is a stinking offense against human health, morality and wisdom. When Roosevelt undertakes to browbeat the state legislature and succeeds in making ridiculous Jacks-in-the-box of governors, a lot of folks are going to set up the big stick as a bag of wind."

English Criticize Roosevelt. London, Feb. 6.—Commenting on Roosevelt's attitude toward the California legislature on the anti-Japanese measures, the London Globe today criticizes him for the tone of his remonstrance. It says: "Yet the president's remonstrance might have been more dignified. The telegrams have the tone of an angry schoolmaster, hardly worthy of the head of a nation."

Wealth of Athletics.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 6.—Seldom in the history of intercollegiate athletics in this section has there been such a wealth of runners, leapers and weight hurlers of high grade as will be seen in Mechanics Building tonight at the annual indoor games of the Boston Athletic association. Relay racing will be the important feature of the program. There will be 14 of those events and they will bring together the crack runners of Yale, Harvard, Brown, Pennsylvania, Amherst, Bowdoin, Holy Cross and other big eastern colleges.

Chicago Automobile Show.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6.—The "honk, honk" of a myriad of automobiles, including all kinds and sizes and numbers, echoed through the Coliseum and the nearby First Regiment armory today on the occasion of the opening of the annual Chicago automobile show. The show is the most extensive of its kind ever given in the west. There are 250 exhibitors, and every bit of space in the two buildings is covered by the best exhibits of automobile firms or by the stock of supply houses. The decorative features are the most expensive and elaborate ever seen here. The show will continue through the whole of next week.

L. H. RUSSELL RETURNS.

From Spokane, Where He Attended the Lumbermen's Meeting.

L. H. Russell returned this morning from a meeting of the Lumbermen's Association of the Northwest in Spokane. As a recreation this association has a side degree called the Hoop-Hoop and at its session last night they initiated 123 candidates. L. H. Russell says it beats anything in the initiation line he ever witnessed and as he has traveled considerably he has witnessed a number of interesting initiations. At this meeting it was decided to let the press representatives have an opportunity of becoming members which they were not slow to embrace.

## QUARANTINE RAISED MONDAY.

No New Cases of Diphtheria, and Ones Afflicted Are Convalescing.

Union, Feb. 6.—(Special)—The quarantine that has been most exacting, closing the schools and public gatherings for the past week, is to be raised Monday, when the public schools will open. There have been no new cases for several days, and those who were sick are all doing nicely. No more deaths are expected and things will resume their normal conditions with the beginning of the approaching week.

Fever Patient Routed.

New York, Feb. 6.—A bomb explosion drove a score of scarlet fever patients into the street today from an East Side tenement where they were quarantined by health officers. The entire front of the building was wrecked. Mystery surrounds the motive for the outrage.

## NEGROES FROZEN

STORMS IN SOUTH DIS-  
ASTROUS TO DARKIES.

Reports From Storm Belt Brought to St. Louis Say Twenty-Six Are Dead From Exposure.

St. Louis, Feb. 6.—Reports from the storm belt in this and adjoining states say that 26 have perished during the last few days on account of the excessive cold temperature and blizzards. Of the number dead most were poverty-stricken negroes, who were unprepared to meet the gales. They died from exposure.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

Monthly Session Last Night—Bills Audited—Routine Work.

The monthly meeting of the school board was held last night. Salary and current bills were audited and ordered paid.

There was no petition before the board calling for a special school election to build a new high school building.

Supt. H. P. Hockenberry's monthly report shows an average enrollment of 925, with an average attendance of 874. During the month there were 507 students who were neither absent nor tardy, which speaks well for the general health of this community and the general interest of both student and parent in our public school.

During the month there were six parents who visited the school, and three directors. If about 60 of the parents of high school students would visit the high school another month would not pass by without a petition being presented to the board for a new building.

McFarland-Hyland Articles Signed.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Packey McFarland and Dick Hyland have signed to fight at the Mission arena February 22.

## MIGHTY VESSEL READY FOR USE

SISTER TO NORTH DAKOTA  
SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

Great Crowd Assembles to Witness Imposing Sight of Dropping the Delaware Into the Ocean From Drydock—Is One of the Dreadnaught Type to Be Built and Launched by the Government—Nearer Finished Than in Recent Instances.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 6.—In the presence of an immense crowd of enthusiastic spectators, the giant 20,000-ton battleship Delaware, which will take rank among the most formidable fighting machines afloat, was successfully launched today from the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock company.

Shortly before the hour set for the launching, while the wedges were being driven in to lift the weight from the ground to the greased ways, the naming party made its way through the crowd and ascended the launching stand. The sponsor, Miss Anna P. Cahall, of Bridgeville, Del., received an ovation, as did also Governor Simeon S. Pennewill and Secretary of the Navy Newberry. The party were escorted to the platform by C. B. Orcutt, president of the shipbuilding company.

All being ready, the signal was given for the launching. As the great hull swept down the ways to meet the rippling water of the James river, Miss Cahall broke the traditional bottle of wine and named the ship.

The initial plunge of the battleship was greeted with a deafening shout from the great crowd, mingled with the booming of guns and the screeching whistles from the swarms of small craft assembled in the river. The band struck up "America," and simultaneously a flock of carrier pigeons were released.

The Delaware is nearer completed than has been any warship of the United States navy at the time of launching. She is a sister ship of the North Dakota, launched recently at Quincy, Mass. These two battleships will be the first of the Dreadnaught type to be added to the United States navy.

Land Fraud Hearing Set.

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 6.—The date of hearing the alleged land fraud cases was set today for March 1. Governor Haskell, who was indicted in this connection by the grand jury inquiry, was granted a delay. He left for Guthrie.

New York, Feb. 6.—Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury, declared before the Merchants' congress last night that Japan could place 200,000 fighting men in Hawaii within a month. He pleaded for a merchant marine, subsidized by the government.

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