

# BATTLE FLEET ON WAY HOME

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Apr. 1. (AP)—The return of the battle fleet from two months of intensive maneuvers in southern waters was awaited here today.

Hundreds of visitors began arriving in the city last night to view from points of vantage the impressive battle column as it steamed up Catalina channel to the breakwater and into Man O' War row.

Admiral Charles F. Hughes, commander in chief of the battle fleet, radioed from his flagship the dreadnaught California, as the war vessels steamed northward, that no contagious diseases of any kind were aboard the ten battleships or other vessels of the fleet train, setting aside rumors that the fleet would be quarantined on its arrival from Panama.

With shore leave starting at 2 o'clock, between 5,000 and 10,000 blue jackets were expected to be ashore tonight.

Vessels scheduled for arrival include:

Battleships—California, Mississippi, Arizona, Nevada, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Maryland, West Virginia, Colorado and Idaho.

Fleet repair ship Medusa; naval tankers Neches and Kanawha; aircraft tender Aroostook and minesweeper Tern.

Before sailing north June 14 for the annual summer cruise on Puget Sound the fleet will engage in ten weeks of advanced gunnery training and tactical exercises.

# Airplane To Relieve Snowbound Passengers

## Mildand Valley Train Stuck Since Tuesday—35 Passengers Marooned by Drifts

WICHITA, Kans., Apr. 1. (AP)—An airplane was dispatched from here today, bound for Grant, Okla., 38 miles south of here, to bring back three passengers on the Mildand Valley train, which has been snowbound with 35 persons aboard since Tuesday.

PAWBUKA, Okla., Apr. 1. (AP)—Little progress was made today to dig an imprisoned Mildand Valley passenger train from a snowbank near Foraker, where it has been wedged since Tuesday. Battering at the snow-filled cuts with heavy locomotives, rescue crews had gone within half a mile of the vicinity of the stalled passengers, but before they can release the train a wrecker must replace two derailed cars on a freight train which is stuck in front of the passenger train.

### CHECK ARTIST FREED

SACRAMENTO, (AP)—Charles Oman, 45-year-old farmer-poet, convicted on a bad check charge is at liberty on five-years probation, but he cannot write any poetry or bad checks during that time. Superior Judge Charles Busiek granting probation on those conditions.

# STATUE OF LATE EMPEROR JOSEPH IS GIVEN BURIAL

ZABLOTOW, Poland, Apr. 1. (AP)—Ordered by Polish authorities to junk a statue of the late Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary, as a "treasonable relic of Austriac nationalism," the peasants of Zablotow, formerly a part of Austria, buried it with all the pomp and religious ceremony accorded a national hero.

From its pedestal in the public square, the statue was placed in a coffin banked high with flowers. The band played a dirge. Thousands of peasants, many of them weeping and wailing, followed the hearse to the cemetery.

The coffin was lowered into a grave, which will be marked with another monument. A fund is being gathered by popular subscription to insure perpetual memory of the grave.

Polish officials say that probably a majority of peasants did not know that the parish of Zablotow has been ceded to Poland.

### PLAN NEGRO PICTURE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (AP)—The Cecil B. DeMille studios are planning a motion picture with a cast consisting entirely of negroes. The picture will be the story of the life of the negro in America.

# MUKDEN ARMY NEARS PEKING

TIEN TSIN, Apr. 1. (AP)—Travelers arriving by motor from Peking say the road is filled with Mukden troops advancing on Peking, with columns marching on either side.

Fifteen trains are leaving Peking daily for Nankow and Kalgan (headquarters of the Kuomintang or national army) carrying Kuomintang troops and equipment.

Mukden forces are believed to be moving across country toward Nankow in an attempt to cut out the Kuomintang troops remaining in the capital.

Peking dispatches to the London Daily Mail last night said a severe battle was raging for the possession of Peking with the guns plainly audible in the capital. The Kuomintang troops are commanded by marshal Feng Yu-Hsiang. They retreated to Peking recently after being defeated in the vicinity of Tien Tsin.

### HOLLYWOOD WEDDING

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (AP)—Stuart Paton, film director and Miss Ethel Patrick, English actress, were married.

### SNOW GONE IN NOME

NOME, Alaska, (AP)—The snow is practically all gone following a heavy three-day rain.

# Reach No Decision on Explaining Reservations

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1. (AP)—There is grave doubt here whether any good purpose would result from sending American representatives to the Geneva conference on American reservations to the world court but officials have apparently reached no final decision.

Regardless of whether an American delegation is sent, the American reply to the conference invitation is expected to set forth that the reservations are regarded here as speaking for themselves, and

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### Four Killed; 12 Hurt In Communist Battle

WARSAW, Poland, Apr. 1. (AP)—Four persons are reported to have been killed and 12 injured during a communist demonstration in the town of Strzym in the Carpathians.

TRAILS PREVENT RESCUE—Mrs. Max McMurray, of Cleveland, a ranch owner, lies in Tucson, Ariz.— Hurt by falling on a pile of rock from her horse while hunting mountain trails impossible to move her.



Yesterday was a very, very busy day. We could hardly get time to think straight. One man wanted 10 carloads of lumber, another wanted one, but 10 carloads at one time is almost too much to ship out of the yards, so we are just letting the one car go forward and are still working on the 10 cars to see if we can get it together. The gentlemen say that they live where they are holding the price of lumber up so high that it is almost impossible to build. Our local trade has been very gratifying. We expect to hear from the cedar posts right away. The lumber business in general is picking up very rapidly. If you want to save money on paint you had better hurry, because the indications are that paint, white lead and oil will take a raise. However, we will promise not to raise it ourselves unless the wholesale company takes the lead. We have a few 1-panel and 5-panel doors at \$2.95 each. We have 80 more coming, but they won't last long. We would like to have a big reunion some time for the children of the Grande Ronde valley and buy about 2 barrels of ice cream and have a good time in general. Turpentine and sandpaper.

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