

ADMIRAL CLARK THINKS TRIP SAFE

No Serious Danger for Fleet on the Voyage to the Pacific Coast.

WORST PLACE IS STRAITS

Poor Anchorage Makes Advisable Division of Fleet—Oregon Came Around Prepared to Fight Whole Spanish Fleet.

(Special Dispatch to the Boston Herald.) MONTEPELIER, Vt., Sept. 16.—Rear Admiral Charles E. Clark, U. S. N., retired, of battleship Oregon fame, from whom there is no better posted man in all the world upon the subject, has no apprehensions whatever of the safety of the fleet of war vessels which the Government proposes to send to the Pacific Coast.

Rear Admiral Clark, who has but recently returned from Switzerland, has been spending some time in Vermont. While he was averse to speaking freely of the plans of the Navy department, because he knows nothing of such from an authoritative source, yet from what he has heard he considers there is but little

is not serious except in bad weather, and then not necessarily so.

"Will the coal supply be a troublesome question?"

"That is simply a matter of executive detail, to be worked out by the Department officials."

Dangers of the Straits.

"Then you think there is no danger to the fleet in undertaking the trip?" "That is hardly true. I should not feel like pointing out any of the difficulties if I did not believe that those in charge had considered these matters and would regulate the management of the fleet accordingly. For instance, for much of the distance through the straits of Magellan, especially for the last 200 miles, the shore is rocky and precipitous, the water is deep and the bottom affords little good holding ground. I should consider it unwise to send the vessels through in squadron formation, for in case of rough weather there might not be good anchorage for more than one vessel while to proceed through the tortuous channel would be to take great risks.

"I remember when we came through with the Oregon, we were forced to anchor one night in rough weather and I know that, on that shelving piece of rock over which we were riding, I should have been displaced and alarmed if another vessel had sought anchorage near me. Fit places for anchorage are scarce and a vessel swinging at her cable requires a great deal of room, while on a shelving, rocky bottom there is danger of dragging more or less.

"There are 200 miles between Sandy Point and Port Famine where vessels might encounter serious danger if they were proceeding in squadron formation. Cruise Will Benefit Fleet.

"I should presume that all this would be foreseen and that the Admiral in command of the expedition would send his vessels through in two or three and have them rendezvous at some point beyond the straits.

"There, it seems to me, is the only point where the fleet, if it is to be sent, would encounter more than the ordinary perils of an ocean voyage.

"Such a cruise might be a benefit in testing the capacity of our vessels for trips a little more difficult than the

SHOW STUDENTS' WORK AT SALEM

Exhibit of Agricultural College Chief Feature at the State Fair.

FINE DISPLAY OF STOCK

New Herds Shown for First Time in Oregon—Awards in All Departments Will Be Made by Wednesday.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Oregon Agricultural College very appropriately occupies the most conspicuous place in the great pavilion of exhibits at the Oregon State Fair, which opened here this morning under the management of the State Board of Agriculture. In the corner at the right of the main entrance the college has arranged a most excellent exhibit of the work of the students, showing the character of training given at the institution, in the shops, classrooms, gardens, fields and orchards. At the very outset, the visitor to the fair is impressed with the fact that the Agricultural College is the greatest active agency in the state devoting its ener-

The sentiment of the Board was embodied in a letter addressed to the individual members of the City Council, urging them to vote for the purchase of this apparatus immediately.

PRETTY GIRLS PETTY THIEVES

Confess to Purloining Jewels and Cut Glass in Apartment House.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Misses May Case and Ebney Mann, pretty 18-year-old chambermaids of the Bouchie Hotel, the swell apartment house, were arrested this afternoon, charged with robbing the hotel and guests of jewelry, cut glass and other stuff to the value of over \$200. The stolen goods were found in their trunks, and the girls, it is said, have confessed. The girls at first denied their guilt, but when the officials went to their rooms to examine their baggage, they weakened and admitted, it is said, that they stole the articles. Both girls are well dressed and well appearing. They broke down completely when led into a cell at the City Jail. They claim Tacoma as their home, but the officers do not believe they have given their right names.

IN ROW WITH WIFE'S MOTHER

Tacoma Man Will Be Arrested for Trying to Hurl Her From Porch.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Pursuing his young wife to her home in this city after making her life miserable with cruel treatment when she couple lived in Michigan, F. W. Wyland will be arrested on a warrant by the Sheriff, charged with attacking the girl's mother at the family residence, Mrs. E. A. Morgan, mother of Mrs. Wyland, swore out the complaint before Justice Linck this morning. Wyland came to Tacoma a few days ago and yesterday went to the Morgan home and demanded to see his wife. Mrs. Morgan refused to let him enter the house and she says he attacked her savagely and tried to throw her over the banister of the porch. Her screams

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Lumber Company for land frauds. The grand jury will meet on Wednesday.

Puyallup Youth in Trouble.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—David Waters, 13-year-old son of C. S. Waters, a wealthy resident of Puyallup, was arrested Saturday night

upon a warrant sworn to by Mrs. Ella Reilly, of Puyallup, charging him with an offense against her 16-year-old daughter, Bessie Reilly. Young Waters denies he is guilty and was released today on \$2000 bonds.

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S.S.S. CURES SKIN DISEASES

There is an evaporation from the body going on continually, day and night, through the pores and glands of the skin. This is nature's way of maintaining the proper temperature of our bodies and of preserving the softness and flexibility of the skin, and so long as the blood is free from impurities no trouble will result. When however, the blood, from any cause, becomes infected with humors and impurities these, too, must be expelled, and coming in contact with the delicate tissues and fibres with which the skin is so abundantly supplied they produce irritation and inflammation, and the effect is shown by Eczema, Acne, Tetter, pimples, rashes and skin troubles of various kinds. To effect a cure the blood must be cleansed and purified. This cannot be done with external applications, but requires constitutional treatment. S. S. S. is the best treatment for all skin diseases. It goes down into the circulation, neutralizes and removes the humors and acids and thoroughly cures skin affections of every kind. S. S. S. supplies the blood with the proper nutritive qualities so that the skin instead of being irritated and diseased by unhealthy humors, is fed and sustained by cooling, healthy blood. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice desired sent free to all who write. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.



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danger connected with the movement, provided ordinary care is used in making certain portions of the big journey.

He believes there is a serious menace to the fleet, should it be sent through the Straits of Magellan in fleet formation. For 100 miles the shore is rocky and precipitous, and the bottom affords practically no holding ground for anchors. In case of rough weather, there would be no way to hold the ship, and to proceed through the tortuous channel would be very risky.

Can Do What Any Can.

When asked if he considered the voyage dangerous, the Admiral said:

"Why, yes; but our vessels, our officers and our men are of the best, and whatever can be successfully accomplished by other ships and other crews is easily within the capabilities of our ships and crews."

The modesty of the Admiral prevented him from telling how he would lead his men of the Oregon had demonstrated the feasibility of the plan. His record-breaking whirlwind trip from the Pacific to the Atlantic by a route exactly reverse from that contemplated for the mammoth fleet is a closed book so far as he is concerned now, but in private conversation he has told some of his friends many interesting stories of that voyage.

To one of these he said that after leaving Rio on the trip up the South American coast it was constantly expected that he would meet Cervara's fleet. The Admiral, then Captain, called his officers together and said to them that while the Oregon could not expect to beat the whole Spanish fleet in a body, they ought to be able to defeat the vessels individually.

Planned for Battle.

He therefore proposed that, in the event of meeting the Spaniards, they steam directly out to sea, knowing that the speed of the Oregon, with the handpicked crew they had saved for just such an emergency, would enable them to outrun the enemy. When the Spaniards were straggling and separated in the pursuit, he proposed to turn back and sink them one by one.

The prospect of a fight did more than anything else to keep up the spirits of the men on the tiresome trip up the Coast, for the news of the proposition of the captain had reached throughout the vessel.

It is recalled that when he at last brought the great vessel into Puget inlet and reported himself to the Navy Department the inquiry was made if he was in need of repairs. The Vermont replied that he was fit to fight and was sent at once to Santiago.

As a matter of fact, there was hardly a bolt in the Oregon that was not loosened from the tremendous strain she had undergone in the long trip at high speed. "But," said the Captain, "can any one suppose that I was going to keep those men out of a chance of a fight after they had been aching for it half-way round the world?"

Will Have Summer Weather.

Again referring to the trip of the big fleet, Admiral Clark said:

"If, as I understand, the trip is to be undertaken late this fall, it will be the best time of the year. The summer at the southern end of the continent is at the time of our winter. By making the passage through the straits of Magellan in summer, the fleet would avoid the dangerous weather that sometimes makes the passage difficult and would also avoid the darkness that often makes voyaging there perilous."

"But you didn't have summer weather to bring the Oregon through?" "The Oregon was coming under special orders for a special purpose and every officer and man aboard felt that it was his duty to use his best endeavor in carefulness and exertion to bring the vessel to the Atlantic Coast, where it was feared her presence might be necessary."

"But even in summer there must be difficulties in making the passage of the straits."

"There is always danger there, but it

passage of the Atlantic and would afford the men a knowledge of this bad bit of navigation."

"Does it seem to you that the sending of such a fleet would be regarded as a hostile act on our part?"

"I can't answer that question. Even if I were well informed on the situation, which I am not because of my absence abroad, it might not be proper for me to make any statement. But as I have not been in the East for a long time and have not been in Washington enough of late to gain information there, it is a question on which I cannot properly express myself."

LAURELS ALL PULLED OFF

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It was not until Fock threatened him that he gave way. The Japanese then occupied these dominating points and Port Arthur was lost.

At 4 o'clock the same day Stoessel sent Sublieutenant Malchenko to the Japanese camp under a flag of truce and a proposal to surrender Port Arthur next day. Smirnov entered the first protest in the following brief telegram to Kuropatkin: "General Stoessel has entered into negotiations for the surrender of the fortress against the decision of myself and of the majority of the commanders."

The above telegram of Smirnov's touches the head and front of Stoessel's offending. The ex-Governor of Port Arthur may clear himself of the other charges, but he cannot clear himself of this, and it is a foregone conclusion that he will get some 10 or 15 years in a fortress for it.

Stoessel Merely Routine General.

It is doubtful if history will confirm all the stories of Stoessel's cowardice and weakness which Russian correspondents, who evidently have some personal grudges, are now pouring forth by the yard in the columns of the Russian press; but it is very likely that history will find Stoessel to be simply an elderly routine general with little military capacity, no enthusiasm, no resolution, and not a trace of that quality which Caesar and Napoleon possessed, of making other men gladly die for them. He was a strict disciplinarian in the Prussian drill sergeant sense of the term, but he had little imagination, a limited outlook and a narrow selfishness. He clung to his command even after he had been told to wave it, because he wanted to have all the glory of holding Port Arthur until Kuropatkin relieved it.

EVIDENCE DOES NOT AGREE

Two Versions of Bentley's Killing of Conniff at Batavia.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Conflicting evidence was offered at the inquest today into the death of Edward T. Conniff, the hotelman who was shot and killed in his hotel in Batavia, a town near this city, Saturday by Earl Bentley, who formerly played third base on the Portland, Or., ball team, and was recently secured by Joe Falskowsky, Bentley's companion, testified that Conniff knocked Bentley down twice and that Bentley fired in self-defense.

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Livestock Chief Attraction.

In this year's exposition the management of the State Fair and the multitude of producers who have loyally tendered their assistance have surpassed all previous efforts and results. The exhibit of fruit is many times larger than ever before and the quality shows the effects of persistent agitation and education for the improvement of fruitgrowers. The livestock department continues to be the chief attraction of the fair and well merits the attention it receives. A number of new herds are here this season and several breeds the represented that have never been seen at the fair before.

By requiring that entries be made a week in advance of the opening, the management of the fair has succeeded in securing early shipments of stock and a prompt completion of the livestock exhibits. Tomorrow the work of judging the stock will begin and the ribbons will all be awarded by Wednesday evening. Hereafter it will be the plan to have all awards made the first day, so that all visitors may know which animals have been declared superior. Awards in all departments will be made this year by Wednesday.

Splendid Free Entertainment.

In addition to preparing an extraordinary exhibit of agricultural and manufacturing products, the fair board has provided the visitors an unusually good entertainment for each afternoon and evening. A team of trick bicycle riders give an exhibition twice each day, and in the auditorium each evening there is given a musical entertainment, in which the Heritage chorus, the McElroy band and the Southern Quartet participate.

At the formal opening this afternoon addresses were given by President W. H. Downing, of the State Board of Agriculture, Governor Chamberlain, Mayor Rodgers, of Salem, and Professor W. L. Carlyle, of Colorado State Agricultural College.

URGE CITIZENS TO ATTEND

Commercial Club Governors Work for Portland Day Excursion.

The Board of Governors of the Portland Commercial Club, at a meeting held yesterday at noon, unanimously passed a resolution asking that every member of the club and every citizen of Portland, N. Y., William Squires testified that Bentley had a belt, on which hung a revolver. Conniff told him to get out. When they reached the outside Bentley drew his revolver and fired. Joe Falskowsky, Bentley's companion, testified that Conniff knocked Bentley down twice and that Bentley fired in self-defense.

The Board of Governors also expressed themselves at heartily in favor of the purchase by the city of a water tower for the Fire Department for the protection of high buildings.

and that of her daughter frightened Wyland and he made his escape before assistance arrived.

IMPRESSED BY INTERIOR

P. C. Elbert Travels 2500 Miles Through State.

P. C. Elbert, of Portland, has just returned from an extended trip through Central Oregon for the Oregonian, during which he traveled about 2500 miles. He visited every town from Canyon City to Prineville, and from The Dalles to Lakeview.

The most interesting incident of his trip was a meeting with E. H. Harriman, at Klamath Falls. He asked the Union Pacific magnate if he intended building the Oregon Eastern, the line surveyed from Natron to Vale. Mr. Harriman said he believed the country to be traversed by such a road is now too thinly settled, but that he will build the road some time, whether it pays or not. This is practically what Mr. Harriman said when he completed his trip through the interior of the state.

Mr. Elbert was very favorably impressed with the central part of Oregon, much of which he characterizes as among the best land in the state. Large stretches of this country await only some means of transportation to become thickly settled and prosperous farming communities. When the present isolation is ended, Mr. Elbert expects the great interior of this state to be known as among the best sections of Oregon.

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The Gilman Auction and Commission Company, located at 411 Washington street, has begun suit in the United States

Ayer's Pills advertisement. Includes text: 'Ayer's Pills', 'Ask your doctor what he thinks of this formula for a liver pill. Do as he says about using these pills. He knows.', 'Complete Formula', 'Ayer's Pills', 'Each Pill Represents', a list of ingredients (Jalap, Ginger, Aloes, Colocynth Pulp, Grain, Podophyllin, Gamboge, Oil Peppermint, Oil Sassafras), and 'We have no secrets! We publish the formulas of all our medicines.' Manufacturer: J. C. AYER CO., Manufacturing Chemists, Lowell, Mass.

The Cook Knows advertisement. Includes text: 'The Cook Knows or should know that his reputation is safe when he prepares a cup of Ghirardelli's Cocoa. He may be sure that its delicious fragrance will please the most exacting guest. With his own breakfast, also', 'Ghirardelli's Cocoa', 'he drinks a cup of', 'Burke in Charge of Rulek Case.', 'BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 16.—Timothy F. Burke, United States District Attorney for Wyoming, has, at the request of Special Assistant Attorney-General Burch, been ordered by the Department of Justice to take charge of the grand jury investigations of the charges made against District Attorney N. M. Bulck. In affidavits of three members of the grand jury which returned indictments against Senator Borah, ex-Attorney-General Martin and officers of the Barber

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