

GREAT FLEET IS READY TO SAIL

Groomed to Hour, Admiral Evans' Battleships Present Inspiring Appearance.

SAY BON VOYAGE MONDAY

Vessels Furnished With Charts of Pacific, Which Leads to Rumor That Movement May Extend to Trip Round Globe.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Dec. 12.—Final word of "ready" was flashed from every vessel in the battleship fleet today. This signal meant that the 16 most powerful armored ships of the American navy were ready not only to start next Monday morning on their projected cruise to the Western seas but are just as ready to go anywhere in the twin hemispheres of the world and do any work.

It meant that hulls are clean; that giant compound engines are restful to be at their tasks; that officers and men are trained to the hour; that bunkers are overflowing with the best steam coal the mines of the country can produce; that ladders are choked with ship's provisions and that magazine doors are closed upon the greatest stores of ammunition ever placed on board American vessels of war.

The care with which the ships have been groomed for their forthcoming voyage and the completeness with which they have been stored with all the necessities of a battleship's usefulness in peace or war leaves no doubt of the mobility and self-reliance of the great armed force. Even the officers themselves are just a little bit surprised at the amount of work that has been accomplished and the quiet confidence that has marked every step of preparation.

Ready for Any Duty.
If the ships were destined for immediate conflict little more could be done to make them ready for the fray. The distinctive white and buff paint which has brought so much admiration to the American ships when pitted on parade against the grimy-hulled navies of other nations, would, of course, have to give way in favor of the safer tone

of leaden gray, but that is a matter of only a few hours' work.

There is an entire absence of enthusiasm but a manifest atmosphere of serious devotion to duty surrounding the departure of the fleet. The orders and the published itinerary offer little prospect of entertainment or amusement on the route. Sea duty drills and target practice are the outstanding features of the trip through Magellan straits to the sand dunes and Indian huts of Magdalena bay.

Charts of World Furnished.

One of the points of complete readiness marking the present status of the fleet is to be found in the chartrooms of the navigating officers. When the fleet was first ordered to prepare for the Pacific Coast voyage the navigators of each ship were supplied with specially prepared charts leading down the South Atlantic Coast, leading through the treacherous waters of Magellan straits and along the Pacific Coast to San Francisco. Several weeks ago these charts were supplemented by others showing the way to Manila. Then more recently have come lately revised charts capable of guiding the fleet all the way to Gibraltar. The furnishing of these charts has given rise to gossip that the fleet is destined eventually to circle the globe and that there may be something more beyond Magdalena bay than San Francisco.

Sail Away Next Monday.

Plans for the review of the fleet and its subsequent departure on Monday morning have been completed. The Mayflower will arrive soon after 3 A. M. and after being saluted with 21 guns, will anchor near the center of the fleet. Flag and commanding officers will repair on board and be received by the President. The fleet will sail at about 10 o'clock A. M., being preceded by the Horsehoe in Chesapeake bay by the Mayflower, which will anchor. The fleet then will pass in review at ten knots an hour and in single column. Saluting again as they pass the ships will proceed to sea. A searchlight drill tonight by all the vessels was a brilliant spectacle.

THIEVES ROB SANTA CLAUS

Mail Wagon Containing Valuable Presents Broken Open.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 12.—Two well filled mail pouches containing Christmas presents and letter mail for Nebraska and Colorado points, mysteriously disappeared Wednesday night from a mail wagon on which they were loaded at the postoffice, to be carried to the Union Station. The doors to the wagon were locked in the presence of three postoffice employees before the wagon left the postoffice. When it arrived at the station, the doors were gone and two pouches were missing. The sacks are presumed to have contained considerable valuable mail.

Frye President Pro Tem.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Shortly after the adjournment of the Senate today.

Senator William F. Frye, of Maine, was inducted into office as president pro tem.

HEADS MASONIC CHAPTER

Horatio H. Parker Elected by Order on the East Side.

Horatio H. Parker was elected exalted high priest of Washington Chapter, No. 18, Royal Arch Masons, at the annual meeting Wednesday night in Burkhardt Hall. Mr. Parker has long been connected with Masonry and has been a member of Washington Chapter for three years. Other officers elected were:

D. A. Grout, king; E. G. Jones, scribe; S. Bullock, treasurer; Clyde Evans, secretary.



Horatio H. Parker.

retary; D. L. Clouse, C. H.; Roy Quackenbush, P. S.; E. N. Wheeler, R. A. C.; A. Buttiker, M. third veil; Joseph McClelland, M. second veil; Joseph Beveridge, M. first veil; Thomas Brickell sentinel, J. H. Richmond, past high priest, was the installing officer, and H. B. Adams, past high priest, marshal.

With the beginning of the new year the chapter expects to be located in the new building on East Burnside and Eighth streets.

Says Races Will Not Mix.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 12.—F. D. Monk, M. P., moved in the house today for all correspondence in regard to the Japanese treaty. In doing so he said that Japanese would not assimilate with Canadians and that the government acted imprudently in adhering to the treaty. Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested that the papers should

not be brought while Mr. Lemieux was at Tokio negotiating with the Mikado's government.

ASKS FOR INDICTMENTS

Grand Jury Empaneled in Walker Murder Case.

DENVER, Dec. 12.—The Federal grand jury was empaneled today in the case of Joseph A. Walker, secret service agent for the Government, who was shot and killed November 3 in the Heasper mine near Durango, Colo., by Joseph Vanderweide.

The Government will ask for indictments against Vanderweide; William Mason, who was with Vanderweide when he shot Walker, and others not yet arrested on the charge of conspiracy to kill the Government agent when he was gathering evidence in land-fraud cases in Southwest Colorado.

Must vacate store December 31—selling trunks, bags and suit cases at a sacrifice. 231 Morrison st., near 2nd.

\$2.50 hand-painted cups and saucers, \$1.45, at Metzger's, 342 Washington st.

Catarriets

Relieve Nasal Catarrh, allay inflammation, soothe and heal the mucous membrane, sweeten and purify the breath. Best gargle for Sore Throat. 50c. or \$1. Druggists or mail.

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Give instant relief in Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Nausea, all discomforts of indigestion and dyspepsia. Pleasant and economical. Medium size, 25c.; Large, \$1; Pocket, handsome aluminum bonbonniere, 10c. Druggists or mail. C. I. HOOD CO., Lowell, Mass.

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Woolen Underwear in Gray and Fawn, Regular \$1.50 Values, at \$1.15

Elgin Shirts, Starched Bosom, Fancy Patterns, \$1.25 Values, at 85 Cents

Boys' Department

One-Third Off on Boys' and Youths' Suits, Raincoats and Overcoats

\$ 2.50 Values Reduced to	\$ 1.65
\$ 3.50 Values Reduced to	\$ 2.35
\$ 4.50 Values Reduced to	\$ 3.00
\$ 5.50 Values Reduced to	\$ 3.70
\$ 8.50 Values Reduced to	\$ 5.35
\$15.00 Values Reduced to	\$10.00
\$18.00 Values Reduced to	\$12.00

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FOR TODAY'S SPECIAL

We offer our complete line of Children's and Misses' Fur Sets at greatly reduced prices. The following mentioned sets are a few which we place on sale. Mothers' buy a set for the little girl's Christmas present.

SPECIAL 1

Child's white lamb and Angora Set, consisting of collar and latest style purse muff; sells regularly for \$3.00; for today \$1.75

SPECIAL 2

Child's brook mink and imitation Ermine Set, consisting of collar and latest style purse muff with cord; sells regularly for \$4.50; for today \$2.95

SPECIAL 3

Child's brown Coney Set of latest style collar and purse muff with cord; sells regularly for \$2.25; for today \$1.45

EXTRA SPECIAL FOR YOUNG LADIES

Beautiful Siberian White Fox Boa, trimmed with natural head and tails; 60 inches long; sells regularly for \$12.50; today at \$8.75

LADIES' SUITS IN EXTRA LARGE SIZES

SPECIALLY PRICED TO \$16.75—WORTH \$37.50

We have left in stock a few Suits in extra large sizes, of very fine quality broadcloth and serge, in black and dark mixtures. The jackets are in both long and short effects, and are beautifully lined and finished. In sizes 40, 42 and 44. These Suits are all man-tailored, which means that perfection of style and finish obtainable by no other workmanship. The woman who wears one of them is sure to be perfectly dressed. Good value for \$37.50. Special clearing-out price \$16.75

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OUR RIBBON SECTION

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LADIES' GLOVES

A Christmas Suggestion

Nothing is more appreciated than a shapely, well-fitting glove. We carry a full line of the best standard makes of kid and fabric gloves, in all popular shades and fashionable lengths, and our department is in charge of experienced fitters. We have glove certificates for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

LADIES' BELT BUCKLES

FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS, WORTH \$2.00, ONLY 95c

A complete line of Belt Buckles, in fancy gold, silver and oxidized metal; very latest ideas and so popular as to be almost indispensable. Worth \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00; for the holiday season only 98c

Have You Thought of An Umbrella

AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT? It is always acceptable, and no one doubts its utility. As a special holiday bargain, we are offering umbrellas worth from \$4.50 to \$6.00 for the extremely low price \$1.98

TWO SPECIALS FOR THE BABIES

MITTENS, 35c VALUE FOR 20c
Mittens for the baby are an absolute necessity. To have them pretty, as well as warm and comfortable, is very desirable. We have them in soft, warm wools, in red, white, blue, brown, pink and gray; regular 35c value, special holiday price only 20c

BABIES' LEGGINGS

FOR 49c
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