

JAPAN WILL HAVE VISIT FROM FLEET

Mikado's Invitation Quickly Accepted by President Roosevelt.

MAY CALL AT CHINESE PORT

Cordial Reception Promised at Yokohama—All Other Invitations to Be Declined for Lack of Time.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The American battleship fleet is to visit Japan. The desire of the Emperor of the Island Kingdom to play host to the fleet was laid before Secretary Root yesterday by Baron Takahira, the Japanese Ambassador. The invitation, which was couched in most cordial terms, was made the subject of extended consideration by President Roosevelt and his entire cabinet today.

Secretary Root was directed to accept the invitation and the acceptance was laid before the Japanese Ambassador late today. It is regarded in official circles here as more than likely that China will be next to bid for a look at the fleet and that, should this be the case, the invitation will be accepted.

Decline All Other Invitations. Secretary Root and Admiral Pillsbury, Chief of Navigation, are arranging the details of the new itinerary. With the exception of China, it is determined that all other invitations should be declined, for at the best, the fleet will not now be able to reach the Atlantic seaboard before the first of next March.

The itinerary, which seems to be the most direct, includes stops at the Hawaiian Islands, Samoa, Melbourne, Sydney, Manila, Yokohama and Japan. Although target practice is regarded as decidedly important, and the custom is to have the ship occupy a month each spring and fall in gun practice, the desire to have the fleet return to its home station may lead to a curtailment of the month planned for Manila.

Spend a Week in Japan. Japan will have the ships a week, according to the tentative plans. While the stops in foreign ports so far made have been on an average of ten days duration, a part of that time was occupied in taking on coal. With a visit to Manila, no coaling operations will be necessary in Yokohama. This would enable the entire stay there to be given up to festivities and show features of the visit.

The acceptance of the Japanese invitation is regarded in naval circles as of considerable importance in the way of showing the cordiality existing between Japan and the United States. The entire trip is nearly equal in distance to a voyage from New York to Europe.

Japan's Cordial Invitation. Late tonight the State Department gave out the Japanese note inviting the battleship fleet to visit Japan, and the President's response accepting the invitation. Ambassador Takahira wrote on March 19 to Mr. Root:

Under instructions from His Majesty's Minister for Foreign Affairs, I have the honor to communicate to you that the Imperial Government has accepted the invitation of the United States to send a battleship fleet from San Francisco to the Philippine Islands, and to give an enthusiastic expression to the sentiment of friendly amity which has been expressed by the people of the United States.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Imperial Government is firmly convinced of the reawakening effect which the visit of the fleet to the Japanese coast will produce upon the traditional relations of good understanding and mutual sympathy which have long existed between the two nations, and to express to you the hope of the Imperial Government that the fleet may be instructed to call at the principal ports of Japan in its extended cruise in the Pacific.

Roosevelt Happy to Accept. Though Mr. Root is in the city, the reply was prepared and sent by Assistant Secretary Bacon today and is as follows: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your valued note of the 18th inst. by which you are so good as to convey on behalf of the Imperial Government an invitation for the American battleship fleet to visit the Pacific Coast, to visit the principal ports of Japan.

I have the honor and pleasure to say in reply that the President, to whom I have communicated your note, has accepted the invitation on behalf of the United States Government. The United States is most happy to accept the invitation. It gives this Government peculiar pleasure to accept, because of the long existing and unbroken friendship between the two countries and the strong ties which unite American people to the people of Japan.

Takahira Also Rejoices. Ambassador Takahira, upon being officially notified tonight of this Government's acceptance of Japan's invitation, said: Had I known earlier that the battleship fleet was going to visit the Orient, the invitation from our government would have been extended earlier. It is a matter of great satisfaction to our people to have the fleet visit Japan. The Emperor and the people of Japan will extend a hospitable welcome to the officers and men of the fleet. I personally am glad the invitation has been accepted, as it will give the Japanese people an opportunity to show their cordial good-will toward America.

JAPAN INTENSELY SATISFIED. Visit Will Demonstrate Sincerity of Friendship Says Hayashi. TOKYO, March 21.—The Japanese Government's acceptance of Japan's official invitation to the battleship fleet to visit Japanese ports was received with every evidence of gratification when communicated to the Foreign Office and the Naval Department by the Associated Press this morning. Today being a National holiday, all departments were closed. Foreign Minister Hayashi, who received the Associated Press correspondent at his official residence, said:

It affords me and the whole people of Japan intense satisfaction to know that our invitation has been accepted so promptly. I placed the matter before the Cabinet March 18, and the Ministers unanimously adopted it. Instructions were sent to Ambassador Takahira March 19 to extend the invitation. I believe the visit of the fleet will afford opportunity to demonstrate the sincerity of Japan's friendship for America and her appreciation of the courtesy of the attitude of the administration and Congress. A full reception programme will be prepared.

The news of the acceptance of the invitation by telephone was communicated to Baron Saito, Minister of Marine, at his country residence. He was equally pleased at the intelligence. Other officials and naval officers seen by the Associated Press correspondent expressed pleasure and anticipated a splendid reception for the fleet.

The action of the government in issuing the invitation was kept a close secret. Pending acceptance, nothing was known by the local newspapers and therefore there is no press comment. Many of the newspapers do not publish tomorrow morning, owing to the national holiday.

Ambassador O'Brien and members of the American Embassy staff are gratified at the action of the Government. Foreign Minister Hayashi will communicate with Ambassador O'Brien when he is officially notified of the acceptance of the invitation.

PRAYERS FOR GUILD

Massachusetts Executive Is Near to Death.

STREET CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

Attempt to Secure Quiet for Sick Governor—Suffering From Inflammatory Rheumatism and Endocarditis—Doctors Silent.

THE FLEET AT MAGDALENA BAY

LONDON, March 20.—The news that the United States has accepted the invitation of the Japanese government for the Atlantic battleships to visit Japan excites the highest interest here as putting an end to the friction and war talk and as one of the most significant naval demonstrations of modern times. It is anticipated that Japan will assemble her fleet in its full strength at Yokohama to greet the visitors. In such event, if only the American Atlantic fleet makes the journey, there will be a fine spectacle.

The Daily News, in an editorial, regards the cruise of the American battleships around the world as a visible expression of the entrance of the United States in the field of world politics and a happy omen for the future. The newspapers also comment from the naval viewpoint upon the remarkable cruise of the American ships.

Going to Bremerton. MARE ISLAND, Cal., March 20.—The cruisers St. Louis, Commander Nathaniel L. Usher, and Milwaukee, Commander Charles G. Gove, are lying off Mare Island light, having come to the navy-yard for coaling and water preparatory to sailing for the Bremerton yard. Orders have been received for both vessels to be placed in ordinary at the Northern yard. The majority of the officers and crew will be transferred to the Wisconsin, which is to be placed in commission. The St. Louis and Milwaukee will have a few officers and skeleton crew left aboard. The tug Navajo, recently purchased at San Francisco by the Government, sailed yesterday afternoon for Magdalena Bay, where it will be used as a range ship in firing the targets during the practice of the battleships.

Cruiser Chicago as Rescuer. PERAMBUCO, March 20.—The United States cruiser Chicago, which is on the way from the Pacific to the Atlantic, entered the outer harbor today, having in tow the disabled Austrian steamer Robina, bound from Hull for Buenos Ayres. After dropping her tow, the Chicago saluted the port and again put to sea.

South Dakota to Leave. SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 20.—The cruiser South Dakota, Captain Charles B. Fox, is today taking on coal preparatory to leaving for the North. She will go to Santa Barbara. The cruiser Buffalo will leave tomorrow for Magdalena Bay with mail and supplies.

The next mail steamer from the fleet will be the Yankton.

Portland People in Chicago. CHICAGO, March 20.—(Special.)—The following Portland people are at Chicago hotels: H. L. Corbett, at the Auditorium Annex; C. A. McKenna, Mrs. T. A. Carlisle, A. H. McNeel and wife, Mrs. A. B. Cousin, Mrs. J. B. Atkinson.

SHOOTING HERSELF AT SCHOOL

LOS ANGELES SCHOOLGIRL AIMS PISTOL AT TEACHER. Then Rushes Out and Puts Bullet in Breast—Result of Breakdown From Overwork.

RUNNING DOWN FRAUDS

Discoverer of Land Thieves Now After Bank-Wreckers.

REDUCE THE OPIUM DENS

Shanghai to Cut Down Number of Dives by One-Fourth.

CHILD ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Thirteen-Year-Old Girl Shoots Herself in Breast.

SHOOT WIFE, SISTER, SELF

Domestic Quarrel Ends in Triple Tragedy in Arizona.

WED KATHERINE ELKINS

outdoor sports and thoroughly enjoys life. She is exceedingly popular and has been regarded as the most sought after of all the hostesses in Washington, as much on account of her charm of character and beauty of person as her wealth.

PROHIBITIONIST IN TROUBLE

WARRANT FOR CASTLE, LATE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

ACCUSED OF CONSPIRACY TO DEFAUD BY FALSE STATEMENTS OF STANDARD TITLE & TRUST CO.

PHILADELPHIA, March 20.—Warrants charging conspiracy to defraud stockholders of the defunct Standard Title & Trust Company, of this city, with printing and issuing false statements of assets and making false representations and falsifying accounts have been issued for the arrest of Homer Castle, of Pittsburg, general counsel of the company, and for several other officials of the company, including President S. K. Ford and Vice-President Henry Cohen. The warrants were issued on an affidavit sworn

LAND-FRAUD DEFENSE SCORES.

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—The defense in the Oregon land-fraud case today scored a point by securing the introduction of a number of important documents in evidence. F. A. Burlingame, formerly bookkeeper for the Pacific Furniture & Lumber Company, testified in regard to various transactions between the company and city banks. He stated that the Broad Bank & Trust Company was only one of several institutions that had business dealings with the furniture concern.

EXTRA POLICE FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Chief Biggy's request for 100 more patrolmen, beginning April 1, and for \$3,000 to pay for them to the beginning of the next fiscal year, was approved today by the Supervisors' police committee, which also recommended \$500 to pay for the services of five detectives from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis and Denver to aid the local force in apprehending Eastern crooks during the stay of the fleet here.

DIAMOND THIEVES AT WORK.

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—The Police Department announced today that a pair of diamond earrings, valued at \$200, had been stolen from a tray exhibited yesterday by a clerk in the Clark Jewelry Company's store to a party of two men and a woman, who are suspected of being expert diamond thieves. The suspects were all well-dressed and detectives are endeavoring to locate them.

L. R. MEYERS.

DENVER, March 20.—L. R. Meyers, president of the Carbon State Bank at Hanna, Wyo., and for four years a State Senator of Wyoming, died here today after an operation.

NO USE TO DIE.

It has been found out that there is no use to die of cholera as long as you can get Dr. King's New Discovery, says Mrs. J. P. White, of Rushboro, Pa. "I would not be alive today only for that wonderful medicine. It loosens up a cough quicker than anything else, and cures lung disease even after the case is pronounced hopeless. This most reliable remedy for coughs and colds, in a grippe, catarrh, influenza and hoarseness, is sold under guarantee at Woodard, Clark & Co. drug store, \$2.00 and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

SUSQUEHANA CLOSES PLANTS.

HARRISBURG, March 20.—The Susquehanna River rose so high today that parts of South Harrisburg were flooded, causing several ironworks to close.

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Three Big Events—Last Day

Embroideries 25c Vals. to \$1.25. 10,000 yards Swiss, Nainsook and Cambric Edges, Flouncs, Insertions and Corset Cover Embroideries, 5 to 22 inches wide, large assortment, values to \$1.25 yard. New lots added for today's sale 25c.



Today, Saturday, Is the Last Day of a Great, Timely Value-Giving Event in the Way of

A Great Easter Glove Sale

We have never published more sensational glove news than this. First and foremost let us tell you that there is not a thing wrong with a single pair of these gloves. They are all new and absolutely perfect. The skins are the best—the soft elastic kind. Very unusual—"Trefousse" Gloves at sale prices. Extra clerks, extra wrappers, extra counters and extra delivery wagons to serve you. Today is the last day of

The Biggest Glove Bargain Ever Offered in Portland

Table with 5 columns: LOT 1 (2-Clasp Overseam Kid Gloves, \$1.98), LOT 2 (Trefousse 16-Button Kid Gloves, \$3.49), LOT 3 (2-Clasp Pique and Overseam Kid Gloves, \$1.33), LOT 4 (Trefousse Kid Gloves, \$1.98), LOT 5 (16-Button Cape Gloves, \$3.29).

Lace Sale 98c Vals. \$2 to \$5 Yd.

A great general Lace Sale, including white, cream, ecru and black Nets and Allovers, Edges, Insertions, Appliques, Gallons, etc., in Venise, Baby Irish, Cluny, Real Princess, Filet and Net effects. Regularly sold at \$2 to \$5 yard. Today last day 98c.

Advertisement for Standard Title & Trust Co. mentioning a conspiracy to defraud and a candidate for governor.

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