

SAN DIEGO READY TO GREET FLEET

Battleships Will Make Their First Stop at That City Today.

HOSTS OF VISITORS ARRIVE

California's Most Southerly Seaport In Gala Attire—Plans Elaborate Entertainment for Admiral Thomas and His Men.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 12.—Fete days for the American battleship fleet will begin tomorrow afternoon, when the 16 battleships of the Navy's most notable cruise cast anchor off Coronado Beach, two miles from San Diego. San Diego is crowded with visitors and sightseers and never before in the history of the city has there been such an elaborate decoration of streets and buildings.

Governor Gillett Arrives.

Governor Gillette, accompanied by his entire staff and a distinguished party of guests, arrived tonight in three special cars. Governor Gillette arose from a sick-bed in San Francisco to come here where the official welcome of the fleet is to be extended. Governor Gillette is still quite ill tonight, but it is hoped that he will be much improved tomorrow, after a good night's rest. If well enough, he will go out to the Connecticut tomorrow at 4 o'clock to pay his respects to Rear-Admiral Charles M. Thomas, in command of the fleet. Admiral Thomas will return the Governor's visit at the Hotel del Coronado.

A feature of tomorrow's programme, which will be the famous welcome to the bluejackets and officers of the fleet, will be the distribution, during the afternoon, of 25,000 oranges, the largest grown in California. This part of the welcome is truly Californian.

Nearing First Anchorage.

The fleet will cast anchor at 1 P. M. tomorrow and will remain here until Saturday morning at 6 o'clock, when it will proceed to the port of Los Angeles. The battleships were only 100 miles to the south, according to wireless telegraph information received late tonight, and were steaming "in line of squadron." They were making nine knots an hour.

Many thousands of people will make the short journey across San Diego Bay to Coronado Beach to witness the arrival of the 16 ships. It is expected that the double column formation will be maintained until Coronado is sighted, when there will be a maneuver to line up and divisions, bringing the fleet to anchor in four lines of four ships each.

Money to Spend, Too.

Tomorrow is pay-day on all the vessels, the crews receiving their monthly allowances in gold.

Tomorrow's programme will include an exchange of courtesies between the state and city authorities and the flag officers of the fleet, the distribution of oranges upon all 16 of the vessels, a private banquet to Rear-Admiral Thomas and the other flag and commanding officers in the banquet-hall of the Hotel del Coronado and the illumination of all ships with thousands of incandescent lamps. A searchlight drill will begin during the early evening, and red signal-fires will be burned along the Coronado shore.

In the parade Wednesday 2,000 enlisted men and more than 200 officers will be in line.

Parade for Wednesday.

The San Diego parade will be held Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. It will be the initial step in the formal ceremonies which have been arranged here in behalf of the state and city. Governor Gillette and Mayor Forward being the principal speakers at the reception to be held in the City Park. In order to assemble this great marching force, it will be necessary for the sailors and marines to embark in small boats from the ships of the fleet at 12 o'clock noon. The maneuvers of landing the 2,000 men, after a journey of some 30 or 40 miles from the open sea into San Diego Bay, will be a spectacle in itself, and will be watched with keen interest as an evidence of small-boat drill efficiency in the fleet.

Each Ship Represented.

Sixty-four separate companies of blue-jackets and 14 companies of marine compose the total force. These figures quickly convey an idea of the extent of the parade, and give to it a historic-making proportions. Each battleship of the fleet will contribute four companies of blue-jackets and one company of marines. All 16 bands of the fleet are to be combined and then divided among the five divisions, giving about 22 pieces to each organization. This feature of the display also has its notable side.

An escort of honor, a battalion of coast artillery from the Army post at Fort Rosecrans, local companies of the California National Guard, Naval Reserve, posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, Confederate Veterans, Spanish War Veterans and uniformed city bands also will have a place in Wednesday's parade.

FLEET IS NEARING SAN DIEGO

Changes to Squadron Formation, Four Ships Aboard.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—A message received by the United Wireless Telegraph Company this morning from the United States battleship Georgia at sea reports the fleet of battleships at 5 P. M. yesterday about 400 miles south of San Diego, proceeding quietly in line of squadron. The change from single to double column formation was made at 8:30 A. M., when a signal from the flagship of the Commander-

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Smart Tailor Suits. VALUES TO \$37.00 at \$17.75. Perhaps the most sensational suit bargain of the season. They represent the sample suits of a great New York manufacturer, who is through using them for exhibition purposes.

In Chief, the Connecticut, ordered "line of squadrons." The first and second squadrons then moved down, the third and fourth squadrons veering to port, taking up a position abreast of squadrons one and two, 1,800 yards apart. Rear-Admiral Sperry was in command of the second squadron, with Captain Harbor of the Maine acting as Admiral at the head of the fourth squadron, the Maine changing places with the Minnesota.

A Great Easter Glove Sale

LOT 1 One-Clasp Kid Walk'g Gloves. LOT 2 2 and 3-Clasp Kid Gloves. LOT 3 Trefousse Reynier, Fownes. LOT 4 16-Button Trefousse. LOT 5 Long Suede and Kid Gloves. LOT 6 16-Button Cape Gloves.

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REPORTED TO THE POLICE TONIGHT THAT HE had been held up and robbed of \$7500 at the corner of Fremont and Howard streets. His story, which is doubted by the police, is that today he drew the money out of the safety deposit vaults of the Western National Bank, intending to leave for the East tomorrow, and rolled it up in a small package, which he placed in his coat pocket.

WEDDING AND VISITING CARDS. W. G. SMITH & CO. WASHINGTON BUILDING, Cor. Fourth and Washington Sts. Hood's Sarsaparilla. There is another New Style in the Arrow Box.

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