

SPERRY ASSUMES CHIEF COMMAND

Thomas Lowers Flag and the Fleet Has New Squadron Chiefs.

MUCH OFFICIAL CEREMONY

Dayton, as Senior Officer, Nominally Commands Both Atlantic and Pacific Fleets—Close of Naval Career of Thomas.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Rear-Admiral Charles S. Sperry assumed command today of the Atlantic fleet. Rear-Admiral Charles M. Thomas, who succeeded Rear-Admiral Evans as Commander-in-Chief, hauled down his flag at 10:30 A. M. from the truck of the Connecticut and ten minutes later Admiral Sperry was received on board the flagship with the salutes and other naval honors befitting his position. Admiral Thomas, who had actual command for only six days, although he served for many weeks as senior officer present during the enforced absence of Admiral Evans, issued no farewell address. The honor of being rowed ashore today was dispensed with at his own request and he returned to the wharf in a steam barge.

Much Martial Ceremony.

When Admiral Sperry took command, the reorganization of the fleet immediately was carried into effect and throughout the noon hour the waters of the bay echoed the call of bugles, the rattle of drums and the strains of martial music. Rear-Admiral W. H. Ebnory transferred his flag from the Georgia to the Louisiana, the new flagship of the second squadron, third division. Captain Richard Wainwright gave up command of the Louisiana and became senior officer of the second division on the Georgia. Captain Scherer, in command of the Virginia, assumed command of the fourth division and took up his quarters on the new flagship Wisconsin. Both Captains Schroeder and Wainwright will be promoted to the grade of Rear-Admiral in July.

Although still, in fact, an independent force, the Atlantic fleet sailed technically and temporarily today under command of the Pacific fleet. Rear-Admiral Dayton, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific fleet, outranked Admiral Sperry and thus became senior officer in command of the combined fleets. It had been intended that the Pacific fleet should sail early this morning and thus change of command, but under orders from Washington, it held here to await further instructions.

Salutes to New Commanders.

The honor of a salute from all the vessels of the fleet could not be paid to Admiral Sperry today, but will be done as soon as the Pacific fleet leaves, or as soon as the Atlantic fleet sets sail for Puget Sound points Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Admiral Sperry was saluted today, when he hauled down on the Alabama, by the guns of that vessel and was saluted by the Connecticut as he repaired and aboard that flagship. The hauling down of Rear-Admiral Dayton's red flag and the flying of his blue pennant as senior commander of the Pacific fleet of thirteen guns from the flagship West Virginia, of the Pacific fleet. The Connecticut also paid a parting salute to Admiral Thomas.

Thomas Ears Commendation.

Although he will not retire until October next, Admiral Thomas today ended his active naval career of nearly 47 years. He served as second in command to Admiral Evans during the recent trip of the fleet from the coast by reason of the illness of the Commander-in-Chief but to assume all of the social and official duties incident to the call of the fleet to the various South American ports. To Admiral Thomas' loyalty to the commander-in-chief, to his tact, personal and practical management of the fleet officers of the fleet attribute much of the diplomatic success which attended the cruise from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The sails made upon him were calculated to wear out a much younger man, but he attended all the functions where his presence was required.

Under Orders from Admiral Sperry,

the bronze battleship target practice trophy today was transferred from the battleship Illinois of the Atlantic fleet to the armored cruiser Maryland of the Pacific fleet, and the trophy pennant of red was broken from the fore-truck of the latter vessel.

During the day over a thousand bluejackets were conveyed through the city in observation cars and shown various points of interest. Many officers and men went to Santa Rosa as the guests of the citizens of that place and participated in the annual rose carnival. The final baseball championship game was played this afternoon.

DRYDOCK FOR SEVEN VESSELS

Torpedo-Boat Flotilla to Rest Before Trip to Portland.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Seven battleships will go into the dry dock at Bremerton Navy-yard next month, after the Atlantic fleet ends its cruise among the cities of Puget Sound. These vessels compose most of the second and fourth divisions of the fleet, the Georgia, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Virginia, of the second division, and the Illinois, Missouri and Kearsarge, of the fourth division.

The Atlantic fleet will be represented in its entirety on its northern tour with the exception of the Alabama and Maine, which will have to go into dry dock at Hunters Point. The Alabama docks May 23 and the Maine May 25.

After the torpedo flotilla ends its present visit at Sacramento it will sail down the Sacramento River to Mare Island, where a stay of a few days will be made before the little war vessels take their run up the Coast to Portland, Or.

Sacramento Greets Torpedo-Boats.

SACRAMENTO, May 15.—Forty thousand persons greeted the torpedo boats Fox, Davis and Farragut and the torpedo-boat destroyers Proble and Perry as they steamed to anchor early this evening opposite J and K streets. Twenty-one guns were fired as the flagship Proble, leading the others in single file, passed the foot of Y street and when the salute was finished, the guns on the trim little vessels of war boomed their answer amid the cheers of thousands.

Letters Ask to See Fleet.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Mail advices from Honolulu say a request has come from the leper settlement on Molokai that when the fleet arrives here from San Francisco the vessels shall sail close enough to the shores

along the northern coast of Molokai so that they may be seen from the settlement, which the lepers are not permitted to leave.

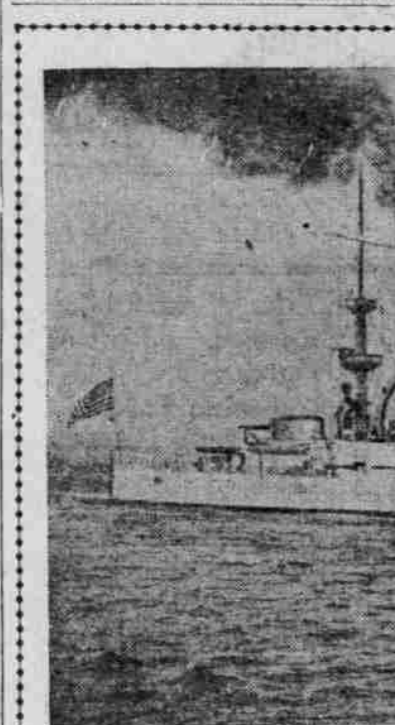
BOURNE HOPES NOT DEAD

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ized convention, have never intended to and will not support Calks in June. At the same time, the Bourne people are known to have their suspicions of Calks' sincerity and his loyalty to Statement No. 1. They questioned the earnestness of his position on the statement when he first became a candidate, and it was not until W. S. U'Ren entered the contest that the Republican candidates positively declared himself. The Calks and Bourne people became reconciled and everything proceeded smoothly and without a ripple until the meeting of the Republican State Central Committee, when the Fulton forces convinced W. M. Calks that it would be necessary for him to consent to a resolution declaring for Taft for President if he should be elected chairman of the state committee.

Calks Between Two Fires.

At that time and since, Calks denied that W. M. Calks had made any concessions in order to get the state chairmanship, but the Bourne people satisfied themselves from other members of the State Central Committee that such



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an arrangement was made. It was then that the Bourne forces became suspicious and charged Calks with trying to satisfy both the Fulton and the Bourne factions.

W. E. Williamson has entrenched himself as chairman of the Congressional committee of the Second District and is more determined to hold on to the job than he was before the Fulton forces attempted to oust him in Thursday's convention proceedings. Furthermore, Williamson has already assumed active management of the campaign in the Second Congressional District in the interest of Congressman Ellis for re-election.

Demand Williamson's Removal.

The Fulton men are equally as persistent in their demands for Williamson's removal as chairman, but the young representative of the Bourne camp refused to be bluffed or forced from the position by demanding that he resign or step aside.

CONVENTION IN A NEW LIGHT

News From Portland as Printed in a Washington Journal.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington May 15.—The Washington Herald, which, for a year past, has printed numerous interviews with Senator Bourne from Portland, setting forth the "second elective term" question, prints today what purports to be a press dispatch from Portland, setting forth the views of Republican convention day there in a somewhat new light. In part the dispatch says:

"Senator Bourne was not elected a delegate to it by the consensus of opinion that his letter to the convention, stating in the most positive terms that he would ignore instructions to vote for any one but Roosevelt as the party nominee for President, and his expressed desire to be left out of the delegation if the delegates were not instructed for the present session of the White House, had much to do with this outcome.

"The convention opened with wild disorder, and the fight was on from the outset. The Taft men had uphill work to do, but they were helped by Bourne's elimination of himself.

"Senator Fulton's election as a delegate was the climax of the fight, his selection being made unanimous. After Bourne's telegram was read, his followers realized that he could not be forced to accept Roosevelt as the party nominee presented to the convention when it became apparent that the convention was determined to take Roosevelt at his word."

The Herald also prints an editorial approving Bourne's course and says that Bourne, a product of the direct primary law, represents 50 per cent of the people of his state, and in fact, of most sections of the country.

STRIKE ON IN CLEVELAND

Men Vote at Three o'Clock—No Cars After 5.

CLEVELAND, O., May 15.—At 2 o'clock this morning the Streetcar Union voted unanimously to strike. At 5 o'clock all cars will cease to run.

Mme. Gould Goes to Paris.

MONTE CARLO, May 15.—Prince Helle de Sagen, Mme. Gould and the latter's children left for Paris by tonight's express.

PROTEST IS LOUD

Commercial Bodies Adopt Resolutions Against Advance.

MEANS \$1.75 PER CAPITA

If Proposed Increase in Official Classification Territory Is Put Through, Injunctions Will Be Asked Unless Arbitrated.

CHICAGO, May 15.—Representatives of more than 300 commercial organizations from all parts of the country at a meeting here today adopted resolutions protesting against the proposed advance in railroad freight rates but agreeing to submit the question of the justice of

committee voted to support the Aldrich bill in preference to the Vreeland measure, but on the floor of the Senate all but four members of the minority voted against the passage of the bill as amended. The Democrats who voted for the bill were Daniel, Johnson, Owen and Toller. An equal number of Republicans voted against passage, being Borah, Bourne, Brown and Heyburn. The final vote was 47 ayes and 26 noes.

Aldrich called up the House bill for passage at 2 P. M., and offered the amendments agreed upon in committee. They were adopted without debate or discussion.

Newlands called up a resolution which he had offered earlier in the day, instructing the finance committee to make several amendments requiring the banks to keep three-fourths of their assets in their own vaults, proposing the loan of deposits in excess of five times the capital and surplus of banks and still to further increase the amount of legal tender notes.

The proposed amendments were given scant consideration and when Newlands had concluded the bill was put on its passage. Several Senators inquired whether time was to be given for discussion of the bill. Aldrich replied that discussion could be had when the conference report was brought in for adoption. Any debate at that time, however, would be on the adoption or rejection of the report.

When the bill goes to the conference, the House members undoubtedly

will contend strongly for retention of the provision of the Vreeland measure creating clearing-house districts and issuing National bank notes on guaranteed commercial paper.

ANOTHER SKIRMISH IN HOUSE

Bill Sent to Conference After Burton and Williams Spar.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The Vreeland currency bill, as amended by the Senate, went to the House at 5:35 o'clock this afternoon and immediately was called up by Burton of Ohio, who moved to suspend the rules, disagree to the amendments and ask a conference. In the opinion of Williams, the minority leader, the bill as amended by the Senate was infinitely worse than the Vreeland bill. He urged his colleagues to vote against the motion to disagree to the Senate amendments, saying that, if the motion was lost, the bill would have to go to the banking committee.

The Democrats applauded Fowler of New Jersey when he read a letter contradicting a statement by Vreeland yesterday that the First National Bank of Atlanta, a bank with \$1,000,000 capital, was supported by the Vreeland bill. The letter was from Mr. McCord, of Atlanta, who denied that there was any First National Bank in that city, nor was there any bank in the state with a greater capital than \$200,000. Referring further to Vreeland's statement that he had 40 other such letters, Fowler said:

"I challenge this new apostle of finance in the record tomorrow those letters." Again getting the floor, Burton grilled the Democrats for their action yesterday in "side-stepping" a vote on the Williams bill.

Williams inquired if it was not true that a minority bill was specifically designated by number in the rules and also if Burton did not know that the Williams bill contained a clerical error in correct, for which no opportunity was afforded.

"It was," replied Burton, "a bill that you had until the month of March to perfect."

Democratic cheers greeted his statement that he had no doubt if Williams had explained the error to the House a chance would have been given to perfect it.

"I ask that now," demanded Williams, but Burton said he came too late, and he proceeded to hold Williams up to ridicule for advancing such an excuse.

The vote resulted: Yeas, 159; nays, 103; "present" 5, and the bill was sent to conference. The Speaker announced the names of Vreeland of New York, Burton of Ohio, Weeks of Massachusetts, Republicans, and Glass of Virginia and Fujo of Louisiana, Democrats, as the members, on the part of the House.

START ROAD TO HILLSBORO

Rights of Way Secured and Grading Crews Set to Work.

HILLSBORO, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—All right-of-way near this city have been satisfactorily adjusted and the Oregon Electric has a force of several hundred men between here and Garden Home, clearing, right-of-way, grading and building bridges. As a result of the activity real estate has been on a boom and scores of new residence buildings are going up in this city.

STRETCH OF 500 MILES DONE

Portage La Prairie and Earl United. Steel to Edmonton in Fall.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 15.—The last spike in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway between Portage La Prairie, Man., and Earl, Saskatchewan, was driven yesterday. This gives a completed line 500 miles long. The steel will be laid into Winnipeg next month from the west and into Edmonton next fall.

BILL IN CONFERENCE

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bers from each house, to be appointed by the presiding officers, to be called the National Monetary Commission, whose duty it shall be to inquire into and report to Congress what changes are necessary or desirable in the monetary system of the United States or in the laws relating to banking.

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MRS. EMILY WOOLLEY DIES AT AGE OF 73.

For Bravery and Heroic Service as Army Nurse, Lincoln Gave Her a Commission.

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—Mrs. Emily E. Woolley, who had the distinction, it is said, of being the only woman being regularly commissioned an officer in the United States Army, the only woman member of the G. A. R. and the last of 32 young women from this city who enlisted as nurses in the Civil War, died at her home here today, aged 73 years.

Mrs. Woolley was president of the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War. She was a widow.

Mrs. Woolley was 26 years old when she enlisted in 1861. For her bravery and heroic service, President Lincoln conferred upon her a commission as Captain in the Army.

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Advertisement for Regulator Line Bailey Gatzert Cascade Locks and Return, featuring text about the locks and the steamer service.

Advertisement for Alder Street Dock, featuring text about the dock's location and contact information.