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THOUSANDS LINE BEACH TO SEE FLEET

Atlantic Squadron in Sight Two Hours Off Astoria.

DAY BRIGHT AND CLEAR

Excursion Steamers Blow Sa- lutes to Warships as They Round Tillamook Head.

COLORS ARE DIPPED IN REPLY

Splendid View Obtained of the Great Sea Parade.

MESSAGES FROM SPERRY

Mayor Wise and Admiral Exchange Greetings by Wireless—Invitation to Board Roanoke Declined Be- cause of Lack of Time.

FLEET ENTERS STRAIT JUAN DE FUCA.

According to a message received by the United Wireless station at Council Crest, this city, the Atlantic fleet entered the waters of the Strait Juan de Fuca at 12:30 this morning. As the vessels passed Tacoma Island the weather was reported as cloudy, with occasional showers. The sea was smooth, with a four-mile wind from the southwest. The barometer stood at 30.05, with a temperature of 47 degrees.

ASTORIA, Or., May 20.—(Special).—

From every point of vantage on dunes and headlands between Willapa Harbor and Tillamook Head today the patriotic people of the Pacific Northwest waved their welcome and farewell to the battleships of the Atlantic fleet as they steamed up the coast. Ten thousand throats cheered the imposing pageant of the Nation's naval power; hats were flung high in the air and tears streamed down the faces of many spectators in an excess of patriotism, as the imposing file of monster fighting ships rounded Tillamook Head and came in sight of the waiting multitude.

Present Magnificent Spectacle.

It was a magnificent sight, such as the Oregon coast has never before witnessed. In the lead, flying Rear-Admiral Sperry's blue two-storied flag, was the Connecticut, the splendid type of the navy's latest fighting machines. The vessel that led the squadron on its historic voyage from Hampton Roads, with "Fighting Bob" Evans on the bridge, still stood at the head of the column, which was made up of the following ships:

- First squadron, first division—Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota and Vermont.
- Second division—Georgia, Nebraska, New Jersey and Rhode Island.
- Second squadron, third division—Louisiana, Virginia, Ohio and Missouri.
- Fourth division—Wisconsin, Illinois, Kearsarge and Kentucky.

Accompanying the war vessels was the hospital ship Relief.

Sail Within Two Miles of Shore.

As the fleet rounded Tillamook Head at 11:30 this morning, the battleships, which were steaming abreast of each other in a straight line stretching to the horizon, swung into a single column, the flagship leading the van, and cruised within two miles of the surf, affording a splendid view to the spectators on shore. A fleet of excursion steamers crossed the bar early in the day and greeted the battleships off Tillamook Head with a volley of whistles. Each vessel was loaded to its capacity with excursionists, and their cheers were added to the noisy salute. The mosquito fleet escorted the war vessels northward of the Columbia River, when they returned to Astoria. When the war vessels left the excursion craft behind, the battleships resumed their former positions, steaming away to the north abreast of each other.

As the squadron steamed along in perfect order, each vessel dipped its colors in acknowledgment of the loud acclaim from the excursion craft.

Day Is Bright and Clear.

Weather conditions were ideal. The morning broke at the mouth of the river, threatening rain, but later in the day the clouds drifted away, leaving it bright and clear. The white-capped sea fighters loomed up big and threatening to any but a friendly coast. The steamers Roanoke, Alliance and Elmore, from Portland, beside the bar

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HAS NOT AGREED ON RUEF'S GUILT

JURY OUT WHOLE DAY WITH- OUT REACHING VERDICT.

Request for Definition of Accomplice Followed by Further Long Deliberation.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—After being out for 26 hours, the jury in the case of Abraham Ruef, the former political boss of San Francisco, who has been on trial for the past seven weeks on the charge of offering a bribe to ex-Supervisor Jennings J. Phillips, shortly after 11 o'clock tonight sent for part of Phillips' testimony.

It took counsel for both sides nearly half an hour to find the particular portions of Phillips' testimony that was desired and which evidently had some-



Abraham Ruef, Once Boss of San Francisco, Whose Fate Is in Hands of Jury.

thing to do with the question in the deliberations of the jurors whether or not Phillips was an accomplice of Ruef. After the testimony was sent to the jury-room talking was heard from the jury-room, indicating that a heated discussion was in progress.

Judge Dooling ruled that, in order that a witness' evidence might be distrusted as that of an accomplice, he must be charged with the same identical offense as the accused. In this case the charge is offering a bribe to Phillips and therefore one who agrees to accept a bribe is not an accomplice.

The judge was still in his chambers a few minutes before midnight in the hope that the jury would reach a verdict. The courtroom was packed all day. All the members of the prosecution remaining till midnight, when the room was cleared.

TRY TO PUT SPEAKER OUT

Oklahoma "Insurgents" Create a Scene in the House.

GUTHRIE, Okla., May 20.—A scene was created in the House today when Tillotson, Norvell and other members of the so-called House "insurgents" attempted to throw Speaker Murray out of the House. They rushed toward the Speaker's stand, declaring their intention, but were stopped by conservative members. A general row ensued and it was some time before order was restored.

Kaiser Finishes His Tour.

BERLIN, May 20.—Emperor William returned to Berlin today after an absence of two months.

LILLEY'S CHARGE DECLARED FALSE

Member of House Ac- cused of Treason.

WILLIAMS WOULD EXPEL HIM

Tool of Unsuccessful Bidder for Submarines.

IS GUILTY OF BAD FAITH

House Adopts Committee Report Denouncing Connecticut Member, Who Attacked Associates' In- tegrity Without Proof.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The conclusions of the special committee which has been investigating the charges of Representative Lilley, of Connecticut, that members of the House had been improperly influenced in connection with submarine torpedo-boat legislation, that Lilley had violated his obligations as a member and had acted in bad faith with the committee and in contempt of the House, was sustained today by the House by a vote of 157 to 82. Five hours of the session were devoted to the case, four of which were consumed in reading the report.

The Connecticut members joined in voting against the resolution by which the House adopted the conclusions of the committee as its own. Williams, of Mississippi, denounced Lilley as being guilty of treason, for which he said he should be expelled. It was a noticeable fact that the five members of the special committee, Boutwell, Olmsted, Stevens, Broussard and Howard, sat together throughout the proceedings, and that none of them submitted any remarks in connection with the report.

Tool of Lake Company.

The report reveals the testimony brought out before the committee on hearings extending over several weeks. The committee finds that Lilley allowed himself to be used as an instrument of the Lake Boat Company in questioning the integrity and fairness of members of the investigating committee, and in attacking a competing submarine company. Mr. Lilley is charged also with maintaining an attitude of bad faith, both in bringing the charges and concealing from the committee the identity of the real parties in interest behind the investigation.

The committee, at the beginning of its report, finds that the resolution introduced by Lilley was impotent and that no evidence could have been compelled under it. The real object of the resolution is found to be the same as the propaganda of the Lake Torpedo-Boat Company, the defeat of the clause in the Naval committee's bill relating to submarines.

Violates His Obligations.

It is found that Lilley violated his obligation as a member of the House in urging groundless charges against Representative Leod and in permitting his clerk, in Lilley's name, to send out letters reflecting on the honor and integrity of members of the House and in disavow-

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SEE CHANCE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

PREMIER ASQUITH SAYS HE IS OF OPEN MIND.

Declares That if Favorable Bill is Presented in Parliament, Govern- ment Will Not Oppose.

LONDON, May 20.—Prime Minister Asquith took a long step today in the direction of encouraging the claims of women for franchise when he replied to an important delegation of Radical members in the House of Commons who were deputed to obtain his views on this matter.

He declared that the Government intended before the close of the present Parliament to pass a comprehensive measure of electoral reform. He said he



Representative George L. Lilley, of Connecticut, Severely Condemned in Report on Submarine Boat Inquiry.

was not himself an advocate of woman suffrage, not having yet been convinced of its desirability, but he had an open mind on the subject, and if an amendment was introduced to the projected reform bill favoring woman suffrage on democratic lines the Government would not oppose it.

The Prime Minister said also that he recognized the woman's suffrage movement had gained a great impetus of late years, but no change of the kind proposed could be carried through with effect unless it had the women of the country, as well as the electors, behind it.

WRECKS OREGON EXPRESS

Broken Rail Causes Death and Fatal Injury on Train.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 20.—The second section of Southern Pacific train No. 16, known as the Oregon Express, which left the Oakland Mole at 8:50 tonight, was wrecked at Pinole at 8:40 o'clock. One man was killed and four injured.

EXPRESS MESSENGER CUMMINGS

Injured:
Fireman Cody; will die.
Express Messenger Birmingham; badly crushed about chest. May recover.
W. W. Rodehorst, helper on express-car; fractured ankle.

The wreck occurred one mile west of Pinole station, and it is said was caused by a broken rail. The engine, express and baggage car jumped the track and turned over. Three passenger coaches left the rails, but remained upright. No passengers were injured.

BLACK EYE GIVEN BRYAN BY GUFFEY

Keystone State Votes No Instructions.

SHOWS NO MERCY TO PEERLESS

Delegate Calls Him Withering Blight to Party.

HOT FIGHT IN CONVENTION

Black Leads Forlorn Hope and Is Met by Fierce Orator, Accus- ing Bryan of Leading the Party to Destruction.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 20.—After one of the hardest fights within the party in several years, the Democratic State Convention here today decided not to instruct its delegates-at-large to the Denver convention for Bryan. It was a clean-cut victory for the Democratic organization headed by Colonel James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, the Pennsylvania member of the National Committee. The Bryanites, under the leadership of the executive committee of the Bryan Democratic League, had a large following and they fought to the bitter end.

The 64 district delegates were elected in April and the state convention had nothing to do with them in the matter of issuing instructions. A majority of these are claimed for Mr. Bryan.

Fight Begins in Committee.

The principal committee fight was that on resolutions. The Guffey people offered a platform which was silent on the Presidential question and the Bryanites immediately offered an amendment instructing the delegates-at-large for Bryan. It was defeated by a vote of 24 to 15.

Bryan a Withering Blight.

When the platform was presented to the convention at the afternoon session, Jere S. Black, one of the leaders of the Bryanites, offered as a minority report the second amendment defeated in the meeting of the committee on resolutions.

Mr. Black made an earnest plea for instructions and ex-Congressman James Kerr also supported the Bryan plank. Then John T. Lenahan made a vigorous attack upon Mr. Bryan which roused the Bryanites to a high pitch of excitement. Mr. Lenahan declared that Mr. Bryan had "led the party to destruction" and that he was a "withering blight upon the Democratic party." The convention was in constant uproar in consequence of Lenahan's remarks and he was frequently compelled to stop talking.

Mr. Lenahan said he was not afraid of the crowd, declaring that the "noise and bluster of the Bryan shouters" could not terrify him. After a tedious rollcall, the minority report was defeated, 187 to 123, after which the platform was adopted by a viva voce vote.

The first definite announcement that the organization was still in control was when the vote of the committee on permanent organization on the selection of a

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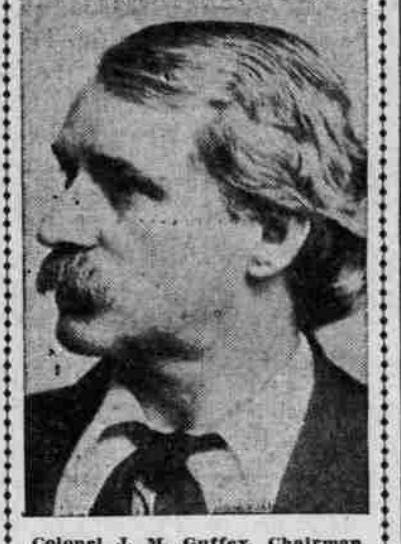
STORE WRECKED BY LEAKING GAS

LIGHTED CANDLE CAUSES VIO- LENT EXPLOSION.

Woman Blown Into Street and Fa- tally Hurt by Sudden Blast. Building Torn Up.

CHICAGO, May 20.—The retail furniture store of John A. Colby & Sons was badly wrecked today, one woman fatally injured and several others slightly hurt by an explosion of gas.

Some workmen who were making repairs in the cellar left a lighted candle close to the gas meter, and a terrific explosion followed. The windows on the first, second and third floors were blown out, the first floor was



Colonel J. M. Guffey, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Democratic Committee and Victor Over Bryan in State Convention.

torn up and much furniture badly damaged.

Mrs. Fannie Geller, of 1012 Milwaukee avenue, who was passing the store, was blown into the street, striking against a temporary car track which is raised about one foot above the level. She sustained fractures of the skull and one leg and was taken to the hospital in a dying condition.

TRY TO BLOW UP BRIDGE

Attempt Made on New York, New Haven & Hartford Street.

NEW YORK, May 20.—An attempt was made last night to blow up the new bridge of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad over the Harlem River at West Farms Road. Today a valise containing ten sticks of dynamite was found floating in the river and the watchman on the bridge told the police that he had been set upon by five men last night when he caught them in the act of placing a charge of dynamite under the structure. The watchman succeeded in beating the men off, and they fled when he fired several shots at them. The valise containing the dynamite fell into the river.

Kansas Still for Bryan.

SALINA, Kan., May 20.—Four hundred Democrats, members of Kansas Bryan clubs, are meeting here today. Hugh Farrelly, candidate for United States Senator, and other Bryan Democrats declared today that there had been no move made to claim the state for Johnson, and they ridiculed the idea.

SENATOR PLATT DENIES MARRIAGE

Mae Wood Not His Wife, Letters Not His.

ADMITS SHE FASCINATED HIM

Denounces as Forgery Letter Acknowledging Her.

FLARES UP WHEN PRESSED

Testimony Is Series of Denials, Ex- cept That He Admits Paying \$10,000 for Letters—What Miss Wood Told Reporters.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Physically so weak that practically he had to be carried in and out of the courtroom, United States Senator Thomas C. Platt was at times a spirited witness today when he appeared to testify in his own behalf in Mae C. Wood's suit for absolute divorce from him. His denial of all the charges brought by Miss Wood was emphatic and, when prodded too hard by the plaintiff's counsel, the aged Senator proved himself capable of vigorous response. While the defendant was in the courtroom much of the day, Miss Wood, the plaintiff, did not attend the trial.

The presentation of the case for the defense, aside from Mr. Platt's own testimony, was marked by a sharp attack on the authenticity of the marriage certificate which Miss Wood offered in evidence to support her contention of a matrimonial contract with the Senator. This was followed by an effort to show that a letter in which Mr. Platt is said to have admitted his marriage to Miss Wood was written over his signature on a blank sheet of paper, to which he previously affixed his autograph by request of two women applicants for it while he was stopping at the Hotel Arlington in this city in 1905.

Repudiates His Signature.

Mr. Platt himself in his testimony categorically denied that he ever married or promised to marry the plaintiff, repudiated the signature purporting to be his on the marriage certificate and the genuineness of several letters which Miss Wood testified came to her from him.

At the conclusion of the afternoon session Justice O'Gorman announced that the trial must conclude with tomorrow's session, no matter how late a sitting of the court that might involve.

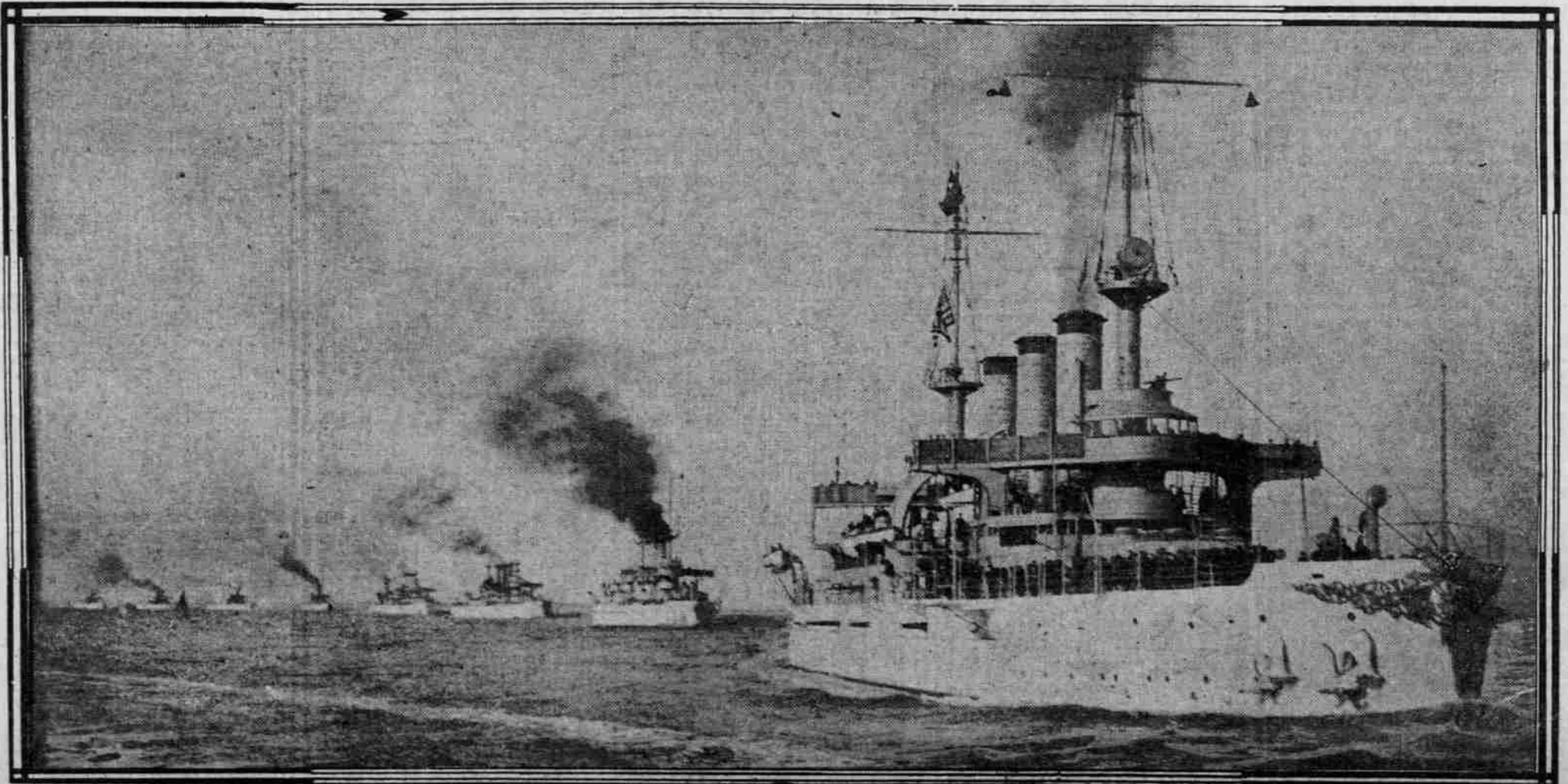
As the Senator was leaving the courtroom, he was met by a group of photographers and a crowd of curious persons. Some one shouted to him jeerfully to "stand and deliver," whereupon he raised his hat, waved it at the crowd and smiled, while the photographers snapped.

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