## FLEET HAS RIGHT OF WAY IN CANAL

At Suez Ahead of Schedule, After Next to Longest Run of Voyage

SUPPLIES FOR SUFFERERS

Culgon and Yankton Will Head for Messina With All Speed-Battleships to Be Held in Readiness to Go if Ordered.

SUEZ, Jan. 3.- The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, completing two days ahead of its schedule the next to longest run of its world-girdling cruise, arrived here this morning from Colombo, a distance of 3360 knots. The fleet safled on December 20 from Co-lombo. The less of a seaman from the battleship lilinois, who fell overboard and was drowned, as previously reported, was the only socident to mar the voyage

The Illinois remained on the scene and is a little behind the fleet.

The stately array of battleships was an imposing sight. The weather was splendid and the bay was crowded with craft, the occupants of which gave an enthusiastic welcome to the ships. Despite their long trip, the warshipe looked as smart and trim as though turned out for a naval review.

Authorities Give Welcome.

When the ships had anchored, the Egyptian and Canal authorities went aboard the Connecticut and welcomed Rear-Admiral Sperry, who expressed himself as well satisfied with the cruise from Colombo. He regretted that he was from Colombo. He regreted that he was compelled to curtail his stay in Esypt, but hoped at some future time an op-portunity would be given him to visit Cairo. The Admiral spoke of the Aus-tralasian visit of the fleet as the special eature of the trip.

reature of the trip.

Universal regret is expressed that the visit of the battleships will be so brief. It had been expected that a representative officer would visit Cairo and be presented to the Khedive on the anniversary of his accession to the throne on January S. A contingent of 500 officers and men left by special train for Cairo this afternoon. The converted cruiser lankton entered the canal this afternoon and the supply ship Cuigoa will probably pass in toulght. The former has a number of doctors aboard and the latter a large supply of provisions and stores. Both will go to Messina at full speed.

Clear Run Through Canal.

All arrangements were made by wireless for the ships of the fleet to pass through the canal as quickly as possible and to coal at Port Said, where 25,000 tons are stored. The battleships are to have right-of-

way for a clear run through the canal. The Connecticut, Vermont, Kansas and Minnesota will enter the canal at 6 o'clock Minnesota will enter the canal at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning and will arrive at Fort Said at 16 o'clock Monday night. The second group, consisting of the Louisiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri and Virginia, will enter Thesday and the third line, composed of the Wisconsin, Kearsage, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Nebraska, will start Wednesday.

At Port Said, the crews will coal the battleships with all possible speed so as to be in position to go quickly to Messina If it is finally determined to send them there.

Jollity on New Year's Day.

New Year's day was passed by the men of the fleet in a continuous round of fun. There were athletic contests, boxing and foot-racing, culminating in the evening in a grand entertainment on board the flagship. Connections flagship Connecticut, consisting of a sketch and costume contest, vaudeville and minstrel performance. The members of the ship's company were the actors and the evening ended in a cakewalk, the stunning costumes and millinery for which

were made aboard slip.

With colder weather, the officers and men of the freet will shift from their white to their blue uniforms. All are anticipating interesting visits in the Mediterranean. The man are arranging flying trips to Cairo and the pyramids.

Supplies for Quake Victims.

The news of the Italian earthquake was secsived with profound sorrow by officers and men. In reply to a message from the Navy Department, Rear Admiral Sperry said that he had supplies available for distribution to the Italian earthquake suf-

Bread, 620,000 pounds; cereals, 50,000 pounds; fruits, 50,000 pounds; fresh meat, 50,000 pounds; fresh meat, 50,000 pounds; vegetables, canned, 500,000 pounds; milk, 50,000 pounds; and other numerous items. The Culgos will distribute these provisions. There are six surgeons and a number of nospital men on board the Culgos and Yankton and they are taking with them supplies of cots, blankets, etc. The supply ships are due to arrive at Messina January 8 and 9.

The American fleet is the most powerful ever to pass through the Suez Canal and will give a new test of the character of the great artificial waterway. Great Britain often has sent strong squadrons to the East along this route.

squadrons to the East along this route, but none has been more than one-half as large as the American fleet.

The presence of this great force in the Mediterranean has been the object of curious theoretical study by European admiratties. A member on the staff of the Intelligence Office of the British Admiraty called attention some weeks ago when way to the Balkans was discussed. when war in the Balkans was discussed, that the United States would have a force in the Eastern Mediterranean in January holding the balance of power in January holding the balance of power in the event of naval Europe being divided —a force capable of dictating a settle-ment. Although this may appear a fan-ciful suggestion, the presence of the strong fleet is a new phenomenon in European waters and is taken into ac-count in expert discussions as having

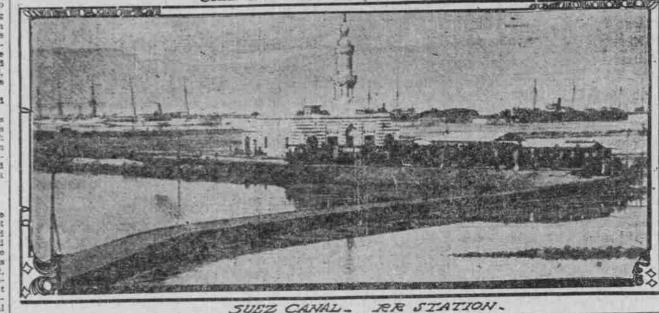
Connecticut Will Test Depth.

The parsage of the canal is regarded as rafe, even for 16.000-ton vessels, such as the Connecticut class, which will be the heaviest fighting ship that ever has gone through. None of the British Dreadnaught types have made this voysee. The canal, which originally provided for vessels of draught of 24 feet 7
inches, has been deepened to somewhat
more than 28 feet. Vessels of the Connecticut class require 26 feet 9 inches when the present plans were executed the canal will have il feet depth over a floor of 120 feet. The width is ample. The Dewey drydock, 125 feet wide, got through with only two feet in breadth to spare at one bad spot. The Dewey was the wideat craft ever taken through the canal, and the Connecticut class will be a precedent, so far as draught is concerned.

The Canal is \$7 miles long, \$6 miles

SUEZ CANAL SCENES, WHICH CREWS OF THE AMERICAN BATTLESHIP FLEET ARE NOW WITNESSING





SUEZ CANAL -

being through dry land and 21 through being through dry land and 21 through the Menzaleb Ballah, the Imsah and the Bitter Lakes. There are some doubtful places, where the wash in sandy cut-tings tends to fill in the channel, but tings tends to fill in the channel, but for the most part the soils are tenacious and the channel dependable. Ships go through under their own steam. The speed is limited to 8 miles an hour. By using electric lights many vessels pass through by night. The canal runs free from sea to sea, with a slight ebb and flow of the tides, following roughly the search as Experience canal of five cen-

course of an Egyptian canal of five cen-turies before Christ

lakes. Menzaleb is 1000 square miles in

following the construct: . of the canal.

TWO DAYS TO PASS SUEZ CANAL

Atlantic Fleet Delayed Because of

Poor Coaling Facilities.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.-The arrival of

the American fleet at the entrance of the

Suez Canal was announced in a cable-

gram received at the Navy Department

today. Admiral Sperry also states that

the Culgon and the Yankton would go

through the canal tonight. Other vessels

of the fleet will follow as rapidly as pos

sible. It is probable that two days will be required to take all of the battleships

through the canal and two days more will be necessary to complete coaling at Suez. All arrangements to facilitate

these operations have been made, but the situation is such that it will be diffi-cult if not impossible to make better

progress. The facilities for coaling are limited.

No change in the filnerary has been

ordered and unless it is decided to make such a change in connection with the offer of their services to Italy before the fleet leaves Suez, the battleships will proceed according to the plan long ago

According to this plan, eight of the

battleships will proceed to Italian ports and four others will go with them through the Stralt of Messina en route

to other places. It has been suggested that in view of the extensive changes made in the Strait of Messina it might

be dangerous for the battleships to fol-low that course. The fact that British

French and other men of war have been in that vicinity since the earthquake is

looked upon as giving ample assurance that when the American fleet arrives there full information will be available so that Admirul Sperry will be depended upon to use his discretion in the par-

RECENT MILL NOT A RECORD Oldtimer Writes of 65-Round Go in Sacramento in 1888.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. I.—(Sporting Editor, Oregonian.)—In The Oregonian of January 1, 1898, your Los Angeles special states under the head "Barry No Quitter." that Barry and Kaufman made history and record insmuch as their fight of 25 rounds was the longest ever pulled off in California.

was the longest ever pulled off in Callfornia.

Permit me to state that in 1888 in the Eye-street Athletic Club" in Sacramento Hilly Mehan, of San Francisco, and Jack Sullivan, of Lea Angeles, fought 65 rounds to a draw. In those days Charley Turner, of Stockton, who had defeated the "Black Pears" and many other good fighters of note, was at his best, and immediately after the Mehan-Sullivan fight in the early hours of the morning, Turner and Hill Hall, of "Nowhere," both colored, fought a bare-kunckle fight of 12 rounds for the amusement of the sporting members of the California Legislature. In this fight Hall was knocked out and I am safe in saying that he never has come to his right sousse.

BILLY CARROLL, Bar Francisco, Cal.

ticular course he pursues.

His Chances Best to Become Secretary of Interior.

BALLINGER IS OUT OF IT

turies before Christ.
Leave to go through the Suez Canal will cost the United States Government, with quarantine and other dues, not far from \$115,000. The regular tolls are \$1.47 per ton. British shipping companies are continually complaining against this rate, which they aver is unreasonable. The Suez Canal Company's rate of dividend on \$40,000,000 capital has been from 24 to 25 per cent for a number of years. Doesn't Like Official Life in Wash ington-Present Cabinet Member Familiar With Conditions and Is Friend of Taft.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan 3 .- As far as can be learned, President-elect Taft has not finally de-cided upon his Secretary of the Interior, but indications strongly point to the se-lection of James R. Garfield, now holding through some dreary expanses of sand, to remain in his present position; Mr Taft knows of this desire; he is also lakes. Mensaled is 1000 square miles in area, and through it the channel is marked by buoys. Flocks of pelicans, fiamingos and herons feed in the marshes. The Bitter Lakes are the Biblical waters of Marsh. Port Sald, the Mediterranean terminal of the canal, with a population of 40,000, is almost wholly a commercial outgrowth following the construction of the canal. aware that Mr. Garfield gave him staunci support in the campaign, and prior to the Chicago convention, and furthermore he appreciates the seriousness with which Mr. Garfield has taken hold of the work

of his department There was a time when it was believed ex-Land Commissioner R. A. Ballinger, of Seattle, might be chosen for Secretary of the Interior, but Mr. Ballinger has said he does not want the office, and it is wall known by his friends that he does not care for efficial life in Washington.

Therefore, it is reasonably certain that he not care for efficial life in Washington. Therefore, it is reasonably certain that he will not be a member of the next Cabinet. With Hallinger out of the way there is no man looming up on the horizon who is regarded as a strong competitor of Garfield, and the probabilities are that the young Ohioan will remain at the head of the Interior Department for another four years.

The main objection raised by Western men to Secretary Garfield is the fact that he is an Easterner, not personally familiar with Western conditions and Western needs. However, since he became Secretary of the Interior Mr. Garfield has spent much of his time in the West, getting in Intimate touch with Western people, and his sympathies are decidedly

ple, and his sympathies are decidedly with the deserving classes whose needs he has discovered. In this respect he is today much more sympathetic than any previous Secretary of the Interior in 19 or 15 years, and he knows more of actual Western conditions than any other East-ern man who ever filled that Cabinet

Those in a position to appreciate what Those in a possion to appreciate what the cook hold of a department disrupted by Secretary Hitchcock do not hesitate to commend the present Secretary for his accomplishments, and those who know how hard he has struggled to get in touch with the people of the entire West com-mend him for his success in that direc-

M'CLELAN TO RUN AGAIN tivation and actual residence in the

(Continued From First Page.) Based on past performances McCarrer has 30 of the 23 in Brooklyn. The Queens County leaders would gladly throw their four districts to any anti-Tammany combination. So would the Richmond County men although they

have only one district.

"That gives us 25 to start with," he said. "And any kind of work should land seven of the 25 in Manhaitan and the Bronx. Why, we have three now, and I can easily point out half a dozen others that only need a little encouragement.

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beaten." This sounded good to McClellan and he "said the word." The first syllable sounded the doom of John V. Coggy, Commissioner of Corrections. The other syllables will be uttered whenever Featherson thinks the time is ripe.

Tammany Bosses Indifferent.

Loyal Tammany men express indifference as to the Mayor's attitude. Their view of present conditions is well expressed in this statement by a district leader who is close to the Sullivans. "McClellan is a dead one, and he strengthens the organization by fighting

it. Under his administration, the tax rate has jumped to excessive figures, and a Garfield Reminds Congress It high tax rate is something it is impos sible to explain to the voters. "Under Bing Bang Bingham the police force has been a diagrace, and all kind of graft has been rampant.

"The Tammany Aldermen in voting fo the budget, took occasion to get on the record that it was entirely too high and they disavowed all responsibility for it.

"McClelian would be the worst beaten man in the world if he does run for office again. We hope he will take position antagonistic to the Democratic party, and every move he makes against us will react in our favor.

Calmly Abide Their Time.

"So far as affecting the primaries by the use of patronage is concerned he will find it will not gain him a vote. No intelligent politician will throw down the organization for one year in public office. This time next year McClellan will be down and out forever, but Tammany, win or lose will be on the job at the old stand. And we mean to win."

Republicans are pleased with the pro-They believe that no matter whether McClellan or Murphy wins, the Democratic ticket will be slashed sufficiently to insure the election of a Repub lican Mayor of Greater New four years beginning January 1 next.

RECOMMENDS NON - RESIDENT CLAUSE IN DRY-FARM BILL.

Thought This May Serve to Kill Measure Again, for House Will Not Pass Clause. ,

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Jan. 4 .- One paragraph in the innual report of Secretary James R. Garffeld, made public today, may erate to defeat the pending \$20-acre dry farm homestead bill. The Secre-tary supports the Smoot contention for a non-resident clause in the dryfarm bill—the feature that did more than all else to kill this measure at the last session. Unless this non resident clause is eliminated it is con ceded that the dry-farm bill cannot get through the House on final passage, and the House managers in the conference committee will not bring in another report which includes this sec-

In his report, discussing the subject of dry farming, Secretary Garfield

"It is probable in certain sections where dry farming is feasible that residence upon the land itself will not be possible because of the absence of portable water. It may be necessary and wise to permit the cul-tivators of such areas to live in com-munities some miles distant from the farms and base final proof upon cul-

Senator Smoot will unquestionably Senator Smoot will unquestionably seize upon the Secretary's report and use it as an argument for the retention of the non-resident clause, which proved fatal last Winter. If Senator Smoot persists in this attitude, it is thought he will kill the whole measure. The Utah Senator is noted for his stabbarness and advances of the his stubbornness, and advocates of the

Circuit Court in Linn.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Judge William Galloway will convene an ad-journed term of department No. 2, State Circuit Court for Linn County, in this city tomorrow afternoon. It is expected that decisions will be handed down in a number of important cases which have heretofore been taken under advisement

Dry Goods Store Looted. ARERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 3.-(Special.) -Burglars effected an entrance to the Boston Dry Goods and Clothing Store last night and got away with stock val-ued at several hundred dollars.

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The few men in Congress who have given attention to the range and ionc-

ing problem have come to the conclusion

that the public range should be par-celled out under some sort of leasing system, the lessees to have the right of

fencing such of the range as may be allotted to them. But leasing bills have been referred to the Public Lands Com-

mittee of either House, where they have had practically no consideration, and

where they promise to die for lack of interest.

Amusements

What the Press Agents Say.

"The Alaskan" at Heilig Tonight.

The attraction at the Heilig Theater

Fourteenth and Washington arreas, compared at 8:15 o'clock, and continuing tomorrow and Wednesday nights, will be John Cert's magnificent production of the brilliant comic opera success, "The Alaxkan." Mr. Cort is presenting this fascinating and tuneful opera with an exceptionally claver cast of principals and chorus. It is staged and mounted in a superb manner.

"The Devil's Auction" Matinees.

The everlisting "Devil's Auction" at the Baker this week is bound to draw crowded houses. There will be the regular bargain matines Wednesday as well as the Saturday afternoon performance. Seats are going rapidly for the entire week.

"Zaza" Tonight.

"Jane Eyre" at the Star.

FENGE LAW HOLDS

Should Be Modified.

GETS LITTLE ATTENTION

Western Congressmen Have Taken Action to Repeal Statute Obnoxious to Cattle Men, and Law Will Be Enforced.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary Garffeld, in his annual report, made public today, once more reminds Congress that the law prohibiting fencing of the public domain still remains on the statute books, and that while it remains, it must be enforced. He, however, makes it plain that, in the opinion of the Department, the anti-fencing law, in its present form, is unwise and unreasonable and should be modified.

The attitude of Congress toward the stand. The law, of course, applies only to the public-land states of the West, and yet almost every Senator and every Representative from the public-land states regards the law as unjust. Notwithstanding this practically unanimous sentiment, Western men have made no united or comprehensive effort to have the law repealed or modified, and have scarcely given the range question thoughtful consideration.

The anti-fence law has caused no end of trouble during the past few years; the Government has expended thousands upon thousands of dollars to compel its enforcement; stockmen using the public range have been put to heavy loss through the erection and subsequent de-struction of drift fences, etc., and some, who have defied the orders of the courts have paid the penalty. And yet neither the Government nor the stock interests believe the law is a proper one. Secre tary Garfield, speaking of the anti-fence law, says:

The enforcement of the existing law does not meet the need of the present time.

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The law should be so amended as to reg-ulate the use of the public range in such manner as will be equitable to the stock-men in each locality. Such a system mean the preservation and improvement of what is left of the great ranges.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS. New Bill at the Orpheum

New Bill at the Orpheam, another a record week at the Orpheam, another extraordinary bill will be seen at the popular show house. Mass Julie Herne, daughter of the late James A. Herne, will be the feature in the playlet. "A Mountain Cinderella." Jewell's Marihins, Murray Sieters, Josselin Trio, White and Simmona, Joscoka and Brother and Mr. and Mrs. Allison complete the bill.

"The Traveling Man."

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This afternoon the Grand will present another his vaudeville entertainment, booked by Sallivan & Considine, with Jos Deming & Co. at the top of the list. Deming's sketch is "The Traveling Man." It is a complete minature comedy, one of the best in vaudeville, and six people are used to tell the story. Singers, dancers and comedians round out the bill.

Great Acrobatic Stunts at Pantages. There is no acrobatic act in vandeville that approaches that of the great Florsin family, which will be at the Pantages all week, opening this afternoon. People are tired of the ordinary run of acrobatic turns, but here's one that will make everybody sit up and take notice.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Florence Roberts in New Play. Florence Roberts in New Play.

Beginning next Thursday night, January
7, and continuing the following three nights,
with a special matines Saturday, Mr. John
Corr will present one of Portland's favorité
actresses. Florence Roberts and her spien
did company, in her intest suncessful drama,
"The House of Bondage." This has been
pronounced by many as the best play Miss
Roberts has yet put forth. The Baker stock company is repeating "Zara," last season's greatest success, this week, and Ireita Jewel in the role of the emotional French woman, Sydney Ayres as her lover, Duffrane, and Donald Bowles as Cascart are scoring personal triumphs at every performance. The production is beau-

At the recent meeting of the American Street and Interurban Engineering Associa-tion at Atlantic City, a new system of street railway construction was proposed. The rallway construction was proposed. The idea was to form the car wheels without flanges, but, instead, to place the flanges on

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