

PACIFIC FLEET IS AWAITING ORDERS

Both Mare Island and Bremerton Prepared to Obey Instructions Instantly.

PROVISIONS TAKEN ON

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt Is Ordered West to Take Personal Charge of Movements—Collier to Load Coal.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—Orders were received at Mare Island today to assemble stored provisions for the armored cruiser South Dakota and the third-class cruiser Chattanooga. Both ships are at the Bremerton Navy-Yard, where the South Dakota has been held in reserve. The Chattanooga, in reserve for several months, was commissioned recently at Bremerton.

Lieutenant-Commander Mark St. Clair today received orders to report aboard the West Virginia at Bremerton and Past Assistant Paymaster R. Hehn was ordered to the Albany. The orders show the warships to be commissioned for Mexican service.

Collier Takes Full Supply.

The contract for lumber to be taken by the collier Jupiter to the Norfolk yard was canceled today, as the Jupiter is to take on a full supply of coal for the Mexican cruise.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt received orders from Secretary Daniels to take personal charge of the Pacific fleet's movements in connection with the Mexican situation, and departed at once for Mare Island to confer with Rear-Admiral Doyle. Officials of both Mare Island and Bremerton Navy Yards are ready to proceed at once with any telegraphic instructions which may emanate from Washington.

At Mare Island, there are now the first-class cruiser Maryland, Captain Philip Andrews, commanding, and the cruiser Cleveland, Commander George B. Williams, with the California, flagship of Rear-Admiral Thomas B. Howard, the only one of the large cruisers of the Pacific fleet now in Mexican waters, officers of both yards are awaiting orders to fit out the vessels now in the yards.

Maryland Nearly Ready.

The Maryland is to be completed by April 25, if her present schedule is not hurried, and will be ready to depart in May for Alaska to continue the test of Government coal. The Cleveland is now in dry-dock and will be released next Monday. The Saturn, Captain Smith, which is now coaling at California City, will be sent south as soon as her bunkers are filled and it is probable she will be ready to depart, which was to have sailed for the Norfolk Navy-Yard the latter part of this month, will also be sent to the Mexican coast.

The larger part of the Pacific reserve fleet could not get under way at once, owing to the fact that they are manned only by skeleton crews. These ships are the West Virginia, armored cruiser, Commander Waldo Evans; Albany, third-class cruiser, Lieutenant-Commander Emil P. Swartz; Charleston, first-class cruiser, Lieutenant-Commander Fred A. Traut; Colorado, armored cruiser, Lieutenant-Commander Edward Wood; Milwaukee, first-class cruiser, Lieutenant-Commander Henry N. Jansen, and the South Dakota, armored cruiser, Lieutenant-Commander Frank P. Baldwin.

DELEGATES ARE CHOSEN

Presbytery at Eugene Transacting Mass of Business at Session.

EUGENE, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—The election of commissioners to the Presbyterian General Assembly in Chicago, the formulation of a petition to change the synod meeting from Albany to Eugene next summer, and the adoption of a new method of selecting ministers for churches marked the close of the Willamette Valley Presbytery in Eugene today. The session adjourned today to meet in Albany May 21, where Rev. G. W. Burchett will be ordained as elder.

Commissioners appointed this morning as delegates to the General Assembly to be held next month in Chicago were: Dr. F. H. Geselbrecht, of Albany; Rev. C. F. Koehler, of Brownsville; Alternates were Rev. C. F. Hurd, of Newport, and Rev. W. S. McCullough, of Lebanon. The lay-commissioners who were chosen are C. E. Armstrong, of McMinnville, and C. H. Sedgwick, of Creswell. Alternates are George Connett, of Lebanon, and E. J. Lewellyn, of the Oak Ridge Church, near Corvallis.

ESTATE GOES TO FAMILY

Widow of General Edward S. Bragg Leaves Sum of \$26,000.

FON DU LAC, Wis., April 15.—The will of Cornelia Bragg, widow of Senator Edwin S. Bragg, filed today, bequeathed an estate of \$26,000. A memorial room in a home for friendless and several small charitable bequests were made.

Except for \$2500 to C. W. Henry, her son-in-law, the rest of the estate is divided between two daughters, Margaret Sherman, of Oak Park, Ill., and Bertha Schiven, of Washington.

The later having died after the will was drawn, her share will revert to her children.

LONDON PAPERS COMMENT

(Continued From First Page.) policy, not of non-intervention, but rather intervention without the trouble and expense of using force. But for the Monroe doctrine it is probable that several European governments would co-operate to secure their establishment of order and the protection of their interests in Mexico.

End of Civil War Not Seen.

"President Wilson," adds the Post, "is the clear-headed and courageous man, and will doubtless find a way out of the difficulty. In the meantime it seems as though Mexico must settle down to its civil war."

The Daily Mail says:

"President Wilson's display of the mailed fist seems likely to attain its object. President Wilson has scored a distinct success by his vigorous diplomacy. The world will now hope that he will show equal firmness in forcing upon the Constitutionalists that respect for the American flag which he required from Huerta."

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF NAVY WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO DIRECT MOVEMENTS OF PACIFIC FLEET



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

ADMIRAL'S TERSE SENTENCE PRAISED

"We Do Not Know What We Will Be Called Upon to Do, but Are Ready," Quoted.

DANIELS LAUDS BADGER

Secretary Pleads for Change in Public Viewpoint Toward Navy and Explains Further His Order Against Wine Mess.

NEW YORK, April 16.—"We do not know what we will be called upon to do, but we are ready," said Rear-Admiral Charles J. Badger, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, had to make as his ships steamer out of Hampton Roads for Mexico was made public here tonight by Secretary Daniels, to be added to "the splendid words by American Naval heroes."

Mr. Daniels told members of the Navy League of the United States at their annual banquet that the brevity and comprehensiveness of that statement deserved to rank with those of Dewey at Manila and John Paul Jones in the battle of the Bonhomme Richards and the Serapis.

"Nothing Wrong With Navy."

An appeal for popular support for the Navy was voiced by the Secretary. "There is nothing wrong with our Navy," he said, "there is nothing the matter with our discipline; there is nothing the matter with our splendid personnel; there is a great deal the matter with the public viewpoint; there is a great deal the matter with the lack of information on the part of a great portion of our citizens as to the Navy."

"It is my firm belief that no definite programme of Naval construction—by that I mean a programme that will not be in jeopardy every time Congress assembles—can be laid down until an overwhelming majority of our people become friends of the Navy and give somewhat more than a passive support to the Navy's proper development."

Lind Praises Fletcher.

Mr. Daniels said his pride and admiration of American Navy officers and men was stirred and strengthened by John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative in Mexico, on his return from Mexico recently. The Secretary remarked that Mr. Lind called to tell him that the officers and men of the Navy were the finest body of men he had ever known and that they were a "wise man, of sound judgment and better than that, he is a patriot, loyal to the core to his country."

The Navy now has its full quota and for the first time has a waiting list, the Secretary said. Speaking of his order abolishing the wine mess, the Secretary said: "With singular lack of logic, critics who see fit to represent me as a foe to discipline on the one hand, twist this into a case of discipline run mad on the other. Far greater questions than that of discipline lie back of this."

Emperor Quoted Against Alcohol.

He said there was no body of more temperate, clear-headed men in the world than American Naval officers. He asked his hearers whether they desired not demand the abolishing of a wine mess in railroad engineers' club-houses if the railroads should permit such a thing. "The wreck of a great battleship," said the Secretary, "the loss of a critical battle and the honor of the country may easily hinge upon one of the many duties in the varied and complex duties which these great masses of intricate machinery called battleships have created."

He called attention to Emperor William's advice to the naval cadets at Murwick: "That nation which consumes the least quantity of alcohol wins. And that you should be, my gentlemen, and through you an example should be given the crews."

Economies Pointed Out.

"Substantial and practical economies have been brought about in the expenditure for the Navy," Mr. Daniels said. "The appropriation bill now before Congress is less than that of last year, yet last year's appropriation included only one battleship. This year with less money we propose to build two. This has been done by the cutting of countless expenses, as well as by the saving of practically a million dollars in the purchase of material for the ship No. 15."

"In certain interested quarters

where competition has resulted in a cutting off of profits attempts have been made to convince the public that the Navy has suffered or would suffer in the future from these more businesslike methods of spending the people's money."

HUERTA'S OFFER ACCEPTED

(Continued From First Page.) foreign affairs passed a resolution upholding the President's position.

General Policy Not Affected.

While the President declared the firing of the salute would close the Tampico incident, it will have no particular bearing on the general Mexican policy of the Administration. Other offenses, such as the arrest of a mail orderly at Vera Cruz, have been apologized for and the United States will continue its position of neutrality as between the two factions contending for the military supremacy of the southern republic.

Incidentally, the President, as well as Mr. Bryan, in their conversations on the situation generally drew attention to official reports they had received praising General Villa and the Constitutionalists for their treatment of prisoners and foreigners in the bloody battle at Torreón. Not a foreigner was wounded, according to official reports of eye witnesses.

Huerta's offer was received in Congress generally with approval and members familiar with international precedents agreed that a return salute from American guns could not be regarded as recognition of the Huerta regime or in any wise as beneath the dignity of the United States. Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the foreign relations committee, who said earlier in the day that to return the salute would nullify the effect of the apology, withdrew his criticism after a telephone conversation with Secretary Bryan.

Senator Lodge Admits Error.

The Massachusetts Senator was informed that Naval officers and those familiar with precedents knew of no case where a salute was not returned and that, moreover, the statement that

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the salute would be returned was included in Rear-Admiral Mayo's original demand, Mr. Lodge said he had been mistaken. When Senator Shively, acting chairman of the foreign relations committee, visited the White House he learned from Secretary Bryan of the proposal from General Huerta to yield to the American Government. The Indiana Senator, who had studied all the possibilities in the situation, was quick to agree that the United States Government could not refrain from answering the Mexican apologetic guns and when besieged by Senators at the Capitol later he assured them that a return salute was in accordance with international custom. For several hours Senator Shively's attention was engaged by his colleagues who wanted assurance that a return salute could not be considered as a signal of recognition of the Huerta government. He declared flatly that it could not be so regarded. During executive session late today,

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