# CLUBWOMEN FILE VIGOROUS PROTEST

## Ignored in Preparation of List of Assistants to Fleet Reception Hostess.

## GEORGE NEWHALL BLAMED

**San Francisco Traction Magnate and Millionaire Selects Names for Mayor Taylor's Wife and Causes Heartburnings.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 18.—(Special.)—The delicate task of saying who is who in San Francisco society has brought forth a vigorous protest from the club women of the city, who assert that they have been slighted in making up the list. The names of only club members are in the list of 28 women selected to act as an official reception committee at the entertainments to be given in honor of the officers of the fleet. Mrs. Edward R. Taylor, wife of Mayor Taylor, was chosen to head the committee, but she sidestepped and asked George Newhall, street railway magnate and millionaire, to make out the list. Mr. Newhall did, and thereby he has incurred the wrath of the club members.

**Two Big Receptions.**

There will be two receptions—one May 6, the night of the arrival of the fleet, and one May 11. Eighteen women from the list will receive at each reception with Mrs. Taylor. Between 1500 and 2000 people will attend each of these spectacular affairs, and the honor of receiving the distinguished guests has been much sought. The fleet reception committee, realizing that there would be considerable jealousy over the question of social precedent, appointed the wife of the Mayor official hostess, and left it to her to invite whom she pleased to receive with her. Mrs. Taylor then turned to Mr. Newhall and asked him to help her out of the dilemma, which he gallantly did. Now, it is hinted, he is sorry he spoke.

**Mr. Newhall's List.**

Mr. Newhall selected the following 28: Mesdames Edward R. Taylor, A. W. Foster, Joseph Sedoc Tobin, L. L. Baker, Jesse W. Lilienthal, W. W. Morrow, Mountford S. Wilson, Alfred Voorhees, Francis J. Sullivan, Eleanor Martin, Samuel Knight, W. Hinckley Taylor, Robert Irving Bentley, John Kittle, William Henry Taylor, Jr., Henry J. Scott, Sidney B. Cushing, Homer S. King, Joseph B. Crockett, Rudolph Spreckles, Leon Sloss, Augustus Taylor, Robert L. Coleman, Henry Payot, J. Athearn Folger, A. A. Watkins, W. Mayo Newhall, Phoebe A. Hearst, Francis J. Carolan, William C. Ralston, S. W. Roosevelt, William S. Tevis, Sigmund Stein and Henry J. Crocker, Miss Phelan and Baroness J. P. Von Schroeder.

## FLEET REACHES SAN PEDRO

**Voyage From San Diego North Is a Continuous Ovation.**

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—Los Angeles sent more than 100,000 of its citizens to the oceanside today to welcome the American battleship fleet, which steamed into San Pedro Harbor, 22 miles away, in the full radiance of a mid-Summer sun, and dropped anchor at 3:39 P. M. The 16 fighting vessels and three auxiliaries, leaving San Diego shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, had steamed up the 100 miles of surf-beaten coast in single column formation, 100 yards apart and in full view of thousands of persons who gathered at every vantage point.

With the Connecticut leading and with Rear-Admiral Charles M. Thomas on the bridge, the long line of ships pointed within the breakwater at San Pedro Bay just half an hour behind their scheduled hour of arrival. The Connecticut, Kansas, Vermont and Louisiana took berths within the sheltered portion of the harbor, where they are to remain the full seven days of the fleet's visit, while the other 12 ships of the second, third and fourth divisions reached out into the open sea in a line nearly two miles long.

The arrival of the fleet was accompanied by all the embellishments that have made its presence in every home and foreign port visited in the last four months a marine picture unrivalled in imposing beauty. The thousands of people who made the occasion of the arrival a holiday and who lined seawalls, breakwater, bluffs and beaches surrounding the bay, fairly went wild in their enthusiasm as the fleet steamed into its assigned position.

They had watched the ships grow from a miniature squadron, smoke-enshrouded in the distance, to the full-grown glory of the near view offered in the confines of the harbor, with increasing excitement, and when the anchors dropped with a huge splash into the rippling blue waters, whistles blew in a perfect pandemonium of greeting, while cheers grew in volume until they could be heard on board the Minnesota, the last of the big fighters in the far-reaching column.

Tonight the fleet was illuminated, hulls, superstructures, turrets and yard arms being outlined in electric bulbs.

Mayor A. C. Harper, accompanied by General Adna R. Chaffee and other members of the Los Angeles reception committee, went by special steamer several miles down the coast to greet the incoming fleet, but did not board the flagship Connecticut until the anchoring signal of the multi-colored flags had dropped from the signal yards.

Admiral Thomas received the visitors in his cabin and thanked them graciously for the cordial greetings extended. The stay of the fleet at the ports of Los Angeles during the next week is to be marked by the most elaborate programme of entertaining both for enlisted men and officers the city ever has known.

Tomorrow morning the fleet is to be split up in squadrons in order that four of the Los Angeles ports may share in the honor of entertaining the greatest naval force the waters of the coast ever have known.

The one note of regret in all the harmony of joyous preparation is due to the enforced absence of Rear-Admiral Evans. In reply to a telegram from the Express today, Rear-Admiral Evans sent the following message:

"In reply to your telegram of this morning, I beg to say that it is the great regret of my life that I cannot be with the officers and men of the splendid Atlantic fleet to enjoy the hospitality of the people of Los Angeles so plentifully bestowed.

"Be good to these officers and men, they are all wool and a yard wide, and prepared to prove that California is as much a part of the United States as New York and New England. You will need them some day, and I predict that they will be ready at the drop of the hat either for a fight or for a frolic.

"God bless them all. Thank the people of Los Angeles for all their courtesies and good wishes.

"EVANS."

Beginning with Monday morning, there will be five days of ceaseless activity for the officers and men of the fleet and for the thousands of people in Los Angeles and adjoining cities who are engaged in their entertainment.

On each day shore leave will be granted 2500 enlisted men, for whom special entertainments, slightly varied on each day, will be provided. The boxers of the Atlantic fleet will settle the championships in all classes. A Wild West show, with cowboys and animals imported from New Mexico, will be repeated daily, and in addition there will be barbecues, fireworks, concerts and dances for the sailors, all of whom will be carried from the beaches to the city and back to the ships.

Chief among the many social affairs planned in honor of the officers will be a banquet at the Hotel Alexandria, Monday evening, an automobile parade through the city for the Admirals and officers on Tuesday, and a grand ball, where 250 officers will appear in full dress, at the Shriners' Auditorium, on Wednesday evening.

## LEAVES IN EARLY MORNING

**Fleet Gets Signal "Up Anchor" Before 6 o'Clock.**

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 18.—The fleet got under way promptly at 6 o'clock this morning. The last of the little steamers, bringing away from the shore many of the officers who attended the gala ball at Hotel Del Coronado, had not long been stowed away when the hum of coming departure set the 16 big ships vibrating with life. Rear-Admiral Thomas was up at 5 o'clock and personally took command of the maneuvers attending the setting out of the fleet. He was on the bridge when the signal "up-anchor" was broken from the yards of the flagship.

The Connecticut was first to get under way, and with Admiral Thomas' flag waving at her after truck, she led the way around the lighthouse and the far-jutting rocks of Point Loma and pointed the course to the North. The ships of the first division all hoisted anchors at the same time, and as the Connecticut steamed away the Kansas, Vermont and Louisiana soon fell in line in her ruffled wake. Next the second division got under way, the Georgia, flagship of Rear-Admiral Emory, leading. She was followed by the New Jersey, Rhode Island and Virginia. One by one the other vessels of the fleet fell into place in the long column, which at first stretched over a distance of more than three miles. Close order was signaled once the ships were well around Point Loma, and the shortrun to the ports of Los Angeles was begun in earnest.

## WIRELESS FROM THE FLEET

**Tells of Meeting With Los Angeles Reception Steamer.**

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 18.—The following message from the Associated Press correspondent aboard the battleship Kansas was received by the United Wireless Telegraph Company at 2:15 o'clock:

"At 2 o'clock the fleet passed Balboa. The steamer Hermosa, with the Los Angeles committee on board, met the fleet and signalled messages of welcome to the ships. The crowds on board are cheering and waving flags. Tugs and sailing vessels are appearing from the northward. The fleet is making rapid speed and is in single column."

## WELCOMED FROM THE SHORE

**Crowds Greet Battleships as They Steam Northward.**

ABOARD THE U. S. S. KANSAS, 1:30 P. M., by wireless to Point Loma via San Diego, Cal., April 18.—Fleet of warships in single column, Connecticut leading, is steaming at the rate of 12 knots an hour; fastest time recorded since leaving Hampton Roads. Hundreds of people line the shore at various towns. Oceanside's welcome was a signal to the fleet with heliograph. From 6 to 11 o'clock this morning the speed of the ships was 10 knots per hour. This was increased to 12 at noon when opposite San Juan Point.

The passenger train from San Diego passed up the Coast for an hour in full view of the fleet.

**Salute to Long Beach.**

LONG BEACH, Cal., April 18.—The battleship fleet passed Long Beach at 2:30 P. M. A salute was fired and a signal was displayed in reply to the signal "Welcome," above the city.

# TAFT MEN CALL STORY A CANARD

## Deny Rumor That Fairbanks Has Made Overtures to Roosevelt.

## SUGGESTING THIRD TERM

**Tale That Renomination of 1904 Ticket Was Proposed—Taft Claims 217 of 544 Delegates So Far Chosen.**

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(Special.)—Intimations that Vice-President Fairbanks, or some one close to him, had suggested to President Roosevelt that the old ticket of Roosevelt and Fairbanks should be renominated by the Chicago Republican convention, were placed on a par today with a report that a high authority in the Taft forces had this week approached the Fairbanks men with an offer of "anything you want to pull out of the Presidential race." It appears reasonably certain that whatever effort may be made to settle the Republican Presidential nomination in advance of the Chicago convention will avail nothing, according to leaders on both sides. The nomination fight will be fought to a finish and one side will be as anxious to take the other into camp after the convention as before.

**Watch Labor Meetings.**

Republicans today are looking forward with interest to the outcome of the meetings of labor all over the United States tomorrow.

Claims by the rival political camps as to delegates to the Chicago convention continue to be at variance. According to figures issued today from a conservative anti-Taft source there have now been 541 delegates chosen, divided as follows:

Taft, 217; Hughes, 48; Cannon, 52; Fairbanks, 30; Knox, 68; La Follette, 26; uninstructed, 60; contested, 44.

Of instructed delegates Secretary Taft is given 217, as against 223 for the field. Including the Pennsylvania delegates elected last Saturday, 124 delegates were chosen this week, of whom Taft got 56; Knox, 68; Cannon, 2; Hughes, 4; uninstructed, 14. The Taft list includes four districts in Massachusetts, none of which instructed their delegates, but passed Taft "preference" resolutions.

**Delegations Not Instructed.**

The uninstructed delegates are as follows: Hawaii, 2; Massachusetts, 6; South Carolina, 2; Maryland, 2; Louisiana, 2.

The Taft adherents claim 40 delegates for their candidate during the week, 28 instructed and 12 instructed by "preference" resolutions. They now lay claim to the entire delegation from Tennessee by reason of a statement attributed to W. J. Oliver, the anti-Taft leader, who is reported to have said that he was for Taft. The same claim is made as to two districts in Oklahoma and the total.

Taft strength, counting these additions, is now named at 278 delegates, 254 of whom are said to be instructed.

## CATTLE KING ACQUITTED

**J. T. Murphy Not Guilty of Illegal Fencing in Montana.**

HELENA, Mont., April 18.—In the Federal Court tonight a jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" in the case of John T. Murphy, of this city, charged with unlawfully fencing 58,000 acres of the public domain. Mr. Murphy, who is known as the "Montana Cattle King," has been on trial for more than a week.

**Five Sugar Ships Arrive.**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Over 150,000 bags of sugar arrived today on five sailing vessels of the sugar fleet, bringing the total amount of sugar received here so far for the season up to 832,423 bags.


**Men's Negligee Shirts**
$1.00 VALUES 69¢
A special sale of Men's Solsette Negligee Shirts, in plain cream, tan and white; made with soft button-down collar; cut full size. They are of superior make and finish, in sizes 14 to 17; the best $1.00 values. On sale MONDAY AND TUESDAY..... 69 Cents

Roberts Bros.
THIRD AND MORRISON
The Most in Value, The Best in Quality

**Men's Underwear**
PRICED AT 79¢
A special sale of men's extra fine Cashmere Shirts and Drawers in natural gray, nonshrinkable, light Spring and Summer weight, finished very soft and will not irritate. The make and fit are of the highest class; our reg. $1 values. They come in all sizes. Special for MONDAY and TUESDAY.... 79 Cents

# This Will Be a Week of Most Wonderful Value Giving

**Unmatchable Offerings in High-Class and Thoroughly Dependable and Seasonable Merchandise**

QUALITY, DESIRABILITY AND LOW PRICES are combined in these great offerings. Our Spring and Summer stocks are now complete. That means much to you. That means that every stock in this store is replete with the world's desirable merchandise. That means that your every want can be met here at the most economical prices possible under any circumstances. That means that nowhere in this city can you do better for yourself and family than at this store.

YOU SERVE YOURSELF BEST BY ALLOWING U S TO SERVE YOU.

# Fashionable Dress Goods Priced Low

The most fashionable fabrics of the new season are gathered here now. To appreciate the beauty, daintiness and smartness of our big Dress Goods Department, to comprehend the vastness and prodigality of assortments and to recognize the full importance of the values, one should visit the department and make comparisons with what is shown elsewhere. We specialize for Monday and Tuesday:

**New Tailor Suitings**

A special showing of new weaves for Spring wear suitable for jackets, suits, coats and separate skirts; handsome, pure wool fabrics, in neat checks and ombre stripes, in shades of tan, green, blue, castor, etc. In order to induce early buying we offer two specials for tomorrow and Tuesday:

Our regular $2.25 grade, priced for this sale at..... $1.75

Our regular $2.00 grade, priced for this sale at..... $1.50

**Fancy Dress Goods**

AT $1.00—The greatest assortment of new, up-to-date Fancy Dress Goods to be found in the city, including all the popular new Spring shades, new Copenhagen blues, new reseda greens, new golden browns, new navy blues, etc., in neat hairline stripes, Pekin stripes, shadow stripes, ombre stripes, etc., in both foreign and domestic weaves; beautiful, desirable, fashionable dress goods; priced elsewhere at from $1.25 to $1.50 a yard, our special leaders at..... $1.00

**Cream Colored Fabrics**

38-inch Cream-Colored Ocean Serges, in correct Spring weight, made of fine selected yarn, nice even weave. Specially priced for Monday and Tuesday at..... 65c

50-inch Cream-Colored Storm Serges, a splendid weave and weight for this season; rich, smooth, even weave. Usual $1.25 grade, priced at..... $1.00

**New Black Voiles**

44-inch French Voiles, clever creations, sheer crisp finish, acid proof; a high-grade fabric, priced at, per yard..... $1.25

44-inch Priestley's Hemstitched Voiles, a new and beautiful material, made in England; one of the most popular new weaves. Priced for Monday and Tuesday at..... $1.50

46-inch Black Voiles, all pure wool, fine even weave. Special value at, per yard. 85c

44-inch Black Voiles, Priestley's celebrated goods, fine crisp finish, fast black. Unequaled quality at this price..... $1.00

# The Most Popular Wash Goods of the Season

**ARE HERE IN GREAT VARIETY**

LARGER ASSORTMENTS, PRETTIER STYLES AND BETTER VALUES THAN WE HAVE EVER OFFERED BEFORE—THE RESULT OF VERY CAREFUL BUYING FROM THE BEST FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MILLS. WE INVITE YOU TO SEE THESE

NEW PERCALES AT..... 12½c
At this price we are showing a complete assortment of styles in the best colors for Spring and Summer wear; they come in both 32 and 36-inch widths, and are unusually good value at this price.

NEW PERCALES AT..... 15c
Best standard quality, full 36 inches wide; hundreds of pieces to choose from in new, attractive patterns; medium, light and dark colorings that will not fade

IMPORTED GINGHAMS AT..... 25c
Fine imported Scotch Zephyr Ginghams in a large and pleasing assortment of stripes, checks, plaids and plain colors; most dependable goods.

NEW DRESS GINGHAMS AT..... 12½c
An unmatchable assortment to choose from; over 20,000 yards, consisting of every wanted style, checks, plaids, stripes and plain colors in the newest and best shades; standard quality Dress Ginghams that will launder splendidly.

ZEPHYR GINGHAMS AT..... 15c
32-inch Zephyr Ginghams, in plain colors and all-size checks, in shades of blue and pink, also black and white. Regular 18c quality.

MERCERIZED TAFFETAS AT..... 25c
One of the most desirable fabrics for waist and evening dresses; comes in a large variety of checks and plaids in rich colorings; has a beautiful mercerized finish.

NEW SOISETTE AT..... 25c
Comes in all the new shades in plain colors; the daintiest and most durable wash fabric on the market today at this low price.

LINEN SUITINGS AT..... 15c
35-inch linen-finished Suitings, in all the best plain colors; also white. Exceedingly good wearing quality.

NEW BATISTES AT..... 15c
Thousands of yards in light, medium and dark colors; dots, stripes, figures, flowers and plain colors, in the season's best shades.

MERCERIZED POPLINS in all the wanted plain colors; comes in three qualities. Priced Monday and Tuesday at 25¢, 30¢, 35¢

# Special Attractive Value in Muslin Underw'r

You will find awaiting you at this store tomorrow the largest and most complete assortment of women's and children's Muslin Underwear to be found in the city. Every garment is tastefully made and neatly trimmed; the materials are thoroughly reliable, and the price reductions very important. It's a splendid chance to economize—for instance:

MUSLIN SKIRTS, $2.50 VALUES..... $1.59
A beautiful assortment of Muslin Skirts, made of fine cambric, with deep lawn flounces, trimmed with rows of fine lace insertion and lace ruffles to match; finished with lawn dust ruffle. Also a fine line trimmed with deep embroidery flounces, finished with dust ruffles and underpiece. Regular $2.50 values, Monday and Tuesday..... $1.59

CHILDREN'S DRESSES, $1.25 VALUES..... 89c
A fine showing of children's Short Dresses, Mother Hubbard style, in sizes from 6 months to 2 years; made of fine French lawn, yoke is trimmed with neat embroidery, with fine lace insertion. Regular $1.25 values, special Monday and Tuesday..... 89c

MUSLIN GOWNS, $1.75 VALUES..... $1.18
A fine line of Muslin Gowns in the high, square or V-shaped neck, trimmed with rows of hemstitched tucks, neat embroidery laces and ribbons. They are well made and of good, generous size. Also a fine assortment in the slipover style, low neck, daintily trimmed with embroidery, laces and ribbons. Regular $1.75 values, special for Monday and Tuesday..... $1.18

CORSET COVERS, 65c VALUES..... 39c
A fine assortment of Corset Covers, made of good quality nainsook, trimmed with fine embroidery or dainty laces and ribbons; all well made and daintily finished. Regular 65c values, special Monday and Tuesday 39c






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## ADMIRAL EVANS IMPROVING

**Surgeon McDonnold Gives Out Most Encouraging Statement.**

PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, Cal., April 18.—The seventeenth day of Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans' stay at Paso Robles Hot Springs shows the old warrior to be much improved, and it is evident that the treatment at the big Kurhaus is proving successful. Past Assistant Surgeon P. E. McDonnold this morning made the following statement: "Admiral Evans continues to gain strength gradually. He sleeps well and his appetite is improving. He had a very good rest last night, and as the weather remains bright, warm and clear, he hopes today to get out in the sunshine and fresh air for a longer time."

Today Admiral Evans spent one of the best days he has had since arriving here. He took his regular daily treatment and this afternoon was wheeled around the verandas and gardens by his son. A party of 15 or 16 Civil War veterans of Paso Robles called on him this afternoon.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—A letter received at the Navy Department today from Admiral Thomas, temporarily in command of the Atlantic fleet, expresses the opinion that Admiral Evans will be able to rejoin the fleet on or about the 25th inst., at Santa Barbara.

## WILL GET NO SUNDAY REST

**Opposition to Moving of Ships From Church People Fails.**

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Admiral Thomas' orders from the Navy Department contemplate a separation of the ships of the fleet early tomorrow morning, after remaining over night at San Pedro instead of Monday morning, one division going to Santa Monica, another to Redondo and a third to Long Beach, the other remaining at San Pedro. These orders have been reiterated to him in subsequent dispatches.

The opposition to the transfer of the ships on Sunday developed from the Sunday Rest Association, but the orders to the Admiral have not been changed, according to the statement of the Navy officials.

**Warships for Anacortes.**

WASHINGTON, April 18.—To gratify the wishes of the people of Anacortes, Wash., who will be unable to see any of the Atlantic fleet while in Puget Sound, the Navy Department has decided to send two cruisers to that port for two days' stay.

**Solace in a New Role.**

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Solace, formerly a hospital ship and now on the Pacific Coast, is to be fitted out as a "mother" ship for the submarines and torpedo vessels on that Coast.

Eye Glasses $1.00 at Metzger's.

## ROMANCE OF EARTHQUAKE

**William Duff Sherman to Marry a San Francisco Girl.**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—(Special.)—The announcement of the engagement of William Duff Sherman and Miss Daisy Persis Goodman will be followed shortly by the marriage of the young couple. Miss Goodman is well known in musical circle of the Bay Cities, where she has been prominently identified with study and club life. Recently she held the position of instructor in Mills College. She is the daughter of Mrs. L. D. Brown, of Fresno.

Mr. Sherman is associated with the firm of Selon & Hemmings, State Architects. He is the son of Mrs. Anna Sherman, of Portland, Or. The romance had its beginning in the days immediately following the earthquake of two years ago.