

JAPAN WELCOMES AMERICAN FLEET

anchors at Yokohama Amid Salutes.

MYRIADS SHOUT GREETING

Received on Arrival by Japanese Warships.

CITY GAY WITH BUNTING

Preceded by Yankton, White Battleships Steam Into Harbor—Island Newspapers Herald Event as the Greatest in History.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 18.—Sixteen American battleships, constituting the Atlantic fleet, on its peaceful cruise around the world, are riding at anchor today in the Bay of Tokio, occupying a post of honor in front of a like number of Japanese men-of-war, the white hulls of the American vessels making strong contrast with the sumner-hued ones of the Japanese.

In the bay, alive with bunting, gaily decorated tugs and steamers loaded with sightseers are steaming to and fro and launches from the shore and the war vessels are bearing uniformed officers on their official visits of welcome.

Yankton Slightly in Advance.

Preceded by its tender, the Yankton, the American fleet entered the harbor in a fog that hung over the bay and dropped anchor at 9:30 o'clock this (Sunday) morning, one-half hour later than the time scheduled. This was due to the fog.

The first realization that the fleet was near at hand came at 8:45 A. M., when the guns from one of the 16 Japanese battleships lying outside the breakwater fired a salute as the Yankton appeared through the fog. In a few minutes the fog lifted slightly, enabling the watcher on bay and shore to get a view of the fleet as it steamed slowly in, in single-line formation.

Welcome Is Extended.

The fleet proceeded to its anchorage ground and anchored in four columns in front of the Japanese fleet. When anchors were cast, a reception committee representing every department of the Japanese government and accompanied by attaches of the various foreign embassies and legations and the Mayor of Yokohama boarded the flagship Connecticut and officially welcomed Rear-Admiral Sperry, his officers and men to Japan.

ROYAL WELCOME TO FLEET

Mikado's Subjects Outdo Themselves to Honor Uncle Sam's Fighters.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 18.—It was in the gray hours before dawn this morning when the levitians of America's great white battleship fleet were dimly discerned maneuvering off the entrance to Tokio Bay, while 16 war vessels, the pride of Japan, in somber color, swung at their anchor buoys outside of the breakwater, enfolded by low purple hills. Already Yokohama was awake and the streets were crowded with excited people streaming from the surrounding country about, in rikshas or in carriages, making their way to the waterfront and to the hills overlooking the bay, to get their first glimpse of the great fleet.

Thousands View Fleet.

From thousands of flagstaffs and buildings and every point in the big city floated the Stars and Stripes, and the entire length of miles of streets were almost walled with intertwined American and Japanese emblems. The bay itself was fairly aflame with bunting.

NEVADA ROBBED OF BULLION TAX

WILL SUE EVERY DIVIDEND-PAYING MINE IN STATE.

May Indict Officials for Perjury. Governor Also Orders All Lotteries to Stop.

CARSON, Nev., Oct. 17.—Governor D. S. Dickerson this afternoon ordered Attorney-General Richard H. Stoddard to notify the district attorneys of the various counties to begin proceedings at once against every dividend-paying mine in the state which has not paid its bullion tax. It is probable that many of the officials of mines that have filed sworn statements showing that they are operating at a loss and yet have been paying dividends will be indicted for perjury in falsifying their reports.

These prosecutions will follow the lines suggested by State Bullion Tax Collector Haley, which shows that, while the output of the state's mines is a million a month, only \$45,000 has been paid in for taxes in the last six months. A feature of the report is that many lotteries have been operated openly in the state in violation of Federal and state laws. "The lotteries must stop at once," said the Governor. "As for the mineowners, their case may take a little more time." The report also showed that the revenue of the state from gambling was in excess of \$200,000 a year. The oil games pay \$75 a month each.

SAYS HIS WIFE BEAT HIM

Seattle Man Gets Divorce From Brawny Better Half.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 17.—(Special.)—Because, as he alleged, his wife, six inches taller than he, beat him and threatened his life, Willis E. Kincaid was granted a divorce in the Superior Court today.

"I don't think it is safe for a man of your size to live with a woman as large and as belligerent as your wife seems to be," said Judge Frater. "The decree is granted."

Kincaid testified that when he married her he believed his wife to be a widow without children. Last March a stalwart son of Mrs. Kincaid, just home from the Philippines, strode into the house and ordered his stepfather out. Once Mrs. Kincaid walked into his office, Kincaid said, assaulted him, and told him his life would not be safe unless he left her. Kincaid said he did not go home that night.

PLAN FETE FOR TEDDY

Roosevelt's Visit to Khartoum Is Already Heralded About Egypt.

CAIRO, Egypt, Oct. 17.—Preliminary arrangements already are being made here for the visit of President Roosevelt to Khartoum in 1909, and he is being talked of today as "the great celebrity" who is coming to Egypt. It appears from the arrangements that are being completed that Mr. Roosevelt will enter Africa by way of Bombay and travel toward the great lakes by the British railroad. He will then take a caravan across the wilderness to Khartoum and make his way down the Nile. He may choose, however, to enter by some other way and make his exit via Bombay.

TWO MORE LIBEL SUITS

Woolwine and Los Angeles Express Accused of More Wrongs.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 17.—Two more suits were filed today against the Evening Express and Thomas Lee Woolwine, city prosecutor, in connection with the investigation Mr. Woolwine has been making into alleged protection of vice by the Mayor and Police Commissioners of the city.

H. B. Woodfill, of the Police Commission, filed suit for \$350,000 damages against the Evening Express Company and Edward T. Earl, the owner of the paper, for alleged libel. Edward B. Tutts, Police Commissioner, filed a suit against Mr. Woolwine, demanding \$30,000 damages on account of alleged injuries to his feelings and his standing in the community.

LANDSLIDE ONLY CAN DEFEAT TAFT

Political Horizon Has Changed Color.

BRYAN'S CHANCES DECREASE

Doubtful States Swing Into Republican Ranks.

TAFT HELPS OWN FIGHT

New York, Illinois and Indiana Are Looked Upon Now as Safe for Big Ohioan—Change in Conditions in Two Weeks.

Table with columns: STATE, REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRATIC, DOUBTFUL. Lists states and their political leanings.

BY HARRY J. BROWN. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 17.—Nothing short of a Democratic landslide can now prevent the election of William H. Taft. Two weeks ago the situation was far different, but in this brief period marked gains have been made by the Republicans, and at least three important states have been removed from the doubtful into the probable Republican column—New York, Illinois and Indiana.

The political outlook as viewed by Republican leaders is rapidly improving. Independent voters are being swung into line for Taft; the movement of labor votes towards Bryan, once alarming, has been quite generally checked; disaffection among the negroes has been largely overcome, and enthusiasm, or at least interest, is being awakened among all classes. There are several causes contributing to this change.

Taft Helps Own Cause.

The appearance of Mr. Taft on the stump has been decidedly beneficial to the Republican cause. He has inspired confidence among those who have heard him; he has satisfied them of his fitness for the Presidency, and his answers to the campaign arguments of the opposing candidate have been all that was necessary to insure the votes of many who previously had been in doubt. Particularly has Mr. Taft been effective among laboring men and among independent voters. The former have been convinced that he is their friend—not their enemy, and the latter no longer question the ability of the Republican nominee to measure up to the requirements of the office to which he aspires.

It would be difficult—in fact, impossible—to estimate the amount of assistance which Governor Hughes, of New York, has rendered the Republican National ticket by his tour of the Middle West. Hughes has clinched many, many independent votes which were wavering; he won back others that had crept into the Bryan fold in the early days of the campaign. Hughes is an idol among the better classes of citizens in the Middle West.

CHINESE REVIVE SCHOOL QUESTION

DEMAND NATIVE GIRLS BE ADMITTED TO WHITE SCHOOLS.

Daughters of California-Born Mongolians Assert Equal Educational Rights.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—The attorney for the eight Chinese companies today communicated with the Board of Education of this city, demanding that three Chinese girls, daughters of Soo Hoo Fong, a Chinese of American birth and a citizen of this State, be permitted to attend the Jean Parker primary school, an order for their removal to one of the Oriental schools of the city having been made by the board.

The matter calls into question the State law, which says that in any section where separate schools have been provided, no Indians, Chinese or Mongolians shall be allowed to attend schools maintained for the instruction of white children.

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TURKEY WANTS TO FIGHT BULGARIA

Mobilizes Army in Asia Minor in Haste.

WAR MAY COME IN FEW HOURS

Angry Because Bulgaria Refused to Negotiate.

POWERS URGE MODERATION

Turkey Dislikes Programme of Conference—Ferdinand Urges Cabinet to Moderate Attitude. Hurried Paris Conferences.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—The optimism prevailing in official circles up to today concerning the ability of the powers to maintain peace in Eastern Europe was rudely shattered this evening on receipt of a telegram from the French Ambassador at Constantinople, Mr. Constant, announcing that Turkey had ordered the mobilization of her troops in Asia Minor, and tonight it is believed that a few hours will determine the issue of peace or war.

Powers Counsel Moderation.

Instructions have been hurriedly forwarded to the French representatives at Constantinople, and Sofia to renew their counsels of peace and the other powers have sent similar instructions to their representatives in these cities, urging moderation on the part of Bulgaria and Turkey. The fear among diplomats, however, is that intervention may come too late and that the Bulgarians, in their present state of excitement, may accept Turkey's act as one of provocation and advance across the frontier, when a collision between the armies would be inevitable and irreparable.

Suspect Reactionary Scheme.

As soon as word of Turkey's action reached here, Naoum Pasha, the Turkish ambassador, called upon Sir Francis Bertie, the British ambassador, but the purpose of the interview has not been learned. M. Stancloff, the Bulgarian diplomatic agent in Paris, did not attempt to conceal the gravity of the news, but said that he could not understand such a move, as he had received a reassuring telegram in the afternoon from Sofia, which stated that Bulgaria, among other things, was ready to negotiate the matter of the Oriental Railroad with the company.

War Appears Imminent.

A special dispatch to the Temps from Constantinople confirms the announcement of the mobilization of the Turkish army and it adds that 50 locomotives are now ready to transport troops. The order, the dispatch says, applies only

GOMPERS TAINTED BY STANDARD OIL

OCTOPUS ADVERTISES IN HIS PAPER, FEDERATIONIST.

Republican Leaders Expose Friendly Relations of Bryanite Labor Man With Monopoly.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—(Special.)—The talent of Standard Oil was put upon Samuel Gompers today in a statement given out at the Republican National headquarters. Two advertisements for companies subsidiary to the Standard inserted in the September issue of the Federationist, of which the Bryan labor leader is manager and editor, were made a basis for this attack. Republican leaders said they would like to know if this financing of Mr. Gompers' paper was part of the deal whereby he is now going about the country trying to throw the votes of union labor to the Democratic ticket.

It is apparent that through the medium of advertisements in this labor magazine these oil companies could hope to reach no market for their products. Laboring men do not use Signal oil. The contention that these advertisements were inserted for some other purpose is current, and that the purpose was to pay Mr. Gompers in a secret manner, rather than the idea of securing ordinary advertising results.

PLAYERS TO COME WEST

Southern League Secretary Gives Out List of Drafts.

AUBURN, N. Y., Oct. 17.—Secretary Farrell tonight gave out the following drafts in the Southern Baseball League: Mobile, from Tacoma—Shea. Portland, from Vancouver—Sugden. Drafts of Pacific Coast: San Francisco, from Vancouver—Mundorf. Los Angeles, from Bloomington—Gedwin. Oakland, from Reading, Pa.—Boyes; from Williamsport, Foster; from Akron, Spawners; from Spokane—Dunn and Spoonmoors; from Tacoma, Carron; from Bloomington, Higgins (disallowed); from Bridgeport, Beaumont; from Lynn, Ort.

CUT OFF BEARD IN ANGER

Chanler's Way of Resenting Rejection by Amelie Rives.

CHARLOTTE, Va., Oct. 17.—The story of how he cut off his French beard because Amelie Rives had refused him, and what he characterized as ill-bred conduct toward him by members of the Knickerbocker Club of New York, including Stanford White, Augustus St. Gaudens and others, were among the points brought out in the testimony of John Armstrong Chanler at today's session of his proceedings legally to establish his sanity and recover a fortune he alleges was wrested from him in New York.

TRUST'S NOSE TWISTED

California State Board Forces American Book Company to Terms.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 17.—By holding up bills aggregating \$12,348, the State Board of Examiners has compelled the American Book Company, of New York, to file a certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State. The corporation was owed royalties by the state in the sum of \$12,348.96, but the Examiners recently discovered the company was not complying with the laws of California, and today forced it to file the proper papers, and pay a fee of \$500 for the privilege of doing so.

DOUBLE MURDER IN OMAHA

Sewell Sleuman, Wealthy Broker, Kills Sweetheart, Then Himself.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 17.—Sewell Sleuman, reputed to be worth half a million dollars and well known throughout the West as a broker, tonight shot and killed Eva Hart, whose company he has been keeping for some time and then took his own life. The shooting occurred at the home of Miss Hart, 439 1/2 Burdette street, whither the two had driven in an automobile a short time before the double tragedy occurred.

WHOLE FAMILIES DIE IN FLAMES

Children Victims of Forest Fires.

BABES BURNED LIKE WOOD

Scenes of Unspeakable Horror Depicted by Survivors.

BRAVE GIRL MEETS DEATH

Death List Exceeds 50 and May Reach 100—Devastated District in Northern Michigan Covers 100 Square Miles.

ALPENA, Mich., Oct. 17.—Out of the fire-swept district to the north of this city, where flames are spreading untold death and desolation unchecked, come advices which indicate that the number of dead will exceed 50 and may run up well towards 100. Early today it was known that 22 had been sacrificed to the flames. Later advices confirmed this report and added 10 more to the list of victims. Tonight it is certain that the casualties will largely exceed every previous report.

In the vicinity of Metz, Bolton and Posen the fires have burned sufficiently to leave several hundred women and children camping with comparative safety in the open fields, but near this city tonight the fires became so threatening that Mayor McKnight called out a volunteer force of several hundred men with shovels to construct trenches in an effort to stem the progress of the flames towards this city. The same southwest wind that swept fires through the village of Metz is still blowing, with consequent great danger to villages and farms.

An old couple named Pashinski, hounded in on all sides, were burned to death in their home near Posen. Their charred bodies were lifted today from the mass of ashes and ruins which covered them.

According to dispatches which have reached this city, four members of the family of John Szerszki, of Rogers City, were cremated in their home when a wall of flames drove them back from the road through which they were endeavoring to escape, and crowded them back into the house, which was soon a mass of ashes and glowing coals.

The horror surrounding the death agonies of the Szerszki family has been duplicated more than once during the terrible disaster which for two days past has torn families apart, leaving some members to reach places of safety, others to be consumed in the terrific heat of the fires which are burning fiercely on all sides and hourly growing more formidable and difficult to check.

Six Children Burned.

Out of this maze of horror comes the story of the burning of the bodies of six Dues children in a road near Metz. Like the Szerszki family, they remained in their home, fear-stricken, praying that the angry flames would pass by or that some avenue of escape would open to them at the last moment when they would be compelled to face the fire.

The sickening end of their prayers is told in the finding of six bodies, charred almost beyond recognition, lying in the road. At the final moment, when the flames had razed the barn and was licking up the fences surrounding the house, the children, in pairs, locked arms and dashed into the heat and smoke. Calling to each other, they kept together until they reached the road, down which they ran until the dense smoke filled their lungs. Half suffocated, the children laid down in the road to gain a moment's freedom from the stupefying heat and while they

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HARRY MURPHY DRAWS A FEW MORE PICTURES—SOME HUMOROUS, SOME OTHERWISE—ON THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK



"I Guess I Can Lay This Aside for Another Six Months." "Lest We Forget." "Shame!" "Up to New York." "Another Mysterious Disappearance." "Too Thin." "If Parker Would Only Support Taft, I Might Have a Chance."