

COAST DEFENSE IS WEAK, EVANS SAYS

Fleet of 16 Battleships Is Needed for Protection of Ports on Pacific.

CANAL IS EASY TO CLOSE

One Stick of Dynamite Placed in Locks at Panama Could Destroy Gates and Bottle Up Fleet From the Atlantic.

"The Pacific coast is without defense and would be at the mercy of an enemy in the event of an attack. The Atlantic has protection and I see no reason why the Pacific should not be equally protected. It is a well-known principle in warfare that the strongest defense is the ability to attack the enemy's coast. The Pacific coast should have 16 battleships with all the trimmings, which mean eight armored cruisers, one ammunition ship, four colliers or ships carrying fuel, 16 torpedo boats and six submarines."

In brief, the foregoing is an analysis of the situation and needs of the Pacific coast, as summed up by Rear-Admiral Robbley D. Evans, "Fighting Bob," as he is more familiarly known, in an authorized interview. "What coast defense the Pacific coast has is very good," said Rear-Admiral Evans, "but the Pacific needs a floating defense. Coast defense is only valuable within the range of its guns. The Navy is the first line of defense. Ports are excellent to protect a retreat and afford shelter for repairs. The strongest defense is the ability to attack the coast of the enemy. We have no Pacific fleet, hence we would be at the mercy of an enemy on the western coast in the event of an attack."

World Powers Lead Us.

"What is the use of comparing our Navy with that of Japan? Japan is not the only nation to be reckoned with. Japan has its fleet of warships in the Pacific, Germany has its fleet at Ding Tau, the English have a fleet at Hongkong, and the French a fleet in the Mediterranean. We have none in the Pacific Ocean and our western coast is defenseless."

"More battleships are certainly needed. The Pacific fleet should have 16 battleships, eight armored cruisers, one ammunition ship, four colliers and 16 torpedo boats. A similar fleet should be in the Atlantic and the Japanese fleet should be a reserve fleet of eight battleships and their auxiliary complement on each coast to draw upon if necessary. This would give us a fleet of 24 battleships, eight armored cruisers, four colliers, or a Navy both efficient and powerful enough to cause all other nations to let us alone. "Commercialism on the Pacific has only begun. It is a great problem and no one knows how it will terminate. Although our peace friends would practice disarmament the spirit of the times points to military rule, and commercial supremacy depends largely upon the size of the Navy. There may not be an amalgamation of the Japanese and Chinese races, but in my opinion, Japan will outrun the policy of China. No other nation can do it. We do not understand the Japanese and Chinese, neither do European nations, so the outlining of a policy for China naturally falls to the Japanese who understand the Chinese."

Coast Poorly Protected.

"So far as the coast defense is concerned, our Pacific forts are excellent but they are few. Puget Sound is not protected at all. There are not enough forts. Efficient coast defense depends upon a series of forts of fire, which have not been provided for Puget Sound."

"We have reached the limit in the size of battleships, but we need our 'dreadnought' type. All battleships should be large enough to carry guns capable of piercing the heaviest armor a ship can carry. The largest gun we can do this, at a distance of eight miles. As eight miles is as far as we can see, there is no use going further. "The fortification of the Panama Canal depends upon the interpretation of the treaty. If we fortify the canal it will be because of what is left out of the treaty rather than what is in it. I believe the canal will be fortified, but under what circumstances as yet I am not prepared to say. The value of the canal for transporting a fleet from one ocean to another is overrated. One stick of dynamite, in the hands of a brave man, would render the locks useless and bottle up a fleet in the canal. For that reason it is apparent that we should have a Pacific fleet."

Admiral Is in Good Health.

Rear Admiral Evans is in better health than he has been for some time. He has thrown away his crutches, which were for temporary use only, and does not even depend upon his cane to any great extent. Immediately after the Press Club breakfast at the Commercial Club today he will leave for Seattle. From there he will go to Tacoma, then to Spokane, then Salt Lake City. From Salt Lake City he will go direct to Washington, D. C., where he will be met by Mrs. Evans, who is now in the East.

Admiral Evans is accompanied by James A. Cruikshank, his secretary, and Robert Lee Dunsen, a newspaper man of National reputation.

BIRDS ARE SLAUGHTERED

Penguins Driven From Rookeries Killed and Boiled for Oil.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Sept. 17.—A terrible slaughter of penguins by gangs of men sent to Macquarie Island by Mr. Hatch, a New Zealander, is causing indignation. The birds were driven in thousands from the rookeries, knocked on the head, thrown into digesters, and boiled for oil.

It is alleged that formerly the birds were occasionally driven into digesters alive, although this is denied by the last gang. Complaints have been made to the New Zealand government, but it cannot interfere, as the islands are under Tasmanian jurisdiction.

Owing to representations made by the Premier, the Tasmanian government is now asking Mr. Hatch for an explanation. If the reply is unsatisfactory, Mr. Hatch's lease, which expires in October, 1912, will not be renewed.

Sister of E. E. Hale Dies.

BOSTON, Sept. 17.—Miss Susan Hale, of this city, artist and author, sister of the late Edward Everett Hale, died today at her summer home at Matunuck, R. I. She was a native of Boston, and was 74 years old.

"FIGHTING BOB" APPEARS IN PLAIN CIVILIAN DRESS



REAR-ADMIRAL ROBBLEY D. EVANS, RETIRED.

BRIAND LOST, BUT FOUND

FRENCH MINISTER DISAPPEARS TO GO FISHING.

Clever Detective Discovers Him in Simple Attire and Strategically Causes Return.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—M. Briand, the French Prime Minister, who returned recently from a holiday, was lost for a week, and was finally discovered in the village of Pacy-sur-Eure. M. Briand wanted a real holiday, and kept his movements so secret that he departed from Paris without leaving his address even with his private secretary. While he was away several important questions arose, and it was absolutely necessary for the other members of the Government to find their chief. They hunted for him for a week, and eventually applied to the police to find him. A detective discovered him at Pacy dressed as a French fisherman, in an immense beehive straw hat, an alpaca coat, soft shirt without a collar, and trousers rolled up to the knees showing bare legs and feet. The detective was clever enough not to recognize the Premier openly, but talked to him about fishing, and gradually led the conversation round to politics, and the disappearance of M. Briand, which, he said, was public talk in Paris. M. Briand looked suspicious, and said he had heard nothing about it, but that same evening he telephoned to his secretary, and told him of his whereabouts.

Wordsworth's Nephew to Visit.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—The Right Rev. Dr. John Wordsworth, a nephew of the famous English poet, will arrive in New York this week to be the guest of

the Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, rector of Old Trinity Church. He will preach in Trinity on September 25, and is scheduled to be a guest at several social functions within the few following days. He is the bishop of Salisbury, England, and the son of a bishop. The bishop comes to America chiefly to deliver a sermon at the opening of the Episcopal general conference in Cincinnati, October 4. While at the conference, he will be the center of several social and official functions.

FRENCH BEAUTY MURDERED

Man With Whom She Eloped Injured—Foul Play Suspected.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—A mysterious murder was committed at the village of Vallauris, near Grasse, several nights since. The body of Senora Corradini, a beautiful young woman, was found lying in front of the residence of a wealthy farmer, named Cotta. She had received 30 knife wounds. Mystery surrounded Senora Corradini's life as well as her death. She was known only as "Nina" at the asylum, where she lived until 13 months ago, when she eloped with an Italian workman named Corradini, who was employed in the institution. The couple settled at Vallauris, where Cotta, who is a widower with two children, fell in love with the woman. She complained to the village priest a few days ago regarding his attentions. Nothing is known concerning Senora Corradini's movements on the night of the murder. She left her home without her husband's knowledge. When her body was found she had been dead several hours. Cotta was later found lying on a bed in one of the rooms of his residence, shot through the chest. He says that he heard shrieks for help, and when he rushed to the street a man fired at him.

TEMPERANCE LECTURER OF PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY WILL ORGANIZE PARADE IN PORTLAND



MISS MARIE C. BREHM, OF ILLINOIS.

Miss Marie C. Brehm, scientific temperance lecturer for the National Presbyterian Temperance Society, will organize a great parade in Portland in which it is expected thousands will march. The parade will be in the nature of a demonstration against the liquor interests and will be held in October.

Miss Brehm will also deliver a number of addresses while in Portland. The first address will be given Tuesday, September 20, at 8 P. M. in the Woodlawn Christian Church. Wednesday night she will speak at the Highland Congregational Church, East Sixth and Prescott streets, and on Thursday an address will be delivered by her at the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church. Friday she will speak in the Albina Central Methodist Episcopal Church and on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock a mass meeting for all the women of Portland will be held at the White Temple.

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Beautiful collection of mannish worsteds, Garfield serges and chevots, basket weaves and plain color worsteds; some strictly tailored, others neatly trimmed with silk facings; the new gored and cluster-pleated skirts. At the present prices asked by the manufacturers, could not be sold for less than \$30.00. Our price.....**\$18.95**

At \$16.50

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At \$24.75

Suits that are actually worth \$35.00, and would easily sell for this price. They are made of fine chiffon, broadcloth, fancy worsteds and the new rough weaves. Coats lined with Skinner satin; newest skirt effects, including the hobble skirt. Don't fail to see them. Our price.....**\$24.75**

New Arrivals of Pattern Hats Daily

WOMAN SET FREE

Mrs. Nathan Not to Be Tried for Killing of Husband.

8 INDICTMENTS RETURNED

J. E. Quinn Held for Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses; A. C. Cameron, Patrick O'Brien and Ike Ford Indicted.

By the action of the Multnomah County grand jury, which reported to Judge Cleland yesterday morning the findings of 15 criminal cases, Mrs. Florence Nathan will not stand trial for the shooting of her husband, James Nathan, and she was given her liberty during the day. Mrs. Nathan was being held for shooting her husband, a negro porter at the Pantages Theater, but there were said to be extenuating circumstances connected with the case and in the absence of sufficient evidence, the grand jury returned not a true bill. Mrs. Nathan gave her version of the case and other witnesses were Ada Wilson, M. F. Sloan and Edward Burke. Edward Pearson, who was charged with embezzling \$1500 of the funds of the North Pacific Trust Company, was also dismissed.

The eight indictments returned were as follows:

No Funds Alleged.

Representing to J. Friedman that he had money to his credit in the First National Bank of Walla Walla, J. E. Quinn on December 21, 1908, issued a check of \$1475 to Friedman which was subsequently returned to Friedman with "no funds" stamped across its face. The check was given to Friedman in payment for lodging and baths, amounting to \$3.25, and the balance of \$1471 was received by Quinn for the worthless paper, according to the charge. Quinn will be required to answer to the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

A. C. Cameron is held for trial, charged with the larceny of a mare valued at \$200 belonging to Andrew Brugger. The theft is alleged to have been committed August 5.

Patrick O'Brien is accused of an unnatural crime against Herbert Lovely, September 12. The grand jury returned a true bill against the Ford for knowingly uttering a forged check August 8 to John Wilkins on the Bank of Oregon City for \$3.00.

Louie Nelson Is Held.

Louie Nelson was indicted for the larceny of \$180 from Ole Anderson. The crime is alleged to have been committed in Portland September 2. John Doe (true name not known) was held for trial for committing an assault with a dangerous weapon upon Ned Pyle. The alleged assault is accused of cutting an striking Pyle with a razor on August 18. An indictment was brought against Joe Schuerli, who is charged with entering

the house of Frank H. Jones August 8 and stealing \$34 in money, a diamond ring valued at \$60 and other articles valued at \$12.

John Hennessy must answer to the charge of the larceny of \$43, a coat valued at \$5 and a hat valued at \$1, the property of Al Seguin, on August 25.

Eight Cases Dismissed.

The eight not true bills returned were as follows:

Wendell D. Holmes, charged with issuing a check of \$12.75 on the George W. Bates & Co.'s bank without having funds in the bank.

Wendell D. Holmes, charged with misrepresenting to K. G. Staples and C. L. Philiber that he held letters patent on an improved envelope, for one-third interest in which he received from Staples & Philiber \$250.

H. W. Besheky, charged with larceny of \$24.50 from the Ocean Shore Railroad Company while employed by the company.

Eugene Pearson, charged with larceny by embezzlement of \$100 when employed by the North Pacific Trust Company.

Florence Nathan, charged with murder in the first degree for killing August 26, one James Nathan.

John Brueker, charged with the larceny of a horse valued at \$150, belonging to E. H. Best, August 26.

A. T. Simmons, charged with the larceny of a sideboard valued at \$45 belonging to J. M. Rothbauer.

Court Notes.

Lou Ford was granted a divorce from C. C. Ford yesterday on the grounds of neglect and inhuman treatment. The wife had her maiden name, Lou Laws, restored to her.

In his answer to the cross-complaint in the divorce suit of S. M. Burnett against Maud Burnett, the plaintiff denies all the allegations made by his wife and declares that he is unable financially to pay her alimony or attorney's fees. He asks for an absolute divorce and the custody of the two minor children.

Articles of incorporation were yesterday filed in the County Clerk's office as follows: United Auto Company; incorporators, E. E. Cohen, Arnold Cohen and J. C. Beck; capitalization, \$50,000. American Lifeograph Company; incorporators, L. H. Moomaw, R. A. Leiter and F. J. Loneragan; capitalization, \$150,000.

When a husband drinks to excess and goes home in an intoxicated condition, beats up his wife, chokes her, threatens her life and falsely accuses her of unfaithfulness, such department is sufficient cause for a divorce, according to the views of Judge Cleland, who yesterday granted to Grace Ludington absolute freedom from K. F. Ludington. In the testimony given by Mrs. Ludington it was shown that the husband had treated his wife so cruelly that it was necessary to have him locked up in the County Jail to keep him from doing her bodily harm. The custody of the two minor children was awarded to Mrs. Ludington.

SALT SALMON PRICES RISE

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Judging from the present market conditions the Alaska salmon packers who have not yet sold their packs of salt-salmon will make unusually large profits this season. Last year Alaska salt salmon was selling for \$6 a barrel and it is now quoted at \$9, with a strong demand and the indications are that the price will advance to \$10. It is understood that the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Co., of this city, has fully 3000 barrels of this salmon, which it has not yet disposed of.

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