

FLEET DOES TRICKS TO AMUSE DANIELS

War Maneuvers Conducted at Sea Look Like Real Thing.

DESTROYERS CHASE "SUB"

Shore Line is Hugged for Many Miles So Crowds on Land Can Get First Glimpse of Ships.

ON BOARD THE FLAGSHIP NEW MEXICO, OFF THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Pacific fleet came today to make its bow to Los Angeles. Six dreadnoughts of the heavy fighting line and two of the older-class battleships of the United States navy dropped their mudhooks late today at the San Pedro breakwater, while 23 destroyers with the mother ship, the cruiser Birmingham, the scouting unit of Admiral Rodman's armada, and the tender Prairie came up into the inner harbor for anchorage.

The flagship New Mexico, with the secretary of the navy's flag, four white stars and an anchor on blue, flying from the main truck, took up her anchorage with her sister, the Mississippi, outside the harbor, where the smaller battleships, the Vermont and Georgia, also let go their anchors. Nestled within the breakwater were the dreadnoughts Wyoming, Arkansas, Texas and New York.

Governors Aboard Flagship.

On board the New Mexico, with Secretary of the Navy Daniels and family, making the trip from San Diego to San Pedro, were Governor Stephens of California and daughter, Governor Larrabee of New Mexico and a "welcome" committee from Los Angeles that boarded the flagship from a destroyer just before the fleet sailed from San Diego.

Six o'clock this morning found Admiral Rodman with his flag lieutenant, Lieutenant-Commander Jonas Ingram, on the bridge of the New Mexico. Orders had been given to "hoove off" at that hour, and four bells had scarcely ceased sounding when the flagship with her anchors scarcely in-bound steamed slowly to southward to the whistle buoy, with the other dreadnoughts falling into single column formation. When the Point Loma light bore east, Navying Officer Keller, of the New Mexico, megaphoned to the admiral's bridge:

"On one bearing now, sir."

Flagship Turns to Northwest.

"Execute," replied Flag Lieutenant Ingram, and code flags quickly edged up the signal halyards, conveying orders to the following fleet:

"Right standard hoist. Course 330 degrees," was the navigator's order to the quartermaster. The big flagship swung easily in the lifting sea, the turning her cutter bow toward the northwest, steamed away at a speed of 12 knots for San Pedro. Then it was the Admiral Rodman, desiring to show his guests how convoy work was accomplished by the British and American navies in the Pacific, gave an order throwing an anti-submarine screen around the advancing column of dreadnoughts and battleships steaming 500 yards apart.

The scout cruiser Birmingham, with six destroyers in line abreast, took an advanced position 150 yards ahead of the dreadnought, while on both sides of the big sea fighters, 500 yards away, were two divisions of destroyers, each in single column. So the armada steamed away.

Fleet Does Tricks at Sea.

Admiral Rodman put the fleet through a series of evolutions, first filling a promise made at Hampton Roads that when he reached the Pacific seaboard he would put the fleet through some maneuvers that would "make for hunting look like a tame sport."

"This is wonderful," said Secretary Daniels as the dreadnoughts swung to left and then right while the destroyers darted hither and thither in speedy evolutions. "It seems easy to handle a fleet this way, but I know that it is not."

Near Newport and from there on the warships hugged inshore, that thousands on the 30-mile stretch of beach that lies between Newport and San Pedro could get their first view of the new home fleet.

The Wyoming, Arkansas, Texas and New York began coaling from colliers this afternoon, and as soon as they have refueled they will be ordered to the New Mexico, Mississippi, Vermont and Georgia will come inside the breakwater. Four colliers were waiting to coal the fleet. The Pacific fleet has made the cruise from Hampton Roads with coal taken from colliers or its own sources of supply. The cruisers Seattle and Nebraska are due here tomorrow to join the Rodman fleet. Three more destroyers joined the scouting unit at San Pedro.

Party Enjoys Drills.

Secretary Daniels, with the governors and Los Angeles welcoming committee, enjoyed their cruise to San Pedro. All parts of the warships were inspected and wonderment was expressed at the fleet's magnitude. A salute of 19 guns in honor of the secretary of the navy was fired from the broad saluting guns on the port side at 8 o'clock. The governors and welcoming committee had to arrive at 2:30 o'clock this morning to board the flagship, where, later in the day, Governor Stephens organized what he called the "three-thirty club" with Secretary Daniels as president. "The '49-ers won't be in it with us," said Governor Stephens. The welcoming party included many women, who took the keenest interest in the drills on deck.

Secretary Daniels said today that he was more than gratified with the reception given the fleet at San Diego. He said:

"I feel sure that like warm receptions await us at Los Angeles and other cities of the coast."

More Navy-Yards Needed.

"With a fleet of 325,000 tons on the Pacific coast it will be necessary not only to increase and enlarge the navy-yards and stations now on the coast, but to build others at places between San Diego and Puget sound. I am going to study the coast carefully with experts so as to make the necessary congressional recommendations."

Secretary Daniels said he was glad to say that enlistments in the navy were

showing an increase and had grown from 1190 a day shortly after the armistice to 1800 at this time. He thought the navy would have sufficient personnel in a few months. The secretary said it gave him an added pleasure to cruise from San Diego to San Pedro on the New Mexico because she was the first electrically driven battleship in the world.

More Electric Boats to Follow.

"When came to consider the question of building a dreadnought with an electric drive I found many experts in opposition," said Secretary Daniels. "Well, we built her and others are to follow. The old Louisiana and Connecticut class of 16,000 tons burned 105 to 125 tons of coal a day while the 22,000-ton New Mexico burns an equivalent of 115 tons a day at the same speed besides running much other machinery on board."

Soon after Admiral Rodman had greeted Mayor Snyder and the official party had gone ashore, launches began to bring chert, parcels to the San Pedro landing and the naval raid on Los Angeles was on.

GAS RATES ARE MODIFIED

EUGENE, SPRINGFIELD AND MARSHFIELD AFFECTED.

Public Service Commission Fixes New Schedule to Become Effective August 20.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Modified increases in rates of the Oregon Power company for gas furnished consumers in Eugene, Springfield and Marshfield have been granted by the state public service commission, according to an order issued today.

In considering the showing made by the company with respect to the operation of the Eugene plant, which also supplies Springfield with gas, it was found that in November, 1913, voluntary application was made for a reduction in charges. The purpose of this voluntary rate reduction, according to the commission, was to popularize the use of gas and thereby increase the volume of sales. The records of the company show that the expected increase in sales did not materialize.

The commission holds that the patrons of the utility should be assured of its continuing operations and this can only be done by allowing the company such rates as are necessary to meet the increased costs of manufacturing and allowance for accruing depreciations, and if possible, give a fair return on the value of the property devoted to the public service.

The commission has prepared the following schedule of rates:

First 400 cubic feet, or less, per month, 75 cents; next 2700 cubic feet, per month, \$1.90 per 1000 cubic feet; next 7000 cubic feet, per month, \$1.50 per 1000 cubic feet; next 15,000 cubic feet, per month, \$1.20 per 1000 cubic feet; excess over 25,000 cubic feet, per month, \$1.00 per 1000 cubic feet; recon-nection charge \$1 plus any amount then due the company.

The new rates become effective August 20, 1919. On a somewhat similar showing made by the company with regard to the Marshfield plant the commission has made following rates for that city:

First 400 cubic feet, or less, per month, \$1.25 per 1000 cubic feet; next 2000 cubic feet, per month, \$1.70 per 1000 cubic feet; next 15,000 cubic feet, per month, \$1.40 per 1000 cubic feet; excess over 25,000 cubic feet per month, \$1.20 per 1000 cubic feet. Recon-nection charge \$1. New rates at Marshfield likewise become effective August 20.

POLICE IDENTIFIERS ELECT

Oakland Man Made President of International Association.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 9.—Harry Caldwell, superintendent of the identification bureau of the Oakland police department, was elected president of the International Association for Identification at the closing session of the fifth annual convention today. Others elected were:

President, John M. Shea, St. Louis; vice-president, H. A. Renoe, Leavenworth, Kan.; editor, R. H. Hudspeth, Lansing, Kan.; sergeant-at-arms, J. E. Berry, San Bernardino, Cal.; director, Maurice O'Neill, New Orleans, and James Anderson, Vancouver, B. C.

The board of directors will probably designate an eastern city for the next convention.

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RECENT ELECTIONS WORRY DEMOCRATS

Republican Victories Believed to Show Way Wind Blows.

KENTUCKY BIG SURPRISE

Delegation From Southern State Will Be Nearly Evenly Divided as Result of Contest.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 9.—Gloom pervades the headquarters of the democratic national committee in this city as a result of the special election held last Saturday in the eighth Kentucky district. This district for the first time in its history elected a republican to congress.

Such a result had not been feared by the democrats, neither had it been anticipated by the republicans, although it was one of those districts which indicated in the fall elections of last year a decided drift to the republican party. In 1914 Harvey Helm, by whose death last January the recent vacancy was created, was elected by a majority of 12,900 votes. In 1916 this majority dropped to a little less than 4000 and last November to 1500, which is about the majority by which King Swopes, republican and returned soldier, carried it last Saturday.

Vote Shows Drift.

This election is the more disheartening to the democratic leaders here because it is only one of several events in the last few months indicating the direction in which the wind is blowing. The election in the St. Paul district of Minnesota recently was significant, not so much because of the man elected, but because of the low vote received by the democratic candidate. It will be recalled that although the district is normally democratic the regular democratic candidate received less than one-fourth of all votes cast.

The Baltimore election is another event which will never be forgotten by those democrats who are keeping close watch of developments. The city of Baltimore is normally democratic by thousands, but this time elected a republican by 10,000 majority.

Kentucky Has Four Republicans.

Kentucky will now be represented in the house by seven democrats and four republicans, notwithstanding a gerrymander which was presented to preclude the election of more than two republicans under the most adverse conditions for the democratic party. It will be recalled that the city of Louisville jumped in last fall after President Wilson called on the country to elect a democratic congress and defeated Swager Sherley, chairman of the powerful committee on appropriations. Other surprises are said to be in store for the democratic party in Kentucky this year and next, unless there is a decided overturning in sentiment.

It is confidently believed that the republicans will elect one and probably two more house members from the state next year and elect this year the entire state ticket, which is headed by Edwin P. Morrow, who lost the governorship four years ago to A. O. Stanley by only 300 votes.

Thomas P. Gore, the blind senator from Oklahoma, is "hanging out" with his party enemies in the state who have been framing things up with the national administration here in Washington to defeat him next year. The principal objection urged against Senator Gore by his political enemies is that he has opposed the president on many occasions and that he has been entirely too friendly to the republicans in the senate.

Letter Sent to Constituents.

After having attacked and read to him daily from the democratic newspapers in Oklahoma he drafted a letter to the editor of the Daily Oklahoman, which has been his chief critic. The Oklahoman ignored his letter so the blind senator had 50,000 copies of the letter multiplied and mailed to his constituents. He does not hesitate to say that every time he differed with the president the letter was wrong except in the case of the neutrality act law. It does not fail to call attention to

the elections of last fall which he declares went republican because of administration mistakes, and with reference to the criticism that he has been friendly to the republican, he says:

"Let me say once and for all that I refuse to look upon my republican fellow as political lepers, as things unclean, as things accursed. I also refuse to look on any democrat either living or dead as perfect, as universally infallible, or even the best and the most wonder, not even the democratic editor of the Daily Oklahoman."

California is to have one of the most interesting senatorial elections next year that has been witnessed in that corner of the United States in many years. Senator James D. Phelan, the wealthiest man in the senate and the beau brummel of the capital, desires to succeed himself but he has many worries.

Hoover Worries Phelan.

In the first place a keeper hearing that Herbert Hoover is coming back to California to seek the nomination on the democratic ticket. That would mean, of course, that President Wilson would probably throw his support on the side of Hoover, despite the fact that Phelan is a republican and in his power to impress the President with his loyalty.

In the selection of an issue, however, it is understood that Senator Phelan has given the President some displeasure. Phelan has chosen to make Japanese immigration the primary issue and not go with him at all. Mr. Wilson is bitterly opposed to the raising of any Japanese issue in this country, in California or anywhere else.

Then there is some cause for worry from the republican side from any other republican in the state. But there are to be at least three candidates for the republican nomination and any one of them may give Senator Phelan a lot of worry. The other two republican candidates are William Kent, former member of congress and now a member of the tariff board, and Governor William D. Stephens.

Kent Good Trouble-Raiser.

The keenest interest is shown in the fact that Mr. Kent is announcing himself a candidate on the republican ticket. He has for years called himself an independent, although originally a republican, and has said many times that he would not run for office under a party emblem, although the district is normally democratic the regular democratic candidate received less than one-fourth of all votes cast.

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Kent Dropped Into the Democratic Camp.

It was a fine large grenade which Kent dropped into the democratic camp last week when he announced his intention in Davis' behalf and attacking Lenroot. Kent, a member of the president's official family, did just what was expected of him by anyone who knows him. He had long been a warm personal friend and admirer of Irvin Lenroot and issued a statement endorsing Lenroot and declaring that the state of Wisconsin could never do a nobler thing than to elect him.

That it appears, put Kent outside the pale, but he cares nothing about that. He is now out for the republican nomination and will do his best, if he is elected, to beat the president's candidate, whether it be Phelan or Hoover.

PROFANE POLLY EXECUTED

Cursing Parrot's Reputation in Peril, Said Aged Woman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—Testimony that she killed her parrot "to save its reputation" because it had formed a habit of cursing at her was offered here today by Sara E. Matheson, 82, in an action brought by a relative to have her declared incompetent.

"At one time the bird used to say, 'Good night, may.' But then people started cursing around the house. After that it used to say, 'Good night, you blankety blank blank. Then I killed it,'" Mrs. Matheson testified.

Oakland Bribery Charge Fails.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 9.—A verdict of not guilty was returned in the superior court here today by the jury which tried Dave Cockerell on a charge of bribery. Cockerell, the prosecution sought to show, collected money from gamblers for police protection.

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Roosevelt Memorial Club Planned.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 9.—Plans for a local organization of the Roosevelt Memorial association were made at a conference of friends and admirers of the late ex-president, called for this city next Tuesday. Edward H. Brown, field representative of the association, will be in attendance.

Elk Group to Adorn Academy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—A group of five Roosevelt elk from the Olympic mountains in Washington is to be set up in the California Academy of

Sciences museum in Golden Gate park. Motion pictures of the elk in its native habitat will be shown also.



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