

ATLANTIC FLEET PASSED HERE DURING DARKNESS LAST NIGHT

Was Far Off Shore and Merely Trace of Light Could Be Seen by Watchers.

YAQUINA BAY ALSO PASSED UP TODAY.

Hundreds Had Gathered at Newport and are Greatly Disappointed.

The Armada of Peace.

Our ships are sailing, sailing; their pennants proudly wave; There never have been sailors more loyal or more brave, And while one prayer is offered through all our peaceful land, The nations watch and wonder and cannot understand.

The polished guns are gleaming, the silent gunners wait; Through peaceful days and stormy, prepared for any fate; The stately columns follow one mighty flagship's lead, And all the nations wonder and watch the fleet proceed.

Our ships are sailing, sailing; behind the miles increase And from each masthead flutter the flags that signal peace; The reefs and shoals before them have filled strong hearts with dread; God grant they reach the haven that lies so far ahead.

Not since the god of battles first caused a spear to hiss Have men sent forth so splendid a force for peace as this; So let the ships sail onward till all the globe is spanned And all the watching nations at last shall understand.

—Ex.

(By Associated Press.)
NEWPORT, Ore., May 20.—The battleship fleet passed Yaquina Bay at 5 o'clock this morning about twenty miles off shore. Nothing was visible but smoke. It was greatly disappointing to the large crowds of people who came from the interior on the prospect of seeing the fleet on the promise that it would sail close in to the coast.

The above telegram is the first confirmation of the general belief that the Atlantic battleship fleet passed Coos Bay during the night. Some of the scores who went to the beach yesterday afternoon and last evening thought they saw signs of the fleet passing far off the coast, but others were unable to see it and consequently there was a debate as to whether the fleet really did pass.

Holiday in North Bend.

The citizens and business men of North Bend were probably more disappointed by the fleet passing in the night than anyone else on Coos Bay. Yesterday morning, when the rumor that the fleet would not pass Coos Bay until about noon today was afloat, Mayor L. J. Simpson issued a proclamation declaring today a holiday. In consequence, the clerks and nearly everybody arranged to go to Sunset Bay or the beach for an outing and to watch for the fleet. When it became known late last evening that the fleet would pass during the night, it was too late to change the plans. In consequence nearly every business house in North Bend was closed today and the people are enjoying an outing.

While the disappointment here at not being given a chance to see the fleet was keen, still the fact that Yaquina Bay was treated the same as Coos Bay rather mollifies the feeling of some of the people here.

May Try Again.

Whether or not an attempt will be made to have the fleet stop en route back from Portland to San Francisco has not been determined. Many are in favor of it and claim the chances of securing it are better than they were while the fleet was proceeding north.

C. F. McCollum probably got a

FLEET STOPS OFF ASTORIA

Battleships Spend Three Hours Off Columbia River's Mouth.

(By Associated Press.)

ASTORIA, May 20.—Today was a holiday in Astoria, all lines of business being suspended and practically the entire community and thousands of visitors from Portland and other interior points in Oregon and Washington turned out to see the fleet and witness the maneuvers off the Columbia river. Thousands of people went to vantage points on the beaches and to the fleet on ocean going steamers, tugs and other craft which crossed out over the bar to escort the fleet from Tillamook Head.

The fleet arrived off the mouth of the river at noon, the vessels coming in single file with the Connecticut in the lead. Later, they formed in squadrons and under slow bell passed along two miles off shore in easy view from all the vantage points. As the flagship passed Fort Stevens, a salute of seventeen guns was fired from the fort and answered by the flagship. The fleet will remain off this port for about three hours.

MANY TRY TO VIEW FLEET

Large Number Spent Last Evening on Beach and Think They Saw It.

Several launches carried between seventy-five and a hundred people from Marshfield to the ocean beach beyond the Government works near the bar last night to enjoy moonlight party and to get a glimpse of the fleet. Some claim to have seen the fleet passing about 11 o'clock and whether they did or not is a question of dispute among the members of the various parties. Some, who didn't believe that the small lights about fifteen miles out looked anything like a man-of-war insisted on remaining to see if something more like the real thing would come a long later and as a result did not reach home until early this morning.

Among the launches that went down from here were the Tloga, Bonita, Queen, Fish and Teddy. There was quite a number of ladies in the parties, some of the divisions of young people being equally divided. Estates were taken along and these with the bonfires on the beach made the outing a very pleasant one.

Walter Lyons, who was one of the crowd, is sure that he saw the fleet about 11 o'clock. It appeared to be out about fifteen miles, he thought. In addition to the ship lights, he believes he saw the headlights. Others confirm his belief.

Bonfires stretched along the beach for a half mile or more so that if the fleet really did pass they knew that Coos Bay was on the map. There was very little moonlight so that the light from the numerous fires could be seen for a long distance.

better view of the fleet than any one here. He had a strong glass and got a good position in the lookout tower at Empire. He was able to count sixteen of the vessels. The slight fog dimmed the vision of the watchers on the beach.

Yaquina Bay is about eighty miles north of Coos Bay and is about seven hours run for the Alliance but as the fleet was going at a greater speed, it probably covered the distance in five or six hours, making it between 11 and 12 o'clock when it passed here.

KNIGHTS OF FINLAND Grand Ball Saturday night.

MURDERS TO STOP WEDDING

New York Man Kills Father, Aged 72, Who Was Engaged to Marry Young Teacher.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 20.—Because he was to be married again, George Sterry, aged 72, was shot and killed by his son, George Sterry, Jr., who then committed suicide. The father was a member of a large wholesale drug firm and engaged to marry a young school teacher.

SCANDAL CAUSES SUICIDE.

Indianapolis Politician Ends Life as Result of Trouble.

(By Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20.—McGaughey, former county commissioner and prominent in Republican politics, shot himself dead. His name was connected with a scandal in the commissioners' office in the Atlas Engine Works, deal in which money was alleged to have been passed to the commissioners. One of the commissioners was indicted but McGaughey was not indicted.

HEALTH POOR; SUICIDES.

Salt Lake Bookkeeper Ends Life to Ease Ills.

(By Associated Press.)

SALT LAKE, May 20.—E. S. Snellgrover, a bookkeeper for the Utah Association of Creditmen, committed suicide by shooting himself while sitting at his desk. Ill health was the cause. He was married.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HERE

About 200 in Attendance at Coos County Convention This Afternoon.

About 200 Knights of Pythias of Coos county are attending the annual convention of the district lodge in Marshfield this afternoon. The North Bend, Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point lodges are represented by large delegations and of course nearly all of the Marshfield Knights of Pythias are participating.

The Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point delegations came in on the noon train and were met at the depot by the Marshfield members headed by the Acme Band. Then forming in procession, the delegates marched to the Odd Fellows hall where the convention is being held.

The principal interest in the convention centers in the degree team contest tonight. The third degree will be conferred upon three different candidates. The North Bend, Bandon and Coquille teams will confer the degree and to the one doing the best work will go the convention banner. Marshfield Knights of Pythias thought to enter their degree team but it was decided that as this is the entertaining lodge, it would be better for them to keep out of the contest this year.

This afternoon the second degree is being conferred. Business matters concerning the organization will also come up for discussion.

At 6 o'clock this evening, a banquet will be tendered the delegates by the Marshfield lodge in the banquet hall on the third floor of the Odd Fellows hall.

It was expected that some of the state officials would be in attendance but they were unable to get here. In their absence, District Deputy Mast is presiding.

MAY INDICT BROKERS.

District Attorney to Probe Charges Against New Yorkers.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 20.—Criminal charges against certain members of the firm of T. A. McIntyre & Co., stock brokers, who recently filed liabilities exceeding \$1,000,000, were laid before District Attorney Jerome by C. C. Burlingham, receiver of the failed firm. Jerome presented the charges to the grand jury.

BLACK HAND'S AWFUL DEED

Dynamite New York Tenement House Because One Resident Wouldn't Pay Them.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 20.—The refusal of Dr. Attilio Caccini, a wealthy Italian physician, to comply with the demands of Black Hand criminals for money resulted in the lower portion of the tenement house in which he lived being shattered by dynamite. The lives of hundred of tenants were endangered. A number of persons were injured, one perhaps fatally. The house is at 316 East Eleventh. No arrests have been made but the police are working on clues.

THREE MILLIONS FOR STATE OF WASHINGTON.

Senate Committee Adds Large Sum to House Appropriation Bill for new Federal Buildings.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds has completed its consideration to the Omnibus Bill which passed the House last week. The committee added \$8,000,000 bringing the total carried by the measure as reported to the senate to over \$30,000,000. The action includes \$3,000,000 for the purchase of land for buildings in the State of Washington.

The senate agreed to the House amendments to the senate bill granting one million acres of land to the State of Idaho under the Carey Act.

WILL SPEAK TWICE ON BAY

State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman to Deliver Lecture Here Tonight.

State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman arrived on Coos Bay today to deliver two lectures, one in Marshfield and the other at the North Bend high school commencement exercises. He will speak tonight at the Masonic Temple in Marshfield, and tomorrow night will speak in North Bend.

Superintendent Golden has arranged an entertaining program in addition to Mr. Ackerman's talk for this evening. No admittance will be charged, the entertainment being entirely for the benefit of the schools. Mr. Ackerman has recently completed a tour of many cities where he closely inspected the schools systems. He has acquired valuable ideas for upbuilding and improving the public school system and he will relate them tonight to the patrons of the schools.

Superintendent W. H. Bunch of Coquille, is also in Marshfield and may participate in the program this evening. He recently completed the examination of the Eighth Grade school students in the county. Ninety-two wrote the examination and only about fifty passed. He was surprised at the large number of failures and will take steps at once to determine the cause and endeavor to remedy it.

JEALOUSY LEADS TO MURDER IN CALIFORNIA

Quarrel Among Half Breeds on Reservation Results in Killing of Two—Crime Near Willits.

(By Associated Press.)

WILLITS, Cal., May 20.—Word has been received from Round Valley Indian reservation that Charles Card shot and instantly killed Henry Hayes and John Powell. All are half breeds. It is alleged that the men were too attentive to Card's wife.

REMEMBER the opening ball Saturday at the New Temple of the Knights of Finland.

F. S. DOW wants good potatoes, call for prices.

PLATT ON WITNESS STAND IN NOTORIOUS DIVORCE CASE

WOODMEN TO BUILD HOME

Will Erect Two-Story Building South of Masonic Temple at Once.

The plans and specifications for a two-story lodge and store building to be erected south of the Masonic Temple on 'C' street by the Woodmen of the World have been received here and it is expected to get the work underway soon. The building will cost about \$6,500, exclusive of the site which was purchased by the lodge sometime ago.

The building will be frame, 50x100 into three store rooms and the second floor will be especially designed for lodge purposes.

The building will be erected by the lodge, the body issuing bonds to a trust company for the funds. These bonds will fall due on the instalment plan and will be met with the income from the property.

D. J. Beakey, an organizer for the organization, is now in Marshfield and will aid the officers and members of the local body to get the work underway.

DAVIS' HOME COOS COUNTY

Young Man Killed by Cannon's Explosion at Eureka From Coquille Valley.

It was learned today that the parents of Isaac J. Davis, the young man who was killed by the explosion of an old cannon during the celebration of the passing of the fleet at Eureka, Cal., yesterday is a Coos county man, his relatives living near Coquille. The story of the catastrophe was told in The Times yesterday and it is presumed that the relatives or parents near Coquille will be notified.

Whether any of the family will go to Eureka or not, is not known. The body will probably be brought here for burial on the Steamship Eureka on its next trip up from Eureka.

Mr. Davis, it is understood, had only been at Eureka a comparatively short time. Whether he was helping discharge the old cannon or was merely an onlooker, and was struck by one of the flying pieces is not known.

SEVEN DROWN IN ARKANSAS

Explosion on Gasoline Launch Fatal to Moonlight Pleasure Party.

(By Associated Press.)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 20.—The explosion of the gasoline tank of a launch on White river, near Clarendon, Ark., last night, resulted in the drowning of seven persons. Nine others were rescued.

All are prominent young people and were on a moonlight excursion.

Made Quick Trip.—With 90 passengers and 150 tons of freight, the steamer Breakwater, Captain Macgenn, arrived from Coos Bay yesterday afternoon. On the last outward trip she completed the passage from Astoria to Marshfield in 15 hours.—Portland Telegram.

Declares That He Never Had Wrongful Relations With Mae Wood.

ALMOST CARRIED INTO COURT ROOM.

Admits That He Paid \$10,000 to Settle Previous Suit of Woman.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 20.—Senator Platt went on the witness stand today to give testimony in his own behalf in the sensational suit brought against him by Mae C. Wood, the Omaha woman who is suing him for divorce on the allegation that he entered into a marriage contract with her in 1901. Senator Platt entered court leaning heavily on the arms of two attendants. Senator Platt testified that he was 75 years old when his first wife died in 1901. He said he first met Mae Wood in 1901, but never met her in the Oriental hotel, that he never asked her at the Oriental hotel to become his wife, did not talk to the plaintiff in November, 1901, about marriage. His story is a complete denial of her claims.

A number of letters alleged to have been written by Senator Platt to Miss Wood were read. He denied writing them. Senator Platt declared that he never had maintained improper relations with the plaintiff.

Senator Platt testified that he paid \$10,000 to his son, Frank H. Platt to bring about a settlement of the suit brought against him by Miss Wood through the law firm of Howe and Hummel.

LAND FOR SETTLERS.

Congress Shies at More Legislation on Oregon Grant.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The House public lands committee voted to have no further legislation in relation to the Oregon and California land grant. Mondell's resolution, which proposed to direct the Attorney-General to permit present holders of lands to continue in their use and occupancy during the pendency of suits, was adversely reported. This puts an end to this matter so far as Congress is concerned until it becomes necessary to determine what disposition shall be made of lands recovered by the Government. In this connection attention is called to the fact that under the law no more forest reserves can be created in Oregon except by act of Congress. All members of the Oregon delegation are opposed to placing any railroad lands in the forest reserve, and if the next delegation holds the same views, it is a safe prediction that lands recovered by the Government will be disposed of only to actual settlers, either under the existing law or under some special act to be framed later.

Eugene, Ore., May 20.—The Oregon State Grand adopted a resolution favoring the placing in a state land reserve the tracts that will probably be recovered from the railroads and other corporations by the government.

BUILDINGS IN NORTHWEST.

Items Allowed by Congress for Three States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—The omnibus public building bill, authorizes the following appropriations for Oregon:

Building and site, Albany, \$65,000. Building and site, Pendleton, \$70,000.

Continuing construction, Eugene building, \$20,000.

For Washington:

Buildings, Bellingham and North Yakima, where the Government now owns sites, \$120,000 each.

Sites, Olympia and Walla Walla, \$20,000 each.

Site, Everett, \$15,000.

For Idaho: Building, Lewiston, \$75,000. Site, Pocatello, \$10,000.