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TWO BATTLESHIPS TO REMAIN.

Four Submarines Building Will Help Them Defend Atlantic Coast.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry said today that neither the President nor the Navy Department had made any plans for the movement of the battleship fleet after it reached the Pacific. The return trip has not been arranged, and will not be until next January. It will then be determined whether the warships shall come back to the Atlantic by way of Suez or by way of the Straits of Magellan.

Just now the department is sorely troubled with the question of supplying fuel for the proposed trip to the Pacific and is not soliciting further problems in the way of getting the fleet back to the Atlantic by way of the Suez Canal, especially when that matter is not pressing.

According to the present schedule, the ships will not reach San Francisco until the middle or latter part of April. They will remain in the vicinity of San Francisco and Puget Sound for 6 weeks or 2 months, which will carry them well into the middle of June, before they are ready to leave that part of the world. Accordingly, it is declared, this is ample time in which to consider the method of getting them back on the Atlantic side.

The only defense vessels which are now ready to be turned over to the navy are the four submarines built at the Fore River yards. The board of inspection and survey has completed its work with them and recommended their acceptance. With the exception of the Indiana and the Massachusetts, battleships now in reserve, and some comparatively unimportant small craft, the submarines will be the only defense vessels left on the Atlantic side when the big fleet leaves. There are also several other submarines in Atlantic waters.

Acting Secretary Newberry said there was no truth in a Shanghai report, received by way of Berlin, that the United States has leased for five years a coaling station in Norvik Bay, south of Vladivostok.

Regarding a report from the same source that the United States had leased for next winter the floating drydock at Vladivostok, Mr. Newberry said: "That would be just as much use to the navy as a canal on Mars."

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MILLIONAIRE DIES.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—D. Willis James, senior member of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co., died today at Brentwoods, N. H., aged 75 years. He was a director of the Northern Pacific and other big corporations, a member of many learned societies and a distinguished philanthropist.

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CHINA'S POLITICS MUDDLED.

Comparatively Unknown Officials Put in High Places.

PEKIN, Sept. 13.—The dowager empress has appointed Yang Shi Siang to be acting viceroy of the province of Chi-li, and Chao-Erh-Hsun, governor of the province of Szechuan, has been made viceroy at Wu Chang, and Chen Kwei Lung succeeds Chi-Erh-Hsun, in Szechuan.

Today's appointments, which it was expected would throw light on the government's programme, have mystified the legations. Chen Wei Lung, who succeeds Chao-Erh-Hsun in Szechuan is unknown here, while Yang Shi Siang, who has been made acting viceroy of Chi-li, is relatively an obscure personage.

The appointments are regarded as being poor selections, though in the nature of a concession to the Chinese, whose grief and grudge is the predominance of Manchus in the government. The throne is said to be afraid to appoint a Manchu to succeed Yuan Shi Kai as viceroy of Chi-li to appoint a Manchu to succeed Tuan Fang, the viceroy of Nanking, or to appoint Manchu to succeed any of the other viceroys.

The government appears to be in desperate straits in its efforts to strengthen its advisers at the capital. All the appointments made are regarded as temporary. Only one meets with general approval, and that is the appointment of Yuan Shi Kai, a constructive statesman, to the foreign office. Foreign opinion here finds no clue in the throne's action, to be possibility of a solution having been found to the pressing questions, educational, financial and military, which are occupying the attention of all the enlightened minds here to the exclusion of almost everything else except the dynastic troubles of the government.

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OIL KING ROGERS ILL.

Unable to Appear at Fifty Million Suit For Three Months.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—Several prominent business men of New Bedford have been summoned to appear before the supreme court here on Monday to give testimony on the physical condition of H. H. Rogers, of New York, who is declared by his physician to be unable to appear in court.

It is uncertain whether Rogers is physically able to appear in connection with the \$50,000,000 suit brought against him by C. M. Raymond, which has been continued indefinitely upon the testimony of the physician that Rogers is physically unfit to be present and will not be able to attend to business in at least three months.

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BLACK HAND THREATENS.

Received Letters Threatening Death to Himself and Four Sons.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Imre Novak, a Bohemian saloonkeeper of Sixth St., Manhattan, asked Coroner Nutt and District Attorney Barvin of Queens yesterday afternoon to find the persons who have been sending him letters threatening to take his life and those of his two sons.

A fifth son, Joseph, 16 years old, was shot on August 4 last, and died two days later in the Flushing Hospital. Since the boy's death Novak has been making an investigation and he claims he will present evidence at the inquest on Tuesday next to prove that his son was murdered.

In the letters received by Novak, all of which are signed "Black Hand," the writer stated that Novak and his four sons would be killed if he did not discontinue his investigation. Novak also received a piece of iron shaped like a hand. It was sent by express from a point on Long Island.

Joseph Novak and several other young men were in a College Point shooting gallery on Aug. 10. One of the boys was Frederick Postal, 16 Manhattan. Postal had a gun in his hand, and, according to witnesses, pointed it at Novak. The latter put up his hand to turn the gun aside when it went off and the bullet struck him in the body.

Young Novak and Postal were close friends and Postal was not placed under arrest, the police after an investigation, declaring the shooting an accident.

PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—Only 5 of the 12 jurors chosen yesterday for the bribery trial of Tiers L. Ford, escaped the exercise of a peremptory challenge when the trial resumed today. The prosecution still has three peremptory and the defense five.

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AS REGARDS HOSTILITIES.

Results From Hague Conference that Nations Will Observe in Time of War.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 13.—The fifth plenary sitting of the peace conference, M. Nelidoff presiding, met today in the Knight's Hall. The delegates were not so numerous as on the occasion of former sittings, though the entire American delegation was present.

After minutes of the last sitting had been approved the following rules regarding the opening and conduct of hostilities were adopted, a few countries making reserves.

"The contracting parties agree that hostilities must not begin without previous unequivocal notice having been given, either in the form of a declaration of war, setting forth its motives, or in the form of an ultimatum with a conditional declaration of war.

"The territory of neutral states is inviolable.

"Belligerents cannot establish wireless telegraph stations in neutral territory, or any other means of communications with belligerent forces on land or sea.

"Volunteers cannot be enlisted or a body of combatants formed in neutral territory.

"The exportation of provisions from neutral states and the transport of provisions for belligerents is forbidden.

"Belligerents are allowed to use means of communication belonging to neutrals or private companies.

"Prisoners who escape to neutral territory, even if captured by troops, must, after having asked for refuge in a neutral state be set free.

"A state of war must notified without delay to the neutral powers, the effect of the latter beginning after they receive notice, which can be given even by wire. In any case the neutral powers cannot protest against the lack of this notice if it is established that they undoubtedly knew that a state of war existed."

The sitting also approved, with some reserves, the agreements concerning the rights and duties of neutral states in time of war.

The land rules include the following: "A neutral state cannot defend its neutrality by force without this consti-

tuting an act of hostility."

When the project regarding the treatment of neutrals on belligerent territory was brought up, Baron Marschall von Bieberstein (Germany) objected, saying that Germany could not admit the principle, supported by Great Britain, to employ neutrals in warfare when the laws of a belligerent state permitted it.

Germany, on the contrary, maintained that neutrals must take no part in a war. On the motion of Count Tornelli, (Italy) the proposition was returned to the committee for further study, in hope of an understanding satisfactory to all.

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