ROYAL WELCOME FOR BIG FLEET

San Francisco Will Spend Hundred Thousand Dollars for American Tars.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—San Francisco will give the officers and sailors of Admiral Evans' fleet a $100,000 welcome. Platoons of the city's prettiest daughters will lead the sailors in great parades through the streets strewing flowers in their path.

Theirs will be a pageant on a par with the triumphs the generals of ancient Rome and their armies received after a great achievement. All the bands of the city will greet them and cheer them by day, and at night San Francisco will become a city of brilliant lights. And in addition to all this there will be balls and dinners without end for officers and men.

These things have been tentatively decided on at the first regular meeting held by the reception committee appointed by Mayor Taylor. A platoon of pretty girls is to lead each division of the sailors, bearing floral emblems of the particular battleship from which the sailors come. Both men and girls will wear garlands of flowers and bands of musicians, both those of the city and of the battleships, will render music throughout the parade.

RIO JANEIRO.

John Barrett's Description of City Where Fleet Is Anchored.

In view of the interest in the progress of the American fleet around South America and its presence in the harbor of Rio Janeiro, a city about which little is generally known in the United States, the director of the International Bureau of American Republics, John Barrett, formerly of Portland, who has visited Rio Janeiro many times while minister to diferent South American countries, has prepared the following statement:

Rio Janeiro, where our fleet is spending 10 days, is one of the most beautiful, interesting and progressive cities of the world. It has a population and commerce that entitle it to first rank as a capital and metropolis. Its great size, its varied attractions, and its modern characteristics are not generally known and appreciated in the United States because it is out of the usual route of travel abroad.

The thousands of American officers and sailors, who are aboard our ships and who have not before visited South America, will be surprised at the magnitude and progress of this Brazilian city and will be deeply pleased with the splendid hospitality of the Brazilian government and people. No experience that any American fleet or squadron has ever had in Europe or Asia will even rival that which they will enjoy in Rio Janeiro. It is therefore fitting, especially at this time when everybody is taking more interest in South America as a result of Secretary Root's recent visit to that part of the world, to note some remarkable facts about Rio Janeiro and Brazil.

Beautiful Scenery.

As the fleet steamed into the Bay of Rio those aboard our ships beheld scenery and natural surroundings of unrivaled charm. This remarkable harbor is entered between mountainous promontories, and then it opens out into a rare expanse of deep water which would permit all the navies of the world to float safely at anchor. It is dotted here and there with islands of varying size. On the left tower the lofty peaks of the Organ mountains, while on the right the land slopes away gracefully to distant hills. Upon graceful crescents of the bay at the foot of the mountains and creeping up on their sides, lies the city itself, with an appearance of solidity and strength worthy of the powerful republic of which it is the capital.

Within the limits of Rio Janeiro are nearly 900,000 people, and it is growing so rapidly that the million mark will be passed before this decade is ended. No city in the United States, with the exception of New York and Chicago, is increasing its population more rapidly.

Its most striking features are the famous Avenida Central, its principal street, the boulevard system along the waterfront, the elegant public buildings and churches, and the presence on one side, of the magnificent bay and on the other of lofty mountain peaks, in its immediate suburbs, from which an incomparable view can be obtained.

The Avenida Central extends for a mile and a half through the very heart of the city and is as beautiful as the Champs Elysee in Paris or the Unter den Linden in Berlin. It was constructed recently at a cost of $35,000,000 and would put to shame anything corresponding to it in Washington, New York or Chicago. It is over 100 feet wide in the clear, while running along its center are handsomely designed vals serving as refuges for passengers crossing and each one carrying an exquisitely designed pillar with three large electric lights. Alternating with these at the side of the roadway are decorative gas lamps. Illumination can thus be arranged to a nicety at any time of the day or night or for any function. Facing the Avenida are handsome buildings of harmonious design. There are many of the clubs, newspaper offices, the National library, the homes of the most important commercial bodies and large department stores. At the north end is a pier for passengers who are coming and going from steamers. At the south is the National opera house with the Monroe palace, in which was held the third international American conference and which is intended for public meetings of great importance. Other avenues parallel or at right angles to this Avenida are now in course of construction. The boulevard system causes admiration. This begins at the bay near the south end of the Avenida and skirts the water around the crescent of Botafogo, beneath the magnificent peak of Corcovado and finally continues on towards the open Atlantic 15 miles from the heart of the city. This grand driveway presents a variety of beauty at every turn and has no equal in Europe or the United States.

Parks on Mountains.

The mountains back of and surrounding the city are rapidly being converted into parks, villas, and locations for handsome residences. Tramways run to their summits where a panorama spreads before the eye not to be found in the immediate vicinity of any corresponding great city of the world. Rio Janeiro possesses a system of waterworks, sewerage, electric tramways, electric lights, telephones, telegraphs, etc., equal to that in any city of North America. Automobiles abound and on every hand there are evidences of wealth. The city also has its commercial and manufacturing life that show its material growth. Its libraries, colleges, schools and hospitals are conducted with up-to-date methods and are housed in capacious buildings with the latest facilities.

Brazil, of which Rio Janeiro is the capital, has a population of nearly 20,000,000. The most startling fact about the country is that it has a larger connected area than the United States proper, extending over 3,200,000 square miles. The total foreign trade of Brazil in 1906 amounted to $430,000,000, of which exports were valued at $265,000,000 and imports at $165,000,000, giving a remarkable balance of trade of $100,000,000 in favor of Brazil. These totals, moreover, represent an advance of $65,000,000 over the total trade of 1905, a positive indication of prosperity. That Rio Janeiro is a busy port is indicated by the fact that the total number of ingoing and outgoing vessels in 1906 amounted to nearly 4,700, with a total tonnage of about 7,000,000.

Although Rio Janeiro is often classed as a tropical city, being just north of the Tropic of Capricorn, it is situated so near the sea that it has the benefit of constant breezes. Close at hand, moreover, is the summer capital of Petropolis, at an elevation of several thousand feet, and resorts in the surrounding mountains where everybody can go to cool off if it gets too hot in town. Careful attention to sanitation has minimized the dangers from yellow fever and typhoid, which so long scourged Rio Janeiro and gave it a bad name in the world. An unlimited supply of the purest water helps to promote the physical welfare of its inhabitants. The latest health statistics show that the mortality rate is only 19.65 per thousand, which is lower than the average of Washington and many other leading American cities.

ONLY ONE CAR OF PIANOS LEFT

Eighteen Sold Since Thursday—Factory Says Close Out Remainder in Next Four Days.

The public is quick to take advantage of a genuine bargain. This has been shown during the past few days at 103 Front street, where two carloads of the very highest grade pianos are being offered at about one half the price that dealers charge for them. All of the carload is gone and I am now disposing of the second. These instruments were shipped to one of the dealers here who met with misfortune. They were left upon my factory's hands and I was sent here with instructions to dispose of them to the best advantage in the quickest possible time.

These instruments are the best my factory ever made. They are brand new and you will see in them many excellent patented features not found in other upright pianos. These pianos have been sold right here in Portland by the dealer who formerly handled them for $450.00, $500.00 and $550.00. Dozens of them are in fine homes in this city and their owners will speak to them with highest praise.

These instruments are going at actual factory cost. I must leave for the east with as little delay as possible and my orders are to forget profits entirely. While the prices I am quoting would be for all cash, I am still willing to arrange for reasonable payments, as favorable as could be secured from any local dealer. These pianos will be accompanied by our factory's five-year guarantee and I will arrange to keep the pianos in tune after they are sold. This is a bona fide offer and an opportunity that seldom comes. When you see these fine, high grade pianos and appreciate what a most extraordinary saving is possible now, I am sure you will not need to be urged to buy. Remember the location, 103 Front street, between Washington and Stark, in the warehouse of the City Transfer & Storage Co. Please come between 9 in the morning and 6 in the afternoon, not later, because I have no lights. Ramacciotti, 103 Front street.

FRIDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH, A HISTORY MAKING DAY OF REMARKABLE CLEARANCE

Oregon's Largest and Best Furniture House

Gevurtz

Announces a Last Final Sweeping Cut in Clearance Prices

"Gevurtz" ads have not been appearing much of late. Why? "Gevurtz" patrons have been in direct touch with "Gevurtz" stores—not through the columns of the newspapers—but in person on these store floors, where now occurs the grandest clearance known from past to present, and even far into the future. "Gevurtz" patrons haven't waited days, weeks, and even months for this wonderful sale happening, only for the sake of reading "Gevurtz" ads—they have waited—because they know this is a part—and a generous big part—of life's greatest game—the game of opportunity. Who are "Gevurtz" patrons? They are the people who have made Portland a grand city—and Oregon a powerful state—people of shrewdness—be shrewd—attend these incomparable sales.

$10.85
MEN'S $20.00 SUITS

Go into the exclusive clothing store, pick out the best $22.50, or even $25.00, suit—they've got in the house, then come here and I'll show you a suit that takes the edge off your first selection, and you won't need to stand aside for the best dressed man in Portland. If you are a judge of good clothes, we invite your own judgment on these suits—if you are not—bring some friend who is. I challenge the comparison of $20.00 suits elsewhere and these.

Friday and Saturday
Grand Final Clearance, $10.85

Men, consult that higher judgment that dictates better dress—attend this greater clearance. Neat mixtures—fashionable shades—smart patterns—hand tailoring—that go only in the make-up of the best.

$17.50 Topcoats
$17.50 Cravenettes
$20 Elsewhere Values
$9.15

In the colors now demanded, most raintime and springtime coats of style and lasting quality, Friday and Saturday **$9.15**

(No reserves—all in one choice lot.)

GOOD CLOTHES FOR MEN WHO KNOW AND WEAR THE BEST

Everything

Included in ladies' wear and contained in our large stocks of seasonable garments

Half!

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

And every garment has the original price ticket, this price you are privileged to cut in half. Never before did necessity bear down so hard on the responsibilities of clearance. We must accomplish this final clearance during the two days—Friday and Saturday. The popularity of our suit parlors—prompts us to ask—all who can—to come in the forenoons during these days—when the floors are so crowded after the dinner hour.

Ladies' Suits
Ladies' Coats
Skirts, Petticoats
Waists, Furs
Bags, Belts
and Combs

Nothing held back from this priceless clearance.

NOTE—We would call specially the attention of those ladies who desire garments in extra large sizes—38 to 46—now HALF. A sale that means more than all other Friday sales combined.

The Big Basement Section Offers Its Clearance Sacrifice

Friday and Saturday Only

Best German hand-painted China—
75c Pitchers, each ..... 20¢
90c Pitchers, each ..... 25¢
(One to a customer)
Spoon Trays and Pickle Dishes in this same exquisite China, regular 50c values ..... 25¢
Regular 50c Tiles, each ..... 25¢
4-inch Plates, regular 25c, clearance ..... 2 for 25¢
(Only two to a customer)
Austrian China Cups and Saucers, all 50c values .... ½ or 25¢
Clearance of our best Bavarian China pieces include—
20c Plates (4-inch) ..... 10¢ or 3 for 20¢
(Not more than 3 to a customer)
6-inch Plates, regular 30c ..... ½ or 15¢ Each
7-inch Plates, regular 40c ..... ½ or 20¢ Each

Fine Chinaware, Kitchen Utensils

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NEW CORPORATIONS FILE THEIR ARTICLES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the secretary of state as follows:

The Dalles Entertainment company, principal office, The Dalles, Oregon; capital stock, $5,000; incorporators, H. F. Sturdevant, George C. Blakeley, A. S. MacAllister, A. E. Lake, J. C. Cole and E. H. French.

The Coos County Telephone company, principal office, Bandon, Oregon; capital stock, $5,000; incorporators, J. W. Snover, E. M. Gallier, Stephen Gallier, O. A. Trowbridge and J. H. Price.

Pavilion Market company, principal office, Portland, Oregon; capital stock, $5,000; incorporators, John A. Walgren, Philip H. Noyes and Sol Bloom.

REGENTS IN SESSION AT CORVALLIS TODAY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—Governor Chamberlain, Secretary of State Benson and Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman have gone to Corvallis today to attend the semi-annual meeting of the state board of regents of the Agricultural college. It is for the transaction of routine business.

It Does the Business.

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain of Clinton, Me., says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve: "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c at Skidmore Drug Co.'s drug store.

Hawaii and Back $125 First Class

This is the season to visit the Islands. The Oceanic Steamship company has a sailing every three weeks, and the passage is only $125 from San Francisco to Honolulu and back. Sea bathing at Waikiki, with temperature of water 72 degrees. Surf boating and delightful drives. Honolulu is the most attractive spot on the entire round-the-world tour. Sailings from San Francisco:

JANUARY 18, FEBRUARY 8, ETC.

Oceanic S. S. Co., 673 MARKET STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

PEOPLE AT WELLS ASK FOR RAILWAY STATION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—The railroad commission went to Wells station today, on the west side railroad, to hold a hearing on the matter of a petition for new depot at that place. Saturday the commission will again take up the matter of the original cost and present valuation of the Corvallis & Eastern road, now the property of the Southern Pacific company.

SALOONMAN GOES TO JAIL TO SAVE COIN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., Jan. 16.—J. W. Burley, the Chinook saloonkeeper, who was a few days ago found guilty of keeping his place open on Sunday contrary to law, refused to pay his fine of $63 and was taken this morning to South Bend to serve a term of 21 days in the Pacific county jail. He refused to take the advice of his attorney and pay the fine as he believed he had really not broken the law.

UNIONS ARE GAINING GROUND AT SALEM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—Salem Carpenters' union holds its annual installation of officers at Labor Union hall Saturday night, when there will be preparations made for the extension of labor organizations in this city.

The delegates from Salem were accorded prominent places at the state federation and secured the next meeting of the state federation here on the third week in January. That date was chosen because it will be at the opening session of the legislature.

Hills and Horses

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Lodges Install.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Lebanon, Or., Jan. 16.—The A. O. U. W. and the D. of H. lodges of this place held a joint installation in the Odd Fellows' hall. About 50 were present, including two grand lodge officers of the D. of H., lodge Mrs. Rempis of Portland and Miss Maggie Barker of Albany.