

WAVES OF WAR IN MEDITERRANEAN MEET AT ALEXANDRIA

International Rendezvous Planned by Boosters for Fellowship of Nations—German Ships Will Meet the American Fleet.

By Malcolm Clark.
(Special Cable to The Journal.)
Berlin, April 11.—The plan of arranging a meeting between a squadron of the German navy and the American battleship squadron now in the Pacific has met with strong approval. It has been hoped that at least some of Admiral Evans' vessels might visit some German port, where the squadron returns via the Suez canal, but as this appears to be out of the question, the idea of having a squadron of German and American battleships and cruisers meet the American naval circumspectors somewhere in the Mediterranean greatly pleases the German people and press.

There are indeed several papers which suggest that Europe ought to show her admiration of Uncle Sam's great international naval rendezvous by having a great international naval rendezvous take place off Alexandria. Battleships and cruisers representing every naval power in the old world should greet the American vessels as they emerge from the Suez canal, and as a guard of honor escort them through the Mediterranean, the great naval procession to end with a monster review on Gibraltar.

The idea has been greeted with approval by the press of Italy and France. That Great Britain would participate is beyond any doubt, and Austria and Russia would not hesitate to follow suit.

As soon as it has been definitely settled that the American squadron will return home via the Suez canal a committee will be formed here to promote the plan of honoring the United States in this manner.

where members of the French senate and chamber and the German reichstag will meet.

Although the Kaiser is said not to be against the plan of his friend Czar Nicholas of establishing a Russian naval station on the Azores islands, the German press is very much opposed to what it calls "German's continued subservience to Russia."

In a recent editorial the Berlin Tageblatt writes: "Russia desires to take advantage of her present friendly relations to France and England to get away from the Paris peace conference, but there seems to be no real reason whatever why Germany should assist her. For this reason we do not want to let Russia get the opportunity of establishing a base for her fleet in the Baltic sea. For this is Russia's main purpose."

Just as Nicholas I planned a strong fortress in the Bosphorus and the Aegean islands and partly carried out his plan, thus Nicholas II now desires, in spite of all official denials, to establish a Russian base for the future Russian navy in the Baltic.

It should be clear to our German diplomats that if we give our consent to the establishment of a Russian naval station and help the Czar to build a fortress in the Baltic, Russia will, in case of war, be in position to threaten the Swedish coast and paralyze all commercial intercourse between Germany and England. They should further remember that if we incur the ill-will of the Swedish people even if we might take the standpoint that it is better for us to give our consent than to have the war without it.

In a few days, according to a dispatch from Dresden, the little Princess Anna Monica, Pia, daughter of the former Crown Princess of Saxony, later Countess Montenegro, is to be married to the Swedish tutor Giron, will be solemnly registered as a member of the royal family.

The little girl, who is now almost 5 years old, will be re-baptized and will be given the name of Princess Anna of Saxony. King Frederick August of Saxony, who thus legitimates his own child the little girl of uncertain parentage, has gone to Boston, where the princess has been kept guarded for many months.

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SLAKE DAM BILL UNDER THE AX

It Will Fall if Congress Does Not Impose Charge for Franchises.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, April 11.—The president today indicated the sort of proviso which must be inserted in all bills granting water rights to the federal government before he will sign them. He vetoed the South Carolina water rat bill, similar to that for the Benton Water Power company's privilege to dam the Snake river at five mile rapids, telling the author of the bill that he would insist on its amendment as follows:

"The chief of engineers and the secretary of war shall in accordance with said act, and as part of the conditions and stipulations provided for therein, fix the limitations of time for the privilege hereby permitted, and such charges and changes for the same, as they may deem necessary to protect the present and future interests of the United States."

In view of millions of horsepower remaining within the Pacific coast states and the coming conference of governors and prominent citizens to determine the best way to conserve the natural resources, this utterance is regarded as significant of the president's attitude to be set forth at that conference on the question of water power.

Already serious questions have arisen between the legislature and executive over this matter, the president replying to all inquiries that he is certain it is constitutional to collect charges for the federal government's concession of water rights. All members of the house and senate, regardless of party lines, who have expressed opinions on this subject, view the senate adopted the Benton dam bill, containing no such proviso, with four adverse votes, and none spoke in opposition to Teller.

The Benton bill has been held up in conference pending the president's decision. The executive department, the president having referred it to him. Every northwestern representative has record as favoring the grant of privileges without charge.

TAFT MEN BUMP BACK AT T. R. STAMPEDE STORY—RIVALRY CLAIMS.

By John E. Lathrop.
Washington, April 11.—The Taft forces put out a statement today, to offset the remarkable assertion that the reactionaries may endeavor to force Roosevelt's nomination instead of permitting the nomination of Taft. The Taft men say they have assurances that Roosevelt will have a private wire from this house to the convention hall, ready to tell the convention absolutely that he will not run if named and will have, perhaps, Loeb there to see that he does not.

The Taft managers put out the following statement tonight:

"Out of 150 delegates elected this week, the names chosen in favorite-son states. Only 24 were elected in territory in which the Taft forces made a fight. Two at large in Massachusetts, six in Delaware, and the Massachusetts district delegates and many New York district delegates are for Taft, notwithstanding the New York state convention instructed delegates at large for Hughes."

"Taft has 24 out of the total of 420 elected up to date in addition to which he has the support of the number of delegates to be counted the unconstructed Massachusetts, Delaware and Rhode Island delegates."

"So certain is the nomination of Taft that our friends sincerely wish New York to stand by Hughes for the effect of the November election. Taft's nomination is assured and it is wise to begin to maneuver so as to insure a united Republican party in November."

"The opposition, locally known as 'the all-party,' is composed of delegates elected up to this time. Taft has 176 and the opposition 243, giving the Taft credit for all unconstructed and contested delegates who may vote for him. The opposition has a majority of 84 over him at this time. The square plan which instructed for other candidates, but with a leaning toward Secretary Taft, concerning which so much is being said, is time to the time the Taft credit for delegates instructed for Secretary Taft who have leanings toward other candidates. The situation is more satisfactory to the opposition at this time than at any other time for some weeks, and it justifies the prediction that Taft cannot be nominated on the first or any other ballot."

BANDIT VIVILLO HERO OF SPAIN

Popular Pressure Upon the Government to Procure Full Pardon for Him.

Madrid, April 11.—It is currently reported that simultaneously with the appearance of the book which he is now writing in prison on "Banditism in Spain," Vivillo, the greatest bandit of them all, will get a free pardon. Such an act on the government's part would be widely popular, for the name of Vivillo to Spain is what that of Robin Hood was to old England.

Vivillo is supposed to be one of those noble outlaws who rob the rich only and shower benefits on the poor. It was something very similar to regret that characterized reports of his arrest last December. This took place in the Argentine Republic after he had been sought in vain by the police for many years. Picturesque outlaws have always existed more or less in Andalusia. And of all the outlaws in southern Spain none was more picturesque than he.

His Two Names.
The real name of Vivillo is Joaquin Camargo. He was born near Seville 56 years ago. Although he was the offspring of respectable parents, he began his adventurous career of crime while still a youth, and soon made a name for himself. One of his most famous exploits had as its scene a much traveled road near Seville, where five years ago he held up 25 merchants, one after another, as they returned from a fair. The whole 25 were later discovered bound and gagged, lying side by side. Vivillo's day's work had netted him 50,000 pesetas.

Although he performed some of his most daring feats single-handed, he was captain of a famous band. Members of the organization spread his name and fame afar, performing good deeds and bad for which he got the credit. Personally he was polite, sober,

economical, and extremely fond of his own family. He had a wife, three charming girls, and two boys. They never took any part in his misdeeds, although it is admitted that he kept them freely supplied with money.

Two years ago Vivillo, having made a fortune, sought to change his profession. Many witticisms were passed on the fact that he set himself up as a hotelkeeper. It was intimated that he had merely changed his methods of separating travelers from their superfluous cash. He also owned several farms, whether he repaired in times of leisure, devoting himself to the education of his children. He then lived under an assumed name, and his neighbors never suspected who he was. Vivillo had disappeared.

Betrayed by Traitor.
In the meantime the band, which he had once controlled and with which he still maintained relations, carried on business much in the old way. But Vivillo's successor to the captaincy was a widely popular, for the name of Vivillo to Spain is what that of Robin Hood was to old England.

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