

WARSHIPS AT LOS ANGELES

Thousands of Enthusiastic Americans Turn Out to Greet Fleet at Second Home Port Entered Since Jackies Left Atlantic.

By George Edward Graham.
(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Cal., April 18.—A small boy not very grammatical in speech, stood on the breakwater at San Pedro, waved a small American flag and shouted, "The fleet has come," and behind the boy stood thousands of full-blooded American citizens with badges and flags and decorated automobiles, only a small portion of the thousands that would have been there if they could have found accommodations of transportation and beach room to welcome to American shores and soil the greatest battleship fleet that ever sailed any main. It was the second phase of welcome of the state of California, given through Los Angeles, the metropolis of the southwest, and its subsidiary cities.

And such a welcome as it was! Not even the most enthusiastic in Los Angeles ever thought what it might mean. Automobiles were at a premium early in the morning. Surface lines, although every form of conveyance from ark times to the present were brought into requisition, admitted failure early in the day to accommodate the waiting hosts. Steam railroads great and small tried to get their trains off on time and ran as shuttles, hundreds crowding upon them without tickets. From the beaches above, thousands walked down to San Pedro and soon white sands and low hills and breakwater and in fact every available point was a waving mass of color, for no matter what the costume, how simple the dress, there was a decoration of the red, white and blue that made it one huge flag of the country.

Line of Smoke.
And such was the preparation of welcome when over the horizon the line appeared just a thin line of smoke, a mere haze. There was a hint of anticipation. Not all knew that that was the signal of the fleet's coming but glasses went up and eyes were glued to that great line of smoke.

Then it grew into two, and then three and then half a dozen, and then the people by the thousands arose to their feet prepared to cheer. Slowly from the southern horizon there appeared the slender line of the Connecticut military mast, then her searchlight top and then her fighting top. Behind rose the signal of the other ships and cheers, which the sailor men could not hear, because of their distance from shore, burst the air. "They're here, they're here, hurrah!" was the clarion call. From the blue-ness of the sea rose the bronze superstructure of the battleship. The others followed in majestic procession. Out from the mass of foam made by the headway of the ship came the white hull of the first of the great squadrons, shining in the brilliant sunshine of the most glorious day of all the glorious days that southern California could possibly give as a token of welcome.

Thomas on Time.
And as they moved into the line of sight where great turrets and great enclaves could be detected, where the waving flag of the Union could be seen on the quarterdeck staff, when even the blue line of men could be seen at the rail, then enthusiasm broke bounds. And Thomas, like Thomas always, came on time. He pulled up the engines turned in every one of the 18 ships at his order with the precision of the military company. The great fleet paraded up the coast, navigators keeping the closest shore distance compatible with safety that would still allow a waiting coastline of spectators to see the great array of Uncle Sam's defenders.

And when they had passed this review of a coastline of about 130 miles lined with spectators, they dropped their anchors at San Pedro with a simultaneous splash that has never been followed with a precision that caused cheer upon cheer.

Thomas is a great commander. He has followed his sailing orders with accuracy. He has acted as the nation's representative in foreign countries, with a diplomacy that has never been exceeded. He has at all times paid deference to Admiral Evans, with an exactness that has won him approval, but he has also won approval from every officer of the 400 or more serving with him.

Liberty for Men.
There has been a little discontent aboard but Admiral Thomas says, it will fade away tomorrow and the next day and the next, like fog before Los Angeles sunshine. At no port at which the ships have landed have the enlisted men had full shore leave because of the limitations of the small cities to entertain them. But Admiral Thomas has arranged that every man lack of them shall have his time ashore. "I have ordered that each ship of the fleet shall send a division of men, that is about 200, ashore each of the four days, beginning on Monday," said Admiral Thomas. "The men, that is about 3,500 men a day will have liberty in your city and that before we leave every man will have had liberty. I put great confidence in my men. I think you

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And so, filled with 16,000 impatient men, the great ships lie off San Pedro tonight. Tomorrow, impatient though they be, they will play the gracious part of host and will take eager thousands of citizens through their steel homes, glad to show how they live and how they fight, if they have to. But they are in great anticipation, for they have seen the programs of the enterprising city and officers and men alike are jubilant over it.

Boys' Play Ashore.
There is something splendid about the way these men relax for amusement. An officer who has served in the Spanish war and was in the thick of the fight is just boylike crazy over seeing the wild west show which Los Angeles has promised. Men who were in the thick of the disaster to the turrets of the Missouri and the Georgia are going to have ashore and yet at the call to quarters you would see these fellows rush for the beach to their great destroying guns and go into action with grim determination to win. There are hundreds aboard who have already smelled the smoke of battle. There are thousands eager to smell it if opportunity arises.

New Watering Hole Opened in Healy Bldg.
A new attraction on the east side that will be much patronized during the summer season has been opened by Professor Ringler in the basement of the Healy block, corner Grand avenue and East Morrison street. A porcelain swimming pool 20 by 160 feet has been installed. This tank is fed with famous Bull Run water which is kept continually changing and maintained at a uniform temperature of 75 degrees.

There will be swimming contests, water polo games and other athletic contests held weekly and prizes awarded to the winners by Professor Ringler. Certain afternoons in each week will be given to ladies only.

PASSES BUCK TO COMPANY'S AGENT

Congressman Lilley Says Neff Wrote Lists Similar to Anonymous Letters.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Washington, April 18.—The submarine investigating committee today established the fact by expert testimony that the two anonymous communications attacking the character of Representative George A. Loud of Michigan, a member of the naval committee, filed with the committee, were written on the same typewriter as were the lists of questions handed the committee by Representative George T. Lilley to be propounded officers of the General Electric Boat company.

Mr. Lilley testified that these lists of questions were typewritten for him by A. R. Neff, a representative of the Lake Torpedo Boat company in Washington. The Lake company is a bitter rival of the General Electric Boat company. Mr. Lilley admitted that of course the Lake company supplied him with much of the information he has filed with the committee concerning alleged reprehensible methods of the General Electric company in securing contracts from the government.

In his examination before the committee Mr. Neff said that he had typewritten many of the technical questions asked the officers of the General Electric Boat company and had given them to Mr. Lilley. Mr. Neff also said that he was alone at the present time at the Washington office of the Lake company and that he did most of his own typewriting. He will be recalled by the committee to tell what he knows of anonymous communications. Chairman Boutell of the committee sprung the expert testimony in a sensational manner.

"As no one has had the courage," he said, "to acknowledge having written these dastardly attempts to blacken the character of Representative Loud and to defeat his re-nomination, the committee has taken what steps it could to establish their authorship."

The anonymous communications referred to were written to Jesse Carmichael, correspondent for a Michigan newspaper, and to State Senator Frank Edwards of Michigan, a former private secretary of Mr. Loud, who is seeking to defeat Mr. Loud for the re-nomination for congress. Each of these communications charged that Mr. Loud had improper dealings with the General Electric Boat company. The experts employed on the work by the committee were David Carvalho of New York, who testified in the Oberia M. Carter case; William J. Kinsey of New York, who testified in the Molinoux case, and Albert S. Osborne, who was the expert in the Rice-Patrick case.

They agreed in their conclusion that the communications had been written on the same typewriter machine as the lists of technical questions handed the committee by Mr. Lilley. The experts were questioned by the committee as to whether they could say that the same operator had written the communications and the questions, but they declined to make a positive statement on the subject.

The committee will recall Mr. Neff for examination Monday and Mr. Lilley also will be asked to reappear. The committee expects to examine on the same day Charles R. Flint, U. Grant Brown and Henry Berg, all of New York, as to alleged efforts of the Lake Boat company and the General Electric Boat company to sell out to each other or to merge.

Officers of the two companies have given conflicting testimony on these points. The committee desires to get at the truth of the matter.

HORSE AND RIDER ON PILE OF LAVA

A. A. Baldwin, Crook Vaquero, Crushed and Kicked—Will Probably Die.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Prineville, Or., April 18.—A. A. Baldwin, a young horseman of Crook county, was perhaps fatally injured on the desert between this place and Bend Thursday forenoon at about 11 o'clock. Baldwin had been riding in that vicinity for some time. Thursday he was riding a horse that became unmanageable and ran through a closed gate of poultry netting, throwing horse and rider into a pile of lava rock.


William Baldwin, who was near the unfortunate man when the accident occurred, saw the horse kick twice, and when he got to the scene found the rider with his skull badly crushed, the blood oozing from his eyes and ears, indicating that he had been kicked in the head. A gold watch that he carried in his vest pocket was badly crushed, either by the fall or from a kick by the horse.

Drs. Rosenberg and Coe agree that recovery is practically impossible. Baldwin is almost entirely paralyzed and has not spoken since the horse fell. He is being cared for at the Davenport-Stanley ranch, near which the accident occurred, and all that is possible is being done.

ENGAGEMENT BROKEN; YOUNG MAN A SUICIDE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Silverton, Or., April 18.—In a fit of insanity over a broken marriage engagement, Custer Dinwiddie, a young man of eastern Oregon, shot and killed himself this morning while on a visit to his brother, east of Silverton. He was to have been married in Colorado today.

TESTIMONIAL



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