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FLEET PASSES UP NEWPORT AND PAUSES ONLY SHORT TIME OFF MOUTH OF COLUMBIA RIVER

THOUSANDS WATCH FOR COMING OF WARSHIPS

On Board the United States Steamship Georgia, by Wireless to North Head, Wash., May 20.—To The Journal, Portland—The Atlantic battleship fleet was off Tillamook at 9:30 this morning. An offshore southeast wind has quieted the sea and better time is being made. The sky is overcast. The fleet will be off the Columbia river shortly before 1 p. m. and off Grays Harbor at 4 p. m. Anchors will not be dropped at either place. Cape Flattery will be reached by midnight, Port Angeles at daylight tomorrow and Bellingham at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

ASTORIA WATCHES FOR BATTLESHIPS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, May 20.—1:15 p. m.—North Head says: The battleship fleet is off the Columbia about four miles out. It seems to be proceeding northward without stopping, although it slowed up some. Excursion boats are accompanying it.

NEWPORT MUCH DISAPPOINTED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Newport, May 20.—Yaquina Bay people now know what it means to be passed up by the United States navy. Although under specific orders by the department at Washington to slow up off this city the 15 vessels of the battleship fleet stood off 10 miles off shore and proceeded on its way north without any apparent effort to come close inshore. The thousands of people crowding the hills and beaches could get a glimpse of the big ships. The fleet passed at 5 a. m. The weather was somewhat hazy, but it was not raining. It was so far out to sea that it could not be made out without glasses, nothing showing but a distant smudge on the horizon. The outlines of the 15 large ships could be seen with the Newport Commercial club celebrated the event last night by entertaining with an all-night ball, and this was enjoyed by the visitors.

SEVEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Gasoline Tank on Launch Blows Up and Ends Lives of Many Persons.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Memphis, Tenn., May 20.—Seven persons lost their lives and nine others narrowly escaped destruction in an accident which befell the gasoline launch Columbia about eight miles south of Clarendon, Ark., at 10 o'clock Tuesday night. The tank on the launch exploded, the drowned are: Miss Lillian Winfield of Clarendon, Ark.; Miss Alma Peete of Covington, Tennessee; Miss Mattie Counts of Clarendon, Ark.; Miss Bessie Palmer of Kansas City, Miss.; Miss Aline Burton of Helena, Arkansas; Joseph McManus of Clarendon, Arkansas; Dr. A. L. Houston of Clarendon, Arkansas.

COMPTROLLER ISSUES CALL FOR STATEMENT

PRESIDENT NOMINATES M'GREGOR COLLECTOR

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 20.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for national bank statements showing conditions at the close of business on May 14.

NELSON AND GANS TO FIGHT 45 ROUNDS AT COLMA JULY FOURTH

Battling Nelson and Joe Gans this morning practically completed arrangements for a 45-round fight in Colma, California, just outside San Francisco on the afternoon of July 4, the durable Dane agreeing to an \$8,000 guarantee demanded by the colored lightweight champion. Nelson, accompanied by a traveling companion, Robert M. Lamb of New York, reached Portland last night on his way to Seattle, where he fights Kid Scaler of Spokane before Johnny Reid's club Decoration day. All morning Nelson kept the wires hot between Portland and San Francisco instructing his manager, Willis Brit, how to proceed in the final closing of the terms of agreement. He is looking for a message this afternoon informing him that everything has been settled. "Money is no object in my fighting now," said Nelson, "I am after my heart's desire, the lightweight championship of the world. That's why I am allowing Gans an \$8,000 guarantee and taking the gambler's change. I am the drawing card in the west and none knows it better than Gans. My fights have always netted me more money than any he has taken part in and I am sure my prestige will give me the big end of the receipts in the end. I feel sure I can whip Gans. Every-

PLATT ON STAND IN WOOD CASE

Aged Senator Denies Marriage to Woman Who Is Suing Him for Divorce—Admits He Called Her Endearing Names at Times.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) 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 senator entered the courtroom leaning heavily on the arms of two attendants. He seemed feeble and walked with difficulty. He was accompanied by his son, Frank H. Platt, and a stylishly-attired woman. The prospects that the senator would be in court today drew large crowds to the county building where the hearing is in progress.

WHAT IS HIS ANSWER?

The Journal is unequivocally and emphatically for Statement No. 1. So are nearly all the people of Oregon. Neither The Journal nor the people want any victory that may be won in June to be an empty one. All desire that whatever man may be chosen senator, shall use the great prestige of his office, and all the forces at his command, for defense and perpetuation of Statement No. 1 and the primary law.

TROOPS MAY QUELL CLEVELAND RIOTERS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cleveland, May 20.—Troops may be called out to suppress the dynamiters who are adding the carmen in their strike against the Municipal Traction company and who, after blowing up five cars last night, distributed nearly 100 dynamite caps along the tracks this morning. The dynamite was discovered this morning just in time to prevent the wrecking of a dozen cars. Rioting broke out again this morning and several persons were added to the list of injured. No one, so far as can be learned, has been fatally wounded, but the constant shooting and volleys of bricks and stones are expected to result in deaths before night. Two deputies, a strikebreaker, two strikers

CAKE AND BOURNE ONCE MORE PULLING TOGETHER

Defendant Says He Liked Girl Because She Was So Agreeable—Met Her at His Office and at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

TELLS HOW HUSBAND WAS SHOT

Mrs. Schaffer Makes a Good Witness for the Prosecution in the Trial of Policeman Nathan H. Suttter, on Trial for Murder.

"My Husband Was as Meek as a Lamb," Declares the Widow. "There Were No Threats, Loud Talking or Swearing."



Flip! Flop! It takes the Cake To do this stunt without a quake. See him swing from one to t'other—"There's none can do it like me and Brother."

"HELP ME AND I'LL HELP YOU"

Word Goes Forth to Senator's Trusted Lieutenant to Help Cake Campaign.

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