

PACIFIC FLEET DOES EXCELLENT WORK AT PRACTICE

Target Practice in Open Sea Off San Diego Pleasing to Officers—Maryland Makes Best Record.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The Pacific fleet returned yesterday from battle practice and the men behind the guns achieved results that caused every officer to wear a happy smile. Exactly what these results were is matter for the navy department only, but told in such general terms as the officers of the fleet high in authority are privileged to the tale of that battle practice is calculated to make peace loving citizens sleep more easily than they have since congress shied at the war secretary's pessimistic report.

The cruiser Maryland is said to have made the best record. So effective was the Maryland's fire that the fleet officers believe that the Maryland will get the battle trophy, which is now held by the battleship Vermont of the Atlantic fleet.

The practice just finished was the hardest test to which Yankee gunners have ever been subjected. The shooting was done on the open sea off San Diego. The targets were towed at a speed of about eight knots an hour, while the cruisers were tearing through the water at an eighteen knot clip. The Pacific ocean maneuvers was hearing its palpitating boom and the cruisers were rolling and pitching like lightships in a gale. The targets, about the size of a small tug, were more than 15,000 yards away. Under these conditions the men shattered target after target. They scored hits by daylight and darkness didn't make them miss.

To fire a broadside into a small target seven miles away from a ship that is not only rolling, but steaming through the water at eighteen knots an hour, looks like an impossible task, but the gunners of the Pacific fleet did it.

An officer of the fleet said: "If the American gunners had been able to shoot at the battle of Santiago as the Spanish fleet would have been destroyed the instant it poked its nose out of the harbor, a ship would have got as far as Morro Castle."

The West Virginia and Maryland will remain here until the end of January for the purpose of testing samples of Pacific coal that are now on board the collier Saturn. When they have used up the Saturn's samples they will proceed to Puget Sound for the purpose of making further experiments. All this in response to a request from Pacific coast coal interests that the coal mined on this side of the continent be given a chance in the navy.

The Pennsylvania, Colorado, South Dakota and California will leave early in the year for a practice cruise to southern California.

During the time the ships are here all hands will be given liberty and there will be a Christmas dinner tomorrow on every ship of the fleet.

GARMENT WORKERS IN DIRE NEED OF COAL

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 24.—Ten thousand families, dependent on garment strikers for their livelihood, tonight faced a giftless Christmas. In each of the homes, tons of coal were more devoutly wished for than candy filled stockings. While the downtown streets were thronged with richly dressed crowds doing related shopping, destitute garment workers haunted the commissary stores of the union to get enough food to last them until Monday.

Five hundred families of workers and persons of moderate means volunteered to take the children of strikers into their homes to keep them from suffering the destitution of their parents during the strike. No advances toward a settlement have been made on either side for two weeks. The present prospect is for a lockout of long duration.

NINE BODIES FROM WRECK IN ENGLAND

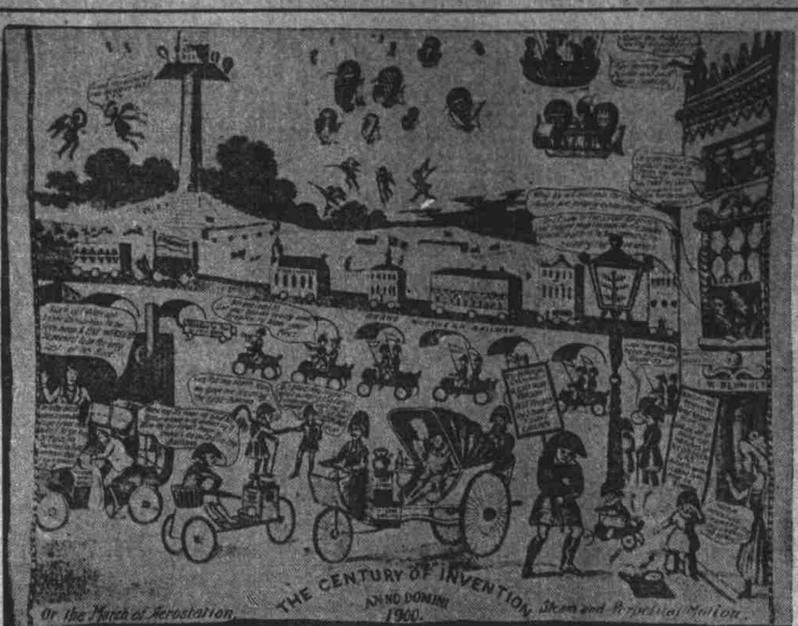
(By the International News Service.) London, Dec. 24.—Nine bodies have been taken from the wreckage and it is thought others may be dead as the result of a collision west of here this morning between a passenger train and two light locomotives. Twenty-five other passengers were badly hurt.

The accident occurred at 8 o'clock at a point in the Pennine hills between Hawes and Riply-Stephan.

PLANT ENTIRE TOUCHET VALLEY TO FRUIT TREES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Dayton, Wash., Dec. 24.—The biggest development project ever undertaken here has been launched by local business men and has for its object the planting of the Touchet valley in orchards throughout its length of 30 miles and the bringing west of small investors who desire to purchase first-class orchard lands on monthly installments or yearly payments. Watsburg and Dayton are to "pull together" as demonstrated at a meeting here yesterday.

Quaint Artistic Conception of Modern Inventions, as Prepared One Hundred Years Ago



Likeness of an old handkerchief found in Australia, showing men hunting the air, a traveling church and modern stores on a railroad track, as well as the dirigible balloons of today. Instead of airplanes the artist fitted his men with wings. On many of the suggested lines inventors of the Twentieth century have realized the ideas of the old painter to be practical.

That Hubert Latham, the famous French aviator who shot ducks from his flying machine at Los Angeles on Thursday, was not the first to conceive of the idea, but that the credit belongs to an artist of an hundred years ago, is claimed by the Melbourne, Australia, Leader. It is conceded that Latham is the first to perform the feat. Anticipating the day when men would fly through the air the ancient artist pictured them wearing wings and carrying their shot guns while searching the air for birds.

The painting was found on a handkerchief at Northampton, Australia, where a building was being remodeled. In commenting on the find the Leader said: "The old saying that there is nothing new under the sun is well exemplified by the above photo of a handkerchief, which, dating from the beginning of the last century, was discovered within the walls of the ancient building occupied by Messrs. Wood & Son, drapers, Oundle, while a new staircase was being put in. As may be seen, the cloth contains a well drawn design, which anticipates intelligently the inventions that have actually occurred during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Some of the prophecies are wonderful. Although the picture shows a road busy with traffic, not a single horse is to be seen. Indeed, the only equine in the neighborhood would seem to be in the show on the left, where a clown exhorts all and sundry to 'Walk up! Walk up! A rare exhibition to be seen here. A live horse! Supposed to be the very last of the race.'"

There is plenty of horsepower, on evidence, however, for fitting here and there are steam automobiles. Their shapes and equipment are surprisingly like those of the present day. We often say that if our great-grandfathers could come back to earth they would be startled out of their wits at motor cars. After seeing such exact predictions as the above photo shows, we may not be justified in thinking that our forebears would be so frightened.

D'AULBY CASE TO GO BY DEFAULT?

(By the International News Service.) Tours, France, Dec. 24.—Though the public prosecutor will continue with the formal proceedings, the case against the "Count and Countess" D'Aulby de Galigny, brought by the Duchess de Choiseul-Praslin, formerly Mrs. Paine of Boston, was virtually dropped this afternoon. The sensation came shortly after the case had been called at noon after having been postponed from the morning, when the lawyers for the duchess withdrew from the case. The announcement was made to the court by Maître de Chene, her other two attorneys being missing as well as herself.

Maître Bernard, the leading advocate for the D'Aulbys, stated that the letters from Mrs. Paine to D'Aulby would not be produced.

Solicitor Behrend, called as a witness, insisted that the letter written by Boston lawyers, refusing to have anything to do with the negotiations between Mrs. Paine and D'Aulby be read. The letter showed that the American lawyers objected only to the matter involved in the introduction of Mrs. Paine's letters. They were not averse to acting in regard to the picture contract, as had been alleged.

More testimony was given today by character witnesses to show that D'Aulby was honest and a man of honor. With the evidence all in, the case was adjourned until January 2, when it will be summed up.

Friends of the D'Aulbys are sure now that they will be acquitted. The duchess was not in Tours today, having gone to St. Meuritz. It was reported here that the townspeople were planning a demonstration against her.

SEEKING ALLEGED SWINDLER AT SALEM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Dayton, Wash., Dec. 24.—C. C. Clair, alleged swindler, who was arrested in Salem, Or., three nights ago on a warrant sworn to by the Touchet Valley Fair association, may fight extradition. The warrant charges him with obtaining money under false pretense, but many here think he cannot be held on that charge. Sheriff Ed Davis left last night for Salem for Clair, not knowing whether extradition papers would have to be secured.

Clair is alleged to have collected moneys belonging to the Touchet Valley Fair association and to have absconded. He also owes some \$200 in town besides the \$100 belonging to the association, it is claimed. He left Dayton two months ago on a night train after conducting a successful sign business for three months. Fred Norris, an employe, says he lost \$100.

STATE INHERITANCE TAX LAW AUTHOR DIES

(By the International News Service.) New York, Dec. 24.—After an illness of less than 24 hours, Commodore P. Vedder, one time state senator and the author of the state inheritance tax law, died today in his rooms in the Hotel Malcolm from heart disease.

French engineers are building a single span masonry railroad bridge 256 feet long over a ravine 100 feet deep, one of the largest structures of the kind ever attempted.

GERMAN TARIFF WAR NOT WANTED

(By the International News Service.) Washington, Dec. 24.—Germany, in the event of a tariff war with the United States over the potash dispute, would be able to interfere seriously with the manufacture of powder for the army and navy.

It has developed that the war and navy departments are vitally interested in the negotiations with Germany for the removal of the tax on the exported potash of the country for the German potash is one of the necessary ingredients of powder.

Both the army and the navy must have powder and have it in vast quantities. This is made in the United States for the most part, but is made of German potash. Should Germany, which has a monopoly of the world's supply of potash, insist on its export tax, the cost of powder will be nearly doubled.

If on the other hand Germany finally did prohibit the exportation of potash altogether as seems to be the disposition a powder famine in this country would follow.

It would, of course, be possible for the United States to buy its powder from the German mills, but relations between this country and that might easily become such that the German mills would not be permitted to sell powder to the United States.

President Taft is still negotiating for the reduction of the export tax.

POPE PIUS EXTENDS YULETIDE GREETINGS

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Pius sends this Christmas greeting to America. "With particular affection, we impart the apostolic benediction to the church in America. May its work be crowned by the best results for the glory of God and the salvation of souls."

Double Wedding at Sweet Home. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Lebanon, Or., Dec. 24.—A quiet double wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Uell at Sweet Home Wednesday, December 21, when Mary A. Gell and Fred L. Wood and Gertrude O. Russell and Emmett E. Arrell were united in marriage by J. S. Gell, J. P. The ceremony was witnessed by a few friends.

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ASQUITH SHOWS RESERVE IN HIS PUBLIC RELATIONS

England's Premier Does Not Commit Himself to People, Who in Consequence Resort to Wild Speculations.

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 24.—Although George V. has received from Mr. Asquith a full statement of the government program for the readjustment of the relations of the two houses of parliament, the prime minister and his cabinet lieutenants maintain a strict reserve before the public. All sorts of irresponsible conjectures are made, ranging from stories that Mr. Asquith or one or more of his colleagues will resign soon to stories that the king with great or little hesitation has agreed to create the 500 "baronet peers."

Asquith's Followers Have Faith. Mr. Asquith's harlots outside the ministry scout the idea that he is capable of showing the white feather to the sovereign or to the commons. They hope that upon the assembling of parliament he will introduce without delay the "parliament bill," which was the issue at the elections, demand its prompt passage and then stand it to the lords on the express understanding if they hang it up, amend, or throw it out, he will ask the king to create the necessary peers to carry the measure through the second chamber.

This would be logical as to the veto on finance but the Irish-Nationalists and the Laborites are not altogether easy as to the other features of the case.

Mr. Redmond is urged to try to get from Mr. Asquith before parliament meets "some definite idea" of what the government expects to do for Ireland when the peers have been muzzled. Laborites, rallying around a manifesto that begins "now that there has been returned a majority pledged to remove the house of lords as a block in the working of our constitution," want the prime minister to give specific pledges regarding the legislation he will support in behalf of suffrage, unemployment and free education from the elementary school to the university.

RAILROAD USES NESBIT POEM IN NEAT BOOK

With the compliments of the passenger department of the Great Northern Railway company, a number of neatly bound volumes of Wilbur D. Nesbit's poem, "A Friend or Two," have been sent to friends and patrons of the road. The local distribution was through H. A. Jackson, general passenger agent in Portland. The poem was written in 1897 by Mr. Nesbit, and soon after the publication the Great Northern officials thought so much of it that they asked special permission to have it sent out in book form. There are only five stanzas, but each is full of sentiment.

NEW COMMANDER STOPPED BULLETS

A. J. Salisbury Last Man Wounded in Hot Engagement in Philippines.



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A. J. Salisbury, who was elected commander of the United Spanish War Veterans Friday night, saw active service from the time the volunteers were called for the Spanish-American war until the insurrections among the Filipinos had been put down. He served throughout as a member of company H, Second Oregon Volunteers. Commander Salisbury had the distinction of being the last man wounded in the Philippine war. The company had been ordered home. The men were on the island of Taytay, when, suddenly, while in a low place, they were surrounded by 500 of the insurrectionists. Salisbury broke his gun. The man in third place from him was killed. Salisbury rose to his feet and in the hall of bullets nonchalantly moved over to the dead man's gun to replace his broken weapon. Four bullets struck him, one in each shoulder, one in the knee, one in the back. The bullet that tore into the knee was from a Mauser rifle. The others were brass. His escape from instant death was one of the miracles of war. He is now a deputy sheriff.

154,000 tons Renton coal sold last year, "fuel" said. Try some. Truett Fuel Co., 15th and Overton, M. 65, A-1465.

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MOST DISASTROUS CHRISTMAS WEEK IN RECENT YEARS

Hundreds of Lives Lost and Millions of Dollars of Damages in Series of Catastrophes.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 24.—This Christmas week has been one of the most disastrous in recent years, hundreds of lives having been lost and millions of dollars worth of property destroyed in a series of catastrophes, as shown by the following summary:

Sunday, December 18.—Three policemen and one burglar killed in attempt to rob big jewelry store in London, England.

Monday, December 19.—Explosion of gas wrecked new power plant of New York Central killing 13 persons and injuring 114. Loss estimated \$1,000,000.

Wednesday, December 21.—Leather warehouses in Philadelphia burned. Loss \$200,000. Conflagration in leather manufacturing district in Cincinnati, Ohio. Three killed, 12 factories burned. Loss \$2,000,000.

Explosion in Hulton colliery, England. Three hundred and forty-one miners killed; number injured.

Thursday, December 22.—Fire in Nelson Morris Packing House, Chicago. 24 firemen and four policemen killed. Property loss \$2,000,000.

Three persons killed when "out" train on Pennsylvania railroad hit wrecked freight train at Millstone Junction, N. J.

Friday, December 23.—Fire in theatre and business block, Bayonne street, New Orleans. Three persons killed. Loss \$500,000.

Saturday, December 24.—Two Pennsylvania trains collided at Nevada, Ohio, killing six persons; six others seriously injured.

Nine killed and 25 seriously injured in wreck of Scotch Express near Hawes Junction, England.

Four men and two women killed by gas fumes in Kenton, Ohio.

There were numerous smaller fires during the week and a number of minor train wrecks in nearly every one of which there were fatalities.

MRS. HARRIMAN GIVES EMPLOYEES PRESENTS

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Every employe of the Harriman estate, about 600 in all, received an extra day's pay in envelopes today. In addition Mrs. Harriman this afternoon assembled all of the mechanics and laborers directly connected with the Arden House and Lodge and made an additional gift to them. Last year each received a present of gloves, box of candy and sweetmeats.

David Ottinger died at Callipoola at the age of 95.

The Owl Drug Company's Method of Contributing Its Share Toward the Public Good

In various cities where we have stores we have been called upon at various times by different organizations for program advertising, the donation of prizes and the purchase of tickets for various public affairs, and the same condition presents itself to us in Portland.

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In its stead we have a plan that will place our little help where it should be—a policy consistent with the spirit of Portland—and therefore our store in the future will furnish prescriptions absolutely free to the worthy poor upon presentation of a note or an order from any licensed physician or surgeon in this city.

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