

# FLEET LEAVES PEARL HARBOR

## Battle Formation Used In Departure

Reported Weakness Pointed Out After "War," Will Be Corrected, Stated

(U. P. Special Wire to The Bend Bulletin)  
HONOLULU, May 7.—Like giant gray beetles slipping stealthily upon their prey, the United States fleet, with the "battle" of Oahu a record of the past, crept seaward at dawn today to open a series of target and torpedo practice and other maneuvers.

Hundreds of Honolulu residents slumbered sleep and jammed the vantage points about the city to see the grand fleet depart in splendor.

Regular battle formation was used, with mine sweepers in the lead to clear a path obstructed by an imaginary enemy. They were followed by submarines, destroyers, light cruisers with the battleships and supply craft bringing up the rear.

The flagship Seattle, bearing Admiral Robert E. Coontz, commander, and the airplane carrier Langley, the mystery ship, were in the van of the larger vessels.

After two days' tactical maneuvers at sea, the fleet will put in at Lahaina on Maui island, which the "blue" attackers "captured" a few days ago during the "war" on Hawaii.

The reported weakness of the fleet, brought out in the critique which ended yesterday, is scheduled to be corrected during these minor maneuvers.

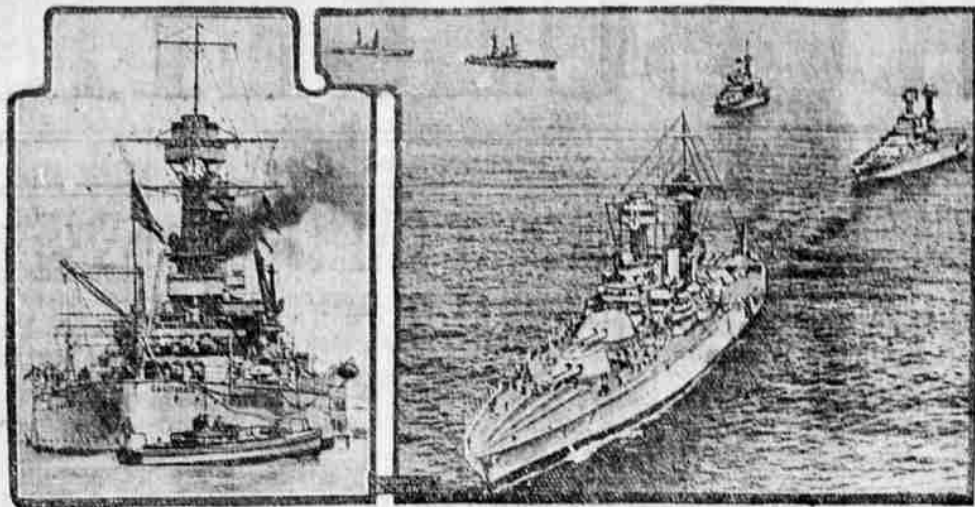
### Crowds Watch Departure

Departure this morning afforded the natives their first glance at the fleet, as the destroyers, submarines and lighter craft have been bottled up in Pearl Harbor, while the capital ships anchored outside have been closed to visitors because of the heavy surf danger in reaching them.

After the minor maneuvers the fleet will return here May 29, when half of the ships will sail for Australia and the remainder return home. Officers and men debarked on the present cruise with delight, glad to get away from the strenuous round of entertainment which has been theirs in Honolulu.

Although the critique was fol-

## Battleships Leave For More Maneuvers



The U. S. S. California, at left, and other vessels of the fleet which left Pearl Harbor this morning to open target and torpedo practice. Part of the fleet will leave soon for Australia.

lowed by only a brief official statement, simply citing the necessity of further fortifying Oahu since it is impossible to fortify other islands of the group, unofficial discussion today was that America's armed sentry in the Pacific is at the mercy of any attacking fleet carrying a large air force. This point, it was reliably learned, was widely discussed in the conferences. It was unofficially learned that both the "blue" and "black" air forces are considered weak in view of the part they played in the recent maneuvers.

### Umpire Gives Statement

The umpire's statement concerning the maneuvers says in part: "The problem and the questions formulated by the joint board were designed to test the existing plans and projects of defense at Oahu and exercise the army and navy forces in conduct in joint operations. The chief umpires state their belief says these objects were accomplished."

"The Hawaiian Islands constitute the key to the Pacific. In this group Oahu is the only island possessing natural features required by a permanent main naval base. All defense forces and means for protecting this naval base concentrated on that island. It is impossible to fortify all the other islands of the Hawaiian group. Hence the necessity of making the resisting power of Oahu of the strongest possible character."

"The chief umpires are impressed by the great amount of painstaking work done in preparing for the exercises and the keen interest displayed."

## Home Economics Club Member Given Scarf

PLEASANT RIDGE, May 5.—The Home Economics club met at the hall on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, 15 members and three visitors being present. After the business part of the meeting was finished, the chairman, Mrs. Marie Strixner, with appropriate remarks presented Sister Catherine Johansen with a beautiful silk scarf, given to her by the club members, the occasion being her birthday. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in piecing quilt blocks, after which a luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kriger and children spent Sunday with friends near Tumalo.

Hans Hanson of Deschutes visited with Alfred Mikkelsen on Sunday. Mrs. Alfred Pedersen accompanied Mrs. C. M. Rasmussen to Bend on

Wednesday afternoon. Antone Ahlstrom has been working on the Swalley flume near Bend all week.

Ralph Henderson came home from the Ochoco, where he is mining, to spend the week end with his family.

Mrs. H. T. Mikkelsen and son Alfred and Mrs. O. E. Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. Ole Hanson and children of Deschutes and Mrs. Henry Strixner were in Redmond Tuesday afternoon.

Rasmus Peterson loaded a car of potatoes at Deschutes this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Anderson were Bend visitors Wednesday afternoon. Thomas Vedder of Lower Bridge was a caller in this neighborhood on Wednesday.

W. T. McDonald of Redmond was a business caller at the Anderson ranch on Tuesday.

The board of directors of the Pleasant Ridge Community Hall association held a meeting at the home

of Ole Hanson near Deschutes on Thursday evening.

Alfred Pedersen and son Oswald were in Redmond on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kriger and children drove to Redmond on Saturday to do some trading.

Mrs. C. M. Rasmussen was a Red-

mond visitor on Tuesday afternoon. Alfred Pedersen and Alfred Mik-

kelson helped Rasmus Peterson sort a couple of days this week.

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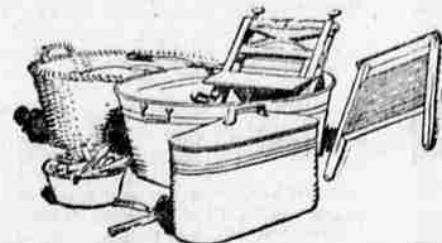
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