

WELCOME TO FLEET

President Offers Toast to Officers for Great Achievement.

PROUD EVENT FOR ALL PRESENT

Splendid Line of Battleships Fulfills Predictions of Disaster and Crews Vent Enthusiasm.

Fortress Monroe, Va., Feb. 23.—"Not until some American fleet returns victorious from a great sea battle will there be another such home coming, another such sight, as this. I drink to the American navy."

This was the toast of President Roosevelt yesterday as he stood radiantly happy in the cabin of the little cruiser yacht Mayflower, at the conclusion of the review and the ceremonies attending the welcome home of the American battleship fleet. He was surrounded by the admirals and captains of the 16 world-encircling vessels, brilliantly attired in all the gold lace and paraphernalia of special full dress uniform, and every glass was raised in response to the president's suggestions.

"We stay-at-homes also drink to the men who have made us prouder than ever of our country," added the president, and again the toast was pledged.

"When the fleet sailed from San Francisco, Mr. President," replied Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, "you sent us a message saying that ours was a heavy responsibility and a great honor. That we have today fulfilled the responsibility makes this the proudest moment of our lives. I say 'We' advisedly in speaking of the fleet, for no one man could have done what has been done without the loyal and willing co-operation of every man on the fleet."

Thus briefly the commander in chief of the returning ships made his official report to the commander in chief of the army and navy.

SLEEP ON ARMS.

Militia Ordered Out at Omaha as Precautionary Measure.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 23.—Although a recurrence of last night's rioting in South Omaha is not looked for, the feeling against the Greeks there is still very strong.

Three companies of the state militia in Omaha received orders tonight to sleep in their armories and mobilized for that purpose. It is stated that the order is given simply as a precautionary measure, but it indicated the anxiety of the authorities to prevent any further disturbances on account of the presence of the Greeks in this city and South Omaha. Late tonight 300 Greeks were rounded up in Council Bluffs, and, after being disarmed, were locked up.

Appeals have been made to A. L. Coro-Milas, the Greek minister at Washington, and it is believed that he will come here to look after the welfare of his countrymen.

It is declared that suits aggregating about \$25,000 will be filed against the town of South Omaha by those whose property was destroyed.

CZAR DISSOLVES DIET.

New Encroachments Made Upon Liberty of Finland.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—Emperor Nicholas today issued a rescript dissolving the Finnish diet and ordering the holding of a new election May 1, for the new diet to assemble June 3.

This step is due to the criticism of the emperor's policy in President Svinhufvud's response to the speech from the throne at the opening of February 16.

The establishment of a joint Finnish-Russian conference to elaborate a new basis of relations between the grand duchy and the empire has been practically decided upon.

Dreadnaughts in Shade.

New York, Feb. 23.—Rear Admiral Goodrich believes that battleships twice the size of the largest now building will be launched in the not far distant future. "Over in the Brooklyn navy yard we are refitting one of the vessels that formed a part of Rear Admiral Sampson's fleet in 1898. That boat is of 9,000 tons displacement. We now have ships of 18,000 tons and are building battleships of from 20,000 to 21,000 tons. If we are spared for a few years more, we shall see ships of 30,000 and 40,000 tons."

Robs Sleeping Officers.

Bristol, Tenn., Feb. 23.—After having been brought from Oregon, D. H. Meads, wanted in Virginia for murder, escaped today from two officers after robbing them of their money, guns and watches. Meads was captured in Oregon several weeks ago. The officers, with their prisoner, repaired to a hotel to rest. The prisoner was handcuffed to one of the officers. While they were asleep Meads secured the handcuff keys.

Blizzard Hits Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 23.—A general blizzard is raging over Wyoming and Western Nebraska tonight. The snow is from 10 to 12 inches deep and is drifting badly. It is feared that the storm will cause heavy loss to stock on the open range.

MANY ON PENSION ROLL.

Little as it is, John Bull Makes it Hard to Get.

London, Feb. 22.—England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland have 596,038 old age pensioners, according to official figures just made public. Previous statements of the number have been mere estimates and nearly 100,000 too low. A large number of claims are also under consideration. When they have been acted on, estimating again, the total will be about 600,000.

The United Kingdom's population at the last census was 42,000,000, so that about one person in 70 is on the old age pension roll. Inhabitants as much as 70 years old, the lowest pensionable age, number only 1,254,286, however. This means that nearly half the country's population of the required age is poor enough to claim the benefit of the act.

Of the 596,038 pensioners, 539,388 receive the full allowance of \$1.20 weekly. To receive this amount it is necessary for the applicant to prove that his private income does not exceed \$1.92. Those whose incomes do exceed this amount are pensioned only enough to bring the total up to \$3.12 weekly.

Of the 658,248 who have been refused or have not asked pensions, it is not to be presumed that all or even a large proportion have private incomes exceeding \$3.12. Anyone who has ever received public relief even to the extent of having a tooth pulled at a public dispensary or has been accidentally injured and carried unconscious into a public hospital is classed as a pauper and is, as such, ineligible. The same applies to anyone ever convicted even of a minor offense, or who has been at any time in his life a permanent resident of a foreign country.

As illustrating the varying degrees of prosperity in different parts of the United Kingdom, 38 per cent of the English and Welsh pensioners are receiving pensions, while in Scotland the percentage is 49 and in Ireland 98.

PANIC AMID FLAMES.

Large Steamer Burns and 200 Lives Reported Lost.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 22.—The Argentine steamer President Roca, from Southern ports, according to reports received here, has been wrecked between Puerto de San Antonio and Puerto Madrid, on the East coast. The steamer caught fire, and it is believed the crew and 200 passengers have perished. It is reported also that the steamer sank.

Press dispatches received here this afternoon state the flames spread with great rapidity and the steamer was headed into shore as rapidly as possible. A panic prevailed and many lives were lost, some of the estimates reaching as high as 200. The President Roca was on her way north from Puerto Madrid to San Antonio.

Later official messages report that the vessel sank, but only 20 lives were lost. Three hundred and fifty passengers and members of the crew were saved, according to these advices.

The Presidente Roca belonged to the Hamburg South American. She was the largest steamer trading regularly between Buenos Ayres and the Northern ports of the republic.

DECIDES SPOKANE RATES.

Rumored Commission Favors Contention of Coast Cities.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The Interstate Commerce commission has reached a decision in the Spokane rate case, and will announce its findings this week. It is rumored that the decision is favorable to Portland and other Coast points and adverse to the Spokane contention.

The commission, according to report, holds that Spokane is not entitled to as low a rate on Eastern shipments as are cities on tidewater, which have the advantage of water competition. No member of the Interstate Commerce commission seen today would discuss the decision, and it is therefore impossible to confirm the rumor.

Castro Loses His Title.

Caracas, Feb. 20, via Willemstad, Feb. 22.—Cipriano Castro has lost his title as President of Venezuela, the High Federal court having rendered a decision that sufficient evidence had been presented in the suit brought against him on the charge of attempting to bring about the assassination of Juan Vicente Gomez, the acting president. In its decision the high court transfers the suit to the criminal court and declares that Castro is constitutionally suspended from the office of president.

Powers Will Mediate.

London, Feb. 22.—One or more of the neutral countries will very shortly offer good offices to Austria and Serbia in the hope of settling their differences. Who will direct this has not been decided, but in any case it will not be Great Britain. The indications point to the selection of France, and there is reason to believe that such a proposal would not be at all distasteful to Austria-Hungary as they are on the best of terms.

Wireless for Railroads.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 22.—Dr. Fred Millener, experimental electrician of the Union Pacific railroad, will leave tomorrow for a tour of the East for the company. He will visit many wireless stations. Dr. Millener has been experimenting with wireless apparatus in connection with railroading for several months.

The Oregon Magazine Hit of 1909



Jap Libby, Engineer, who did the work of four engines and crews



Portland had tired me out and the kind bartender of the St. Charles Hotel let me sleep on the billiard table, for which I was later discharged from the Good Templar's Lodge in Silverton



Al Coolidge and Jake McClaine, prominent bankers and business men of Silverton in Davenport's younger days

Beginning in the January issue of HUMAN LIFE, the Magazine About People, and running through the twelve months of 1909 will be published a story of his boyhood by Homer Davenport, cartoonist, traveler, humorist, lecturer and man of many stories. The scene of Mr. Davenport's boyhood and young manhood is laid in Oregon and covers many of the people that are well known there today.

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The story will carry Mr. Davenport up to his San Francisco days, when he made his first big hit as a cartoonist.



Silverton Trombone Band. "We always played as we drove out of town and with much effort the driver held the team"

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