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PRESIDENT DEMANDS FOUR BATTLESHIPS

Fleet Enters San Diego Bay--Given Great Reception

HENEY'S DEVILISH CHARGES

FAST PORTLAND

IS IN AFFIDAVIT OF REPRESENTATIVE WEBSTER OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY—QUOTES PRESIDENT AS UPHOLDING HIM

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Portland, Or., April 14.—Charges that United States Charles W. Fulton offered ex-Representatives H. Webster, of Clackamas county, "special inducements," for the latter's support in the senatorial campaign in 1902 in the Oregon legislature Francis J. Heney exploded the bomb which he had declared that he had tucked up his sleeve, when he read an affidavit from Webster, making the charge against Fulton in his speech last evening which was listened to by 2500 people.

The affidavit, with a number of others which indirectly associated Fulton with the land fraud defendants in this state, and with the decision that the President so far approved of his work in attacking Fulton as to declare, "Bully boy, bully," were the major charges in the prosecutor's magazine. The letters which Heney read were from the correspondence that passed between Senator Mitchell and George Cornell, of Oregon City, and Heney declared Fulton had knowledge of, which showed that the senator had knowledge that Postmaster General Meldrum was guilty of taking bribes for fraudulent surveys years before the two senators united in recommending him for the position of surveyor general. Meldrum is now a prisoner at McNeil's Island convicted by Heney on charges growing out of the land frauds.

The affidavit reads as follows:

"I was elected a member of the lower house of state legislature, being a representative from Clackamas county, at the June election of 1902.

"At the convening of the legislature I voted for Charles W. Fulton for United States senator with the understanding that on the first ballot, cast for him, I would be released. A week or ten days before the end of the session I learned that Fulton had made an agreement with interests I considered inimical to my interests, and thereupon I served upon him that I would discontinue voting for him. The conversation took place in the senate chambers just before the hour for joint session. We went into the room of the president of the senate and Mr. Fulton stated that my refusal to vote for him would ruin him. I still refused to meet him further and he asked me if I would offer me any financial consideration, to which I said: 'No.' He then begged me to reconsider my action and not to decide at present. I went to the house and voted for him and continued to do so until he was elected United States senator.

(Signed) H. A. WEBSTER.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of April, 1908.

(Signed) W. S. MACSWAIN,

"Notary Public for Oregon."

To Disbar Lawyers.

Suits in disbarment proceedings have been filed against J. A. Finch, of Salem, and H. C. King, of Portland, to be heard at Salem.

JAPAN CHINESE RELATION

IS BECOMING TENSE

ORIENTALS MAKING WRY FACES OVER THE BOYCOTT AGAINST YELLOW PRODUCTS — SECRETARY OF NAVY HAS WAR ON HAND WITH PORTLAND.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Pekin, April 14.—Proof that the relations between Japan and China are daily becoming more strained was given today when Japanese Prime Minister Hayashi informed the Chinese foreign office that the mikado is becoming weary of China's delay in suppressing the anti-Japanese boycott.

Hayashi intimated in stinging terms that unless action looking to the suppression of the boycott is taken at once, the mikado might resort to force. He was told by the foreign office that another Japanese ship, carrying arms believed to be for Chinese rebels, had just departed for China. The Japanese official was told, however, that China would take measures to suppress the boycott, although many Chinese officials say that the boycott is being conducted along legal lines.

Portland Aafter Metcalf.

Portland, Or., April 14.—Secretary of the Navy Victor H. Metcalf will have a fight on his hands that may drive him from the cabinet, if the efforts of the commercial bodies and prominent citizens of Portland are successful.

This morning the leading morning paper of the state comes out with charges that Metcalf, supported by Senator George C. Perkins of California, plotted to prevent the fleet or a respectable detachment of it, from coming up the Columbia river, and had the influence of the secretary of the navy and the California senator, who is almost a member of the senate committee on naval affairs, been strong enough, and had there been any other place upon the coast where the fleet could have been adequately coaled outside of Bremerton navy yard on the sound, the fleet would never have pushed their blunt noses in the north Pacific.

"This matter must not be dropped," declares the editorial, "until the California secretary of the navy is asked to explain his true reasons for objecting to send the vessels to Portland.

"The depth of the water at the mouth of the Columbia in only an incidental feature of the delay in sending the battleships to Portland. The overshadowing influence against the proposition is the pull in the hands of Secretary Hetcalf and Senator Perkins."

BOARD OF TRADE BALANCES HORSE SHOW

The executive committee of the board of trade at its meeting yesterday, among other things, approved the payment of $193.85, a deficit left unpaid from the horse show recently held in this city. The total cost of the show was $433.85, but there were only subscriptions amounting to $240.

Nothing catches a woman's eye quicker than a red automobile.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENED

BY LEAGUE TEAMS

THE AMERICAN FANS TO ENJOY THE GAME IN THE HARSH COLD WINDS OF EASTERN TERRITORY.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, April 14—Opening games in both the National and American leagues are scheduled to be played this afternoon. In the National league, Chicago will begin the season at Cincinnati; Pittsburg at St. Louis; Ney York at Philadelphia, and Boston at Brooklyn.

Detroits starts the trouble in the American league at Chicago; St. Louis at Cleveland; Philadelphia at New York and Washington at Boston.

The American sport loving public, lean and hungry after a winter's famine, will sit down in the grandstand and bleachers of eight cities to the first course of a six months' feast —unless it snows. For in the major baseball territory cold rains, harsh winds and lowering skies frequently mar the opening days of the national game, a contingency which from early indications, may postpone the initial games in some sections of the country today.

The Chicago Cubs, champions of the National league and owners of the world's champion pennant, will go against the Cincinnati Reds and Captain Frank Chance declared this morning that his men are in good fighting trim. Overall, the big Pacific coast pitcher, will be on the slab for the Cubs.

Interest in the American centers in the opening contest between the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago White Sox—champions and ex-champions of the league. The rivalry between the teams is bitter. The Sox, thanks to their California trip, are in better condition than any team in the league.

Notary Appointed.

Gerard Ryczek, The Dalles.

DUNBAR BELL RINGERS

Wednesday Night, April 15, at First Christian Church

Admission 75c Students 50c

BASE BALL

Seattle High School vs. Willamette.

April 16 Willamette Field Admission 25c

FORAKER FIGHTING TEDDY

ON COLOR LINES

MAKES A SENSATIONAL APPEAL FOR JUSTICE TO THE TROOPS WHO WERE SUSPENDED FOR SHOOTING UP BROWNSVILLE.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, April 14.—Senator Foraker of Ohio today bitterly opposed the so-called administration measure introduced by Senator Warner of Missouri permitting any discharged negro soldiers to re-enlist upon "proving to the satisfaction of the President that they were innocent of any complicity in shooting up of the Texas town."

The speaker declared that if the bill passes it would compel the negro soldiers to appear before the judge who had already prejudiced their cases.

"The vilest horse thief, the most dangerous burglar or the bloodiest murderer," shouted the Ohio senator, "would not be required to either prove his innocence or submit to trial before the judge who had even in the most casual way expressed an opinion as to the guilt of the defendant. To pass this bill would be adding insult to injury."

Senator Foraker urged the passage of his bill restoring the negro soldiers to their full rights and enabling them to return to the army upon taking an oath that they are innocent of the shooting and ignorant so far as the identity of the guilty ones are concerned. He reviewed the testimony given at the investigation taken at Brownsville.

HUSBAND CLEARED OF WIFE MURDER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Walla Walla, Wash., April 14.—At the coroner's inquest over the remains of Mrs. Mary Thomason, Matthew Thomason, the husband, was cleared of any suspicion. The jury found that death resulted from a fall caused by fainting which resulted in concussion of the brain.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

HON. H. M. CAKE

Of Portland

Will address the citizens of Salem and surrounding country at the Grand Opera House, Wednesday Evening, April 15, 8 p. m.

AMERICAN NAVY IS AT HOME

IN SAN DIEGO BAY

THE ATLANTIC FLEET GIVEN A ROUSING WELCOME ON SAFE ENTRANCE TO HOME PORT—GREAT REJOICING.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Diego, Cal., April 14.—Home again. After the greatest and most successful cruise in naval history, consuming four months' time, in which approximately 14,000 miles were traversed, the American fleet of 16 battleships dropped anchor this afternoon in San Diego bay, off Coronado beach, the first American port touched since the armada sailed away from Hampton roads on Dec. 16 last.

Inspiring as was the departure of the fleet from the beautiful roadstead of the Atlantic, the coming into "home" waters —"Back to God's country"—was far more so. Never was victorious army given a grander reception, never has there been such an exhibition of patriotism as that aroused when the great ships, every one a dazzling white, spic and span stem to stern and from truck to water line, swept majestically up the bay, greeted by the booming of cannon at Fort Rosecrans, the shrieking of sirens, the cheers of the thousands on water craft and ashore. Men wept with joy, women fairly threw themselves into a patriotic frenzy as the monster smoking sea fighters, the worlds most wonderful message of peace slowly approached the anchorage. The grand spectacle brought to the surface all of the pent-up enthusiasm born of a patriotic fervor with which the thousands who turned out to greet the ships had been primed for days.

On hillside, beach and the protecting arms of land that jut out on both sides of the bay were gathered sons and daughters of America in whom the love and pride of country had been aroused, it seemed, as it had never been aroused before.

When the Connecticut, a mere speck on the horizon, was sighted, with the other ships of the fleet close behind, a mighty cheer went up, flags, hats and handkerchiefs were waved and the demonstration continued long after the last ship had dropped anchor.

The first news of the fleet reached the waiting throng soon after 11 o'clock, when the lookouts announced that the ships had been sighted about 30 miles down the coast and were moving along at a speed that would bring them into the bay at the scheduled hour—1 o'clock. The word was quickly passed all around the bay and the air of expectancy became more tense, but the crowds were good natured and tried hard to be patient despite the fact that they knew two hours stood between them and the fleet. The minutes semed like hours and many who had brought their lunches forgot their appetites. Others not so wrought up, formed little picnic parties and ate and chatted and laughed nervously while trying to kill time.

At noon the ships were reported off Los Coronado Islands, bleak granite sentinels that stick their grim heads out of the Pacific just below the

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VIGOROUS NAVAL POLICY

DEMAND OF TEDDY

COMES TO THE RESCUE FOR FOUR BATTLESHIPS ACCORDING TO THE HOBSON PROGRAM.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, April 14.—In a stirring message sent to congress today President Roosevelt again strongly advocates the construction of four new battleships. The delivery of the important document was so timed that it reached the house before a vote could be taken on the battleship provision in the naval appropriation bill.

"To provide but one or two battleships this year,,, says the President in the message, "means that this nation will go backwards in naval rank and relative power among the great nations of the world. Such a course would be unwise if we fronted only one ocean and doubly unwise when we front two oceans. As the chief executive of the nation and commander in chief of the navy there is imposed upon me the solemn responsibility of advising congress of measures vitally necessary to secure peace and the welfare of the republic in the event of international complications which are remotely possible.

"I earnestly advise congress now to provide for four battleships of the most advanced type."

The President said that before the meeting at The Hague he thought that one ship would be sufficient but when that tribunal refused to place any limit on arnament he was compelled to adopt a more vigorous policy.

"I cannot too emphatically say that this measure is one of peace and not war," continues the message. "I can conceive of no circumstance under which this country would enter into aggressive warfare. Yet our undefended wealth invites aggression. It is mischievous for any stateman to assume that this world is yet at the right stage when a nation can rely for peace upon the forbearance of other persons."

Grain Market.

Chicago, April 14.—May wheat opened, 91⅜c; highest, 91⅝c; lowest, 90⅝c; closed, 90⅝c.

May corn opened, 68c; highest, 68c; lowest, 66⅝c; closed, 67c.

May oats opened, 53⅝c; highest, 53½c; lowest, 53c; closed, 53c.

Stock Market.

New York, April 14.—The stock market opened this morning long enough to absorb a few stocks as nourishment and then slumped off, slumbering without interruption throughout the session. Business fell off to a deporable low level, trading being entirely professional. A small wave of short covering, during the last few minutes of trading caused an irregular rally in the speculative favorites, the market closing strong. Union Pacific close 127⅞; St. Paul, 118½; Canadian Pacific, 154; Copper, 57⅝; Selter, 69½; Reading, 105⅝; Southern Pacific, 74.

Police are certain that great fire in the suburb of Boston was the work of an incendiary.