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INSIDE GOLDEN GATE

Combined Fleets Are Given Elaborate Reception at Frisco.

RECORD-BREAKING CRUISE ENDS

Secretary of Navy, Governor and Mayor Extend Welcome.

DOWNTOWN SECTION DESERTED

Hundreds of Thousands of People View Magnificent Spectacle.

SHEDDIE TAKES AT BREAKFAST

Governor of Nebraska Presents Petition to Secretary Metcalf on Behalf of Farmers.

MAN FRANCIS, at 4—Through the towering rocky piers of the Golden Gate, heavy laden with romance of centuries, into the harbor of the city of a hundred billion; later a new San Francisco rises from the ashes of two years ago. The Atlantic battleship fleet sailed yesterday in view of a multitude unnumbered. It was the same imposing pageant of immensity which had sailed from Hampton Roads nearly five months ago in the wake of the president's flag, but with the splendid accomplishments of a record-breaking cruise of more than 18,000 work behind it. Today the white-sailed, four-starred blue flag of the secretary of the navy, flying from the mainmast of the trim little gunboat *Yorktown*. Following the welcome of the navy, while the governor of California, the mayor of San Francisco and the people of a hundred towns and cities voiced the greetings of the enthusiastic west.

San Francisco, Oakland and other cities nearby all took a holiday to witness the coming of the fleet. There was a complete cessation of business and the streets in the downtown sections were absolutely deserted. Many people came into the city last night and this morning that left during the terrible and homeless days following the fire.

A few remaining scars of a city shaken and torn appeared rose tinted today in the joy of general celebration. A welcome sign spelled in letters fifty feet high topped the heights of Telegraph Hill.

The sun, which all morning long had been obscured by heavy gray clouds, broke through just as the ships were passing by the gateway and shone in noonday brilliance on the pageantry of fighting craft.

City Gay with Merrymaking.

Tonight the city is gay with merrymaking and the long program of entertainment planned in honor of the fleet is well underway. Parks and buildings are illuminated for the first time in the history of the new city. The streets are thronged, windows and glass upon the joint of lamp supports buildings decorated being outlined in a fire of electric lights. The still crowded hills of the city are flooded now and then in the flash and play of scores of searchlights trained from lighting tops and bridges. Below them in the anchorage grounds the illuminations of the heaviest fleet ever assembled under any flag make brilliant the waters of the bay for thousands of yards around.

Official dinners, band concerts and a reception and ball at the Fairmont hotel, with 1,000 invited guests, are features of the first evening of the fleet's stay.

The fleet threaded its way through the crowded harbor, passed the islands and sand bars and finally lay out in the Columbia channel of late when opposite Point Lonsdale, and pointing back toward Golden Gate to face the incoming tide steamed into anchorage formation.

Battleship Nebraska in Line.

The battleships having the right of the line were first to let their anchors go. The last to leave of the three capital ships accompanied by two battleships recruited from the remainder of the fleet arrived the world—the Nebraska and Wisconsin—occupy the two ends of the four columns of ships now in the harbor. The armored cruisers of the Pacific fleet have the line nearest the Oakland shore, while the little black destroyers of both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets are berthed close in toward the San Francisco water front. The excursion boat was kept out of the warships' pathway by a patrol of revenue cutters and a fire service was suspended during the parade.

Real Admiral Bailey D. Evans, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet and now in command of the assembled ships of both oceans, stood on the after bridge of the Connecticut as the famous flagship led the way through the harbor's gate. His active naval career is to close Sunday next, when he formally will be relieved from command. Both because of illness and the death of a favorite grandchild Admiral Evans will be unable to participate in any of the functions planned in honor of the officers.

After the fleet had anchored the government customs launch Hartley put off from Mission street wharf, bearing Mayor Taylor and the reception committee to pay the city's official greeting and present formal welcome to Rear Admiral Evans and the sailors. The Hartley reached the flagship at 2 o'clock and between files of marines with arms at present, the mayor and the committee were received on the quarter-deck of the Connecticut and taken below to meet the admiral. Heartfelt greetings were exchanged. After the ceremonies of the official call were over Mayor Taylor and the committee boarded the Hartley and came ashore.

Asserting he is being harassed and annoyed for aurious debt he contracted almost two years ago and which he has fully paid, Andrew W. Rixey, a young man working for the Independent Telephone company, has begun suit for \$3,000 damages against the Omaha Telephone company, a cause of action, J. Richards and J. C. Lawrence and has applied for an injunction to prevent their continuing their actions by which he asserts they are trying to extort \$30 from him.

The suit was filed Wednesday in district court by John O. Tolson, Rixey's attorney, and a restraining order was granted by Judge Runkel and the case will be heard Saturday in Judge Kennedy's court. The petition, which is a worm one, shows up some more of the alleged methods of loan sharks.

The story told by Rixey in the petition is

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

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