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FLEET SAILS NORTH

BATTLESHIPS LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO FOR PUGET SOUND.

Pacific Fleet of Cruisers Off for Santa Barbara—New Commander Makes First Speech at Banquet—Praises Enlisted Men.

The Atlantic battleship fleet, after 12 days of naval pageantry and merry-making at San Francisco, sailed for Puget sound. The fleet will arrive off Seattle on May 22. One-half of the ships will dock at Bremerton navy yard, while north, and the others will return to San Francisco for painting beneath the water line. Play days in Puget sound will be over before the end of the month and then the officers and men will resume the usual routine of man-of-war life. Orders call for the reassembling of the fleet in San Francisco harbor not later than July 3. On July 7 the fleet sails for Honolulu and after a week's stay there, goes direct to Auckland.

The Pacific fleet of armored cruisers under Admiral Dayton sailed south and Rear Admiral Sperry, in command of the Atlantic fleet, hoisted for the first time his commanding flag of blue. Being junior in lineal rank to Admiral Dayton, Admiral Sperry was compelled by naval regulations to fly a subordinate flag of red so long as the Pacific fleet remained at San Francisco. The long line of armored cruisers which sailed for Santa Barbara was headed by the flagship West Virginia, and included the Colorado, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington and California. The protected cruiser Charleston, flagship of Rear Admiral Swinburn, also sailed with the fleet, but her destination is Monterey.

Last of the official entertainments at San Francisco for the Atlantic and Pacific fleets was the banquet tendered at the Fairmont hotel by San Francisco Knights of Columbus to the petty officers of the two fleets. Admirals Sperry and Thomas both spoke and there were in attendance Captains Sutherland of the New Jersey and Nicholson of the Nebraska. Admiral Sperry made the first speech since assuming command of the Atlantic fleet. He spoke directly and pointedly. He declared that the enlisted men of the navy were the bulwarks in the defense of the navy.

"Their training," he continued, "is entirely in the hands of the petty officers, who stand between the men and the commanding officers. We have now in the navy the most splendid body of young men that could be selected in all the world. Above everything else, they are American gentlemen and their training should always be along that line. And when they salute a superior officer they should remember it is no hard line of caste that is drawn, but that it is merely the courtesy due, and the salutation of one gentleman to another. They are brave and true and I am proud to command such a force."

DYNAMITE CLEVELAND CARS

Two Are Badly Damaged by Explosives on the Tracks.

A Broadway street car at Cleveland, O., was partially destroyed by a dynamite torpedo. While twenty-five passengers were in the car, no one was seriously hurt. A panic followed and a mad rush for the exits was made. A West Madison street car also was damaged by an explosion of powder on the track. The floor of the car was broken through and one woman was severely injured.

Trivial rioting, a deadlock in arbitration proposals, car service largely restored and the refusal of the traction authorities to do anything until disorder and violence ceased, marked the third day of the strike of the conductors and motormen on the Municipal Street Railway company's lines. The company succeeded in operating all lines, with but a slightly impaired service, considering the difficulties. In several instances car windows were broken by stones, cars were stopped and nonunion crews were assaulted.

DE DION AND ZUST QUIT RACE

American and German Autos Only Ones Left in Contest.

Managers of the New York-Paris auto race received from Milan the official announcement from the Societa Motori Zust of the withdrawal of their car from the race at Vladivostok. The Marquis de Dion also has formally withdrawn his car, leaving the American Thomas car and the German Protos car to complete the journey from Vladivostok to Paris alone. The German car is forced by the regulation of the race committee to allow the Thomas car thirty days in the crossing of Asia and Europe on account of the action of the German crew in taking a train in America from Pocatello, Ida., to Seattle, Wash., prior to sailing for Vladivostok.

COURT SUSTAIN PRESIDENT

Judge Hough, in New York, Holds He Has Right to Discharge Soldier.

The right of President Roosevelt to dismiss a negro soldier of the Twenty-fifth Infantry for alleged participation in the riot at Brownsville, Tex., was sustained by Judge Hough in the United States court at New York. O. W. Reid, the soldier, sued the government to recover \$122, as wages from the date of his dismissal to the expiration of his term of enlistment. District Attorney Stimson contended that the president had a right to dismiss the soldier. Judge Hough sustained this contention and directed a judgment in favor of the government.

SON KILLS FATHER, SUICIDES

Announcement That He Would Remarry Causes Double Tragedy.

A family estrangement culminated in the murder of George F. Sperry, a New York drug exporter, by his son, George F. Sperry, Jr., and the suicide of the latter. The elder Sperry was shot down at the Pine street office of Weaver & Sperry, where he had been closeted for a few moments with the murderer. The son immediately afterward shot himself and both men were dead when others of the firm hurried into the room. The determination of the father to remarry led to the tragedy. A letter left by the son made plain that his acts were deliberate and the product of a deranged mind.

The senior Sperry was seventy-two years old and, in addition to his drug interests, was president of the Bloomfield Mills company and a director in the Spring Coal company. He was socially prominent and active in religious affairs.

George F. Sperry, Jr., was forty years old, and, with his wife, lived at the Manhattan Square hotel. His wife had known of the unpleasantness in the Sperry family, but had received no intimation that her husband's mind had become unbalanced as a consequence.

The murdered man was president of the firm of Weaver & Sperry, the murderer was its secretary, while William Dewitt Sperry, a second son, is the treasurer. John W. and James W., also sons of the elder man, are directors.

Mr. Sperry's wife died four years ago and last January he announced his intention of marrying Miss Rachel Blakie, a public school teacher of East Orange, N. J. The sons disapproved of the proposed alliance, but were unable to influence their father against it.

PITTSBURG BANK SUSPENDS

Allegheny National Closed After Cashier's Arrest.

The closing of the Allegheny National bank at Pittsburg, Pa., by the comptroller of the currency was the direct cause of the failure of Carothers & Co., according to the statement of the receiver for the latter firm.

The decision of former Cashier William Montgomery, accused of wrecking the bank through the embezzlement of cash and securities, to waive a preliminary hearing and to be held for the grand jury investigation, prevented the taking of any testimony by Commissioner Lindsay and officially no new light was thrown upon the alleged peccolations. So far as the court records are concerned, he is charged only with the embezzlement of \$169,000 cash and \$125,000 worth of securities.

That the bank has in some manner sustained a much greater loss is apparent from all of its recent statements, showing that it could sustain a loss approximating \$2,000,000 without impairment of its capital, and the statement made to City Treasurer Steel last week, when he made inquiry as to the city's deposit of \$1,546,953. Mr. Steel said he was told last week by Bank Examiner William L. Folds and by officers of the bank that the alleged shortage was about \$800,000 and that the bank could pay that out of its surplus and undivided profits and continue business without interruption. It was about this time that the directors and men interested in other financial institutions had agreed to put \$500,000 cash into the bank to add to public confidence and meet possible emergencies. Later disclosures, Treasurer Steel is informed, changed this situation.

TRADE REVIEW FOR THE WEEK

Retail and Jobbing Trade is of Fluctuating Character.

Bradstreet's says: Weather and trade are irregular, warm days alternating with heavy rainstorms, and retail and jobbing demand has been of a fluctuating character. There is evident, however, a measurable improvement in the tone of affairs, commercial and industrial, a partial reflection, perhaps, of the better feeling in financial lines. The most significant feature in actual trade circles is perhaps the wide acceptance of the belief in the cotton goods trade that this branch of trade has seen the bottom as to prices. There are reports of a slight gain in orders by woolen manufacturers and large auction sales of carpets and silk ribbons have developed demand at a price.

Best reports as to the improvement of fall buying come from the larger centers, like New York, Chicago and St. Louis, while current trades are best in the southwest and northwest. Dullness and slow collections are still the distinguishing features in southern reports.

EIGHT BISHOPS AGREED ON

General Conference of Methodists Has Hot Debate.

The Methodist Episcopal general conference at Baltimore, Md., was thrown into a hot debate by the presentation of the report of the committee on the episcopacy, which recommended that ten new bishops be elected. Ultimately, the conference decided that the number should be eight, but this decision was arrived at only after an hour and a half of discussion of the report and amendments thereto which were offered. One of these was to make the number twelve and another aimed to make it six, as recommended in the address of the bishops, but the conclusion to elect eight was finally arrived at. The report of the committee pronounced all the present bishops effective, the only retirement being that of Bishop J. M. Thoburn of India, at his own request.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

WORK FOR THE COMMISSION

Hearing on Railroad Freight Classifications Up This Week.

Lincoln, May 18.—This week will be a busy one for the state railway commission. A general hearing will be held tomorrow for the purpose of the railroads are expected to be represented by some of their ablest men, who will try to show the board that rates must not be reduced by changes in classifications.

The request of railroad officers to postpone the hearing of the Grand Island sugar rate has been consented to by the complainants, Donald & Porter company, the Nebraska Mercantile company. The latter is a wholesale grocery house, in which A. E. Cady of St. Paul is interested. The complaint will be heard June 2. The railroads of the west will take up the sugar rate at a meeting to be held in Chicago today.

The much talked of hearing for railway employees will take place in Lincoln May 28. The date was set by the commission. If necessary the hearing will continue two days. The employees of the Burlington will be heard first, then those of other railroad companies and last will come the hearing for representatives of a joint committee of railroad employees. The employees desire to protest against any reduction of freight rates in Nebraska.

The express companies which failed to file station reports as required by the state railway commission have decided to obey the order of the commission. A telegram received by Attorney C. J. Greene informed the board that the required reports will be filed.

LANE CUT-OFF IS OPENED

Union Pacific Short Line Dedicated to Official Party Over It.

Omaha, May 18.—"I now declare the Lane cut-off officially opened." This declaration was made by A. L. Mohler, vice president and general manager of the Union Pacific, as the special train carrying the heads of departments of the Union Pacific completed the official tour of inspection of the ten-mile spur that reduces time, distance and passenger rates.

At an expense of \$3,500,000 the Union Pacific has built a new line which has attracted attention all over the railroad world. That the company should go to such an expense to save nine miles seemed remarkable, but for the immense tonnage which the Union Pacific hauls that nine miles means a mint of money saved in the course of a year.

RAY GREEN JURY DISAGREES

Cannot Decide on Seventy Thousand Dollar Damage Claim.

Omaha, May 15.—The jury in the case of Raymond Green against the Burlington railroad for \$70,000 damages, after being out forty-eight hours, failed to agree and was discharged by Judge W. H. Munger in the United States circuit court.

Green lost both legs while employed as a switchman by the Burlington at Ashland on Aug. 1, 1907. He is otherwise permanently disabled, suffering from epilepsy as a result of his misfortune and is partially speechless. He is only twenty-three years of age.

Bryan Urges Instructed Delegates.

Lincoln, May 15.—In the Commoner today, W. J. Bryan, under a glaring caption, urges the instruction of delegates to the Democratic national convention. He says: "Instructions to delegates are the order of the day. Nearly all the states which have held Democratic conventions, so far, have instructed. This is as it is should be; instructions are Democratic. The people speak through instructions—they cannot speak in any other way. A failure to instruct turns the delegates over to party bosses."

Gauging the Niobrara.

Lincoln, May 16.—State Engineer Dobson has sent his assistant, George Bates, to Niobrara to establish the sixth water gauging station in Nebraska. The government pays half the expenses of such stations. Records kept for a long period of years are valuable to persons who desire to promote irrigation or water power projects. For several years there has been talk of a large power plant at the mouth of the Niobrara river.

Hardware Men Rejoice.

Lincoln, May 15.—Secretary J. Frank Barr of the Nebraska Retail Hardware association has pronounced the obsequies upon the parcels post in a circular letter mailed out to the members of the organization. He congratulates the members upon the work done by their association and its related bodies in other states against the "vicious scheme of the mail order houses."

Bishop Bonacum Loses Suit.

Beatrice, Neb., May 18.—In the district court Judge Pemberton handed down his decision in the case of Bishop Bonacum against the heirs of the Lynch estate. He sustained the demurrer filed by the defendants, ruling against the Lincoln bishop. The court ruled it had no jurisdiction in the case and that the petition of the plaintiff did not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action in his favor.

Jury Finds Fee Is Guilty.

Omaha, May 16.—The jury in the case of James J. Fee, charged with attempted blackmail of Luther Drake of the Merchants' National bank by threatening to blow up the bank with a bottle of "nitroglycerine," which afterward proved to be colored water, returned a verdict of guilty.

LOW RATES ON COAL GRANTED

Burlington Road Reduces Charges from Western States.

Lincoln, May 20.—The Burlington railroad, at the suggestion of the railway commission, has reduced coal rates from Wyoming to Colorado to meet the rates secured by the commission before the interstate commerce commission on the Union Pacific road. In some instances the Burlington rates are lower than the Union Pacific. They are effective June 1, and it is estimated will make a saving of \$75,000 a year on the coal shipped annually into Nebraska over the Burlington. The commission gave official permission for the new rates to be enforced. The \$3.25 rate from Sidney to Grand Island is to be \$3, maximum to intermediate points from Colorado and Sheridan, Wyo.

Before the state railway commission the representatives of the railroads doing business in Nebraska emphatically protested against any reduction in freight rates. Business conditions did not justify such action, they asserted. The commission is considering the general rate situation with a view to cutting the schedules.

C. C. Wright for the Northwestern spoke before the railway commission, and asserted that his road could not stand a reduction of class rates.

HAVOC WROUGHT BY TORNADO

Death List Not Quite So Large as at First Reported.

Omaha, May 14.—Recapitulation of the results of the tornado which swept through Cass and Sarpy counties, leaving death and destruction in its path, show that while the death list is not quite so large as at first reported, the property loss is far greater and cannot be fully estimated for the present.

Ed Miller reported dead at Richfield, was not killed outright, but is probably fatally injured.

The funeral of Martin Teig and his son, killed near Papillion, was held today. The funeral of Elmer Leaders, killed at Richfield, will be held tomorrow. The funeral arrangements for little Wayne Hester, killed at Louisville, have not yet been made.

Latest reports from the injured are to the effect that Mrs. Ed Hester and baby and Mrs. Joe Lyon, all of Louisville, cannot recover. Mrs. Margaret McKiernan of Bellevue has a chance to get well.

JURY SAYS KENISON IS GUILTY

Judge Sentences Him to 23 Years for Killing Editor Cox.

Kimball, Neb., May 19.—The jury in the Kenison murder case returned a verdict of murder in the second degree after being out three hours. Judge Grimes sentenced Kenison to twenty-three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. Judge Hamer made a motion for a new trial, which was overruled.

Ernest S. Kenison was charged with killing Sam D. Cox at Minatare in December, 1906. The trial lasted four days, with night sessions.

Taylor Again Escapes Officers.

Lincoln, May 19.—Bert Taylor, sought for the murder of his sister-in-law, Pearl Taylor, at Minden, has escaped the officers of the law a second time. He wrote a letter from Enid, Okla., to the sheriff at Minden, and the sheriff went to Enid, only to find that Taylor had spent some time there loafing and drinking and had gone. Taylor was robbed of \$350 while there.

One More Tornado Death.

Louisville, Neb., May 19.—The little daughter of the Hesters, who was injured in the tornado, died of her wounds. There are six families whose all was lost in the tornado, who, up to the present, have been cared for by neighbors. Assistance for these destitute people is needed, and aid for them should be sent to the Louisville Commercial club.

State May Aid Tornado Sufferers.

Lincoln, May 15.—Acting Governor Saunders has instructed Captain Phelps of the adjutant general's office to look into the condition of the Nebraska tornado sufferers. If those who have been made homeless are found to be in need of immediate assistance the state will take steps to supply them with tents and supplies.

Minister in Real Estate.

Osceola, Neb., May 20.—The pastoral relations between the Methodist Episcopal church of this city and Rev. L. F. Parker have been severed. The trouble between Rev. Mr. Parker and the board of control in the church has been the outgrowth of his absence in Lincoln, where he is engaged in the real estate business.

Do Good Business Under New Schedule

Lincoln, May 15.—Lincoln saloon men report that they sold more liquor under the daylight schedule than they did a year ago under the old plan. At present there is a grand rush after supper for Havelock, as that suburb does not run its saloons on the daylight plan although the question is being agitated.

Wool Company Is Incorporated.

Omaha, May 19.—The articles of incorporation of the Omaha Wool and Storage company were filed with the county clerk. The capital stock is placed at \$100,000 and the incorporators are Charles H. King, Dana C. Bradford, Leslie L. King and H. C. Brome.

Man Shot by Guard Dead.

Omaha, May 19.—Delos J. Daley, who was shot by Special Officer Stephen Egan of the Armour plant in South Omaha while resisting arrest, died in the South Omaha hospital. Egan is still detained in jail pending the outcome of the inquest.