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ATLANTIC FLEET AT SUEZ

Yankton and Culgoa on Way to Italy With Food and Doctors.

The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, completing two days ahead of its schedule the next to the longest run of its world-girdling cruise, arrived at Suez Sunday from Colombo, a distance of 3,440 knots, from which place the fleet sailed on Dec. 20. The loss of a seaman from the battleship Illinois, who fell overboard and was drowned, was the only accident to mar the voyage from Colombo. The Illinois remained on the scene to search for the sailor and is a little behind the fleet.

The converted cruiser Yankton and the supply ship Culgoa passed through the canal Sunday night. The former has a number of doctors aboard and the latter a large supply of provisions and stores. Both will go to Messina at full speed. All arrangements were made by wireless for the ships of the fleet to pass through the canal as quickly as possible and to coal at Port Said, where 25,000 tons are stored.

The news of the Italian earthquake was received with profound sorrow by officers and men. In a reply to a message from the navy department, Rear Admiral Sperry said that he had supplies available for distribution to the Italian earthquake sufferers as follows: Beverages, 50,000 gallons; bread, 650,000 pounds; cereals, 80,000 pounds; fruits, 90,000 pounds; fresh meat, 90,000 pounds; other meats, 100,000 pounds; vegetables, 80,000 pounds; milk, 50,000 pounds, and numerous other items.

The Culgoa will distribute these provisions. There are six surgeons and a number of hospital men on board the Culgoa and Yankton, and they are taking with them supplies of coats, blankets, etc. These supply ships are due to arrive at Messina Jan. 8 and 9.

HARRIMAN CASE REOPENED.

Government Continues Dissolution Suit Against Union Pacific Today.

New York, Jan. 5.—Hearings of the government's dissolution suit against the Union Pacific railroad were reopened in this city today before Examiner Sylvester G. Williams.

One of the points which the government is using in the suit against the railroad is the arrangement whereby the Southern Pacific became a half owner of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Santa Fe and a traffic agreement was made whereby each side agreed not to change its rates without the consent of the other for ninety-nine years. The issuance of stock and bonds in 1901 to finance the purchases of Northern Pacific stock, the subsequent negotiations and the Chicago and Alton deal also figure in the suit.

Warrant for Millionaire Miner.

Reno, Nev., Jan. 5.—A telegraphic warrant for the arrest of J. Harry McMillan, the millionaire mine operator, was issued for service at Goldfield, on complaint of Jim May, who alleges that McMillan secured \$6,000 on worthless checks last November. May says McMillan won \$3,000 recently at a gambling game and later lost, giving his check for the amount, which was not honored.

Kills Son of Friend by Mistake.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—William Moellentein, fifty-nine years of age, who had been threatened with death unless he put \$500 at a place named in a notice posted on his door, borrowed a rifle from a friend and after waiting in the dark, shot and killed Garrett Scholens, the son of the friend who had loaned him the rifle. It was a case of mistaken identity.

Arguments in Night Rider Case.

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 5.—Both sides concluded their testimony in the case of the alleged night riders, charged with complicity in the murder of Captain Quentin Ranken, and the arguments began today. There are five attorneys on either side and not one is willing to let the case end without making an argument.

Government Wins Rebate Case.

Washington, Jan. 5.—By a divided court the supreme court of the United States decided the rebate case brought by the government against the Chicago and Alton Railway company and Vice President Falthorn and Treasurer Wann of that company in favor of the government.

Cold Wave Sweeping Eastward.

Washington, Jan. 5.—A cold wave exceeding in severity any that has overpread the northwestern states this winter, is sweeping eastward. Some snow is falling in advance of the northwestern cold wave and temperatures are far below zero in the extreme northwest.

Big Shingle Mill Burns.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 5.—The plant of the Puget Sound Mills and Timber company, the biggest shingle mill in the world, burned last night. Loss, \$415,000; insurance, \$150,000. W. L. Cleveland, a saw filer, was burned to death.

Ends Life in Undertaker's Room.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—George E. Wheeler, a contractor, committed suicide in an undertaker's room. Wheeler left letters saying he was going to kill himself because his friends refused to pay back money he had loaned them.

Two Children Burn to Death.

Moddy, Mo., Jan. 5.—In the absence of their mother, who went to the field to see their father, two children, aged two and four years, were burned to death at the home of Thomas Burgess, near here.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Pool Elected Speaker and Cone Chief Clerk of House.

G. W. Tibbets of Adams County Selected President Pro Tem of the Senate and William H. Smith of Seward Secretary.

Lincoln, Jan. 5.—Nebraska's legislative body is at work. The two houses convened at noon today under conditions never before extant in the state lawmaking body, and quickly organized itself with a full Democratic set of officers, so far as the legislature selects its own officials.

Many members found bouquets on their desks when the two branches met at noon, and there were no vacant chairs.

The organization of the two branches was simply a confirmation of the action of the Democratic caucuses held last night. Secretary of State Junkin called the house to order exactly at the stroke of 12 o'clock and declared the lower branch ready for business. The selection of a speaker was taken up at once, the Democrats naming Charles W. Pool of Johnson county and the Republicans presenting the name of Daniel M. Nettleton, who was speaker of the last legislature. The vote was strictly partisan, Mr. Pool receiving the full strength of the Democrats and "Uncle Dan" being given the unanimous support of the Republicans. Secretary Junkin, after the tellers had handed in their report, announced the vote and declared Mr. Pool elected, at the same time appointing a committee to escort him to the chair. Tremore Cone of Saunders county was then selected clerk of the house and the new speaker took the chair. The completion of the organization, took only thirty minutes.

In the senate, Lieutenant Governor Hopewell, a Republican, called the body to order, and G. W. Tibbets of Adams county was selected for president pro tem, and William H. Smith of Seward county for secretary. The proceeding was brief, and when it was concluded the lieutenant governor made a brief address.

Little attempt was made by either body to transact any other business, although many members introduced bills representing their ideas on certain necessary legislation.

Mr. Pool is an editor and publisher at Tecumseh, fifty-two years old. He is a devoted follower of W. J. Bryan and regarded in sympathy with Mr. Bryan's position on the guaranty of bank deposits and other measures declared for in the Democratic state platform.

Sheriffs Want Higher Salaries.

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 1.—Higher salaries were advocated by all the sheriffs of Nebraska who attended the state convention here. These higher salaries were advocated especially for the officials in the smaller counties. The next convention will be held in Omaha. The following officers were elected: President, James Dunning Grand Island; vice president, J. N. Babb, Nance county; secretary, H. S. Page, Fillmore.

Nebraska Has Great Year.

Omaha, Jan. 1.—Statistics for the year show it to be the greatest in the history of Nebraska despite the semi-paupercy conditions which prevailed. The bank clearings for Omaha, which reflect the amount of business done in Nebraska, show an increase of more than fifteen millions for the year, while the receipts of live stock and the transaction of business in other lines show a corresponding increase.

Former Nebraskan Murdered.

Callaway, Neb., Jan. 5.—Word has just been received here of the murder near Deming, N. M., of Frank Evans, who formerly lived near Callaway and still has considerable interests in this section. Evans' parents and sisters and brothers still reside north of the town and the body will be brought here the last part of the week for burial.

Rooseveltian Family at Silver Creek.

Silver Creek, Neb., Jan. 1.—A real Rooseveltian family may be found at the home of Henry Pahrman, near here, where the eighteenth child, a husky boy, has arrived to cheer the glad parents. Pahrman is a wealthy farmer and all of his eighteen children are living.

Hastings Mourns S. E. Howard's Death.

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 5.—S. E. Howard, one of Hastings' oldest and most respected business men, died at his home. The funeral will be held tomorrow. It is probable that the business houses of the city will be closed during the hours thereof.

Herefords Bring High Price.

Cambridge, Neb., Jan. 2.—Seventy head of Hereford thoroughbred cattle sold at the Mousel ranch, near here, brought an average of \$220, the best price ever paid for so large a herd. Buyers were present from all over the United States.

Gold Watch for Governor Sheldon.

Lincoln, Jan. 2.—Governor Sheldon has been presented with a beautiful gold watch, which was a present from state officials and state house employees.

Bryan Going to Florida.

Lincoln, Jan. 5.—William J. Bryan will visit Florida early in February. The exact date of his departure has not been fixed. He may also visit Cuba.

MESSAGE BRINGS HOT RETORT.

Tinley Says President is in Error Regarding Stewart Case.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Jan. 5.—Emmett Tinley, counsel for Charles T. Stewart, under indictment of the federal court at Omaha, charged with land frauds, and of whom President Roosevelt's message to congress has some strong criticism, gave to the Associated Press a statement, in which he declares that "there will not be a single witness offered by the government who will testify in accordance with the statement made by the president." He also says the president is in error in nearly every statement presented as coming from the secret service men, so far as these statements refer to the Stewart case. Mr. Tinley's statement, in part, is as follows:

"The president states that Stewart swore he lived in McPherson county, Nebraska, in making his final proof on lands. As a matter of fact, Stewart swore he had always lived in Council Bluffs. The president is in error in nearly every statement made by him as coming from the secret service men. Mr. Stewart is not and never was engaged in the wholesale business in Omaha or elsewhere, as the president's informant states. He is not a stockholder in the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company, nor is he associated in any way with Postmaster Hazleton of this city, as indicated in the president's message, and a great injury is done to Mr. Hazleton to have his name, thus connected with such a controversy. It is inconceivable that there should appear in a state paper emanating from the office of the president of the United States, a quotation so filled with error of the most prejudicial character, but much less it is possible for one to associate with such a paper the very distasteful and inappropriate references to such polished, dignified and conscientious gentlemen as William F. Gurley and Edward W. Hart."

Mr. Hart, in a brief statement, declares that the president's utterances are the result of inaccurate reports made to the president.

J. R. DEAN ON SUPREME BENCH.

Broken Bow Democrat Named by Governor Sheldon to Succeed Sullivan.

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—Governor Sheldon appointed J. R. Dean of Broken Bow to the vacancy on the supreme bench caused by the resignation of Judge Sullivan. Mr. Dean notified the governor of his acceptance by long distance telephone and was on hand for the opening of court today.

Judge Dean's name was suggested to the governor by a Custer county delegation shortly after Judge Sullivan's resignation. The new judge is a Democrat, having come through the Populist party. He was for two terms county attorney of Custer county, having been elected on the Populist ticket. He has been a resident of Broken Bow for the past eighteen or twenty years and has acquired a comfortable competence in the practice of law. His family consists of a wife and two children.

Pathetic Death of Hastings Girl.

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 4.—Katherine Hughes was one of the happiest little girls in Hastings Christmas morning, when she learned of the arrival of a little brother. She had been told to save her pennies and she might receive the gift she so much coveted. This she did, accumulating 190 pennies, which she insisted on the physician taking as his fee for the gift. Her happiness was so great that she became ill and has just died in convulsions. It is considered one of the saddest incidents which has ever occurred in Hastings. Her father, Z. H. Hughes, and his wife are prominent residents.

Tots Run Away From Home.

Beaver City, Neb., Jan. 1.—Three children of G. W. Hudson, the oldest ten years of age, were found at a farm house seven miles from town, following their disappearance from home. The youngsters in a spirit of adventure had run away from their home and tramped more than ten miles before they were overtaken. The youngest of the three, a mere baby, was hauled in an express wagon by the two other children.

Aged Nebraska Woman Arrested.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Mrs. May Randa, aged eighty-nine years and claiming Niobrara, Neb., as her home, was placed under arrest because she wanted to see President Roosevelt about some land titles, which she thought he might have knowledge of. Mrs. Randa says her late husband was a friend of the president, who knows all about the land deal.

Dahiman to Have Opposition.

Omaha, Jan. 2.—Although Mayor James C. Dahiman has declared himself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor, without apparent opposition, it has just developed that David J. O'Brien, president of the Omaha Caudy company and one of the best known Democrats in the city, will probably make the race for the nomination.

Peace Wins Poultry Prizes.

Fort Dodge, Jan. 4.—Poultry fanciers are expressing their pride at the showing made by J. A. Peace of this city, who won seventeen prizes at the Transmississippi Poultry show at Omaha last week. His success is considered more notable, since he won several good prizes from George Day of Nebraska, who has carried off most of the good prizes for many years.

Third Term for Penrose.

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