

### Old Battleship Iowa to Be Target of Combined Fleet

Pacific and Atlantic Forces to Meet for Joint Maneuvers in Southern Waters on February 19.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The newly constituted United States fleet, consisting of both the Pacific and Atlantic naval forces, will rendezvous at Panama, February 19, for winter maneuvers and great gun target practice against the old battleship Iowa, which will be radio-controlled during the maneuvers. Secretary Denby also announced the assignment of ships under the new consolidated fleet plan.

Admiral Eber's flag will fly from the U. S. S. California, which will sail from the Pacific coast February 4, for Panama, and the scouting fleet will leave the east coast on January 3 for Guantanamo bay to join the battle fleet at Panama. Vice Admiral McDonald, aboard the U. S. S. Wyoming, will command.

Leave Coast March 31. Admiral Jones, commander-in-chief of the fleet, with his flagship, the Maryland, and the battleships Arkansas and Florida, will leave the Atlantic coast after the scouting fleet to participate in the maneuvers which will continue until March 31.

As now assigned, the battleship division of the fleet will be commanded by Vice Admiral Shoemaker aboard the New Mexico, the New Mexico, Idaho and Tennessee forming the fifth division, and the New York, Texas and Oklahoma the third division.

Rear Admiral Burrage, aboard the old cruiser Charleston, as flagship, will command the destroyer squadrons of the battle fleet, for the maneuvers, will employ two squadrons of 19 destroyers each, the units being designated as squadrons 11 and 12. In addition the battle fleet includes light cruiser, submarines and aircraft divisions, none of which are now in commission.

Division No. 1. Battleship division 1 is assigned to the scouting fleet and includes the Utah, North Dakota and Delaware, with the Florida and Arkansas to join later. With the scouting fleet will be destroyer squadron 9, consisting of 19 destroyers and the flagship Rochester.

The U. S. S. Wright is assigned as flagship and commander of the aircraft squadrons, scouting fleet. Capt. A. R. Gerhard commanding. The ship will leave January 7 for the rendezvous going via Key West, Fla. The airplane equipments will be 17 scouting planes and 18 torpedo planes.

Rear Admiral L. R. DeSteiguer, aboard the U. S. S. Relief, will command the train, including repair, hospital and other auxiliary ships, while Rear Admiral J. V. Chase will command the fleet base force, including mine layers, sweepers and similar vessels, his flag flying on the U. S. S. Trocyn.

Lincoln, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Governor Bryan has drawn a hornet's nest of spooks about his ears because he does not accept the proffered resignations of republican office holders and replace them with deserving democrats. There are six \$5,000 a year jobs known as code secretaries that are held by republicans, and the governor is asking that these republicans hold office until he abolishes the code.

The democrats think that they might as well have the enjoyment of these salaries for whatever length of time they are to be drawn, but the governor is not anxious to put in men who will naturally try to keep their jobs by opposing any change such as the governor is pledged to make.

Democratic workers are urging the governor to at least fill the positions of bureau chiefs, which pay from \$2,000 to \$3,500 a year, as they argue that these will have to be filled if the code department is shifted to other state officers or boards of officers as is planned. Governor Bryan says he will do nothing until he finds out what the legislature does with his recommendations for a reorganizing.

Inmates of Penitentiary Given Christmas Dinner

Lincoln, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Two thousand inmates of state institutions in and around Lincoln were given a wealth of Christmas cheer. At the penitentiary nearly 2,000 parcels came to the 600 inmates, a chicken dinner was served, yard privileges were given during the day to all persons and a vaudeville show was staged at night. At the hospital a Shriners' chorus sang Christmas carols early in the morning, a chicken dinner, followed by a Christmas gift distribution, was served, and special music was given.

At the orthopedic hospital there was a tree, an entertainment, hundreds of gifts, a Santa Claus and a big dinner. At the state reformatory a Christmas entertainment and tree in the morning, a big chicken dinner at noon and a baseball game in the afternoon were the features of the celebration.

The children in the dependent home had a tree, a big dinner and a gift distribution.

Early Morning Fire Destroys Emmet Hay Company Office

O'Neill, Neb., Dec. 25.—Early Saturday morning fire destroyed the office and contents of the Emmet Hay company at Emmet, a village seven miles west of here. The origin of the fire is unknown. During the night one of the front windows in the Tom Strong garage was broken and some auto accessories taken. A bottle containing "shine" was found at the entrance of the poultry house of the J. C. Graham meat market, which had also been entered during the night. The glass in the front door of the schoolhouse was also broken out.

### Attack on Court Procedure Evokes Opposing Opinions

Local Lawyers Inclined to Question Attitude of Author of "The Law and Its Sorrows," but Admit Situation Can Be Improved.

J. Hannibal Clancy, former member of the Michigan bar and now a resident of Florida, has created a stir throughout the country by his book, "The Law and Its Sorrows," an argument for judicial reform. The author frankly states that he does not expect co-operation from the lawyers in his campaign for the reform of legal practice and procedure, but he presents his case to the bar of public opinion.

He contends that the judges have usurped too much to themselves; that pleadings are childish, senseless quibblings.

In the place of pleadings, he would have a simple statement of the case made by a "master" of the court. He avers that the present system of practice procedure is a game played between the lawyers with the judge acting as umpire. The author refers to what was accomplished in England by the act of judicature in 1875, enumerating the following: Abolishment of the common law and of all differences between law and equity; abolishment of technical objections and forms of action as now known to the court; places the originating summons in the hands of a court master and establishes a rules committee; also consolidated 15 varieties of courts.

Seek Expressions. The Omaha Bee asked J. T. Dysart, president of the Douglas County Bar association; Judge Ben S. Baker and John Lee Webster for expressions on the points raised by Mr. Clancy in his book.

Judge Baker, in his statement, says we were to consider all the members of the bar and get an honest opinion therefrom, a large percentage of the difficulties would be charged to inefficiency of the judges, the delay in procedure and trial of causes is due largely to the judges. Ablest lawyers are not on the bench.

President Dysart of the bar association takes a different view, in which he states that it is unthinkable to dispense with the requirements that carefully prepared pleadings be filed. The elimination of formal pleadings, he holds, would lower our courts to a level below the justice courts in their darkest days. He is against hasty judicial procedure.

Need Public Support. Mr. Webster, who has appeared in all of the courts to the supreme court of the United States, declares that a forced, outspoken expression of public sentiment in favor of observance of the law and a stronger adherence to its fundamental principles, is more to be desired just now than a propaganda for law reform.

Following, in part, are the statements of the two men: BY JOHN LEE WEBSTER. J. Hannibal Clancy, who wrote the volume entitled "The Law and Its Sorrows," would have performed a better service had he written a volume on "The Law and Its Blessings—The Foundation of Justice—The Protector of American Rights."

What we need at this time is not a propaganda in favor of law reform, but rather a forceful, outspoken expression of public sentiment in favor of due observance of the law and a stronger adherence to its fundamental principles. This is evidenced by the brutal murders committed at the Illinois mining town, which, in their atrocities, were never excused except in the age of barbarism; by Ku Klux Klan organization, which has swept over nearly every southern state, endeavoring to hold officials, state and judicial, under its control by threats and intimidations; by the attempted impeachment of the attorney general of the United States, simply because he endeavored to enforce the law against a group of conspirators who were unlawfully and wrongfully interfering with interstate commerce.

Work Reforms Here. We recognize that many reforms in the administration of justice have been worked out in England, but it is equally true that similar reforms are being worked out in America to accomplish the same general purposes. Mr. Clancy states that in England demerits have been abolished. So have they, by the rules adopted by supreme court of the United States for the government of all federal courts. Nevertheless, in England and in America the sufficiency of a pleading may be tested by a motion, to the end that if it does not set forth a legal cause for action, that time, labor and expense may be avoided by an ex parte determination of the rights of the litigant.

It may be true, as stated by Mr. Clancy, that in England a legal proceeding may be instituted by service of a summons in lieu of the filing of a pleading in court; but it is equally true that this method is prevailed in the state of New York for a long period of time, but without any beneficial results. Other reform methods were worked out by the adoption of extended city codes. David Dudley Field, in his lifetime was chairman of a committee which carried this method to the farthest limits in New York, with the ultimate results that there are more conflicting decisions arising out of the interpretation and application of the code in that state than in any other, with the possible exception of Illinois where the common law system is pending, prevails.

Can't Abolish Common Law. It is said that Mr. Clancy has declared that England has abolished the common law. That is a fundamental mistake. England has not abolished the common law. You can no more abolish the common law than you can abolish civilization.

We may admit that mistakes have been made by lawyers and judges in the administration of justice. But these have been the result of human infirmities—not the fault of the law itself. In contrasting the judicial systems of England and America we must keep in mind the political customs of the American people. In England the judges are appointed, selected for their ability and their fitness for the duties to be performed. In most of the American states, our judges must

ment is not being complied with, and have the court require the elimination of the unnecessary or addition of necessary matters. Legal controversies are like blades of grass in that they resemble each other and yet there is always some little difference, and if a system was adopted that would eliminate formal pleadings and require simply a formal statement of the parties to a court official, our courts would soon fall to a standard lower than the justice courts in the darkest days of their history.

Urges Intermediate Courts. I believe that about the most practical change in our present procedure would be the working out of a system of intermediate courts so that all cases would not reach the supreme court, or providing that cases involving less than a certain amount could not be appealed unless there was a new or unsettled principle of law involved therein. The latter, I believe, is especially practicable as litigants bow to the decision when final decision has been reached and decision involving small matters and old principles of law should be determined as early a time as possible.

Personally I believe that our system of judicial procedure should be so formed that litigation will be disposed of with the greatest dispatch possible consistent with the due administration of justice but always keeping in mind that not speed, but the ascertaining of the rights of the litigants that justice may be done between them should be the control element in framing or maintaining a system of procedure.

### Labor Situation Reported on Mend

Employment Prospects Bright for Remainder of Winter—Shortage in Some Lines.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The employment situation is encouraging and prospects are bright for the remainder of the winter, according to a survey just completed by the employment service of the Department of Labor. Nearly all states reported a condition much better than at this time last year, and the situation was described as fair to good in most sections.

States affected by seasonal suspension of logging operations or farm work, and those where transportation is hampered by strikes and car shortages, were the only ones reporting unfavorably, and in all of these the improvement was expected soon after the first of the year.

Building operations throughout the country were reported holding a pace almost unprecedented, only a few states in the north showing a slowing up because of the weather.

The manufacturing states, almost without exception, reported shortage of skilled mechanics. Textile mills were running full blast and needed labor. The automobile industry also was running 100 per cent, but the labor supply about equalled the demand. The steel industry showed a general expansion, with a demand for all kinds of labor and the call for material workers generally exceeding the supply.

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### THE MYSTERY GIRL

By CAROLYN WELLS. (Copyright, 1922.)

(Continued from Yesterday.) Yet, after time enough had passed to complete the processes, it was learned that the fingerprints on the shiny black wood of the chair under discussion were indubitably those of Gordon Lockwood. Also, there were other prints there, slightly smaller, that Cray immediately assumed to be those of the missing Japanese.

"How can you identify the prints of a man not here?" he asked with an incredulous look. "Supposition is not identification," said Cray, gravely. "But we're narrowing these things down, and we may yet get identification."

"Get the Jap back," advised Old Salt Adams. "That's your next move, Cray. Get him, check up his fingerprints and all that, and best of all get his confession. There's your work cut out for you."

"Find Dr. Waring's will," Mrs. Bates lamented. "There's your work cut out for you. I am not usually mercenary, but when I know how anxious Dr. Waring was that I should inherit his estate, when I realize what it meant that he drew this will before me, that he was so sure of his desire that all should be mine, you must understand that I do not willingly forego it all in favor of a distant relative, whom Mr. Crimmins tells us, Dr. Waring did not care for at all."

"I should say not," and Crimmins looked positive. "It will be an outrage if Mr. Crimmins tells us, Dr. Waring did not care for at all. I stand ready to do all I can to see justice done in this matter."

"But justice, as you see it, can only result from the finding of the will," said Cray. "Yes, agreed Crimmins, 'and the whole matter opens up a new train of thought. May not the distant cousin, this man Trask, be in some way responsible for the destruction of the will and the death of the decedent?'"

"It is a new way to look," Cray agreed, with a thoughtful air; "and we will look that way, you rest assured. We will at once get in touch with this cousin, find out his address, and learn where he was and how employed on the night of Dr. Waring's death. We still have to face the problem of an outsider's exit from a locked room, and though it seems more explicable in the case of a member of the household, yet a new suspect brings fresh conditions, and perhaps fresh evidence, which may show us where to look. At any rate, we must speedily find Mr. Maurice Trask."

A Suspicious Cold. "Look here, Esther," said Old Salt to his wife, "that's a mighty curious case over at Waring's."

"How do you talk? I should think that to you and me, knowing and loving John Waring as we did, you'd have no doubts with the curious part of it! As for me, I don't care who killed him. He's dead, isn't he? It can't bring him back to life to hang his murderer. And to my mind it's healthier—all this detecting and evidencing—or whatever they call it. Whom do they suspect now? You?"

Adams looked at his wife with a mild reproach. "Woman all over! No sense of justice, no righteous indignation. Don't you know the mur-

"Why, what ails you? You don't know the man, do you?" "I—I heard him lecture, you know. Tell me—what is the news?" "He's dead," Mrs. Adams spoke bluntly on purpose. She had felt in a vague way, that this strange person, this Miss Mystery, had more interest in Dr. Waring than she admitted, and the landlady was determined to find out.

To her own satisfaction she did find out, for the girl almost fainted. She did quite lose consciousness, indeed, it was not so much a faint as such a desperate effort to regain her poise, that it unerved her.

"Now, now, Miss Austin, why do you take it so hard? He was a stranger to you, wasn't he?" "Yes—yes, of course, he was."

"Why are you so disturbed then?" "He was such a—such a fine man—the girl's stifled sobs impeded her speech.

"Well, somebody killed him." "At that Miss Austin seemed turned to stone. "Killed him!" she whispered, in accent of terror.

"Yes—or else he killed himself—they don't feel sure," Mrs. Adams, once embarked on the narrative, told all she knew of the circumstances, and in the exciting recital almost forgot to watch the effect of the tale on her listener.

But this effect was not entirely unnoted. At the partly open door, Old Salt Adams stood, looking on with a kindly, anxious look on his face that boded no ill to anyone.

And he noticed that the girl's attention was wandering. She was pitifully

white, her face drawn and scared, and soon she exclaimed, with a burst of nervous fury, "Stop! please stop! Leave the room, won't you?" "It was not a command, but an agonized entreaty," Mrs. Adams fairly jumped, and alarmed as well as offended, she rose and started for the door, only to meet her husband entering.

"Go down stairs, Esther," he said, gravely. "I want to speak to Miss Austin myself."

Staring at one then at the other, and utterly routed by this unbelievable turn of affairs, Mrs. Adams went. Old Salt closed the room door, and turned to the trembling girl.

"Miss Austin," he said kindly, "I like you, I want to help you—but I must ask you to explain yourself a little. The people in my house call you Miss Mystery. Why are you here? Why are you in Corinth at all?"

For a moment the girl seemed about to respond to his kindly, gentle attitude and address. Then, something stayed her, and she let her lovely face harden to a stony blankness, as she replied, "It is a bit intrusive, but I've no reason not to tell you an old student, and I came here to paint New England winter scenery."

"Have you done much?" "I haven't been here quite a week yet—and I've been picking out available bits—and for two days I've had a cold."

"How did you get cold?" The voice was kind but it had a definite note, as if desirous of an accurate answer. Miss Mystery looked at him.

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