

WANT VICE ADMIRAL

NAVAL OFFICIALS WOULD BOOST "FIGHTING BOB" EVANS.

Slight Opposition to the Proposed Advancement Expected on Account of the Approaching Retirement of Evans.

The great battleship fleet which is to make its way from the Atlantic to the Pacific will probably be commanded by a vice admiral. That officer is now Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans. Of course, this is conditional upon congress giving its sanction to the proposal to establish the new rank. Rear Admiral Evans is going to sail in command of the most powerful fleet that ever gathered under the American flag.

On this cruise the American fleet is to touch in many foreign ports and is to exchange courtesies with foreign fleets in several places. The navies of all these countries contain officers of the grade of vice admiral which would make the American commander's position humiliating. It is pointed out in Admiral Evans' case that not only is he by his remarkable service record entitled to this advancement, but any objections to the creation of this new grade that might be broached in congress would be overcome by pointing to the fact that as Admiral Evans retires next August the office will be of short duration.

ROOSEVELT AT 49.

President Indulges in No Special Celebration of His Birthday.

Sunday was President Roosevelt's 49th birthday. No celebration marked the event. He did not depart from his customary Sunday program of worship, work and recreation. The day was spent at the White House fire in a quiet family rejoicing. Congratulations in large numbers by mail, telegraph and telephone were received at the White House during the day.

President Roosevelt attended services in the morning. In the afternoon in a downpour or rain the president, accompanied by the usual guard, went out for a long cross country walk. Sunday night President Roosevelt received the Hungarian club, of New York, in the east room, where the visitors extended the chief executive their congratulations. It is the custom of the Hungarian club to visit Washington on President Roosevelt's birthday to pay their respects.

IN BLOODY PISTOL FIGHT.

Woman Killed and Her Husband Seriously Wounded.

Mrs. B. Molzahn was shot and killed, her husband, Dr. Molzahn, was shot and seriously wounded and Chas. McElvain was slightly wounded in a pistol duel between McElvain and Molzahn at the latter's home at Ravenwood, Mo., Sunday night. Sunday Molzahn drove into the country and returned home unexpectedly, finding McElvain there. McElvain fled and Dr. Molzahn and his wife engaged in a fight. McElvain returned armed with a pistol and began shooting. One of the bullets killed Mrs. Molzahn and four struck her husband.

LEAPED FROM OCEAN LINER.

Herbert Parkin Was on His Way to Kansas to Be Married.

Herbert Parkin, a passenger on the steamer Baltic, which arrived in New York Sunday from Liverpool, leaped overboard last Sunday night and was drowned. Parkin gave a fellow passenger the address of a woman in Hull, Eng., asking that she be notified. Then he rushed to the rail and jumped overboard. The liner was stopped and lifeboat lowered, but no trace of the man could be found. Parkin was on his way to Kansas, where it is said he was soon to have been married.

Gen. Booth in Pittsburg.

Gen. William Booth, of the Salvation army, who was suffering from exhaustion upon his arrival at Pittsburg, Pa., Saturday from Columbus, O., attended three meetings Sunday in the Alvin theater and was apparently much improved.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$3.66. Top hogs, \$5.50.

Big Fire in Nemo.

Fire at Nemo on Friday caused property loss of about \$200,000. The second avenue office building, one of the largest of the kind in the town, was destroyed at a loss of \$50,000. The fire burned for four hours.

Mexico to Boost Rates.

It was authoritatively stated that a general increase in the railway rates of the country would go into effect in the near future.

SPY IN FRENCH NAVY.

Paris Stirred Over Arrest of Hebrew Officer.

The arrest of Ensign Charles B. Ulmo, of the French navy, at Toulon Friday on the charge of being a spy, and who later confessed to having abstracted a secret naval signal book and the naval cipher code, was followed by the arrest at Vendome of an officer of the name of Berton, who is charged with negotiations with an agent of a foreign power for the sale of military secrets. The arrests are creating a great stir, and as Ulmo is a Hebrew the papers term this case a second Dreyfus affair.

It appears that Ulmo offered certain documents to the minister of marine for \$30,000, saying that unless his offer was accepted he would sell them to a foreign power. A dummy correspondence was begun, ending with Ulmo's capture. A search of his lodgings revealed that he not only possessed the secret code signals, but was in possession of complete plans for the mobilization of the French navy, the location of harbor mines in the event of war, photographs of the mechanism of France's famous 75-millimeter field gun, etc.

A BABY'S RIGHT TO SUCK THUMB

Los Angeles Couple Could Not Agree and Woman Seeks Divorce.

The bone of contention between Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Mayr, of Los Angeles, Cal., in a suit for divorce filed by Mrs. Mayr is: "Has a baby a right to suck its thumb?" They could not agree on the subject and the contention of Mrs. Mayr that babies ought never to suck their thumbs, while Mr. Mayr held that it was the natural right of babies and was backed up by physicians, whose advice he had sought on the subject, led to serious results.

Mrs. Mayr also had seen several doctors and they all declared that sucking the thumb spoils the shape of the mouth and weakens the thumb. From time to time the Mayrs quarreled on the subject of thumb sucking by the baby, and when Mayr was absent his wife put mittens on the infant's hands, but when Mayr returned he made a dive for the baby to take the mittens off, and in the ensuing struggle Mayr, according to testimony, shoved his wife away and slapped her face.

LABOR LEADER ENTERS YALE.

Comes from Montana to Study Law, Though Over 50 Years Old.

Michael Haggerty, of Butte, Mont., over 50 years old, has entered the Yale law school. He came east with his wife and two children. His wife will study elocution. Mr. Haggerty was a labor leader. He holds the age record among those who have entered the university in recent years.

Mr. Haggerty was twice elected commissioner of Silver Bow county, Mont., and was also secretary of the Miners' union of Butte. He was an official in the Western Federation of Miners for several years. He studied for the priesthood when a young man, but was obliged to go west because of ill health. He intends to return to Butte and become counsel for the Miners' union. His wife is planning to give addresses on socialism.

TO FIGHT AGAINST PLAGUE.

Government to Send Man to Seattle to Take Charge of Situation.

Surgeon General Wyman has wired to the governor of Washington notifying him that Dr. Cofer, of the United States public health and marine hospital service, would take charge of the bubonic plague situation in the Puget sound. Dr. Cofer has experience with the disease at Honolulu.

The deaths of Patrolman Osborne and two sisters and an undertaker's assistant named Eddy, who laid out Osborne in Seattle, are being investigated. Osborne's service was in the oriental district. Laboratory tests point to bubonic plague.

Murder of Miss Sapp.

The preliminary hearing of Samuel F. Whitlow, of Iola, Kan., merchant and a man of family, charged with the murder of Miss May Sapp, at Moran, Sept. 27, by cutting her throat with a razor, was held at Iola Thursday. Whitlow declared Miss Sapp committed suicide because he refused to elope with her.

Army in Riding Test.

Thirteen field officers of the United States army at Leavenworth, Kan., Friday took the fifteen-mile test ride recently ordered by President Roosevelt under the personal supervision of Brig. Gen. Charles Morton, commanding the department of the Missouri.

Tight Shoe Costs Leg.

The simple rubbing of his toes by a tight shoe brought about the loss of a leg to George Ulmer, of Pottsville, Pa. Blood poisoning resulted in gangrene getting into the toes and foot and the right leg had to be amputated below the knee.

Eat Peanuts; Grow Thin.

Dr. T. J. Allen, of Aurora, Ill., when he entered upon his fifth day of a sixty-day fast of peanuts, had lost five and one-half pounds in weight.

To Renew Land Fraud Case.

It is announced that Tracy C. Becker, an attorney of Buffalo, N. Y., will be appointed special attorney general to review the Southern Pacific land fraud case in California and Oregon.

Japan Buys American Rails.

A contract for steel rails amounting to 15,000 tons is said to have been closed between the United States Steel corporation and the Imperial railway of Japan.

DIE IN EARTHQUAKE.

Hundreds of Lives Are Lost in Italy.

At 6 o'clock Thursday evening about 200 bodies were taken from the earthquake ruins in Italy. It is now estimated that the deaths will surpass 500, but it is not possible to get accurate information on this subject, as many villages are still cut off by the floods and the destruction of roads and the telegraph lines, and no word from them can be had.

The shocks continued Thursday night but they were slight. The country is still in a condition of apprehension, which is increased by each tremble.

In spite of the torrential rain that was falling the survivors absolutely refused to remain under cover. They made their beds in the open. Mattresses were spread about the squares and people cared for themselves and their children as best they could. The only buildings that the frightened people would consent to enter are the churches, and even there they would not stay long. Sacred relics have been exposed in the cathedral of Catanzaro, and this served in a measure to calm the population.

The details received in Rome regarding the earthquake Wednesday in every way tend to show that the damage done was much more extensive than at first estimated. The first shock fortunately brought most of the villagers into the open, and many succeeded in making their escape to the hills and open plains.

TELLS HOW TO FARM RIGHT.

Wilson Issues Warning Against Robbing of Nature.

"Farmers feed the people as no people ever before were fed and sell in foreign markets a surplus of \$1,148,000,000 worth of his products," said Secretary Wilson, speaking in Syracuse, N. Y., on "The Unproductive Farm." "Prosperity quite up to the average of human success attends intelligent management of farm affairs nowadays. No class of people live better, enjoy life more, or contribute as much to the wealth of the republic. These are the strong things to be said. Syracuse asks us to consider a weak link in the chain—unproductive farms. It is a wise move, and it would have been commendable in every state to make such inquiries at any time during the last century. The call comes late; the evils to be remedied have traveled far in all the states.

"The people of the United States have wasted their inheritance of land and woods, of fish in the waters, and minerals in the earth. The soil has been robbed in the east and south and west. We have reached very high prices for farm products; we see a food famine and very high prices for fuel. Prices of lumber have doubled in less than a decade. This convention has been called to consider decreased productivity of the soil near great centers of population. Such conventions might well be called in all the states of the union. They are all soil robbers and wood robbers and water robbers and mine robbers."

HIS ESCAPE MIRACULOUS.

Lineman Survives Shock of 6,600,000 Volts of Electricity.

Walter Shore, of Spokane, Wash., 27 years old, survived 6,600,000 volts of electricity from a single phase alternating current in the Spokane and Inland Empire railway system at Colfax, Wash., where he was employed as lineman. His left arm and leg were so severely burned that amputation was necessary to save his life. Dr. E. R. Northrup, the company's surgeon, who performed the operation, says he cannot understand how it is possible for a living being to withstand such a shock. He added that Shore's escape is nothing short of a miracle, and says unless complications, now unlooked for, set in he has an even chance for recovery.

"Bridal Boat" Arrives.

Nineteen bridal couples returned to New York from their honeymoon on the Bermuda from Bermuda. This is a favorite trip for newlyweds owing to the climate of the Lily Isle and of the short time required to make the tour of the 365 little islands of the group.

Wyoming Judge is Shot.

William Lepper thirty years a resident of Laramie, Wyo., shot Judge Charles W. Brommell three times and then blew out his own brains. Judge Brommell is still alive. Lepper was dissatisfied with Brommell's conduct of a lawsuit for him.

Treasury Statement.

Thursday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve shows available cash balances, \$235,539,534; gold coin and bullion, \$33,182,668; gold certificates, \$83,658,100.

Four Are Blown to Pieces.

No. 2 mixing mill of the Atlantic Dynamite company's factory, six miles southwest of Ashland, Wis., blew up Thursday. Two hundred pounds of nitroglycerin exploded. The cause is unknown. Four men were killed.

Levee Strike Ends.

The levee strike at New Orleans, involving 10,000 men, mostly cotton handlers, ended Thursday night. The men agreed to return to work pending final adjustment by arbitration.

Both Over a Century.

Death has claimed Ferdinando Calerhino, 103 years old. His wife died last spring, aged 102. She was said to have been the oldest woman in the United States.

News of Nebraska

END OF COURSE MEET.

Supply of Jack Rabbits Falls Short at Minden.

Friday says the conclusion of the national coursing meet at Minden with the running of the Derby, which was finished with a single round. The meeting was to have gone over until Saturday night, but the supply of jack-rabbits ran out, and it was impossible to secure more than enough for the single round of Friday.

First and only round of the National Derby stake.

Big Surprise, owned by P. E. Shepard, lost to Toronto Boy, owned by Frank Nelson, 2 to 0.

Prince Charles, owned by H. C. Lowe, won against Never Can Tell, owned by Everson & Long, 4 to 0.

The Model, owned by C. Courtemash, won against Kearney Lady, owned by O. S. Shreve, 4 to 3.

Assegal, owned by Dayton & Grimm, won against Princess Phyllis, owned by D. P. Smith, 4 to 0.

Prince Charming, owned by H. C. Lowe, won against Ed Patton, owned by Frank Nelson, 8 to 3.

Fleeting Shadow, owned by Dayton & Grimm, won against Humble Home-steader, owned by J. J. Horne, 6 to 2.

Pretty Polly, owned by H. C. Lowe, won against Limerick Girl, owned by Donegan & McNamara, 6 to 2.

Daisy S., "Chair, owned by Charles Coffey, won against Nellie Greenwith, owned by C. Courtemash, 6 to 2.

Joe Parton, owned by H. C. Lowe, won against Lady Ross, owned by Ed Rogers, 8 to 4.

Highland Lad, owned by Hansen & Cash, won against Sam Barleycorn, owned by Whitehair & Scanlon, 3 to 1.

Kearney Lad, owned by Hansen & Cash, won against Lady Blackhat, owned by A. D. Salesbury, 3 to 2.

Wolf Tone, owned by Donegan & McNamara, won from Romeo St. Clair, owned by Hansen & Cash, 4 to 3.

Rowena, owned by Dayton & Grimm, won against Genevieve, owned by J. J. Laven, 4 to 3.

Rustling Leaf, owned by Dayton & Grimm, won against Secret Dispatch, owned by E. H. Gordon, 5 to 1.

MISSOURI PACIFIC WILL OBEY.

Speed Limit Order Little Slower than Present Rate.

Twenty-five miles an hour does not mean fifty miles an hour on one stretch of track and seven miles an hour on another, according to the construction placed on the words by the Nebraska railroad commission. The recent speed limit order of the board directed against the Missouri Pacific road proved that passenger trains should not run over the line to exceed twenty-five miles an hour. A letter has been received from a high officer of the line informing the commission that the road would be glad to conform with the ruling, more especially as their present rate of speed from Lincoln to St. Louis does not exceed twenty-seven miles an hour.

It is surmised that the high official above referred to must have chuckled several chuckles as he dictated the letter, but if the commissioners have their say the last laugh will be longer.

Thursday the commissioners set about informing the Missouri Pacific that the speed of no passenger train on its Nebraska tracks shall exceed twenty-five miles an hour. It has been the custom to exceed the average speed greatly on portions of the right of way and to reduce it at other places where the low joints cause small earthquakes. Nothing of the kind will be permitted.

The Missouri Pacific informed the commission that from September 21 to October 19 the section men in Nebraska have imbedded in the right of way 18,000,000 new ties.

NO FAVORS TO CHARITIES.

Must Pay Full Rate to Public Service Corporations.

In a ruling made at Lincoln the state railway commission says that charitable institutions must be treated the same as individuals by common carriers; in other words, that no discrimination can be made in their favor. The ruling was asked jointly by the Nebraska Telephone company and the Child-Savings institution of Omaha, the latter asking a reduced rate on a telephone, which the company was willing to grant provided it was not construed as a violation of law.

Lawrence Back at Desk.

Ed Lawrence, bond clerk in the office of Auditor Seard at the capitol, who has been trying to be sick, is back at work. He doesn't feel sick, but he doesn't feel as well as he thought he would, and he didn't think he would. Mrs. Lawrence has been doing the work in the bond department during his absence.

Automobile Goes in the Ditch.

The H. B. Walton touring car went into the ditch about three miles east of Elkhorn when on the way to Omaha carrying besides the owner, who drove the machine, Mrs. P. G. Rohrer, Miss Jeannette Petterson, M. L. Hancock and Charles Neil.

Football Player Injured.

Cecil Hess was injured internally and had his leg broken in two places while playing football at the West school in Beatrice.

New Bank for Kimball.

A \$20,000 National bank was organized by the business men of Kimball recently. The stock has all been subscribed by home men. A two-story building will be erected as soon as possible and it is expected to be ready for business by Jan. 1.

Baptists Gather at Hastings.

The preliminary sessions of the Baptist state convention were held at Lincoln. The board of managers of the Young People's union met in conference.

OMAHA LEADS FOR EXPORTS.

Given Preference by Grain Buyers on Inspection Certificates.

Among the primary grain markets of the United States, Omaha is now given preference by buyers for export shipments and Omaha certificates of inspection have been growing in value each month since the rules of inspection were formulated by the grain congress in response to the demands of European buyers.

Secretary McVann, of the Grain exchange, has been made acquainted with the fact that Omaha certificates are much in demand by one of the largest grain firms operating in the Omaha market and it is said the inspectors there have been among the first to observe all the provisions asked by the European International committee in January, 1907.

The reputation of a grain market depends very largely upon the honesty and efficiency of the system of inspection maintained in the market, according to European buyers. In this respect the Omaha market is fortunate and the certificates are not only recognized by the great consuming markets of the United States, but are being made the basis for direct shipment of Omaha grain to many foreign countries.

As a result of this several big grain firms announced Thursday that they had closed sales of grain for direct shipment both by Atlantic and gulf ports.

A representative of one of the exporting firms, who closed contracts for large shipments of grain, stipulated in the contracts that the grain should be inspected by the Omaha Grain exchange, and remarked in connection with the matter, that the best grain his firm had been able to buy for export came from Omaha and that they had complete confidence in the inspection maintained at that market.

INTEREST IN CASE OF WARE.

Many Friends of Episcopal Clergyman Believed Him Innocent.

The action of the United States supreme court in refusing to grant a hearing of the case against Rev. Geo. G. Ware on a writ of certiorari to the federal circuit court of appeals of the Eighth district, has revived local interest in a case that attracted more attention than any of the large number of prosecutions which dragged their length through the federal courts in Omaha within the last few indictments. Rev. Mr. Ware had friends in Omaha who believed in his innocence, strong as the evidence was against him and they were hoping to the last for favorable action by the highest tribunal in the land. They must now resign themselves to the inevitable of seeing their friend pay a fine of \$1,000 and serving one year in the Douglas county jail.

When Rev. Mr. Ware was sentenced by the court in Omaha so thoroughly did Rev. G. A. Beecher, dean of Trinity Cathedral, believe in his innocence that he arose in the court room and actually begged to be allowed to go to jail and serve out the year's sentence of this, his brother in the cloth. But the court could not entertain his proffer.

ITALIAN WITNESS RUNS AWAY.

Man on Trial for Murder Accused Anton Albani of Killing.

Anton Albani, an Italian, as a witness in the Washington murder case before Judge Troup at Omaha, has disappeared and efforts of the county attorney to locate him have failed. Albani is known to have gone to Council Bluffs a short time ago, and from there he is said to have gone to work on a farm somewhere in Iowa, but this is as near as he can be located. Albani was among a number of Italians arrested on the suspicion that they knew something of the murder of Anton Kasper. Washington went to the police station and told the police Albani was the guilty man, when he himself was arrested and charged with the crime. It was the intention of the prosecution to put him on the witness stand to deny his connection with the murder, but he disappeared.

Teccumseh for League Ball.

The baseball fans of Tecumseh are interested in the movement made in Grand Island for a state league another year. It is conceded that independent base ball in this state the last season was a failure from a financial standpoint, and it has been proven that state league ball has made good in both Nebraska and Iowa.

Jurors to Try Shumway.

In the district court at Beatrice attorneys and Judge Welliger drew 175 names from which to select the twelve men who will try Robert Mead Shumway, the alleged murderer of Mrs. Sarah Martin, of Adams, who was arrested in Holt county, Mo., about a month ago.

Mrs. Little Brings Suit.

Mrs. Lena Little, who was convicted of the murder of her husband, Harvey Little, at David City, has brought suit in the district court at Lincoln to recover on a policy for \$2,000 on the life of her husband, in the Modern Woodmen of America.

Farmer Loses Barns.

The barn of Charles Hagedorn, of Portia, Farby county, burned recently; loss, \$5,000, with very little insurance. It contained 50 tons of baled hay and all of Mr. Hagedorn's farming implements. Cause of fire unknown.

Balloon Ascension at St. Paul.

Roy Frederick, the young aeronaut whose home is in St. Paul, made another successful ascension from the balloon grounds on Howard avenue. The ascent was very pretty in the calm evening air and the parachute leap particularly thrilling and interesting.

Elevator Filled Up.

The elevator of J. C. Wright & Son, of Papillion, was obliged to turn away grain which came in recently on account of lack of storage facilities. No cars could be had to ship the grain.

OUTLOOK IS BETTER.

FINANCIAL STORM SEEMS TO HAVE PASSED.

Uphaval Among Eastern Banking Institutions Takes on More Hopeful Attitude Despite Crashes in Pittsburg—West Is Reported Solid.

The financial gale in New York, which created excitement in the East, and occasioned uneasiness in other sections of the country, seems to have passed. The trouble that started in New York spread to Pittsburg, but prompt and effective action taken by the clearing house association and the directors of the stock exchange there coped with it effectually.

The trouble in Pittsburg was precipitated by the announcement of the embarrassment of four concerns in the Westinghouse string of interests, which were unable, owing to the abnormal stringency of the money market, to secure sufficient liquid collateral to meet maturing loans. Receivers were appointed for the embarrassed Westinghouse concerns. It was stated that these concerns are entirely solvent, and that creditors would be paid in full. The Iron City Trust Company also went into the hands of receivers. Its assets are estimated at \$1,000,000 and liabilities at \$1,700,000.

The transition from unrest to reassurance in New York was due to action taken by J. P. Morgan, James Stillman and a number of the most influential financial interests in the city, who cooperated in an effort to bring order out of the chaotic condition into which the financial community had fallen. A committee was formed to protect trust companies. After a thorough canvass of the situation Secretary Cortelyou pledged government assistance to the extent of \$25,000,000.

Financial conditions in Chicago remained practically unaffected by the scare in the East. Financiers connected with the leading institutions in the city gave out statements declaring that the flurry had not and would not be felt to any appreciable serious extent by the banks there. Conditions similar to those existing in Chicago were reflected in every important financial center throughout the West. Reports from over a large area say that not only have conditions not been disturbed by the excitement in the East, but that large and important offers of assistance have been made by western bankers to their troubled confreres in the East.



The Associated Press report of the speech delivered by W. J. Bryan at Jamestown, Va., quoted him as saying that the great metropolitan dailies are controlled by the trusts and their columns are open to the highest bidder. Mr. Bryan later denied that this was a correct report, asserting that he made the qualified statement that many of the metropolitan dailies were so controlled.

In a leading editorial for the current Federationist, President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor describes Secretary Taft as "the injunction standard bearer," and takes the position that no one can compel a laboring man to buy where he does not want to buy. He says that Taft's contention in regard to the boycott would lead to the dispersion and forcible breaking up by court orders of every assemblage of workmen, however innocent or lawful their purpose, and to the nullification of all their agreements.

Editor Watterston of the Louisville Courier-Journal, in a New York interview said that old party lines had ceased to exist and that we must now have a new party. He asserted that Roosevelt had destroyed what was left of the Republican party, and that Rooseveltism was like Bryanism in 1896. Bryan would save Mexicanized our currency, but Roosevelt's re-election would Mexicanize the nation. Bryan he characterized as a destroyer of plans and a breaker of images. Watterston says he is out of politics for good.

Before the American Bankers' Association at Atlantic City, Charles Emory Smith, former Postmaster General, commended the efforts of President Roosevelt to put the big combinations of capital under control of the laws, but said that some of the so-called awakening of the public and the anti-trust agitation was "a wild and hysterical crusade against all colossal enterprises and all corporate activity." He thought there was a call for sober judgment and that it was senseless to deny all combinations. He concluded that regulation itself might need to be regulated and that the craze for fantastic interference in some States would in due time run its course.

From his prison cell former Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco has directed the movements of the Union Labor party and controlled its convention so as to prevent a fusion with the reform elements favorable to the election of the present Mayor, Dr. Taylor. The Republicans have nominated a machine man named Ryan, thus further splitting up the city vote, but the Democrats have renominated Mayor Taylor, and they have been joined by the independent reform organizations. All factions oppose the Labor party Langdon.