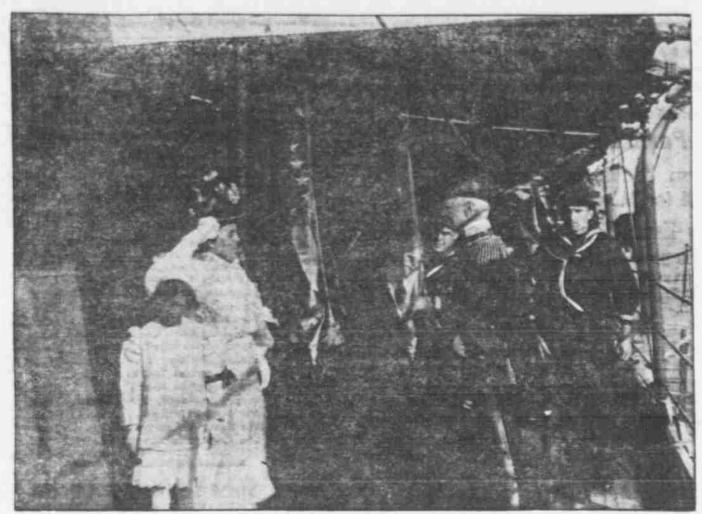
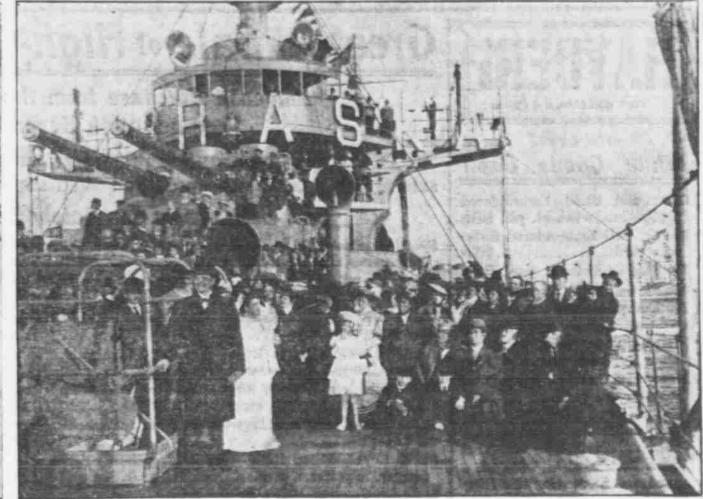
When the Nebraskans Gave a Silver Service to Their Great Battleship



MRS SHELDON PRESENTING THE COLORS TO THE NEBRASKA





GOVERNOR SHELDON AND SOME OF THE NEBRASKANS ON THE PORWARD DECK OF THE NEBRASKA

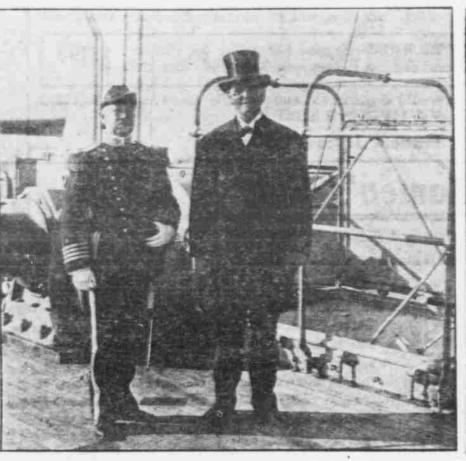
live of the posity that is supsaied by the laying of the keet survivousdings, with & bankground of originally been intended. A soils, so wast that the eye can prince its enormous else, and yet unit propertioned that it seems a for description, all decked with busting and streamers, and on its assembled a throng of people, vising with each other in formal politeness of ituating to half-embarrassed fumiliarity. or all a feeling of concething out of he ordinary about to transpire. This was of the bugle sounding assembly, and the trains of trained feet on the seek planks as the ship's company of marines and sailore under arms assembled on the quarter deck, while the officers ranged themselves in proper order that the coremony might given its fitting diguity.

Ceremony of the Day.

the Woman's department of The Twentieth Century Farmer, was introduced by Carthir Nicholson, and read in a clear, strongvotes the deflicatory ode. She was given a round of applicuse, said presented the captall with a copy of her poem.

then Governor Sheldon voiced the senticloqueta one. Rather it was simple and poured forth their tribute in response. carnest, and in its very simplicity it carried with it more directly the expressions of the state's ciffmenship of good will for the gallant vessel and its company than the most flowery rhetoric might. Governor Shaldon told Captain Nicholson and his associates of the interest the people of the interior hold in the fortunes of those who go down to the seas in the ships of war, and especially of the interest the people of Nebruska have in the splendid vessel that bears the name of the state. "Nebraska is essentially a state of home lovers," said the governor. People who have built an empire out of the wilderness, and who love their homes, who are engaged in the great work of pro- of the Pirst Congregational church of Lintecting, not only those homes, but the peace coin, also presented a Bible, and it, too, that of a rigid routine of prescribed duty. of the world by their readiness to defend was accepted by Captain Nicholson, who the one and punish violation of the other." gave assurance that both would be used. The eliver service, purchased by the money And then came the most interesting part set aside by the legislature, represents not of the service. Mrs. Sheldon in extrest. And then the ship was turned over to the they entertained so royally. individual contributions, but the contribu- words presented to the ship a strand of visitors. Wherever any wanted to go, the tions of all the citizens of the state, and is colors, one of the most beautiful ever way was clear. Some went above and some

colliars of the navy, and spoke warmly of honor of the flag." In the nurber on the great first. These should always have its meed of respect, of a California night were drawn. Then from its cruise around the world.



GOVERNOR SHELDON AND CAPTAIN NICHOLSON ON THE QUARTERDECK OF THE NEBRASKA.

The Nebraskana on board joined in three rensing cheers for the ship and its com-A lettef word from Captain Nicholson, and pany, and then Captain Nicholson returned ments of all Nebraskans in his address to to give three cheers for the state. It was a the officers and men of the Nebraska. It cheer that rang far over the waters, when was not a long speech, nor an especially more than 800 young and lusty throats

Bibles and Fings.

a reminder of the generosity of the warm- it. "Attention!" sang the bugle. "Pre- launch left the ship's side for the long ride earnest request Captain wicholson excused Hunter's Point another roared forth its would always bind the versel to the shore, played the national anthem all stood at such a spectacle as none who witnessed it ernor Sheiden's remarks. Mr. Smith wa* General Funsion had overriden tradition, and under what sum or on what occasion it attention and the new flags that are the will disaly ever see again. The set to Annapolis from Dish, his parents and the army was saluting the navy. One brankens were ready to start for home. might be used, its presence would bring grand old flags were turned over to the of the appearance of that great freet of having removed to Sait Lake City when after another the forts fired twenty-one the state of Nebraska closer to the com- color guard and the ceremony was over, warships, illuminated as they were, is too he was about a year old. But, while none guar each, and then the Connecticut re-It was not so long, nor so wonderful in great an undertaking for an ordinary epis- of the officers of the ship, other than plied. Admiral Evans, on the bridge, de-anything but its spirit, yet its very sim- toker, and in the present instance entire Cadet Smith, are "native sons," most of clined to say if the salute was for the plicity made it the more impressive and incapacity is confessed. The best simile for them know the state well, and not a few army; it might be taken merely as a salute the conditions lent it a tinge of solemnny the picture is a group of ghost ships, and have warm friends in Omaha Among these to the wide, wide world, he said. But the to turn its face towards the green fields the compliment by asking officers and men that raised it above the level of ordinary yet their terrible reality was all too appar- is Ly. Berryhill, chief surgeon of the ship, salute was fired, and some minutes after, proceedings. The officers and sallors, ac- ent. It requires the entire vocabulary of He was especially active, being chairman when the head of the column had reached vista of mountain or canyon, no sight of ship, seemed more alert and intent on the splendor of the sight. Above the bay on exercises than were the landsmen, whose one side biased the myrind lights of San the fault of the ductor. He had a short ruler, the great warships steamed in order attention was distracted to a considerable Francisco, in gala dress, and beyond, on extent by the novelty of the surroundings. The further shows. Cakland, dressed and One of the most significant incidents of but none could avoid the general impuls- expeciantly awaiting the couldn't of the the peremony came next-and it seemed to sion that a great event had transpired, morning when its streets would see the escape the notice of the chroniclers who To the ship's company it meant that repetition on a smaller scale of the demonwere on the boat, taking noise for the the leagues of tumbling waves of the stration of Thursday in San Francisco. heretofore published accounts of the events mightiest of oceans might stretch in vast- added a far off effect of luster to the sciof that afternoon. Miss Bessis Marks of ness between them and shore, and yet the ling. Searchlights on the ships shot great coin, a most charming young woman. link of friendship and warm interest of beatus of light across the water and into spoke briefly and presented a Bible to the people who dwell far from the sound of the beavens crossing and recrossing in inship through Captain Nicholson on bahalf numbling broaker or happing wash still censant play, weaving a strangely fentastic of the Christian Scientists of Lincoln. Her reached to them strong and unbroken. The fabric of unreality, and bewildering the or sweet modesty and low, gentle voice were aliver service symbolizes the tie that lands that tried to follow them. Harbon lights part of the pretty picture, and the captain them to the shore. So they felt a deeper and ship lights, the store and the moon. was most gracious in his acceptance of concern in the proceedings than the lands- were all parts of the wonderful display. and own them, too. But the beart of these the unusual gift. Colonel C. B. Anderson men, whose lives are not bound up within And through this most gorgeous of illuminations. home-loving people goes out to the men of Crete, on behalf of the Sunday school the narrow confines of a floating fort, and nations the tired but happy Nebraskans whose daily walk and conversation is not went ashere from the ship they felt to be

Free on the Ship.

their own, and the object of the guest was over. The officers of the ship expressed but one regret and that was that time did

Nebraska, and as a result many Californ-

not get aboard their own tensel, they di-

cloed that a battleship would do as well.

the crush, but it was finally accomplished,

allough the seperation was not made com-

Hospitality on Board.

were at that minute.

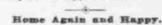
The worsel. Along with it is sent the hearts of the American Revolution of Nebruska. Inusic, and the quarterdeck was used for The mere giving of a effect was used for The mere giving of a effect was used for the American Revolution of Nebruska. ent of godspeed and the most warm and "Our prayers are with you, that under the dancers. On the forward deck groups not such a great thing in itself. It is the Los Angeles, Rediands and other points. Whatever sum these banners may be un-assembled and were photographed. On the spirit that counts, and Nebraska folks may be unlike in the latter to visiting on board and the evening to a furled they will be been supported. For himself and his men Captain Nichols furied they will be harbingers of peace." trudge, and the turrets and on the barrets feel extrain that their prife in the great expedition they had the experience of rea son spoke briefly and directly. In accepting the said in concluding, "but should they of the great guns outside the turnets the battleship, one of the finest that finance sickness, the passage being unusually the silver service, he acknowledged the in- be unfuried in barrie, our prayers are with visitors climbed, and the photographurs fedge, he not less than of Captain front and consequently very trying to the tioned of the interior of the country in the you for the safety of the men and the made plate after plate of them. Down in Nicholson and his company, and that the "country in the you for the safety of the men and the made plate after plate of them. Down in Nicholson and his company, and that the "country in the your for the safety of the men and the made plate after plate of them. the wardroom officers' mess room the warmest of friendship wasts for Nobras error Socious received market attention the young men who have gone from the Commander Coonia, executive efficer of sliver service was laid out, and punch was kans on the Nebraska. Indeed, Commander and was just unusual behore. He should states remote from the sea to make up the the ship, accepted the colors on behalf served to all who wished and so the after- Counts has promised to bring the stop himself to be a most considerate and politically removed to bring the stop himself to be a most considerate and politically removed to bring the stop himself to be a most considerate and politically removed to bring the stop himself to be a most considerate and politically removed to bring the stop himself to be a most considerate and politically removed to bring the stop himself to be a most considerate and politically removed to bring the stop himself to be a most considerate and politically removed to bring the stop himself to be a most considerate and politically removed to bring the stop himself to be a most considerate and politically removed t placulations force of hose men then present of the company, and promised that the flag moon drew into the evening and the shades to Omaha, immediately the fleet returns faking book securing for his guests on the long less every possible attention and armen he said, are not only the backbone and never would it traff in the flust of the sheet lights on the sheet lights of the sheet lights on the sheet lights of the sheet lights on the sheet lights of the sh all the mavy, but the hope of the country, be lowered in defeat while yet there lived broke out, and added their giver to the several incidents, some of them lowered in defeat while yet there lived broke out, and added their giver to the several incidents, some of them lowered in defeat while yet there lived broke out, and added their giver to the several incidents, some of them. As to the service stault, it would ever be a man with strength to upheld or defend other giories of the night, and launch after and some of them not but might not be need. His personality received a pleasant. If Governor Sheldon was not sure thest marked tribute in the big parade of prised at the number of Kalencikans he Thursday in which Covernor Shilded and found in San Prancisco, he should have his sunit took pure. All the way along the been. One hundred and twenty went with rouse from one end to the other the great him to the count, and at San Francisco be arowed abserted the governor of Nebraska, was joined by another source who look and at one time, when his carriage was journeyed thither before his greivel. We haved in front of a grandmank browded these he extended in invitation to join in with thomsaids of eager walchers, he stend the coramony. Which the party resulted up and called for observ for the passing the place on the water from where launches sallers. The response was wondering and were to be provided to take the party off to the cheers for the solious was added a to the ship, a ride of several miles a round for the governor. At the formal dense jam of folks was found, and Gree- functions of the work for was a distinernor Shelden discovered that his party guided guest, and was abown all attention and suddenly been introded to several by the ettiers of San Francisco. Many times the original rount. The cruises warm words of praise were heard by the California was being given a silver service visiting Nebruskens on account of their the same afternoon, the hour being set a governor watte at the Gouden Gate.

Arrival of the Fleet. The arrival of the first was the greetest Sinds of residents, and no man ever will spectacies. Shortly before 12 c clock that day the Connecticut pushed its prow past Smith, was born in Omaha, but at his Mailie boomed out a welcome. Then at

formal reception for the officers of the fleet at the Fairmont hotel.

Jam at the Reception,

This reception was typical of everything else and fairly well served to illustrate during the week. Invitations to the number of about 5,000 had been moned and it was the expectation of the committee that about 2500 would attend. It turned out to wear uniforms, gave it a most military tinge, the man not in uniform being de-Francisco was present, the California women coming out in force to great the visitors from the fleet, and fair breasts heaving under diamonds that sparkled beneath the bright lamps in corridor and ball in the crowd, and the formality of receiving by Secretary Metcalf was practically abandoned. Admiral Evans was unable to attend, but the other rear admirals of the parade of 15,000 fighting men was the spectacle and drew out a crowd that thronged the line of march for hours. It had a single significant feature, in that it started promptly on time and finished a few minutes ahead of its schedule. So much for military precision. The column included all branches of the service and made a most impressive appearance.



On Fiday the silver service was presented to the battleship in the afternoon, the morning having been devoted to a review fleet. In this, too. Governor Sheldon was Some extended their visit in the city, others went to the Yosomite, and still others to Portland and the northern cities of the coast. But on the Overland Limited Saturof the entertainment committee and if any Port Mason, another salute was fired. One sea or desert, had been enough to lurs Nebraskan missed anything, it was not after another, in a line as straight as a them from their allegiance to the state they call home. And in the comfort of the Union Pacific's great train they found plenty of time to reflect on the many advantages therapeutics has novanced a little further, unpleasantness or hitch, each battle-incident, for the Overland limited is admittedly one of the best trains in the world, and covers its route with the regularity of passing days. From Oakland to Ports Costs along the shores of San Franthe doctor filled prescriptions for the gov- torpedo boats. And they also saw the class bay, from Ports Costs to the mounernor and several members of the staff. cruisers of the Atlantic fleet halt while the tains through the valley of the Sacramento, and each of the patients professed a re- Wisconsin, Nebraska, California and other across the Sierras, under the great stretch markable improvement in condition im- vessels of the Pacific fiest joined in the of snowsheds down the Truckee valley mediately after taking the dose. Others of column. Slowly the great procession moved into the desert of Nevada, over the great the allients exerted themselves quite as along to its anchorage and by I o'clock Salt Lake on a trestle bridge, up the Weber much as did the doctor, and the time on in the afternoon the vessels were rolling and down the Bear, through the Wasatch hally at rest in such formation as pro- mountains, across the Red desert skirting sented the spectacle not to be forgotten by Bitter creek, through the Aspen tunnel and any who saw it. Formal precious were out to the great central plateau of Wyb-The days spend in San Francisco by the exchanged between the authorities, and ming, and finally into the fertile Platte



GOVERNOR SHELDON AND HIS STAFF AT THE CITY HALL, SAN FRANCISCO.

consultation with Mess Marks as to the down through the Golden Gate and into

probable effect of her gift on his calling the quiet bay. Something of a breeze was

n the navy, but decided to refrain from blowing, and outside the sea was quite

resigning until the matter of suggestive rough, so, in order to avoid any

feeling that occasion might arise in which ship had nestling under its lee his shill as a handler of the human form a torpedo boat destroyer, and

divine might be more efficacious than sus- the Nebraskana, sitting on the grass on a

during the time the visitors were on hourd, one time sixteen buttleships and sixteen

While no epidemic broke out nillside at the Presidio, had in eight at

board was all too short. Busy Days for Visitors.

Nebraskans were but the culmination of a Admiral Evans, racked with pain, was valley in Nebraska, a continuous panorama very delightful journey. From Lincoln the again taken to the hotel. He had brought of never wearying scenery charms the party went to Denvey. Santa Fe. Albu- his fleet safe into harbor through the senses, and makes the ride as pleasant as

ians had some to the dock to go abound and see. When they found they could event, maybe, of the whole week for the citizens. The day was declared a holiday in San Prancisco and Cukkand, and to the threspands of visitors was added the thou It was not the ensiest fink in the world to get the genuine Nebruskans through know how many people diserred around the shores of the Golden Gute that day plately. A good many of those who attended to watch the night, it is a wenderful amthe exercises on the Nebruska had never Philippater, where many millions might been much nearer Nebraska soil than we easily be given ample space to see, so there was no crowding, but all had a full view of one of the grandest of maritime One of the middles on the Nebruska, Mr. the headland, and a ten-inch gun at Fort

Presentation Ode

Queen of the sea, and daughter of a queen, Who ruled a golden kingdom far away, We come a joyous company and gay. To crown thee mistress of the billows green.

As Shebs came once in the olden days. Bearing rich gifts in token of her love, We come with treasure laden, so to prove Ourselves as faithful—come to sing thy praise.

Eliver and gold we bring, each separate urn Inscribed, "Nebraska," in our love and pride; Miny blessings rest upon thee and abide, May every journey find a safe return.

What power lies hidden in thy throbbing breast, What strength and swiftness are in thee concenled:

Thou art a nation's pride, a nation's shield, The link which binds her East unto her West.

Thine hour is come, go forth upon the sen,

Too great in needless warfare to contend. But rather claiming all to be thy friend, And aid unto a higher destiny. Fill every cup and goblet to the brim

With Priendship's subtle, sweet and holy Drink to the wide world's pence-Love is divine.

The New Time touches the horizon's rim -ISABEL RICHEY. Lincoln, Neb, April 20, 1908.

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