

FLEET REACHES SUEZ

American Battleships Arrive Two Days Ahead of Time.

ALL SHIPS ARE IN FINE SHAPE

Enthusiastic Welcome in Craft Which Crowd

TWO DAYS FOR CANAL TRIP

Arrangements Made to Shorten Flight of Way.

NO CHANGE IN ITINERARY

Vessels Will Coal at Port Said as Quickly as Possible to Be Ready for Stop in Southern Italy.

SPRING, Jan. 3.—The United States Atlantic fleet, consisting of two dreadnoughts, one cruiser, and two destroyers, arrived here this morning from the Suez canal, having completed their voyage from Suez to the Mediterranean on December 21. The loss of a seaman from the battleship Illinois, who fell overboard, was reported as the only accident to mar the voyage from Suez.

The steady array of battleships was an impressive sight. The weather was splendid and the bay was crowded with craft, the occupants of which gave an enthusiastic welcome to the ships. Despite their long trip, the warships looked as smart and trim as though turned out for a naval review.

When the ships had anchored the Egyptian and canal authorities went aboard the Connecticut and welcomed Rear Admiral Sperry, who expressed himself as well satisfied with the cruise from Suez. He regretted that he was unable to extend his stay in Egypt beyond that of a few days, but expressed the hope that at some future time an opportunity would be given him to visit Cairo.

Universal regret is expressed that the visit of the battleship will be so brief. It had been expected that a representative officer would visit in Cairo, and be presented to the khedive on the anniversary of his accession to the throne on January 1.

The converted cruiser Tankin entered the canal this afternoon and the supply ship Calpa probably will pass in tonight. 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.

Entertainments New Year's Day. New Year's day was spent by the men of the fleet in a continuous round of fun and frolic, culminating in the evening in a grand entertainment on board the flagship Connecticut, consisting of a sketch and costume contest, vaudeville and a minstrel performance.

The colder weather will cause the officers and men to shift from their white to blue uniforms. All are contemplating interesting visits to the Mediterranean. Many are now straggling for visits to Cairo and the pyramids.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska... Probable for Tuesday, partly cloudy and cool. Forecast for Iowa... Threatening Monday, followed by rain or snow and much colder Tuesday.

CHILD WELFARE CONFERENCE

Great Interest Taken in Meeting Called by President to Discuss Care of Dependents.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Spontaneous and universal approval has been accorded the movement initiated by President Roosevelt recently in calling a conference to meet here January 15 and 16, to discuss the problem of care for the dependent children of the country.

Perhaps the greatest task with which President Roosevelt had to contend in connection with the matter is the designation of those who will be invited to participate in the deliberations of the congress.

FINANCING MILWAUKEE ROAD

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Preliminary steps have been taken toward the capitalization of the Pacific coast extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company is being reorganized.

ANSON R. FLOWER IS DEAD

New York Banker—Philanthropist Dies Suddenly at Home in Waterbury.

LODGE OFF FOR WASHINGTON

Senator Intimates that Postmaster General Meyer May Be Made Secretary of Navy.

SHOTS AT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attempt Made to Kill Tennessee State Official at Home in Union City.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Jan. 1.—An attempt to assassinate Attorney General Caldwell was made last night near his home here.

SPEAKERSHIP UP IN THE AIR

Candidates Themselves Almost Quit Bragging of Their Strength.

CLARK IS APPARENTLY IN LEAD

Indications that Friends of County Option Are Trying to Combine the Field Against Him.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—With a lot of members still to come, the fight over the speakership is tonight up in the air with so much gas being under it that the candidates themselves have almost quit bragging about their own strength.

The light has become so bitter among the various candidates that severe methods have been adopted to prevent certain candidates from coming forward.

The advocates of county option had depended upon Mr. Bryan coming forward at the last moment, preventing Clark from organizing the caucus.

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HORSE AND THE HORSELESS

Paris and London Centers of a Very Interesting Contest.

MACHINES TO HAVE CITY STREETS

Movement to Do Away with Hobbins Grows, but His Value on the Farms and in the Cities Increases.

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TWO BIG ISSUES IN MISSOURI

Legislature Must Settle Lieutenant Governorship Contest and Elect Senator.

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ITALIANS SEND CASH AID

Local Colony Donates Money for Stricken Countrymen at Home.

MEETING AT WASHINGTON HALL

Mayor Dahlgren is There and Makes Speech, Expressing Sympathy for Sufferers of Great Earthquake.

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KING ENDS VISIT

Victor Emmanuel Leaves Earthquake Stricken District for Rome.

MESSINA ARCHIVES BURNED

Troops Are Arriving and Order is Being Slowly Re-established.

GRISCOM APPOINTS COMMITTEE

American Plan for Distributing Relief is Approved.

WILL PROBABLY CHARTER SHIP

It Will Be Fitted Out for Relief Work and Kept Running Between Messina and Northern Ports.

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