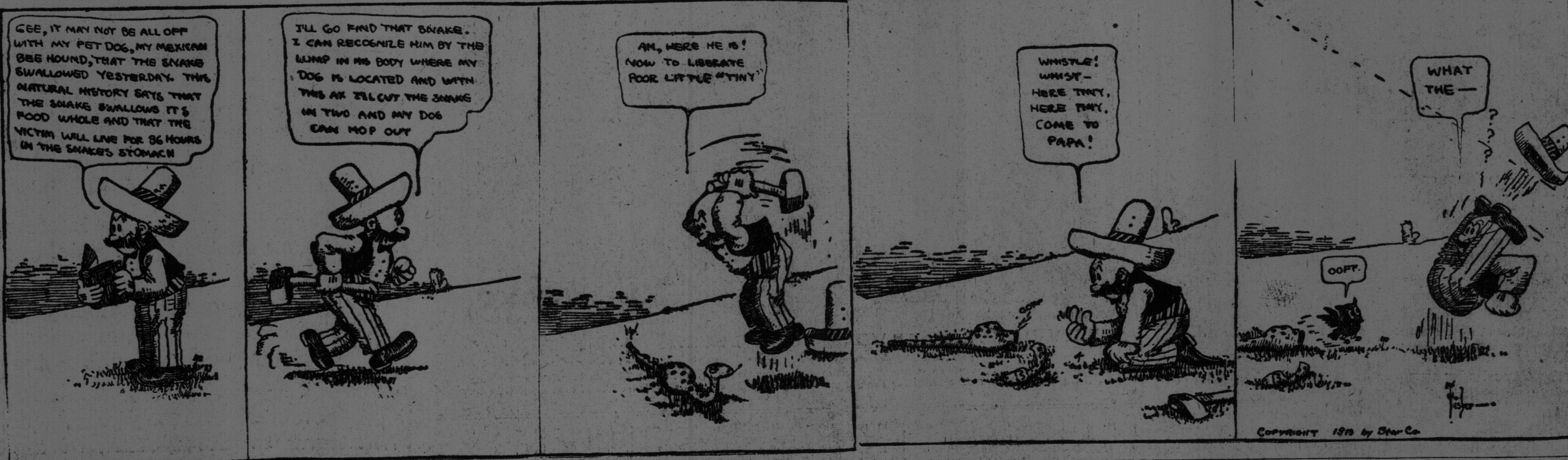
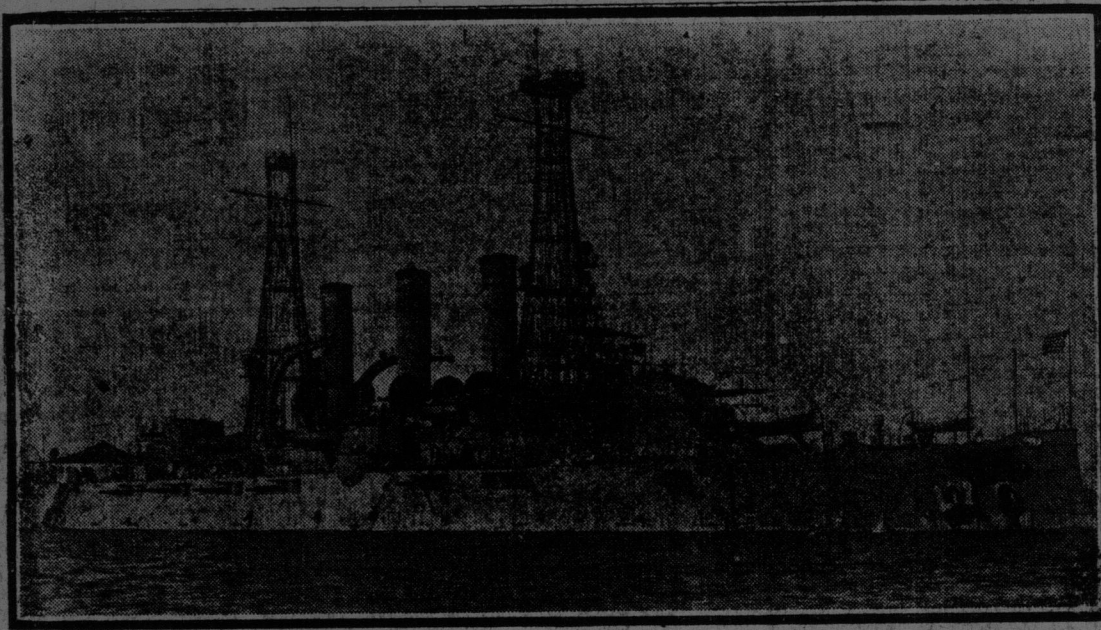


## The Trouble Is, Jeff Doesn't Know One Snake From Another

By "Bud" Fisher



## MAY CHANGE SCHEME OF NAVAL TRAINING



This is the United States ship "Des Moines"—Secretary of the Navy Daniels, is trying out a new experiment on this ship, and if it succeeds, it may revolutionize naval training in the United States as well as other navies of the world. He proposes that the men now on his ship shall graduate as engineers, electricians, and in other trades, and go back into civil life after a few years' service well qualified to settle down into civil life, and make a good living for themselves. In the meantime they will be prepared to act on this warship in the defence of their country if called upon to do so.

## VILLA MAY MARCH ON CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 25.—Apparent quiet in the Mexican situation was interpreted here today by officials as merely a "holiday armistice" and temporary. Strategists believe that General Villa, the rebel leader, whose victories already have placed him in the forefront of the Constitutional movement, will press his campaign southward, with a view to carrying the warfare into the federal district to compete with General Huerta for the mastery of the Mexican capital. Official reports received here today were meagre. Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding the American squadron in Mexican gulf waters, reported his departure on the flagship from Tampico for Vera Cruz. As his recent despatches from Tampico have told repeatedly of the restoration of order in that lately disturbed section, it is believed he has gone to Vera Cruz to assign to their proper stations the battleships just arrived here to relieve the vessels about to return to home waters. While reports of Francisco De La

Barr's cordial reception at the Japanese court were received with interest here, officials were inclined to believe that Emperor Yoshihito merely was according to General Huerta's special ambassador such courtesies as are customary in the return of international visits.

## Spanish Warship at Vera Cruz

Vera Cruz, Dec. 25.—The Spanish armored cruiser Empress Carlos W., which was ordered to Mexican waters for the protection of Spanish subjects, arrived here this morning. More than 2,000 persons gathered along the waterfront and watched the warship come to an anchorage.

## Through Ice to Death

It is believed that Miles Wheaton, son of Miles Wheaton, station agent of the Moncton & Buctouche Railway at Buctouche, went through the ice and was drowned on Tuesday night. He skated across the river with two companions and started to return about midnight and has not been seen since. Search revealed no traces of him and a hole in the ice of the river offers the only explanation to the tragedy.

Hon. H. P. McLeod, provincial secretary, was nominated at the Tory convention in Fredericton Wednesday for the seat in the Dominion house made vacant by the appointment of O. S. Crockett to the supreme court.

## ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXAMINE POTATOES IN THIS PROVINCE

To the Editor of The Times:—Sir,—This is to certify that R. P. Gorham and D. B. Flewelling are regular members of the staff of the Department of Agriculture in this province, and at present are authorized to examine potatoes in every and any locality throughout the province.

It is charged by the government of the United States that we have the disease among our potatoes known as "Powdery Scab" and it is proposed to place an embargo upon the localities affected. The proposed legislation of the government of the United States is of such a nature, that it behooves the government of this province to make faithful endeavor to determine when this disease exists. Not only is this important in the matter of shipments to the United States but it is important for our own local markets.

If this disease becomes general throughout the province, it will mean a large financial loss to our farmers, therefore, we solicit the hearty co-operation of all the farmers and buyers in our efforts to locate this disease, and afterwards to enforce such measures as we may deem best to eradicate the same from the province. I would call your attention to legislation passed by this

province on the 20th of March, 1913, known as "The Injurious Insect and Pest Act." Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Act as follows:

Section 5.—The minister of agriculture may appoint inspectors and other officers for carrying out this act and the regulations made thereunder, and such inspector or other officers, so appointed, shall act under his direction.

Section 6.—Any inspector or other officer so appointed may enter in or upon any place or premises in which there is reason to believe that any such pest or plant disease exists.

Section 7.—The minister of agriculture, upon the report of any inspector as to the existence of any such insect, pest or plant disease, in any locality defined in such report, may prohibit the removal from such locality of any vegetation, vegetable or other matter, which is likely to result in the dissemination of such insect, pest or plant disease.

Section 8.—Any person contravening or neglecting to carry out, or offering

any hindrance to the carrying out of any provision of this act, or any regulation made thereunder, shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a fine of not less than twenty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, together with costs, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period of not less than ten, nor more than thirty days.

I trust that the officers of this department will have the hearty co-operation of all the potato growers of the province.

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