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U. S. WAR FLEET PACIFIC BOUND

PRESIDENT REVIEWED ASSEMBLED VESSELS

Sixteen Battleships Sailed This Morn-
ing on 14,000 Mile Cruise--
Notable Naval Pageant.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 16.—The backbone of the United States navy, sixteen first class battleships under the command of Rear Admiral Robert D. Evans sailed this morning for the Pacific ocean on a 14,000 mile cruise. Parading in review before the president of the United States and saluting as they went the stately white vessels drew their anchors from the rendezvous grounds at Hampton Roads, steamed out of the famous old Virginia capes, and were lost to view on the southeastern horizon.

At ten knots—the speed they went—the squadron headed for the eastern end of the West Indies. After threading their way among the reefs of the Indies, the fleet will bring up at Trinidad on Christmas eve, the first stage of its journey at an end.

The belted sides of each armor-clad ship fairly studded to-day with the press of heavy stores and ammunition, while decks resounded with the foot-falls of a thousand men in quarters. President Roosevelt, accompanied by a party of guests came down from Washington on the naval yacht Mayflower. The Mayflower arrived at Old Point Comfort at 8:10 o'clock this morning, the arrival being announced by the firing of the national salute of 21 guns from the fleet. When the saluting vessel of powder had lifted from the ships, the Mayflower proceeded to anchor in the very centre of the fleet.

There followed a brief reception on board, the president having a farewell message for the admirals and the 16 commanding officers who are taking the ships through the Helvetian rocks to San Francisco. At the conclusion of the meeting on the Mayflower's quarter-deck, President Roosevelt shook each officer cordially by the hand, arms as they went over the side he bade them an official adieu. Then for a journey of nearly 10,000 miles the president, as commander-in-chief of the American army and navy, led the greatest fleet of battleships out into Chesapeake Bay. They followed his flag to Thimble Shoal light just five miles inside the capes where the Mayflower turned around and dropped her anchor for the final review.

As a naval pageant the review and departure of the fleet to-day was the most notable in American history. There have been several presidential reviews of the Atlantic fleet during the past eighteen months, but in these instances the great ships were lying at anchor chains, while the reviewing yacht passed up and down their lines. To-day the fleet was outward bound on a cruise, which, as the president himself expressed it, "is a feat of such a size has never before undertaken."

Guns which have voiced welcome to the president upon his arrival in Hampton Roads, uttered a good-bye tribute as they passed the Mayflower outward bound.

The fleet passed out in single column, the big government battleship, the flagship of Admiral Evans, leading the way. The vessels were a hundred yards apart and from the Connecticut to the Kentucky, which brought up the rear, the line reached a distance of more than four miles. A large number of yachts and excursion boats accompanied the fleet down to the bay, and gathered at the reviewing ground.

President Roosevelt's party on the Mayflower included Mrs. Roosevelt, the secretary of the navy and Mrs. Metcalfe, the assistant secretary of the navy and Mrs. Newbury, Rear Admiral W. H. Brownson, chief of the bureau of navigation, and Mrs. Brownson, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowley, and the lieutenant commander and Mrs. Simms. The naval dispatch boat Dolphin also came down from Washington with a party of congressmen on board to witness the review.

MAYOR COMMITTED.

D. M. Burchill, of Glace Bay, Must Stand Trial on Charge of Embezzlement.

Glacé Bay, C. B., Dec. 16.—David M. Burchill, former superintendent of works of the Dominion Coal Company and the mayor of Glacé Bay, has been committed for trial on a charge of embezzlement.

SLEEPING, HE CUT HIS THROAT.

Salem, Dec. 16.—While dreaming he was cutting his throat, Wm. Thorne last night actually took a razor and severed some large veins and his windpipe. He is likely to recover.

RAISED LARGE SUM.

Toronto Ont., Dec. 16.—Bathurst Street Methodist church yesterday received \$14,000 to lift the mortgage from the church.

LYNCH LAW.

Summary Justice Executed on Missis-
sippi Negro Who Assaulted
Two Girls.

McHenry, Miss., Dec. 16.—News reached here to-day of the lynching last night of Patrick Husband, alias Pat Jones, a negro, about eight miles east of here. Husband was charged with assaulting the two daughters of Dalton Rouse, a well known planter. About 100 armed men caught the negro and shot him to death. Husband was convicted two years ago at Perkins-town, Miss., for assaulting a white girl and served a term for this offense.

HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON.

Advocate of All Red Line Will Not Be
Candidate at Next General
Election.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—The announcement is forthcoming that Hon. Clifford Sifton will not be a candidate for Brandon or any other constituency at the next election. He has intimated to his fellow Liberals that he will not present himself at the next election, and the party friends in Brandon will therefore soon be looking for a suitable can-

RESCUED BY HEROIC YOUTH

SWAM WITH LIFE LINE
MID BOILING SEAS

How Captain and Engineer of Wrecked
Thomas W. Lawson Were
Brought to Safety.

Hightstown, Sicily Islands, Dec. 14.—Late this afternoon, after a long search, Capt. Dow and Engineer Rowe, of the wrecked seven-masted American schooner Thomas W. Lawson, were seen alive on Helvetian rocks, which they had clung for upwards of fifteen hours, the tremendous waves preventing them from making a landing.

A young man named Hicks plunged into the boiling seas and swam to the wreck, carrying a life line, by means of which he and the captain hauled back the boat. Hicks was able to reach the boat unaided, but the effort exhausted him, and the doctors ordered him to remain quiet to-day.

Capt. Dow told the life-savers that when he found his vessel was doomed, he, the engineer and the pilot, lashed themselves to the masts. When the masts fell, the captain and the engineer managed to get clear. They jumped to the deck, but were washed overboard, being carried by the currents to the rocks, where they were found. Pilot Hicks, however, seemed to be entangled in the rigging.

Allen, one of the rescued men, is not expected to live, while Capt. Dow is suffering from a fractured arm. His rescue was effected only through the heroic and superhuman efforts of the life-savers and the gallantry of Frederick Hicks, the son of Pilot Hicks, who accompanied them on their second trip, the hope of finding his father, who it eventually turned out had gone down when the vessel tumbled turtle.

Of the crew of eighteen, including Pilot Hicks, who boarded the vessel from a life-saver's boat during the night, only three were rescued. These were Capt. G. W. Dow, of Melrose, Mass., Dr. Rowe, engineer of Wisconsin, Maine, and Geo. Allen, of Bradford, Eng.

PETTERMAN MURDER TRIALS

Verdict of Murder Returned Against
Wife of Victim—Recommended
to Mercy.

Macleod, Alb., Dec. 16.—The jury in the Petterman murder trial was out for over two hours on Saturday and returned a verdict of guilty against Mrs. Petterman charged with shooting her husband with intent to kill. The jury, however, submitted a strong recommendation for mercy owing to the fact that the evidence was circumstantial, and that the woman had three children to look after. The verdict was a surprise.

CHANGE POLICY OR DIE.

Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—Mayor George W. Guthrie, of Greater Pittsburg, is in receipt of a letter threatening him with death unless his policy is reversed immediately. Due precaution against violence has been taken. Since the constitutionality of the annexation of Allegheny to Pittsburg was affirmed by the supreme court of the United States, Mayor Guthrie has accomplished several things which are, it is stated, unfavorable to persons in Allegheny.

POULTRY IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—This week 175 tons of poultry were brought into Winnipeg from Eastern provinces. Prices dropped three cents.

BARQUE PREY OF GIANT SEAS

EDMUND PHINNEY WAS BATTERED TO PIECES

Attempting to Pass Sandy Hook
Vessel Piled up on Sands--
Crew's Hairbreadth Escape

New York, Dec. 16.—Caught in the storm of wind and snow that swept down from the northeast on Saturday, the American barque Edmund Phinney, Capt. Alfred Anderson, was piled up on the sands of Sandy Hook and battered to pieces by mountainous seas.

With great difficulty the crew, half dead from exposure, were rescued by the Sandy Hook and Spearhead Cove life-saving crews, after clinging to the bulk for several hours, the last man scarcely having swung off in the breeches buoy when the broken and battered craft went to pieces and disappeared within the boiling waters.

Not another man could have been saved, so suddenly did the barque disintegrate before the gale which had driven her ashore. The crew are safely housed by the life-savers, but are still suffering from the hours of exposure to storm and cold, while clinging to the rigging.

The Edmund Phinney was bound from Savannah, Ga., to Perth Amboy, laden with lumber and railroad ties. The steamer came upon her as she holed in sight of the lighthouse at Navesink, about 11 o'clock on Saturday morning. The lights ship was struck by a driving nor'easter and the air was thick with snow. Capt. Anderson attempted to pass in through the south channel, which is surrounded by shoals, but lost his course and the little craft struck the shoal about a mile from the Hook.

DEATH FOLLOWS TRAGEDY.

Whitewood, Sask., Dec. 16.—A sad feature of the recent discovery of the remains of a long-missing man, Alex. Calder, was the death of his daughter following the announcement of the discovery. Miss Calder was in precarious health and after being informed of her father's fate she sank rapidly and her death was only a matter of some hours. Father and daughter were interred in Wapella cemetery at the same time.

TORONTO UNEMPLOYED.

Registered Number of Out of Works is 2,740.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The total number of registered unemployed men in Toronto is 2,740. This of course does not include the great army of unemployed men who do not belong to the ranks of organized labor. It is also understood that at least 300 clerks in big stores have been laid off.

MONTREAL 15,000 BLAZE.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Fire last night did damage to the extent of \$15,000 to the premises on Craig Street west, occupied by the Dominion Hardware Company the Livingston Clothing Company, F. L. Bendick, importer, and Lawson & Jones, lithographers. The adjoining premises occupied by G. D. Ross and Thrads & Dennis Sign Co. were also damaged to some extent.

"GREATEST" SINCE THE REFORMATION

Winnipeg Minister Reviewed History
of Church Union Agitation
in Canada.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—"If the present negotiations for church union come to a successful termination the results will be farther reaching I believe than even confederation. The opportunity that presents itself to the Presbytery of the Church of Canada to-day is not one that occurs once in a generation but it is the greatest that has been presented to the church since the Reformation."

This was the way Principal Patrick summed up the church union movement in an address at Westminster church when he reviewed the whole history of the agitation. He gave a clear idea to the large audience of what these changes would mean for Canadian Presbyterians.

The reports which have been published in the press, said Dr. Patrick, had been of the most meagre description because only results had been furnished them. Only a minister could construe them so as to gain any adequate idea in regard to what was really being done.

SCULPTOR STRAPPED TO DECK.

Montreal Girl Modelled Under Trying
Conditions in Tempestuous
Atlantic.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Times to-day says: "Pierre Allity, the French sculptor who arrived on the Lorraine restricted against passengers by making clay models of Miss Sutherland of Montreal, who was on board and had to be strapped in position, owing to the rolling of the steamer while he modelled her features. After it was completed the model was disposed of for \$100, \$50 of the money realized being given to the musician, the remaining \$50 will be paid for having the work bronzed here."

OUT OF WORK TRAGEDY.

Despondent Hungarian Shot Two Women—Then Killed Himself.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Otto Smigler, a Hungarian tailor, yesterday shot and probably wounded Mrs. Caroline Webster, and seriously wounded Miss Myrtle Spence, and then killed himself. The tragedy occurred at the home of Mrs. Webster, a grocer's wife, from whom Smigler rented a room. He had been out of employment for some time and was despondent.

KILDONA BREAKS TO PIECES.

Thompson Liner Was Wrecked on
Brazil Rock Off Cape Sable.

Halfpast N. S., Dec. 16.—Reports from the maritime morning, indicate that the Thompson liner Kildona which struck Brazil rock off Cape Sable on Sunday morning, broke up in yesterday's storm.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN BEAUSEJOUR

Flames Made Clean Sweep of Several
Buildings in Little Town--
Damage \$30,000.

Beausejour, Man., Dec. 16.—Fire broke out this morning in the Berger hotel and made a clean sweep of the Hotel Berger's livery, barn and pool-room, the Vaas livery barn, Maddin's general store and hardware establishment, and also some smaller buildings.

Great efforts were put forth by the citizens to check the flames and to save the adjoining buildings. The absence of fire protection, however, left considerable property at the mercy of the flames. The fire is said to have originated in the furnace room of the hotel.

The house is a complete loss, with all the furniture, but several buggies and cutters were saved from the stable. Thirty head of cattle were also saved from the livery barn. The loss is about \$30,000.

FRUIT CULTIVATION IN OKANAGAN

C. P. R. Superintendent Reports Remarkable Progress—Great Irrigation Project in Alberta

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 16.—R. R. Jamieson, general superintendent of the central division of the C. P. R., arrived in the city yesterday from Calgary. During the past two weeks Mr. Jamieson has been on a vacation in the Okanagan valley, where he says remarkable progress is being made in the cultivation of fruit. The general situation in Alberta is very favorable.

One of the large ranchers of the province who came east with Mr. Jamieson said that there was an abundance of water in the sloughs, much hay had been cut during the season, and the cattle were in good condition. Work on the irrigation project of the C. P. R. the largest of its kind on the continent, is proceeding satisfactorily. Several farmers used the irrigation water last summer, but only in an experimental way. Next year the water will be available for a large number, and will be used in ordinary agricultural operations.

MOVING PICTURE THEATRES.

Attorney General Orders Closure on
Sunday of Amusements in
Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—The attorney general of the province has ordered the closing up on Sunday of all moving picture theatres. There will be some test cases in connection with this order.

ENLARGING OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Ottawa's population will be swelled to 7,000 by the annexation of the suburbs of Ottawa East, Hintonburg, Ottawa South, and Hildaeville.

GRUESOME FIND IN THE PARK

C. WALLER VICTIM OF FINANCIAL PANIC

Body of Wealthy Suicide, Missing
for a Week, Discovered by
Accident Yesterday

From Monday's Daily.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of C. Waller, a wealthy Englishman who came here four weeks ago from San Diego, Cal., was cleared up yesterday morning when his body was discovered by William Denison lying in a clump of bushes at Beacon Hill park with a 32-calibre revolver in the right hand and bullet wounds in the abdomen and head. Denison's gruesome find revealed the sixth local suicide of the past month and the first tragedy in this city that can be traced to the far-reaching effects of the recent financial panic in the United States.

Waller disappeared on Saturday last and the city police were at once notified by his sister who lives at 529 Menzies street. It was known that Waller had been affected by the currency situation and that he had been unable to negotiate cheques on his San Diego bank and, although his loss had been slight, the fact that he had been much perturbed during the last couple of weeks caused his sister some apprehension. All efforts failed to trace him during the week and the solution of his disappearance resulted through a mere chance.

William Denison, an employee of Prior & Co., while taking a walk in the park yesterday morning, strayed along an unfrequented path leading into the bushes near the bear pits. He came upon Waller lying over a mound of earth, with a bullet wound in his forehead and another in his abdomen, while the right thumb was stuck through the guard of a small revolver. The police were at once notified and the body was brought into the city.

From all appearances Waller must have killed himself a week ago, probably on Saturday last, the day that he was reported to be missing. The man was wearing two vests and was dressed in a Norfolk suit. He had evidently unbuttoned his jacket, raised his vest and deliberately shot himself in the abdomen, as there were no holes in his clothing. Failing to end his life by this act, he had raised the revolver to his head and fired between his eyes. Four empty cartridges were found in the weapon.

While no message has yet been found among the dead man's belongings which would indicate premeditation of his rash deed, there is little doubt that Waller took his own life. He had been somewhat troubled through the failure of a bank in which he was a depositor, but it is said that he was a comparatively small loser in this instance and was more concerned about his financial matters, none of which, however, had resulted disastrously up to the time of his disappearance.

Waller was a middle-aged Englishman and had spent several years in California, living on his means. He came to this city a month ago and was negotiating for the purchase of a property on Dundas street at the corner of Menzies and Quebec streets, where he resided with his sister, Mrs. Bell. Mrs. Bell came from Australia a short time ago to join him here.

Coroner Hart will hold an inquest at 2 p. m. to-morrow in the city hall.

ADOPTED PLATFORM OF SOCIALISM

Decision of Alberta Unions and
Farmers' Society in Convention
at Calgary.

Calgary, Alb., Dec. 16.—After a lively discussion occupying nearly the entire session of Saturday afternoon, the delegates at the convention of the Alberta unions and the Farmers' Society decided by a vote of 37 to 19 to adopt the name and the platform of the Socialist party of Canada as their platform for the future.

The opinion of a great many of the delegates was that the platform should be adopted and another name chosen, but when it came to a vote these switched and the result was as stated above.

The Socialists expect to have two candidates in the field in southern Alberta, and possibly in the north also. The officers elected were: Executive council, A. Henderson, president; G. Howell, secretary; W. J. Brown and J. Harrison, all of Calgary; W. McCormick, of Lethbridge; C. W. Sheringfield, of Edmonton; H. Evans, of Taber, and J. Lehney, of Coleman. Lehney is organizer.

EX-FIRE CHIEF SENTENCED.

Incendiary Must Serve Fourteen Years
in Penitentiary for Firing
Hotel and Forgery.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 16.—George Raymond, until recently fire chief of Blind River, on Saturday night was found guilty of incendiarism in connection with a fire at the Campbell hotel on September 3rd, and was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. On a forgery charge on which he was convicted on Friday, having written a letter to himself, signing the name of Juliette Ross, which effected himself \$500 to set fire to certain buildings, Raymond was sentenced to seven years, both sentences to run consecutively.

HON. A. BRUCE IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Hon. A. Bruce, son of Earl Elgin, with A. C. Devernish, secretary of the earl, are here to-day and will remain several days. Hon. Mr. Bruce is the grandson of the former governor-general of Canada, and the son of the present Earl of Elgin, who was born in Canada. Mr. Bruce is making an extensive tour of Canada, participating in the social, life and engaging in shooting expeditions.

CANADA, LAND OF SUNSHINE

MORE FAVORED THAN
WESTERN EUROPE

Salient Feature of Her Climate is
Perfection of Summers and
Autumns.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—In an address before the Canadian Club on Saturday, R. F. Stapart, of the meteorological office, Toronto, gave a comprehensive description of the climate of Canada.

He said that while Europeans thought Canada was a northerly country, Ottawa was further south than Venice, Toronto is 550 miles south of London, and Winnipeg about 100 miles south. The mildest winters in Canada are in southern Alberta.

Of the country lying between Lakes Athabasca, Slave and Hudson Bay, Mr. Stapart was dubious as to whether it could ever be used for agricultural purposes. At Fort Churchill the mean temperature of June is no higher than that of MacLeod for April, and the mean for July is not as high as in the Mackenzie river at the Arctic circle.

FIRE IN MACLEOD.

MacLeod Station, Alb., Dec. 16.—Fire broke out in a vacant building which was partly burned last August, and it seems from the way it was burning, and the fact that the fire started at four o'clock in the morning, that it was incendiary. The flames spread to a Chinese laundry and totally destroyed it, together with a building occupied by some Chinese as a store.

Chow Sam, a naturalized Chinaman, who keeps a restaurant and store, was forced to remove his goods into the street. W. P. Lippard, jeweller, and D. A. Bain, tailor, also had their goods ready to remove as they were in danger of being burned out, but the firemen got the flames under control, and these merchants and others who were in danger were able to save their places.

LADIES UNCOVERED IN CHURCH.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 16.—With scarcely an exception, hats worn by the women attending the Central Congregational church were removed last evening. In fact they were taken off in many cases before Rev. Mr. Gordon made the request, just prior to the sermon. There was a little stir while hats were being removed, and people settled into their places, but otherwise there was no confusion, and apparently all present were quite willing to comply with the suggestion. The church was crowded, seats having to be improvised on the gallery steps.

STANLEY CUP.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 16.—The dates which will probably be submitted by the Wanderers to the trustees for the Stanley cup matches with the Winnipeggers are: January 25th and 28th. The dates suggested are conditional upon the Quebec club holding over the scheduled match with the champions at the Arena on January 26th.

CHURCH RIGHTS TRAMPLED ON

POPE PIUS DEALT WITH IMPIOUS ATTACKS

Alluded to Disastrous Propaganda
in Bosom of Catholicism--
New Cardinals Created

Rome, Dec. 16.—Pope Pius X to-day held a secret consistory in the Vatican in which he created four new cardinals and preconized several bishops.

The new cardinals appointed are Monsignor Pietro Gasparri, secretary of the Congregation of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical affairs; Monsignor Delai, secretary of the congregation of the council; Monsignor Ludovic Henry Luconi, archbishop of Eboli, and Monsignor Paul Pierre Andeu, archbishop of Marseille.

The Pope made the official announcement of the appointment of Monsignor Kennedy, rector of the American college here to be titular bishop of Adrianopolis, and the appointment of Monsignor Dennis O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University at Washington to be titular bishop of Sebaste.

The Pope delivered an eloquent in which he made reference to the tenacious persecution of the Redeemer and said that his church has been attacked from all sides in a warfare open or dissimulated. The rights and laws of the church had been trampled on even by those who should safeguard them, and the impious and vulgar press had fought her even to the extent of disturbing the public. The Pontiff cited the recent disorders in Italy.

To this must be added, he continued, the disastrous propaganda in the bosom of Catholicism itself, which is being carried on by modernists who disdain the papal authority, and designate themselves as the promoters of a new faith and a conscience. If the Modernists would enlighten themselves frankly among the enemies of the church this evil would be less; as it is, they proclaim themselves Catholics, partake of the sacrament and celebrate mass. Fulfilling his apostolic duty, the Pope said he had adopted against the modernists such measures as were necessary, striving particularly to save young clergymen from perversion.

The conclusion of the eloquent recital: "The episcopacy has accepted the papal directions with eagerness and has applied them with zeal, but the discontents of the modernists and the obstinacy of their rebellion and give manifest proof of their attitude even in the press. May God enlighten these misled ones."

DESTITUTE FAMILY.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 10.—A sad case of poverty and destitution has been reported to the police in which a family of six appear to have suffered extraordinarily. Stanley Yehoshko, his wife and four children, the eldest being a girl only 12 years of age, have been living for some time past in two dilapidated shacks on Scotland avenue. The family only occupied the one room. There was no furniture of any kind and the room was empty, but for a mattress. On the mattress were no clothes of any kind and there was not a scrap of food in the house.

The father stated his wife had been sick and unable to procure proper food for the children. The case will be reported to the city officer and investigated.

WINNIPEG'S BALMY WEATHER.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The grass plot immediately in front of the Canadian depot shows up almost as green as a day in late spring, and the peculiar sight is remarked with great interest by tourists arriving from the east and south.

The balmy weather enjoyed by Winnipeg and the west, so far this winter, has been the source of animated comment among the old-timers of Winnipeg. They differ somewhat as to the previous "open" winters, but readily agree that all signs point to a continued mild winter in the whole north land.

2,000-MILE FENCE AGAINST RABBITS.

After five years' work the great transcontinental rabbit-proof fence has been completed in West Australia. Its length is 2,000 miles and the cost of its erection has been nearly \$2,000,000. It is furnished at intervals of five miles with systems of traps, in which hundreds of rabbits are captured and destroyed daily.

DOG AS MARRIAGE AGENT.

The son of a Paris tradesman, who lost a pretty spaniel three weeks ago, met the dog in the Rue d'Amsterdam and its new owner, a charming young widow, the tradesman's son and the widow are soon to be married.

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