

Super-Dreadnought Duly Commissioned

THE MOST POWERFUL "MAN-OF-WAR" AFLOAT AT PRESENT TIME
BATTLESHIP TEXAS
Carries Larger Guns Than Any Dreadnought

(By Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., March 12.—The super-dreadnought, Texas, the most powerful battleship ever built and latest recruit to the United States Navy, was placed in formal commission here today and now is under command of Captain A. W. Grant. The Texas left the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company early today and proceeded to the Norfolk navy yard under her own steam, where the big sea fighter was turned over to Admiral Usher, the local commandant.

Just before the Texas docked here, the tug "Dauntless" commanded by Captain M. F. Bradley, was caught in the heavy wash of the battleship and was capsized. The crew of the tug was rescued by seamen from the United States receiving ship, Richmond, which was lying off St. Helena across the strait.

Its Encampment
The ship carries as its principle fighting equipment a battery of ten 14-inch guns, being the first warship in the world to be equipped with guns of so large caliber. Since the 14-inch guns were placed on the Texas, a Japanese battleship has been equipped with similar armament, although 13.5 inch guns are the largest which have yet been placed on any British dreadnought. The big guns on the Texas are arranged in five turrets, all on a central line from stem to stern, and so placed that they can sweep over each other.

In length the fighter is 573 feet with a beam of 65 feet 2 1/2 inches, so that in passing through the Panama canal locks she would have almost 15 feet to spare. Although her designed speed was 21 knots, in her trial on the main coast last October, she did her fastest mile in 22.83 knots. She has a displacement of 27,000 tons; a horse power of 35,000 and draws 33 feet and six inches. Her main belt is 11 inches thick and she has twin screws vertical, triple expansion engines. The contract price of the vessel for hull and machinery was \$5,830,000; but with the armament added the total cost was increased several millions.

A sister ship, the New York, is rapidly approaching completion at the New York Navy Yards.

ANDERSON COMPANY
Commission Issued by the Secretary of State Thursday.

Special Correspondence
Columbia, March 12.—The Pyrene Company of South Carolina was commissioned Thursday with a capital of \$200,000. The principal office is at Anderson. The petitioners are M. M. Mattison, C. C. Dargan, A. L. Smithers, J. S. Fowler and C. E. Tribble.

BRITISH NAVAL ESTIMATES
(By Associated Press.)
London, March 12.—The British naval estimates for 1914-15 amount to \$357,750,000, an increase of \$13,700,000 over last year. The new construction program provides for four battleships, four light cruisers and twelve destroyers.

FAMOUS INVENTOR DIED IN NEW YORK

His World-Renowned Railroad Brake Revolutionized Railroad Engineering

(By Associate Press.)
New York, March 12.—George Westinghouse died here today. He had been suffering from heart complaint for three months.

Mr. Westinghouse was 68 years old and was perhaps best known as the inventor of the air brake, which bears his name and which revolutionized railroading in this country. He was born at Central Bridge, N. Y., and received his early education in the common schools. He served in the civil war. At his death he was president of nearly 30 corporations. His air brake is used throughout the civilized world and in almost every part of the globe are plants which he founded.

Japs Seek Passage Thru American Soil To Western Mexico

Washington, March 12.—Secretary Bryan has promised the Japanese Ambassador Viscount Chinda, to obtain permission of the passage of about 150 Japanese through American territory from El Paso, Texas to Calexico, on the extreme northwestern corner of the Mexican state of Sonora. The Japanese reduced to extremity by lack of work, owing to military operations in Northern Mexico, will seek employment as cotton pickers on the West coast. The ambassador made it plain that no colonization scheme was involved.

Invite Delegates of Southern Exchange

(By Associated Press.)
Augusta, March 12.—The board of directors of the Augusta Cotton Exchange met today and passed a resolution inviting the Southern Exchange to send delegates to a meeting to be held at Augusta, the first week in May to discuss the cotton trading proposition.

ANOTHER WHITE HOUSE WEDDING

Secretary McAdoo and President's Youngest Daughter Reported To be Engaged

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 12.—Prospects of another white house wedding became more definite today, with the persistent renewal of the report that Secretary McAdoo, and Miss Ellen Randolph Wilson, youngest daughter of the president and Mrs. Wilson, were engaged, the marriage to take place in June. There was no announcement from the White House and when the attention of officials was drawn to the report they refrained from making any comment or denial.

Liquidation for the U. S. Express Company

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 12.—Stockholders of the United States Express Company at a meeting tomorrow. It is understood will appoint a liquidation committee to wind up the company's affairs.

"ARRY MUST DISBAND"

Sacramento, Cal., March 12.—Sheriff and district attorneys of four California counties reached an agreement today regarding the problem of the unemployed, and their edict was delivered as a joint ultimatum. The six or seven hundred men remaining of the "Army" which left San Francisco last week under "General" Charles Kelley, on a proposed transcontinental march to Washington, D. C., must disperse immediately.

"If they are willing to scatter peaceably into hands of not more than fifty, the city's committee of Sacramento will pay their fares to any point within a radius of fifty miles. They will not be permitted to march in a body anywhere, and if they are not willing to disband the authorities will be forced to take other measures."

ASYLUM MATTER IS IN STATU QUO

Governor Urges the Board and Officers to Get Together on A Future Policy

(Special to Intelligencer.)
Columbia, March 12.—The dove of peace hovered over Thursday's session of the board of regents of the state hospital for the insane.

The Governor held two conferences during the day with the regents and at both urged that the members get together with the superintendent for the good of the institution.

The attorney general was asked to give an opinion on the rules adopted by the legislature. A committee from the board was appointed to frame the rules for the government of the subordinate officers.

Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the asylum, said that if the proper rules were framed, he would not resign. The Governor was very mild in his statements and did not threaten to dismiss any one. He left the entire matter to the regents and superintendent, it is said.

State Insurance
The sinking fund commission held a meeting in Columbia Thursday at which the reinsuring which the Rain-which reinsuring buildings owned by the state was discussed with various local fire insurance agencies. The free conference commission of the general appropriation bill inserted a clause providing that all state fire insurance should be carried in the state insurance sinking fund and giving those in charge of the fund the right to reinsure 60 per cent of it in one or more old line companies licensed to do business in South Carolina.

The sinking fund commission consulted F. H. McMaster, insurance commissioner, as to the best manner in which to proceed with the reinsuring. No action was taken today.

SEVEN MORE BODIES REMOVED FROM RUINS

Hotel Register Confirms Finding That Death Roll Will Exceed Thirty

(By Associated Press.)
St. Louis, Mo., March 12.—Seven bodies were recovered from the ruins of the Missouri Athletic club, destroyed by fire Monday morning, bringing the total number recovered to 17. Of these eleven have been identified, but one of the identifications is doubtful. One body found today was identified as that of Thomas Wright of St. Louis.

The bodies of thirteen are believed to be in the ruins, making the total death roll 30. The finding of the club register today and a comparison of the names therein with lists already prepared, confirmed the club officers in the belief that the death roll would not exceed thirty.

A joint committee of the municipal assembly late today began an inquiry into the cause of the disaster. The coroner will begin to take the testimony tomorrow.

SUMMONED TO SHOW CAUSE

Blessed Orders Aged Magistrate to Make Answer to Allegations
Spartanburg, March 12.—Mayor A. H. Kirby, the octogenarian magistrate, who has served his county almost a quarter of a century has received a summons from Cole L. Blease, governor of the state to appear at the executive office in Columbia Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock and show cause why he should not be suspended from office. Major Kirby says he will answer the summons, but not in person.

Last night Major Kirby stated that certain lawyers and others had filed with the governor certain affidavits alleging minor offenses on his part, among the allegations accusing him of plotting a fine of \$10 on a negro accused of housebreaking and larceny. Major Kirby says the negro was not guilty of the offense charged, and he only fined him within the law. Other cases are cited.

Attached to the summons from the governor are the affidavits received from Spartanburg, and Major Kirby stated last night that he had answer to the allegations, preparatory to sending his answer to Columbia.

About two years ago following the return of the senate to confirm the governor's appointment of J. M. Bowden in the place of Major Kirby, the chief executive attempted to oust the latter from office. The matter was taken to the supreme court and that tribunal decided Major Kirby was the legal holder of the magistracy and he could not be relieved of office.

FEDERALS IN COLUMBIA

(Special to The Intelligencer.)
Columbia, March 12.—The manager and 125 of the Brooklyn Federal League arrived in Columbia today. The league will begin to arrive tomorrow and they will practice on the University diamond.

TORREON WILL SOON BE SIEGED

BOTH SIDES IN MEXICO ARE PREPARING TO PUSH CAMPAIGNS
TOWN IS FORTIFIED

Sufficient Ammunition to Defend City and Extend Campaign Northward

(By Associated Press.)
Chihuahua, Mex., March 12.—General Huerta's announcement that his army had been ordered to assume the offense was put into effect at Torreon according to reports from that city.

General Villa's delay in moving South, according to the reports, has encouraged the federal garrison and has done much to remove the terror of Villa's name, which it is thought might cause the federalists to evacuate their northern stronghold without a fight.

While General Villa has remained here, 300 miles north of the federal garrison, attending chiefly to civil affairs, the federal garrison at Torreon under General Refugio Velasco, are reported to have extended their outposts to points fifty miles outside the city. Unimportant skirmishes already have taken place.

A late message from Torreon said: "For the last four weeks Huerta has been pouring federal soldiers into Torreon and supplying them with ammunition sufficient to defend not only the city but to extend a campaign westward and possibly north. An expedition has been prepared to advance on the rebel city of Durango, capital of the state of that name."

Threatened Engagement
Washington, March 12.—Consular reports today gave warning of a threatened general engagement near Torreon, where small preliminary skirmishes have already taken place. On the gulf coast the threatened battleship Admiral Howard reported today that all was quiet at Matanzas, as well as Guzman and Toluca.

The Denton commission still remained in statu quo at El Paso, apparently awaiting results from the commission named by General Carranza.

The war department is watching with keen interest the outcome of the efforts of Mexican military prisoners near Fort Bliss to set their liberty through habeas corpus writs.

Battle at Morales
Brownsville, Tex., March 12.—Twenty-five federal soldiers were killed and thirteen captured Tuesday in a battle at Morales, north of Monterey, according to an official constitutionalist report received at Matamoros today, with rebel casualties as 9 wounded. It is said that the federalists were pursued to Eltopo, less than 30 miles from Monterey.

At constitutionalist headquarters in Matamoros it was said Villa's forces advanced more than 75 miles closer to Monterey from the North during the last ten days, fighting their way as they went.

Federalists Entrenched
Yera Cruz, March 12.—A wireless despatch today from Tampico reports that the federalists are encamping on the outskirts of that city in anticipation of a rebel attack. The United States hospital ship Solace and the cruiser Des Moines are lying off the customs house at Tampico ready to embark refugees.

The German steamer Kron Prinzessin Cecilie, which will leave tomorrow for Tampico, will be detained to embark Germans. All the American warships will remain at Tampico pending developments. The yacht Dolphin will proceed there from Yera Cruz when the heavy northern subsidies.

GOOD PLACE TO START MUCH NEEDED REFORM

Government Extravagant in Purchase of "Joy Riding" Automobiles

Washington, March 12.—Senator Sharp Williams made an unsuccessful fight in the Senate today to check what he called government extravagance in the purchasing of many automobiles for "joy riding purposes."

The question came up in the consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill to provide automobiles for the district commissioners.

Senator Williams suggested that as a good place to start a much needed reform. It was a public scandal, he said, the extent which the government had gone into the purchase of automobiles for cabinet officers and department heads, who as far as government business was concerned had no use for them except to come to their work and go home again. He used the street cars himself, he added, and found them quite good enough.

WATER PRESSURE QUITE SUFFICIENT

Mr. C. B. Robb Insurance Special, Has Made a Careful Examination of the City

Mr. C. B. Robb, one of the best known fire insurance special agents in the state, was here yesterday and made a very careful examination of local conditions with reference to policies held by his company. Mr. Robb said that the water pressure of Anderson was sufficient, when the auxiliary pumps were turned on, and that the city needs a modern fire alarm system. He was pleased to know that the Public Utilities company had offered last summer to put in six inch supplementary water mains whenever their contract should be renewed, and he declared that when this is done the city will be well fixed for fires. Mr. Robb examined the records of the pressure as kept by the chronological machines and he is satisfied that in only one case recently has there been insufficient pressure, and that was the fault of the telephone being out of fix and the pumping station not getting the alarm promptly.

SWITZERLAND ENTERS RACE

(By Associate Press.)
New York, March 12.—Switzerland has entered the international balloon race to start from Kansas City next October. The entry was received today. Germany, France, Austria, Belgium and the United States already had made thirteen entries. Three balloons probably will be sent here by Italy, and perhaps one or more may come from Russia.

VANDERBILT'S WILL FILED FOR PROBATE

Leave Entire Estate Estimated at \$20,000,000 to Wife and Daughter

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 12.—The will of George W. Vanderbilt, as filed for probate here today, leaves his entire estate, estimated at \$20,000,000 to his widow and his only daughter, Cornelia.

Minor bequests, providing annuities aggregating \$5,500 a year are made in favor of relatives. There are no public bequests.

Biltmore, Mr. Vanderbilt's world famous estate in North Carolina, is left to his daughter, Cornelia, who is 12 years old. She also receives \$5,000,000 in cash and is made residuary legatee.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, the widow, receives the estate at Bar Harbor, Maine, the Vanderbilt home in Washington, \$125,000 in cash, a life interest in a trust fund of \$1,000,000 which she may dispose of at her death as she sees fit and part of the real estate in North Carolina known as Pisgah Forest, containing about 30,000 acres, together with the contracts for the sales of timber therefrom estimated to produce about \$50,000 a year. These bequests to Mrs. Vanderbilt are made in lieu of dower.

NEW NATIONAL BANK EXAMINER

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 12.—Fred A. Hull has resigned as national bank examiner of North Carolina and Northern South Carolina, according to an announcement made today, and J. K. Doughton of Raleigh, appointed an examiner several weeks ago, has been assigned to that territory.

ORGANIZED OPPOSITION

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 12.—Re-nouncement of the Senate lobby investigation committee's inquiry today turned toward reports that there is organized opposition in Washington, back by influential forces, against the proposed repeal of the Panama toll exemption. Today the committee examined Clarence W. DeKnight, a Washington lawyer, who admitted actively on behalf of concerns in favor of tolls exemption, but he flatly denied knowledge of any lobbying efforts to prevent the repeal.

Simultaneous consideration in both houses of congress of bills to repeal the Panama toll exemption probably will begin a week from tomorrow.

Ask for Explanation Of Ambassador's Remarks

PROBE COTTON AND GRAIN EXCHANGES
Plans for a Proposed Searching Congressional Investigation Worked Out

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 12.—Plans for a proposed searching congressional investigation of the grain exchanges of the Northwest and New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges will be also worked out by sub-committees created today by the house committee on rules. The full committee decided to broaden the scope of the resolution introduced by Representative Manahan of Minnesota, to authorize an inquiry into the operations of the Chicago, Duluth and Minneapolis wheat pits and to extend the proposed investigations to cotton exchanges.

File Brief Behalf Of Federal Reserve Bank for Columbia

(Special to The Intelligencer.)
Columbia, March 12.—The brief in behalf of Columbia as the location for a federal reserve bank has been forwarded to the officials in charge of the placing of the banks. It is confidently predicted that Columbia will be at least get a branch reserve bank.

REVENUE FOR ARREST

Militant Suffragists Burn Unoccupied Mansion
Glasgow, Scotland, March 12.—Militant suffragettes today burned to the ground a large unoccupied mansion at Stewarston, belonging to the Free Church of Scotland. A message was left stating, "this is revenge for the arrest of Mrs. Pankhurst."

NEW UNDERTAKING

First Time Government Has Tried Submarine Construction
Washington, March 12.—Secretary Daniels has decided to build the submarines authorized at the last session of congress at the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard, under the plans of the Lake Torpedobelt Company. This is the first time the government itself has undertaken submarine construction.

TAMMANY HALL MEN WILL BE REJECTED

Dropped from Membership in the National Democratic Club
Action Criticized

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 12.—The action of the board of governors of the national democratic club in dropping Charles F. Murphy and other Tammany men from membership was severely criticized today by the former congressman Martin W. Littleton, in a letter to the president of the club. Mr. Littleton is himself a democrat.

In answer to his letters and the 65 who were dropped from the membership, Judge Edward F. O'Dwyer, 7th president of the club, replied that any member who is delinquent in his dues is dropped automatically from membership, and that reinstatement is at the discretion of the board of governors.

"So far," said Judge O'Dwyer, "fifteen of the sixty-five have applied and will be reinstated. But Mr. Murphy and Foley Plunkett, Darlington, Gaffney and Siegel will not be accepted. The Seigel referred to in Henry Seigel, the indicted banker, Foley, Plunkett, Darlington and Gaffney are members of Tammany Hall."

Infrantry to Entrain For Texas Immediately

Atlanta, March 12.—Preparations were practically completed today for the seventeenth infantry, stationed at Fort McPherson here, to depart for the Texas border to engage in patrol work in connection with the Mexican situation.

The department late today decided to abandon the plan to send the seventeenth regiment from Savannah by transport to Galveston, and instead the regiment will entrain from Fort McPherson and make the trip by railroad to the Mexican border.

At the war department it was said the two regiments would probably actually begin to entrain Sunday or Monday.

WALTER H. PAGE'S ADDRESS IN LONDON RAISES AN INQUIRY

SPEECH NOT CLEAR

Panama Canal and Monroe Doctrine Were Subjects Under Discussion

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 12.—Walter Hines Page, American ambassador to Great Britain, was made the target of inquiry today in a resolution adopted by the senate calling on the secretary of state to investigate alleged public assertions by the ambassador relative to the Monroe doctrine and the Panama canal, in a speech made in London last night.

Later in the day a similar resolution was introduced in the house by Murray, of Oklahoma, a democrat, but it did not get before the body for discussion or action.

There was no official comment or action of the senate. In an informal discussion at the white house however, President Wilson indicated that the Monroe doctrine was as much a part of the American foreign policy today as a hundred years ago. He did not express an opinion concerning the Ambassador's speech.

The senate's resolution had not reached the secretary Bryan tonight. According to custom, if Ambassador Page does forestall an explanation of the incident, the resolution will be tabled to him tomorrow, as soon as it is sent to the state department.

The ambassador's remarks were extemporaneous and no verbatim reports were made.

The most accurate report of his speech was contained in the Daily Telegraph from which the essential parts are quoted verbatim as follows:

"The people of the United States regard the British Empire as the guardian of freedom in all parts of the world and as a promoter of trade. He would not say that the United States had constructed the Panama canal for the British people, but it added greatly to the pleasure of building it that the British people would make the most profit out of it."

The ambassador proceeded to say that he wished to correct an impression about the attitude of the United States government concerning British investments in the states in Central America. There was no policy of the American government that would discourage investments or such concessions as would carry with them control of the government of any of these states and only that.

"It is not the business of the United States to hinder any investments anywhere in the world, provided only that the investments are not made so that they took the country with them. The Monroe doctrine meant only that no European power should gain any more land in the new world."

R. EMMET WALKER KILLED AT GREENVILLE

Shot by G. W. Tidwell, Traveling Salesman, of Clinton So. Car.

(By Associated Press.)
Greenville, S. C., March 1.—R. Emmett Walker, aged 20, a good family and social standing, was shot and almost instantly killed at the Carolina Mills this morning by G. W. Tidwell, aged 52, traveling man of Clinton.

Tidwell went to Walker's office, called him out and grasping his right hand, pulled a pistol with his left, and shot Walker twice. Tidwell now claims that the young man contributed to the delinquency of his 15-year old daughter and then refused to marry her. The killing occurred six days after Tidwell had learned of the matter.

"God knows I tried to avoid this," said Tidwell tonight, but there was nothing else to be done."

Mr. Tidwell was in Anderson Wednesday afternoon. He is representing an advertising agency, which has headquarters in Clinton. He formerly lived in Greenville.

Engineer's Head Is Crushed by Fall

(Special to The Intelligencer.)
Columbia, March 12.—Oscar Land, one of the oldest engineers employed by the Columbia, Newberry and Leavenworth railroads fell from his engine this morning at Leaphart station. His head was crushed by the fall and he is lying at the point of death tonight.