

THE SQUADRON HAS SAILED.

LEAVES OLD POINT COMFORT ON LONG CRUISE.

The Farewell of the President—Great Naval Spectacle in Chesapeake Bay Yesterday—Finest Fleet Under One Commander.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 18.—Sixteen hard-hitting, steel-bellied American battleships, gun-bristling and burly of girth, but sparkling white in their immaculate dressings of peace, sailed away today under the dazzling sun of a cloudless winter sky on their famous two-sea expedition of 14,000 miles along foreign shores and changing climes to the west coast of the United States. President Roosevelt, on the bridge of his cruiser yacht, the Mayflower, personally reviewed the magnificent four-mile line of fighting vessels during the first stage of their journey. From the anchorage ground in Hampton Roads to the horseshoe bend of Chesapeake bay his eagle-crowned flag of blue pointed the way to the navy's new home at the Golden Gate. Then, when the wide reaches of the sea were visible through the wide swung capes of Virginia he turned aside and coming to anchor reviewed the passing pageant.

The boom of saluting cannon marked the departure of the fleet—presenting to the people who watched a spectacle they will never forget and to the world at large the reality of the trimmest, most thoroughly equipped assemblage of first class battleships ever gathered in one command. There was not a ship in the line old enough to have smelled the powder of Manila or Santiago—stories written scarcely 10 years ago in the history of nations. All were modern of design and armament.

The trill of the beautiful marine picture was felt until the last wind-blown shred of smoke was lost on the horizon.

The sailing of the fleet was preceded by a reception on the quarter deck of the Mayflower, which shortly after 8 o'clock this morning steamed into the centre of the anchored fleet. President Roosevelt was greeted by the four rear admirals and the 18 commanding officers of the fleet as they climbed up the starboard gangway of the yacht. He had a word of advice and well wishing for all, and made no formal address.

The inspiring sight of the vessels, as they passed at anchor and waiting to go, put the president in good spirits. While the Mayflower was coming into position and waiting for the reception to begin, the president paced rapidly up and down the deck, anxious to obtain a view of the great double squadron from every possible vantage point.

"Did you ever see such a fleet and such a day? Isn't it magnificent? Oughtn't we all to feel proud," exclaimed the president. In the midst of the reception to the higher officers he sent for the coxswain of the Louisiana's launch and through him dispatched a special message of greeting to that ship's crew. When the surprised and embarrassed coxswain, Seaman William Chandler, had been presented to Mrs. Roosevelt as well as to the president, and had again clambered into his launch, the president said to those about him:

"I tell you your enlisted men are everything. They are perfectly bully and they are up to everything required of them. This is indeed a great fleet and a great day."

Admiral Evans, commander-in-chief of the departing fleet, was the first of the flag officers to come over the side of the Mayflower. He hurried to where the president stood waiting and bringing his right hand to saluting position paid his formal respects and gave his personal assurance that the ships of his command were ready for their trip to the other side of the hemisphere.

President Roosevelt acknowledged the salute with lifted hat and accepted the formal words of greeting as stiffly as they were uttered. Then with the brief ceremony ended, he grasped Admiral Evans' hand and gave it the heartiest of shakes. The two conversed together informally for a moment or two until other arriving flag and commanding officers set the reception into full swing. When Admiral Evans was about to take his leave and get the fleet under way the president followed him to the gangway and then called him aside for nearly five minutes of earnest conversation.

In parting with the officers of the fleet, President Roosevelt was wholly informal and to each gave a cordial hand clasp, a grasp of the uniformed shoulder and a hearty "good-bye, old fellow, and good luck."

President Roosevelt's party on the Mayflower included Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Metcalf, the assistant secretary of the navy and Mrs. Newberry, Rear Admiral W. H. Brownson, chief of the bureau of navigation and Mrs. Brownson, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles, and Lieut. Commander and Mrs. Simms.

The naval dispatch boat Dolphin,

with a party of congressmen on board, also participated in the review.

The last goodbye had been said, the wishes of good luck had been uttered—suddenly the signal yards of the Connecticut flashed the message: "Get under way immediately following the flagship."

EXAMINATION FOR NAVAL ACADEMY.

Opportunity for a Seventh District Boy to Enter Uncle Sam's Navy.

On Saturday 18th, of January, 1908, I will hold a competitive examination at Columbia, S. C., beginning at 10 a. m., of all applicants for nomination to fill a vacancy in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. All applicants must, at the time of their examination for appointment to the Academy (4th of March), be between the ages of 16 and 20 years. The candidate is eligible for appointment on the day he is 16 and ineligible on the day he becomes 20 years of age.

Those applicants who are found to be physically qualified, will be examined mentally upon the following subjects: reading and writing, spelling and punctuation, and capitals, grammar, geography, United States history, world's history, arithmetic, algebra and plain geometry.

The preliminary examination takes place on January 18th at Columbia, S. C. The applicants should write me for permission to take the examination and for full information with respect to it. Very truly,

A. F. LEVER, M. C. Seventh S. C.

Government Money and Cotton Independence.

It is difficult to see any reason why cotton does not make as good security for government loans as the banks or the railroads.

Cotton is the standard staple of the world and is almost as indispensable as bread and meat to the people of all the nations. Why a commodity so essential and so standard as this does not make good security for anybody's money, private or public, we can not understand.

We feel quite sure that the president and secretary of the treasury are profoundly impressed with the necessity of doing something at this time to help one of the great standard crops of the country which holds the centre of the stage at this season and absorbs more of national and of international interest than any other product of the soil.

We are willing to trust the secretary of the treasury and the financiers as to the manner and method by which this help can be effectively and safely rendered. But of one thing we feel perfectly sure, that the people of the South and of the country would heartily endorse the effort of the government to care for the enormous value of the cotton crop of the South.—Atlanta Georgian.

Negro Race Conference.

To the Colored People of South Carolina:

I take the liberty to communicate to you through this journal—supposing that you are a subscriber to it, as every citizen ought to take his county paper. The Negro Race Conference was a great success last year. The speeches by both white and colored were inspiring and uplifting. The delegation was very large. The conference will meet again, Tuesday, January 14 and continue in session until Friday January 17, 1908. The speakers for this conference are even stronger than last year. We will have prominent women and men, among them Mrs. Booker T. Washington. One day, Thursday, will be set apart as woman's day. We want the best thinking members of the race to come, especially the farmers, teachers, mechanics, etc.

Those who expect to come, please write Mr. I. N. Nesbitt, 1013 Washington Street, Columbia, S. C. Respectfully, Richard Carroll.

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Ten men, composing the crew of the schooner Augustus Welt, which foundered off Cape Lookout, were picked up by the Clyde steamer Molehead and carried to Charleston.

*The finest Coffee Substitute ever made, has recently been produced by Dr. Shoop of Racine, Wis. You don't have to boil it twenty or thirty minutes. "Made in a minute," says the doctor. "Health Coffee" is really the closest Coffee Imitation ever yet produced. Not a grain of real Coffee in it either. Health Coffee Imitation is made from pure roasted cereals or grains, with malt, nuts, etc. Really it would fool an expert—were he to unknowingly drink it for Coffee. Levy & Moses.

CONGRESS FACES DEFICIT

STATEMENT GIVEN BY CHAIRMAN APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

Expenditures Are Increased and Larger Than Ever Before—Deficit May Reach Nearly \$100,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Chairman Tawney of the house committee on appropriations, which was appointed yesterday by Speaker Cannon, effected its organization today by the appointment of sub-committees as follows:

Sundry Civil—Tawney, Smith, Brownlow, Fitzgerald and Sherry. Legislative—Elingham, Gillett, Brick, Livingston and Burleson. District of Columbia—Gadmer, Madden, Vreeland, Burleson and Bowers. Pension—Keifer, Brundidge, Jr., and Livingston. Permanent appropriations—Brick, Graff, Madden, Brundidge, Jr., and Burleson.

At the close of the committee's first meeting today Chairman Tawney dictated the following statement:

"The committee on appropriations and congress are confronted with a situation which will require a very material revision of the estimates submitted for public expenditures for the next fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, in order to keep the appropriations within the possible estimated revenues of the government.

"The estimates submitted at the beginning of last session of congress for the now current year totaled \$895,960,643. The estimates for the next fiscal year, submitted at the beginning of this session in the book of estimates, totaled \$996,949,288, or an increase in the estimated expenditures for the next fiscal year over the current year of \$100,988,645. The estimated total revenue for the next fiscal year is \$873,123,011, while the actual revenue, including postal revenue, received during the last fiscal year, which total revenue was larger than that of any previous year in the history of the government, was only \$846,725,339.

"It will be seen, therefore, that on the basis of the estimated expenditures and the estimated revenue for the next fiscal year, the expenditures as estimated exceed the prospective revenue by \$118,826,277. This excess does not include estimates for the regular deficiency and miscellaneous appropriations, which for the current year amount to \$13,147,899. Nor does it include any new authorizations for spontaneous expenditures. From this excess total of \$118,826,277 however, should be deducted \$25,000,000 which is included in the estimated expenditures for the redemption of naval bank notes. This expenditure is not made out of current revenues, but out of the statutory fund obtained from national banks, which fund is not carried as part of the government's revenues.

"Deducting the \$25,000,000 still leaves a deficiency of \$93,826,277 between the estimated expenditures and the estimated revenue and shows the necessity for a practical revision of the estimates submitted by the several sub-committees having jurisdiction of the appropriations for the next fiscal year, in order to keep expenditures for that year within possible revenues and thus to avoid a deficiency.

"It also shows the practical impossibility of congress at this session authorizing new governmental services or the undertaking of new projects, appropriations for which would have to be met out of the revenues incoming for the next fiscal year—unless other provision is made for meeting such administrative expenditures than to require them to be defrayed out of the current revenues of the government."

Four general bills, the legislative, the District of Columbia, the pensions and the fortifications, were placed in the hands of sub-committees today and will be worked on by them during the holiday recess.

REV. W. B. DUNCAN.

What Rock Hill Herald Says of New Pastor at First Methodist Church.

At the 11 o'clock service Sunday, Rev. W. B. Duncan delivered his farewell sermon to the congregation of St. John's. The audience which greeted him taxed the capacity of the church, and gave unmistakable evidence in other ways of the warm place he occupies in the hearts of the people. At the close of an eloquent discourse, Dr. Duncan referred feelingly to the pleasure of his sojourn in Rock Hill and to the congeniality of his work here. And it was manifest that this feeling was fully reciprocated by the congregation. His removal is a distinct loss to this community, as well as to the church he has so acceptably served. In Rock Hill's behalf, The Herald extends him the best wishes of the city and assures him a hearty welcome whenever he may be able to return.—Rock Hill Herald.

*DeWitt's Carbolized Witch Hazel Salve—don't forget the name, and accept no substitute. Get DeWitt's. It's good for piles. Sold by all druggists.

THE FARMER'S WIFE

Is very careful about her churn. She scalds it thoroughly after using, and gives it a sun bath to sweeten it. She knows that if her churn is sour it will taint the butter that is made in it. The stomach is a churn. In the stomach and digestive and nutritive tracts are performed processes which are almost exactly like the churning of butter. Is it not apparent then that if this stomach-churn is foul it makes foul all which is put into it?

The evil of a foul stomach is not alone the bad taste in the mouth and the foul breath caused by it, but the corruption of the pure current of blood and the dissemination of disease throughout the body. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes the sour and foul stomach sweet. It does for the stomach what the washing and sun bath do for the churn—absolutely removes every tainting or corrupting element. In this way it cures blotches, pimples, eruptions, scrofulous swellings, sores, or open eating ulcers and all humors or diseases arising from bad blood.

To aid in healing old sores, or ulcers, apply Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve to them while taking the "Golden Medical Discovery" to purify and enrich the blood.

Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve is cleansing and pain relieving. It destroys the bad odors arising from suppurating, or running, sores and puts them in the best possible condition for healing.

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If your medicine dealer does not have the "All-Healing Salve" in stock mail 50 cents in postage stamps to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., and you will receive it by return post.

In treating all open sores, or ulcers, boils carbuncles and other swellings, it is important that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery be taken persistently to purify the blood and thereby remove the cause of the trouble. It is in the blood that the great battle of health has to be fought. The ulcer and the sore are simply the scarlet flowers of disease, with roots running down into the blood. These roots must be eradicated or the disease will break out afresh. "Golden Medical Discovery" cleanses the blood of all foul and poisonous accumulations, pushes out the dead and waste matter, and thus purifies the entire life current. Disease in the flesh must die out when it is no longer fed by foul blood. "Golden Medical Discovery" effectively cures disease in the flesh by curing its cause in the blood.

If you have bitter, nasty, foul taste in your mouth, coated tongue, foul breath, are weak and easily tired, feel depressed and despondent, have frequent headaches, dizzy attacks, gnawing or distress in stomach, constipated or irregular bowels, sour or bitter rising after eating and poor appetite, these symptoms, or any considerable number of them, indicate that you are suffering from biliousness, torpid, or lax liver with the usual accompanying indigestion, or dyspepsia and its attendant derangements.

The best agents known to medical science for the cure of the above symptoms and conditions, as attested by the writings of leading teachers and practitioners of all the schools of medical practice, have been skillfully and harmoniously combined in Dr. Pierce's

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Cures Woman's Weaknesses.

We refer to that boon to weak, nervous, suffering women known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Dr. John Fyfe one of the Editorial staff of THE ECLECTIC MEDICAL REVIEW says of Unicorn root (*Helonias dioica*) which is one of the chief ingredients of the "Favorite Prescription": "A remedy which invariably acts as a uterine invigorator... makes for normal activity of the entire reproductive system." He continues "in Helonias we have a medicinal which more fully answers the above purposes than any other drug with which I am acquainted. In the treatment of diseases peculiar to women it is seldom that a case is seen which does not present some indication for this remedial agent." Dr. Fyfe further says: "The following are among the leading indications for Helonias (Unicorn root). Pain or aching in the back, with leucorrhoea; tonic (weak) conditions of the reproductive organs of women, mental depression and irritability, associated with chronic diseases of the reproductive organs of women; constant sensation of heat in the region of the kidneys; menorrhagia (flooding), due to a weakened condition of the reproductive system; amenorrhoea (suppressed or absent monthly period), arising from or accompanying an abnormal condition of the digestive organs and anemic (thin blood) habit; dragging sensations in the extreme lower part of the abdomen."

If more or less of the above symptoms are present, no invalid woman can do better than take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, one of the leading ingredients of which is Unicorn root, or Helonias, and the medicinal properties of which are most faithfully represented.

Of Golden Seal root another prominent ingredient of "Favorite Prescription," Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, says: "It is an important remedy in disorders of the womb. In all catarrhal conditions and general enfeeblement, it is useful."

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