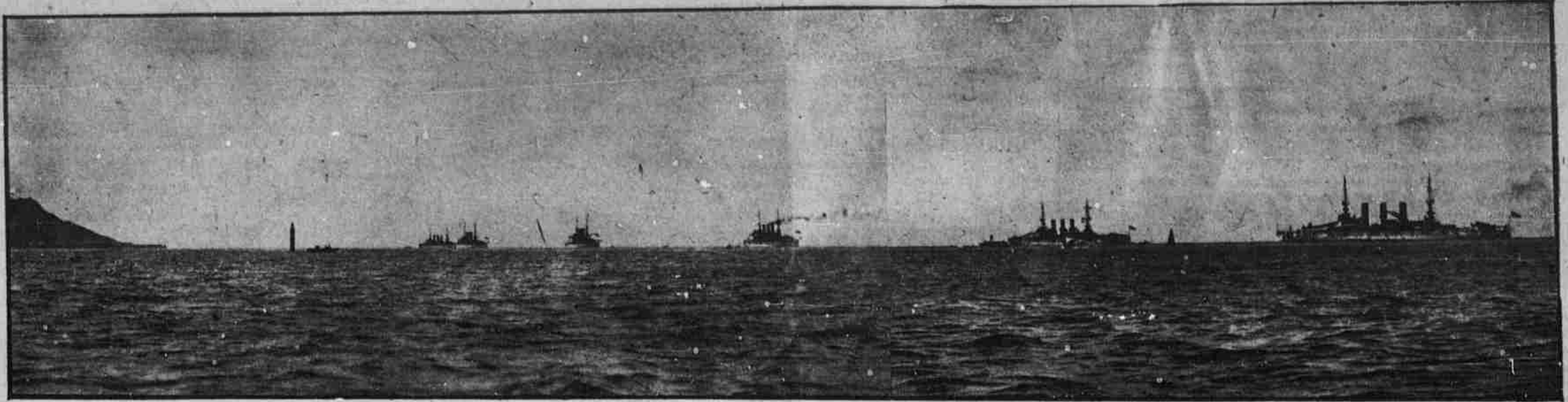


BATTLESHIP FLEET WENT SOUTH AT SUNDOWN



BATTLESHIPS GETTING UNDER WAY.

—Advertiser Photo.

Crowds Watched Fighting Machines Swing Into Line and Start for New Zealand.

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)

"Up Anchors!"

So read the signal pennants hoisted, beneath the Admiral's blue two-starred flag aboard the flagship Connecticut at six o'clock last evening.

Instantly the anchor chains of fifteen battleships began moving upward through the bow vents, and presently a flag was hoisted to the fore on each vessel announcing to Admiral Sperry that the warships were under way.

And so began the voyage of the great battleship armada to the South Seas. And with the bow of the flagship pointing toward the waters beneath the Southern Cross, came the farwells to the people of Honolulu and the Hawaiian Islands in general.

The departure of the fleet, fifteen out of the sixteen warships, for the Minnesota remained behind to receive the fleet mails arriving today from the Coast, was witnessed by a large crowd on shore, while the reception committee with the Hawaiian band paid their respects to the officers and men by going out on the U. S. tug Iroquois and serenading each ship. The Iroquois wound its way among the anchored fleet, the band playing popular airs, until six o'clock. All eyes had been centered on the flagship Connecticut lying farthest to the south. Then the signal flags fluttered and the anchors were hoisted.

So silently was the maneuver of falling into line behind the flagship executed that some moments elapsed before the spectators were aware that the fleet was really in motion. But soon the bows began turning southward, and as the flagship took up speed, other vessels slowly swung along, some two abreast and others in tandem. Then seven vessels comprising the first squadron were seen to swing into single column formation. To the westward, from the various anchorages, eight other warships began taking up a line formation. By 6:30 o'clock the first squadron had maneuvered into exact column position, and the second division warship fell in behind the others trailing gradually into line. At 6:40 the entire fleet was in single-column formation, the Connecticut fast losing her identity as she sped on toward the horizon. At 7 o'clock the fleet was well on its way, the band aboard the Iroquois had played Aloha and Auld Lang Syne, and the great week in Honolulu had come to a pleasant and historic end.

The departure of the fleet had its moments of excitement and interest even to its arrival here. The spectators were amazed at the ease with which fifteen great ships of war, lying at anchorages almost as intricate as the proverbial mess of eels, could get under way and steam into a prescribed formation, and all within half an hour. There was no hurrying of one vessel to catch up, or of another lagging. Each vessel got under way and steamed along steadily in the general direction toward which the flagship had started,

and, presto, after a brief closing of one's eyes there was the great armada in a single line, symmetrically perfect.

While the Iroquois was cruising about the warships many alohas were shouted from the little vessel, and in response came the waving of caps and here and there cheers. As the Kentucky was passed the band, at the request of L. Tenney Peck, played "My Old Kentucky Home," and cheers followed. Mr. Peck said that when the fleet arrived last week, the captain of the Kentucky was so enraptured with the rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home" by Berger's band as it played from the deck of the Mauna Loa, that he had the battleship's band assembled on the quarterdeck, and when Berger had finished the captain said to the marine musicians, "There, that is the way to play My Old Kentucky Home." As the Virginia was passed "Dixie" was played, and cheers answered.

All the time the fleet was getting under way daylight fireworks were displayed and the air was filled with little balloons transporting in mid-air American and Japanese flags. The daylight fireworks were an attraction in themselves, and quite a compliment on the part of the Japanese toward the fleet.

The warships inside the harbor began moving to the outside anchorage yesterday at 2:30 p. m., when the flagship Connecticut cast off her moorings promptly at that hour. As the great vessel backed into the basin an immense crowd assembled ashore to watch the maneuver. The vessel backed until off the Alaieka street wharf, when Pilot Macaulay began turning the vessel about. Exclamations of admiration were heard on all sides as the huge vessel gracefully swung entirely about as if resting on a central pivot. The vessel's position appeared not to move a foot. When her bow was pointing seaward, she gathered headway and steamed outside. As the flagship passed each vessel bands played the Star Spangled Banner in honor of the Commander-in-Chief. The Wisconsin was the last to leave the harbor.

At 8 o'clock last night the sky was suddenly illuminated by shafts of light from the searchlights of the fleet. The all-penetrating shafts lighted up the clouds, and when lowered picked up the mountains. They criss-crossed and breasted, and altogether made a beautiful spectacle. The lights were so powerful that when the reflectors were turned full in into one's eyes it was an almost blinding glare. The searchlight drill attracted general attention in town. At first it was thought that the Minnesota was playing her lights on the shore scenery, but they were from the fleet sure enough. Then at 8:15 the arrangement of searchlights at the rear of the fleet showed that the fleet was traveling in two columns, the battleships of the rearguard only using searchlights.

FELICITATIONS AND GREETINGS EXCHANGED

The following are the letters exchanged between Admiral Sperry of the Atlantic fleet and Governor Frear, on the departure of the fleet. The Admiral expresses the appreciation the fleet feels for the hospitality experienced here, and Governor Frear speaks of what the fleet has done for the American and patriotic spirit here. The following are the letters:

Office of the Commander-in-Chief, United States Atlantic Fleet,
U. S. S. Connecticut, Flagship,
Honolulu, T. H., July 22, 1908.

His Excellency, the Governor of Hawaii.

Sir: On the eve of departure of the United States Atlantic Fleet, I wish to express to you and through you to the people of Honolulu and of the Territory of Hawaii the sincere appreciation of the officers and men of the fleet for the kindly and courteous hospitality extended to them throughout their visit.

The courteous and fair treatment shown the enlisted men of the fleet is especially gratifying to me and cannot fail to engender pride in the uniform and add to the contentment of the enlisted personnel thereby producing a lasting and beneficial effect upon the Naval service.

Very respectfully,
C. S. SPERRY,
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy.

Executive Chamber,
Honolulu, Hawaii, July 22, 1908.

Rear Admiral C. S. Sperry, Commander-in-Chief, United States Atlantic Fleet, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, expressing on the departure of the United States Atlantic Fleet, the appreciation of the officers and men of the fleet for the hospitality extended to them during their visit and your special gratification at the treatment shown the enlisted men of the fleet.

I wish to express to you, for the people of this city and of the Territory, their sincere appreciation of this very kind expression from you. What little we have done has been done from the heart, and we feel that we have been more than repaid by the courtesy and kindness of yourself and the officers and men of the fleet. The presence of the fleet in these waters has done much to stir the pride and patriotism of the American citizens of this Territory and assist them in the important task that they have of building up American ideals in these Islands, as well as to make closer the already close relations between the people of Hawaii and the American Navy.

Very respectfully,
W. F. FREAR,
Governor of Hawaii.

MANDAMUS FOR THE REGISTRAR

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)

Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, U. S. N., commanding the Fourth Division of the Atlantic fleet, and chairman of the Pearl Harbor board, not only expects that the report of the board as to the location of dry docks, buildings, piers, quarters, etc., and dredging of channel at Pearl Harbor will be promptly accepted and O. K'd by the Secretary of the Navy, but that construction work will begin at an early date. He says that the Pearl Harbor station will be one of the finest in the world and a model of arrangement and up-to-date-ness. He expressed himself as pleased to have been on a board which had the opportunity to take raw material and plan a station that will be absolutely modern in every respect, with no old buildings, docks, etc., to remodel and attempt to rearrange to meet the growth and requirements of the new navy.

The Schroeder board's report was completed in time to be forwarded to Admiral Sperry at 2 p. m. yesterday, just at the hour when the Admiral was discussing the report with an Advertiser representative. The report probably went to Washington on the Aorangi.

The Admiral stated that the board, after personally visiting Pearl Harbor and going over the maps, had decided upon the location of the various structures called for in the appropriations for the building of the station. They decided where the docks were to be located, the piers and cradles for the torpedo craft, machine shops, the great array of smaller structures for housing officers and men, administration buildings, armories, storehouses, hospital, etc. So sure is the board that the plans will be accepted and specifications drawn up and bids called for, that in all probability the details for the locating of the buildings and docks will be worked out immediately, so that no time may be lost in getting the specifications before the contractors. Of course, it is unknown to the board whether or not the work will be done under contract or by day labor by the government.

The improvement of the channel will be undertaken at an early date. The Admiral said that the channel would in all probability be made as straight as possible. The appropriation for its dredging is available and apparently that work will be the first in hand. It is expected by the board that the hardest dredging will be found at the mouth of the channel. Personally, Admiral Schroeder has a very favorable opinion of the Pearl Harbor site, although he would like to see a greater expanse of water in some places. The depth is sufficient.

"I first visited Honolulu," said the Admiral, "in 1900, but I would like to have been here before just to have seen the old Honolulu. I like to see the youth of a place first that I may follow its development. Honolulu is a very delightful city. I went around it and to outside places by auto and found it most pleasant." Admiral Schroeder had very little time for recreation here owing to his important duties in connection with Pearl Harbor plans, and he took the first opportunity following the end of the work by taking in the sights.

SCHROEDER AND PEARL HARBOR

Letters have been received here concerning the disappearance in San Francisco, on July 6, of J. E. Egan, sales manager of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, the letters stating that possibly Egan had enlisted on one of the battleships which sailed from San Francisco a day or so after trace of the missing man had been lost. Egan is a prominent Elk and the members of that order here are interesting themselves in the search for him here.

The San Francisco Call, of July 10, says: Egan has been ill and despondent ever since he submitted to a serious operation six months ago and, led by the fear that the lost man might have made away with himself, his associates enlisted the aid of the police. Although Chief Biggy attempted, at the request of the sister of the lost man, to keep the fact of his disappearance quiet, his friends soon learned of it and a number of them joined in the search through the park.

J. L. Cook, the general manager of the adding machine company, who was in command of the search party, called in the searchers late yesterday afternoon and announced that he had information that Egan was in safety outside of the city. He refused to admit that he had heard directly from the lost man, but he maintained that he was absolutely certain that he knew where he was. Cook asserts that Egan's books were perfectly straight and he could suggest no reason for his disappearance except the despondency induced by the fact that he felt that he was not recovering from the effects of his operation as speedily as expected.

Egan has been in the habit of spending several hours at his office three days in the week and when he left the house at his usual time Monday his sister thought nothing of it. When he failed to return for dinner she made an inspection of his room and found that he had made a complete change of clothing and had left all of his fraternity pins and papers behind him. Alarmed by this fact she sent for his business associates and they at once determined to search the park as the most likely place to find the body if he had committed suicide, as they feared. After a thorough but fruitless search of the park the party returned to Egan's house, where it was announced that the hunt would be discontinued, as Cook felt certain that Egan had left town.

The following is a description of the missing man: He is 38 years old, 5 feet 9 inches in height and weighs about 175 pounds. His eyes are grayish blue, hair black with a tinge of gray. There are incision marks on both sides of his abdomen from a recent operation, the direct cause of his ill health, which is thought to have caused him to disappear.

FEARS MISSING MAN MAY HAVE ENLISTED

Three persons indicted by the grand jury which has just adjourned were arraigned before Judge Dole in the United States District Court yesterday morning. A number of pleas of not guilty were entered, and in some cases were continued until a particular time. The indictments against Moses Koki were continued until August 31.

Three of those indicted pleaded guilty: Kim Moon Sung, a Korean charged with impersonating an officer; Mityasu, charged with forging a postoffice money order; and Kinashita charged with illicit distilling. They were remanded for sentence on Friday.

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Enthusiasm over the Pearl Harbor project was in evidence among the officers of the Atlantic fleet after their inspection of the locks, and there were many predictions of what would be in store for Honolulu when the works there at the new naval station were well under way.

Just how much the installation of repair shops, drydock and the other proposed improvements for the projected naval station will mean to Honolulu was prophesied on Tuesday to a member of the Chamber of Commerce by Captain Quiltrough of the battleship Georgia, who stated that it was his belief that before long the Pearl Harbor station would be of such importance that the annual supplies alone would mean the expenditure of an amount approximating five million dollars.

GEORGIA COMMANDER PREDICTS GREAT THINGS

Governor Frear has appointed an Advisory Land Law Commission. This commission is to take into consideration the whole subject of the laws of the Territory in relation to public lands and to report such changes in details or principles as they shall be satisfied would serve the interests of the Territory.

Their recommendations will be in the shape of proposals for the amendment by Congress of our land laws, and such changes as may be made by our Legislature if it shall be found to have legislative powers on the subject.

The commission may, if it sees fit, make suggestions and recommendations in regard to the administration of the land laws.

The commission is as follows: A. Lewis, Jr., W. A. Kinney, Alfred W. Carter, Carl S. Smith, S. M. Kanakani, Joseph P. Cooke, and William B. Thomas.

"I had intended at first," said Governor Frear, "to make the commission five. But I have concluded to enlarge it to seven. It will, I hope, be able to report by the end of November, and I shall take its report, and any dissenting opinions, if there are any, with me to Washington, if I go, for presentation to Congress."

FREAR APPOINTS THE NEW LAND COMMISSION

The luncheon given by representative Chinese to the visiting correspondents and local press writers yesterday, was delightful in every way. There were present Messrs. Matthews, Clotworthy and Patchin of the fleet corps; Messrs. Henshall, Smith, Rhodes, Sheba, Soga and others of the English and Oriental press of Honolulu; Rev. E. W. Thwing, who acted as toastmaster; Alexander Hume Ford, Rev. Frank W. Damon, A. M. Merrill, and a number of leading Japanese residents. Ah Leong, at whose pretty home the feast was given, presided, with Yee Chin, president of the Chinese Promotion Committee, on his left and a venerable Chinese merchant on his right.

The menu was almost wholly Chinese and, in the opinion of Rev. Mr. Damon,

CHINESE LUNCHEON TO NEWSPAPER WRITERS

who has attended many such feasts, was one of the best ever served in our Chinese community. Almost every white guest ate unsparingly of shark's fins, bird's nests, the little concoctions of oyster, peppers and onion tips, mushrooms and bamboo sprouts, lychee preserves, etc., which go to make a feast worthy of the presiding household gods even of a taotai's home. It was the common remark that if a handsome restaurant could be opened up town where such good things were served, it would soon be a fad of society to take dinners there.

Several speeches were made, Ho Fon of Bishop's bank leading. Yee Chin gave a good talk, which Mr. Thwing interpreted. Mr. Matthews spoke eloquently, as did Mr. Patchin. Mr. Sheba spoke for the Japanese and Mr. Henshall of the Star and Mr. Smith of the Advertiser were heard. There were toasts to the President, the Emperor of China, the Emperor of Japan, the correspondents and to the host, Mr. Ah Leong.

A question has been raised as to whether voters not registered two years ago can vote for municipal officers at the coming election.

When John Goodnow was consul general at Shanghai, China, he was an ardent collector of antique brasses, and, having acquired a great many, was inordinately fond of showing them off, particularly a small Buddha, studded with uncut turquoises and garnets. One day he invited a number of Chinese connoisseurs to see his collection and upon their departure, Dr. Barchet, the official interpreter, overheard one of them remark in Chinese: "I heard this man Goodnow had some pretty good brasses—why, he hasn't got a piece that's more than a thousand years old!"

Some of the Amenities

Admiral Sperry of the Atlantic fleet yesterday received the following letter from the Executive Committee of the Fleet Entertainment Committee:

The Fleet Entertainment Committee, on behalf of the citizens of the Territory, desire to express to Admiral C. S. Sperry, the admirals, officers and the enlisted men of the Atlantic fleet, the pleasure afforded the citizens by the visit of the ships to the Territory and their high appreciation of the uniform gentlemanly conduct and bearing of each individual member of the fleet's crew during the time of their visit to this city.

(Signed) GEORGE R. CARTER,
Chairman Executive Committee.

THE ADMIRAL'S APPRECIATION.

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WILL FOLLOW THE FLEET.

It is understood that many of the navy ladies who followed the fleet to Honolulu, and who have been thinking of following it on down to Australia, have decided to take the trip and will leave here on the steamship Marana tomorrow. The list includes Mrs. Hinds and child, Mrs. Cranshaw, Mrs. McKilden, Mrs. Merriam, Mrs. George L. Smith, Mrs. H. S. Mustie, Mrs. K. G. Castleman.

INFANTILE CHOLERA.

Any unusual looseness of a child's bowels during the hot weather should be a warning to mothers. Infantile cholera may develop in a few hours and prompt action should be taken to avoid it. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, followed by a dose of castor oil, will check the disease in its incipency, and all danger may be avoided. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for H. L.