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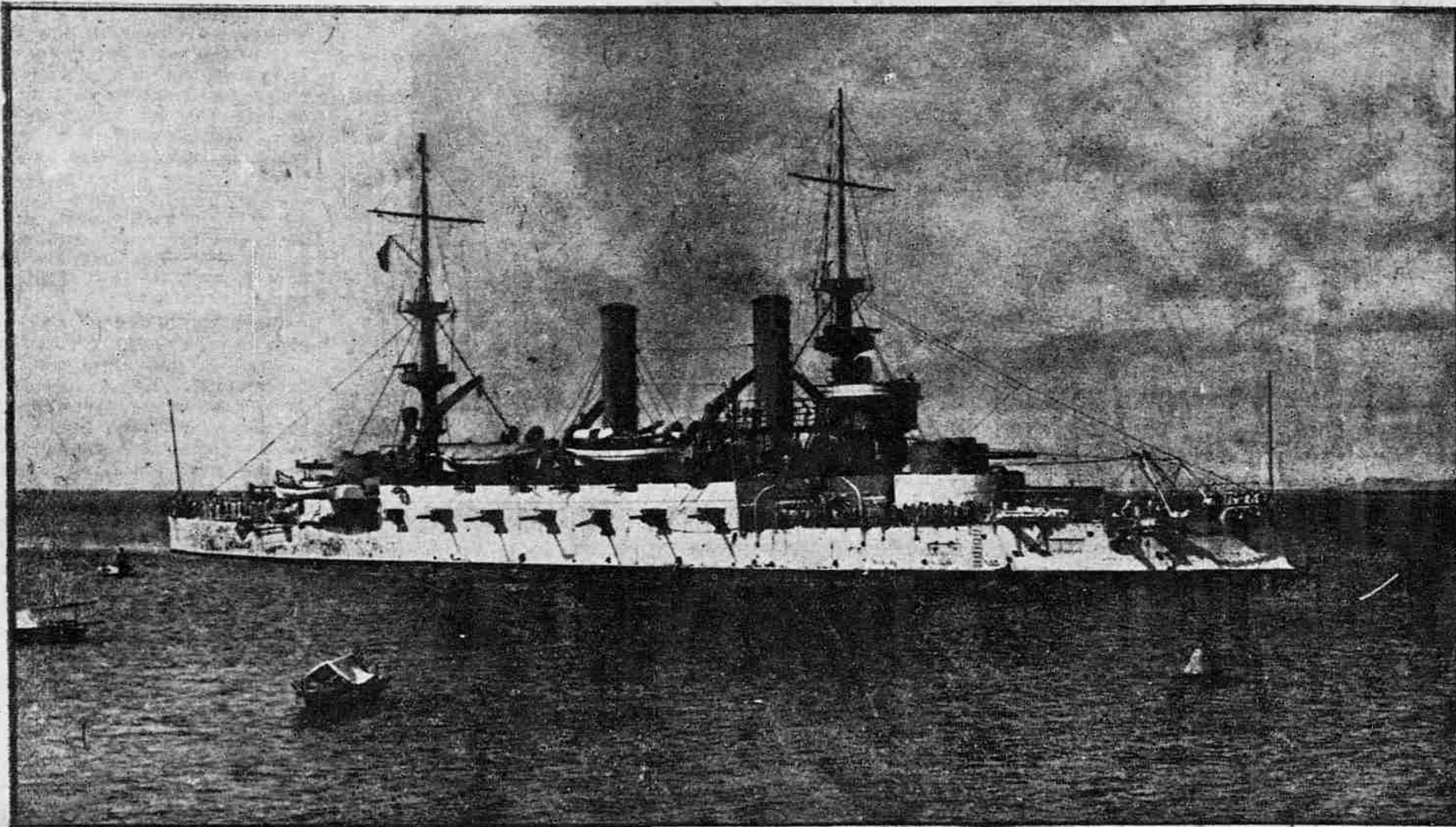
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## THE SPLENDID FLAGSHIP KENTUCKY, HER RECORD AND HER EXPECTATIONS



THE U. S. FLAGSHIP KENTUCKY.

—Advertiser Photo.

Although one of the newest of Uncle Sam's fighting monsters and as yet untried in battle, the battleship Kentucky, Admiral Evans' flagship, is the pride of the Asiatic fleet. Her officers swear by her, her men love her, and both officers and crew would back the magnificent fighting machine against any war vessel in the world.

The Kentucky is not a ship which has had many experiences, exciting or otherwise. Commissioned after the close of the war with Spain she has never yet had an opportunity to show her mettle in real warfare. But in speed and other tests, the men claim she is second to no vessel in the American navy.

The Kentucky is said to be the first American battleship that ever crossed the Atlantic to foreign ports. She was commissioned in March, 1900, having been launched at Newport News a few months previously. She is a sister ship to the Kearsarge. At her trial trip she developed a speed of seventeen knots an hour.

The Kentucky's chief distinction is her superimposed turret, which, however, has never been tested in actual conflict, although there is no doubt but what the confidence which naval experts place in it will be justified. The flagship's armament is as follows: Four 13-inch guns, and four 8-inch guns mounted in superimposed turrets fore and aft, fourteen 5-inch guns, twelve 6-pounders on superstructure, eight 6-pounders on berth deck, four 1-pound automatic and four 1-pound rapid fire in lower main tops, four Colt machine guns in upper main tops, two 3-inch field pieces and four torpedo tubes. It is said that the Kentucky can throw more metal at one round than any other ship afloat.

Since the Kentucky was commissioned the United States has been in no trouble which required the force of her deadly guns. And that is the reason that her officers are almost wishing that the Panama trouble will develop into something real, something which will demand their presence and give the Kentucky an opportunity to prove herself. When the fleet sailed from Yokohama it was the opinion of some of the officers that some other nation had interfered in Panama and that they would get quick action. Later developments, even with the threatening attitude of Colombia, does not lead them to believe that the Kentucky will be given a chance to get into the game.

The Kentucky did have one chance to distinguish herself, but unfortunately the sight of the war monster proved too much for the Sultan of Turkey upon whose navy the Kentucky's guns might once have been trained. When the Kentucky was commissioned in March, 1900, she remained on the North Atlantic station for some months, afterwards joining the squadron at Bar Harbor, when the British fleet came down for a visit. At that time the Navy Department was figuring on enlarging the Asiatic fleet and Captain Chester, then in command, immediately applied to be sent out to the Asiatic station. His request was granted and the Kentucky sailed in October, 1900, making her first stop at Gibraltar. Her next visit was to Algiers and then

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## ADMIRAL EVANS SIGNALS THE LENGTH OF FLEET'S STAY IN HONOLULU PORT

The Asiatic fleet will not leave Honolulu until the end of the month, then to sail for Cavite for the annual winter maneuvers. Admiral Evans signaled to all the vessels yesterday morning that the fleet would sail between Christmas and December 30. The squadron will be assembled in Philippine waters only once more when Admiral Cooper will succeed Admiral Evans in the command of the Asiatic station. Admiral Evans will return to New York on the flagship Kentucky, but he will not stop for a visit with Emperor William of Germany as had been reported in the Eastern papers recently.

Admiral Evans is making his headquarters at the Alexander Young Hotel during the coaling of the fleet, although he remains on his flagship during the most of the day.

"The fleet will sail for Cavite via Guam between Christmas and the thirtieth of December," said Admiral Evans to an Advertiser reporter at his room in the hotel yesterday afternoon. "The entire fleet will go together. The exact date of sailing depends upon further orders from Washington."

"The men of the fleet are to be given their liberty as soon as the ships have finished coaling. That is the general order which has been issued. The first conduct men on the ships not coaling have probably been given their liberty before this."

"The fleet made a very creditable performance in its trip across the Pacific," continued the admiral in response to a question. "It was a fine showing of efficiency and officers and crews are to be congratulated upon it. The battleships made good time with

the Oregon along, and the Oregon made an excellent record considering that the vessel was built as long ago as she was. The other vessels could have done a couple of knots better."

### STORES FOR THE FLEET.

"The Solace and Alameda sail from San Francisco on the 19th with stores for the fleet. The Solace brings no men. We are over our complement now—all the ships have extra men. The Solace will go on to Guam and Cavite. She has a relief crew for the Wilmington, also for the station ship at Guam. The supplies will be transferred to the vessels of the fleet here."

"There are to be no changes in the commanding officers of any of the vessels now. Four midshipmen will be transferred here, four go to the United States and two will be sent to Samoa. The terms of enlistment of none of the men expire now."

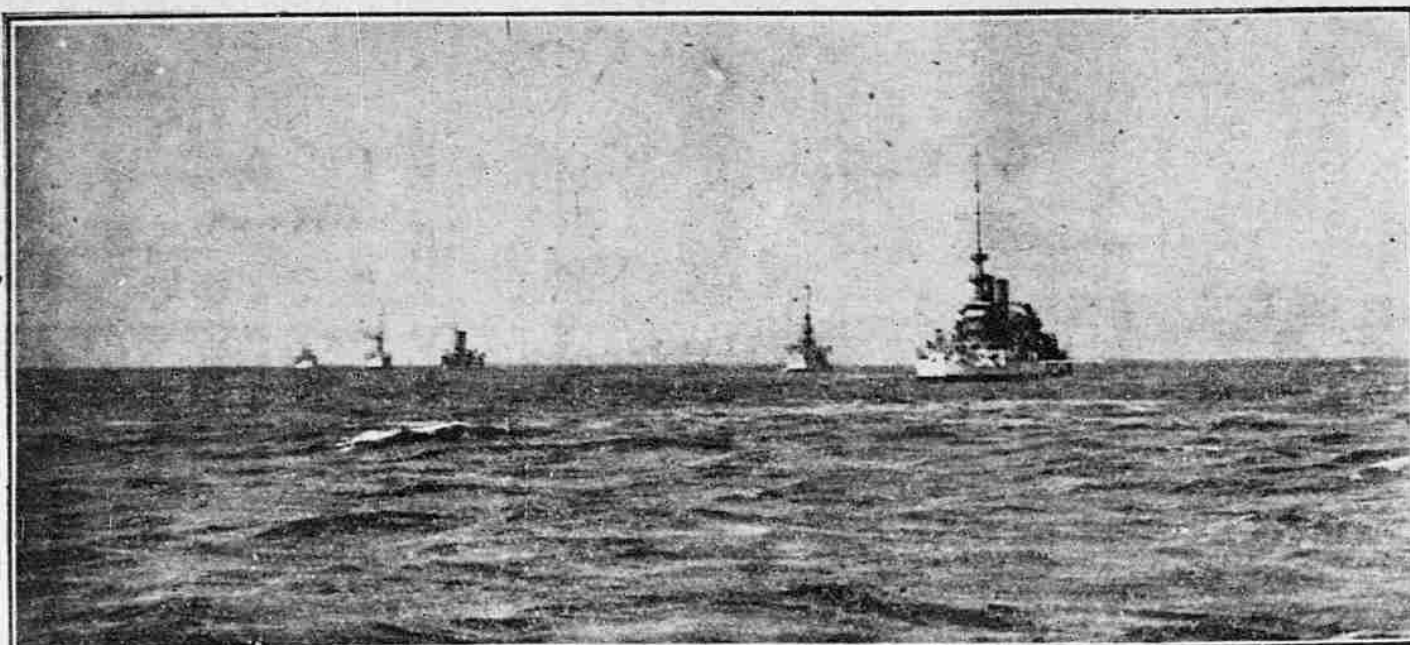
### COOPER TO SUCCEED EVANS.

"I expect Admiral Cooper to succeed to the command of the fleet about April 1st. I shall return to New York in the battleship Kentucky. I don't know anything about a visit to the Emperor of Germany as published in the Eastern papers. It is purely imaginary, and has not the slightest foundation in fact."

## COLLIER POMPEY HAS ARRIVED

The naval collier Pompey arrived last evening and was anchored out in the stream. She sailed from Yokohama with the cruisers and passed Midway soon after they did. She made the run in sixteen days.

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THE FLEET APPROACHING PORT. —Photo by Rice & Perkins.

## JAPANESE TROOPS ARE LEAVING FOR DISTURBED KOREA

French News That the Kaiser's Sister, Princess Charlotte, Has a Cancer—Senate Favorable to Oahu's Electric Franchise—Bryan Visiting Tolstoi—Duke of Norfolk to Wed in the Aristocracy.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

TOKYO, Dec. 18.—The elder statesmen have been summoned to meet the Emperor tomorrow. Troops are starting for Korea.

## SENATE COMMITTEE FOR OAHU ELECTRIC FRANCHISE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Senate Committee on Territories has made a favorable report approving the Hawaiian act which provides for the manufacture of electricity on the island of Oahu.

On April 28th Governor Dole approved the Act of the Legislature extending the franchise of the Hawaiian Electric Company for "the manufacture, maintenance, distribution and supply of electric power on the Island of Oahu" for a further term of thirty-five years. In the Organic Act, Sec. 55, it is provided: ".....but the Legislature shall not grant to any corporation, association, or individual any special or exclusive privilege, immunity or franchise, without the approval of Congress," making it necessary for the present Congress to approve the Hawaiian Electric Company's franchise.

## A STORM IN RUSSIA DOES MUCH DAMAGE

ODESSA, Dec. 18.—A storm in the Rostoff and Tangarog regions has caused great destruction. One hundred craft are missing

## DOESN'T WED AN AMERICAN.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Duke of Norfolk is engaged to marry his cousin, the eldest daughter of Lord Herries.

## POLICE DUEL WITH BURGLARS.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—In a duel between police officers and burglars two men were killed who were fugitives from Illinois law.

## STRIKE OF HACKDRIVERS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Thirteen hundred hack-drivers have gone on a strike.

## KAISER'S SISTER SAID TO HAVE A CANCER

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Petit Journal learns that the Kaiser's sister, the Princess Charlotte, has fallen a victim to cancer and that there is consternation in the German court. No news is given out as to the condition of the Emperor.

## BRYAN VISITING TOLSTOI.

MOSCOW, Dec. 18.—William J. Bryan is visiting Count Leo Tolstoi.

## SWITZERLAND'S NEW CHIEF.

BERNE, Dec. 18.—M. Comtesse has been chosen President of the Swiss Cantons.

## DIED BY FIRE.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—In a Chinatown fire three men perished.