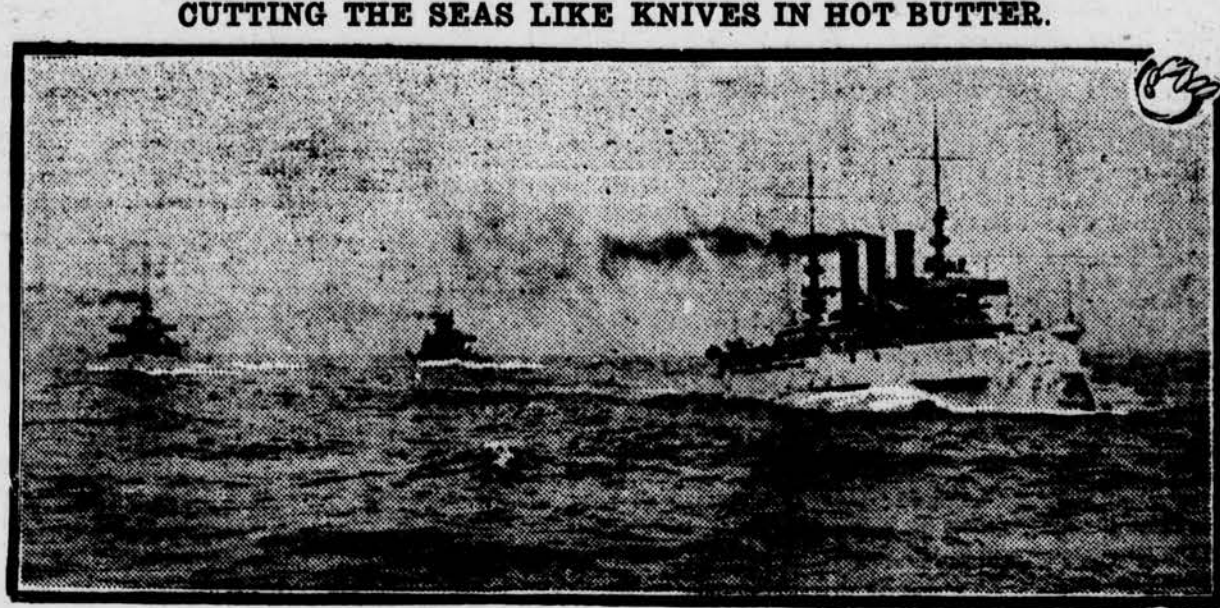


MAGNIFICENT WELCOME HOME TO RETURNING FLEET MONDAY

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Feb. 20.—When the fleet enters Hampton Roads next Monday and passes in review of Roosevelt on the Mayflower, the vessels will be welcomed by a floating armada of passenger boats and excursion vessels surpassing in size and number any preceding pleasure turnout perhaps in the history of America.



CUTTING THE SEAS LIKE KNIVES IN HOT BUTTER. Remarkable new snapshot photograph of there of the giant ships which are approaching Hampton Roads, after 42,227 mile trip round the world. In the picture the New Jersey is leading the Rhode Island and Georgia. The estimated speed of the ships, at the time the camera shutter snapped, was 19 knots an hour, or about 22 miles.

CITY CLUBS WON'T BE DELIVERED

Should the Federated clubs attempt to endorse any candidate for the mayoralty there will be war within that body and the exit of many delegates. A number of the clubs take the position that they are nonpartisan and intend to remain so.

DISRESPECT TO THE FLAG

A subscriber calls attention to the "beautiful" flag on the pole of the city hall. The remark calls attention also to an attitude of absolute disrespect to the national emblem, not only at the city hall but on the schools and court house in Spokane.

SAW QUAKE COMING

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Astronomer Marchand's prediction of a terrific earthquake for today was partially vindicated by shocks felt at St. George, a village near Grenoble. Little damage was done.

LAZY LA WMAKERS CUT UP CALENDAR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Failure of the house of representatives to properly adjourn daily resulted today in the decision by Cannon that as far as legislation is concerned, there has been no Friday this week.

Since Monday the house has been taking recesses daily, with the result that today is legislative Monday. It was claimed that legislation which should have been considered Friday suffered from the odd mistake, and must await hearing on another Friday.

CAPTAIN SHOTS SELF AS BOAT AND CREW GO OVER FALLS

ANTWERP, Feb. 20.—A Congo river steamer in command of Captain Segerstrom was swept over Stanley falls and 20 of the crew drowned, according to word received today.

BATTLING NELSON HAS VANISHED

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 20.—All trace of Battling Nelson, lightweight champion, is lost. Baron Long, matchmaker, the last to hear from him, received a letter dated Narbissa, N. M., Feb. 15, in which Nelson asked what he would guarantee if he agreed to fight Freddie Welsh.

GOMPERS APPOINTS T. MALONEY

As a result of the election of Thomas Maloney as vice president of the State Federation of Labor he has been appointed special organizer for the American Federation of Labor for Spokane and vicinity.

NO EVIDENCE AGAINST MRS. PARSONS

After a full investigation of the charges against Mrs. Parsons, keeper of a lodging house at 224 East Sprague avenue, the prosecuting attorney's office has ordered the case against her dismissed for want of evidence.

MCCULLOUGH GETS WEYMOUTH JOB

Judge Hinkle today accepted the resignation of F. P. Weymouth as a member of the eminent domain commission, and appointed F. H. McCullough to succeed him. Mr. Weymouth resigned from the commission because of having taken charge of the crematory department.

PETITION SENATE FOR EIGHT HOUR LAW

A communication and resolutions have been sent by the legislative committee of the Allied Crafts of Spokane to every state senator from this county, urging them to support and to vote in favor of the eight hour labor law for female employees.

SAYS POLICE FAILED AND SUES CITY FOR STREET FIGHT LOSS

Taking the position that the police department failed to stop the riot on Stevens street on the evening of February 16, John G. F. Heber of the Inland Realty Co., has filed a claim against the city for \$40 to pay for the two plate glass windows broken by the mob.

YOUNG BELSHAW AGAIN IN TROUBLE

Claude Belshaw, aged but 18 years, yet burdened with a record of small crimes, is again in the city jail and may be sent to the reformatory. This morning he went to a hide and fur store at E12 Main avenue and is accused of attempting to steal some of the wares.

YOUNG COOPER ON THE STAND

Bruce Blake will be elected president of the Young Men's democratic club at the meeting this evening, to be held in the assembly rooms of the chamber of commerce. This has practically been settled, as there is no opposition to the promotion of Mr. Blake from the vice presidency to the head of the organization. E. O. Connor will not run for reelection.

\$2,000,000 METHODIST CORPORATION

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The Methodist Episcopal church foundation fund officials are considering plans today for the incorporation of a \$2,000,000 company to operate for the benefit of Methodist churches throughout the country.

CORCORAN CONFESSES

His Testimony Exonerates Girl Held Here for Bigamy.

J. S. Corcoran, arrested for a bigamous marriage with Lela Marshall, this afternoon entered a plea of guilty in Judge Hinkle's court and was given a sentence of six months to five years at Walla Walla.

Corcoran arrived in Spokane this morning from El Paso, Tex., in custody of Sheriff Mac Pugh. To the sheriff he talked fully about his case and admitted that he had done wrong and was willing to suffer for it.

MERRITT CHIEF IF PRATT IS MAYOR

One thing the election of N. S. Pratt to the mayoralty will mean is the selection of H. D. Merritt as chief of police. This is an office long coveted by Mr. Merritt, and to confirm this it is only to be remembered that when Chief Waller was appointed, H. D. Merritt was the first choice of his friends in the council, headed by Mr. Pratt, but the plan was exploded before it was quite ripe.

ALFONSO TIED TO EARTH

PAU, France, Feb. 20.—Only a promise to his mother and the Spanish court that he would not attempt an aerial flight prevented King Alfonso from accompanying Wilbur Wright in his aeroplane today. M. Lambert, Wright's pupil, made a 13 minute flight with the Wrights.

SENTENCED TO DIE



J. S. Farquhar has a family to support. He has been doing it by hauling ashes away from houses. Even that is a pretty good job these times, especially when a man has a family to feed.

Judge Hinkle Pronounces Penalty on Gauvette, but Hopes for Higher Court Review.

"In view of the verdict of the jury, which found the defendant, Joseph M. Gauvette, to be mentally responsible at the time he killed his wife, no other course remains open for the court, whatever may be its views on the question of capital punishment, but to pass sentence. This is a duty that I very much regret to be called upon to perform, but one which becomes necessary under the circumstances."

DILLINGHAM DEMOCRATIC MAYOR HOPE

R. C. Dillingham, one of the strongest democrats in the city, and a man to whom the democracy is expected to rally, has about determined to file his declaration of candidacy for the mayoralty on his party's ticket.

WANDERS ABOUT MAKING PITIFUL PLEA FOR RETURN OF A DIVORCED HUSBAND

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—Crying bitterly and asking that her husband be returned to her, Mrs. F. Bower, two years ago divorced, but still true to her first love, was the center of a sympathetic crowd in the county clerk's office.

ASK COURT TO TEAR OFF COUNTY UNION LABEL

Steps are being taken by the Star Printing Co. to enjoin the county commissioners in the matter of demanding that all county printing shall bear the union label, alleging that this action on the part of the board is discrimination.

STEEL TRUST CUT PERMITS NEW BUILDING

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The effect of the steel price war was felt today in Wall street when it was learned that contracts were being taken for \$25 per ton. A general improvement prevails.

WOKE UP IN BURNING BED

AFTER FIGHTING FLAMES WITH BURNED HAND, UNLUCKY LODGER IS ARRESTED AS FIREBUG.

After having fought desperately to extinguish a fire that awakened him in the Union hotel, 414 Front, by burning his hand, Thomas Gallagher, a young telegraph operator, was arrested by Officer Hage about 5 o'clock this morning, for setting fire to his mattress.

SOCIETY WOMAN IN IRISH GIRL SCANDAL

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—That a prominent Chicago woman is involved in an attack on Miss Ella Gingles, age 19, the Irish lace-maker who was found bound and gagged in the Wellington hotel Wednesday, is the statement made today by Attorney P. H. O'Donnell for the girl.

SOUND CITIES LEARNING FROM SPOKANE

TACOMA, Feb. 20.—The big California excursion from Puget Sound left here this morning for Los Angeles. It will take seven days to make the trip, which is made to boost the Seattle fair and Sound cities. About 200 are on the train, which is loaded with literature.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS WON'T PULL HAIR IN SESSION TONIGHT

NASHVILLE, Feb. 20.—Robert Cooper took the stand in his own defense in the trial in which he is accused with his father and John D. Sharpe of the murder of former Senator Carmack. He told his life history.

EVANS COMMITTEE MEETING.

The special committee appointed by the 150,000 club to make arrangements for the lecture to be given in this city by Rear Admiral