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## ROCKED IN THE CRADLE OF THE DEEP.

### THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE WIDE BLUE SEA.

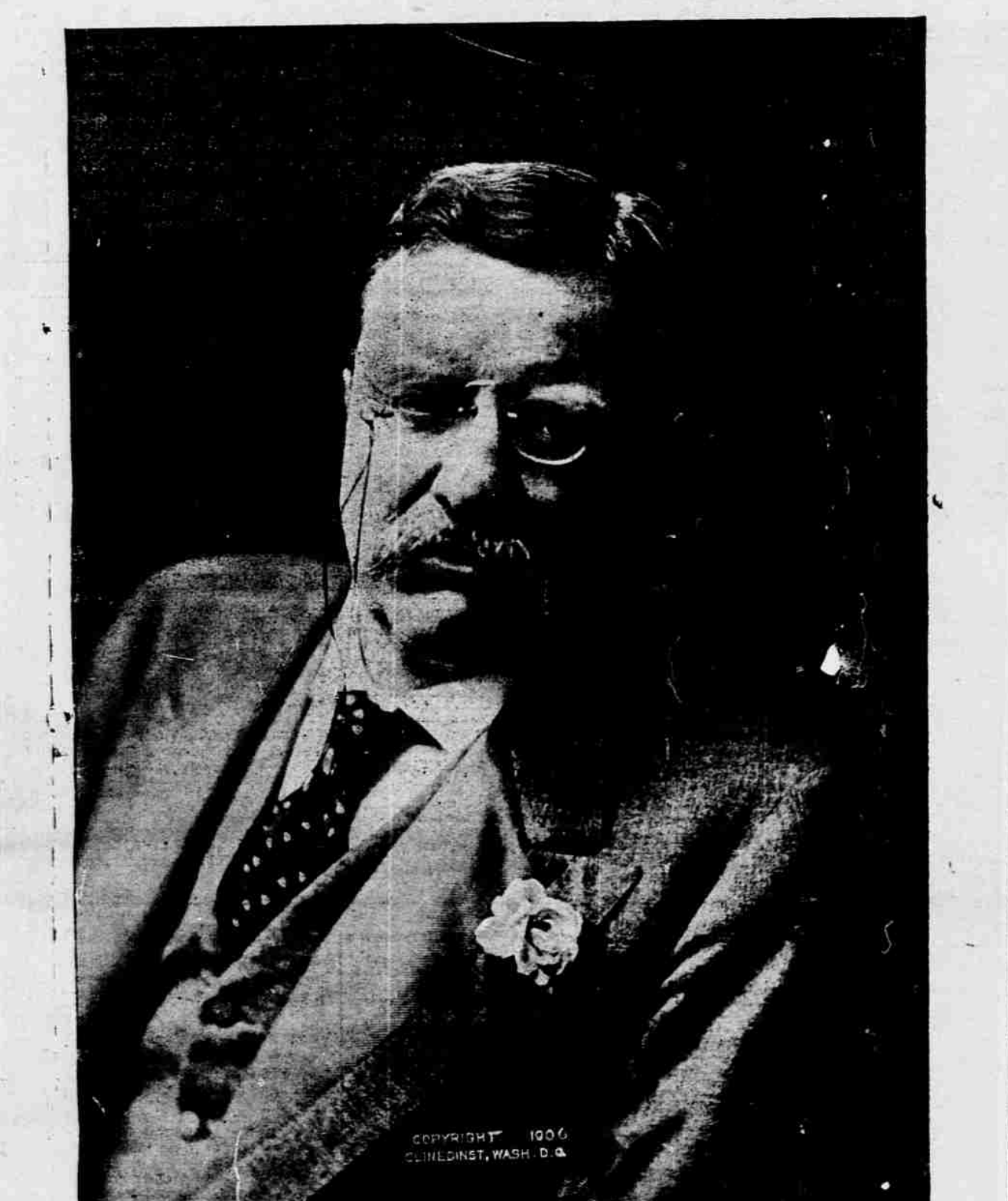
#### He Sailed To-day for Panama—To Be Away From the Country for Three Weeks—A Notable Departure From Precedents—Going to See the Canal With His Own Eyes—The Navy Has Charge.

There's great things a-coming when the President goes a-visit. The Flag is pulled down off the White House, and everybody goes to keep there when the President of the

acquired it, and falling to be satisfied with the conflicting stories brought back to him by trusted friends, the President of the United States concluded that he must be shown, the not from

until President Roosevelt lost himself to the ken of his adoring friends for three whole days last Summer, outside the three-mile territorial limit on the great ocean highway. Then his battleship bore at its stern the Flag of the United States, and in its fighting top the Flag of the President of the United States, the first time that Flag was ever seen in alien waters. To-day it flies above the Louisiana, and its broad blue folds, embellished with the Great Seal of the United States, show that the President of the United States is aboard.

The hull is of steel throat and fitted with docking and bilge keels. The main battery, four 12-inch breech-loading rifles, eight eight-inch breech-loading rifles, 12 seven-inch breech-loading rifles. She has a secondary battery of 20 three-inch, 14-pounder, rapid-fire guns; 12 three-pounder semi-automatic guns; six one-pounder automatic guns; two one-pounder semi-automatic guns; two three-inch field pieces; two machine guns, caliber .30; six automatic guns, caliber .45.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. (His Latest Picture, and Which Has Received His Family's Approval. Never before published.)

United States goes over to his Virginia farm for a breath of fresh air at Pine Knot, even when he stays but a day or two. But when the President goes for a week, my goodness alive, how things are swept and garnished for his trip. The White House looks like a body from which the soul has departed, but along the route of the proposed trip everybody spruces up and gets ready to smile when the President appears on the tail end of the Presidential observation car.

Missouri, and the best way to be shown is to actually see. And so the President will see Panama. It is not often that the Navy Department gets to take care of a President of the United States. It sometimes gives him an airing of 40 or 50 miles down the Potomac, and on infrequent occasions has even conveyed him down to the mouth of the historic river, but never since the colonies became States and the people elected Washington President has one who bore that distinguished title set foot on alien soil.

that beautiful new ship and ripped out its interior arrangements to make it larger and fairer for the occupancy of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. The Battleship Louisiana. The Louisiana is the largest and most powerful battleship in our Navy, excepting her sister and exact copy, the Connecticut. The general dimensions and features of the vessel are as follows: Length of load water line, 450 feet; breadth, extreme, at load water line, 76.10 feet; total bunker capacity, coal, about 2,000 tons.

Arrangements have been made whereby the three-inch guns on the main deck can be quickly and conveniently dismounted, housed and secured. Armor and similar protection: The hull is protected at the water line by a complete belt of armor one foot three inches wide, having a maximum thickness of 11 inches for about 200 feet amidships. Forward and aft of this the maximum thickness is nine inches with the width of magazine, from which points the thickness is gradually decreased to four inches at the stem and stern.

The lower casemate armor extends to the limits of the magazine spaces and reaches from the top of the water-line belt to the lower edge of the seven-inch gun ports on the main deck, and is six inches in thickness, the armor-ship bulkheads at the ends of this casemate also being six inches thick. The casemate armor around the seven-inch guns on the gun deck is seven inches thick, and the splinter bulkheads are from one and a half to two inches thick. The protection of three-inch guns is nickel steel two inches thick. The upper casemate armor-ship bulkheads extending from the shell plating to the 12-inch barbettes is seven inches thick throughout. The 12-inch barbettes extend from the protective deck to about four feet above the main deck, and consist of 10 inches of armor in front and seven and a half inches in the rear.

The eight-inch barbettes are six inches thick in front and four inches thick in rear, with the upper tube three and three-quarters inches thick and the lower tube three inches thick. The eight-inch turret front plate is six and a half inches thick, the rear plate six inches and the top plates two inches thick. The conning tower and shield are each nine inches thick and the signal tower six inches thick. An armor tube 35 inches in diameter extends from the top of the conning tower to the protective deck, six inches thick throughout. Teak backing of a minimum thickness of three inches will be fitted behind all sides, athwartship, and 12-inch turret armor; two inches of backing is fitted behind the eight-inch turret armor; other armor will be fitted without backing.

This is a complete protective deck extending from stem to stern, the deck being flat amidships, but sloped at the sides through and sloped at each end. The deck is of nickel steel, 40 pounds on the flat and of 100 pounds on the slopes.

Hatch covers and grates on the protective deck; splinter bulkheads on gun deck; sponsons and wing plates for two forward three-inch guns on gun deck; bullet shields and wing plates for (or four) seven-inch guns on gun deck; protection and wing plates for three-inch guns on main deck; turret shell plates; conning tower base plates; seven-inch gun port all plates; 80-pound protection on ammunition hoist trunks not otherwise protected by armor, and 80-pound protection on coal-trunks on slope of protective deck to the height of berth deck amidships.

Cofferdams about 30 inches thick and extending from protective to berth deck level are worked from end to end of the vessel, these cofferdams being extended above the berth deck, forward and aft the transverse armor, to a height of about 35 inches. The cofferdams are packed with cellulose or other approved water-excluding material.

The magazines and shell rooms are so arranged that about one-half the total supply of ammunition is carried at each end of the ship. Magazine bulkheads adjacent to heated compartments, such as fire rooms, engine rooms and dynamo rooms, are arranged with air spaces.

The ammunition for seven-inch and smaller guns is conveyed by hoists directly from the ammunition rooms or ammunition passages to the deck on which it is required, or as near that as possible. These hoists are driven at constant speed by an electric motor, and arranged to deliver seven pieces per hoist per minute.

## PRE-ELECTION DULNESS.

### With the President, Secretaries, and Bureau Chiefs Away, Mid-Summer Quiet Reigns in Washington—Plenty of Activity in Prospect.

#### Only Moving, That's All.

The wheels of Government have been barely rotating for a few days. They have been rotating more and more slowly for a week or more, and have come to the minimum point. It has been almost like looking in on the Departments in Midsummer. The big linen covers are not over broad desks. The subordinates could not be traced. But the chairs are empty by the big desks. No threadbare paths are being worn in the carpets by energetic and dutiful clerks, hastening to the presence of their superiors.

The explanation? There has been no campaign. The big ones have been out lending a hand and public business, that subordinates could not trace. It has been waiting. Hundreds have been making ready to go home to vote and have gone. The demand for them has been vigorous this year from the States like New York and Pennsylvania. The responses have not been either prompt or cheerful for the homegoers have had to pay cash down for their railroad journey. There have been no passes this year.

Cabinet officers, Assistants, Chiefs of Bureaus and clerks will be trooping back to Washington by every train in a few days. The great civic duty of voting will have been discharged. Washington will begin to brighten up. There is really no fun to be had in going to the Capital now to hold the interest of the country. For some months the situation has been reversed. Washington has been out of the public eye, and has been waiting for the President to get the country has been doing. It has been gaining information about the temper of the country on a diversity of matters. The department heads have been feeling the public pulse. They are now supposed to know better than they did six months ago what is wanted.

The President's Tour. As a matter of fact the President will probably do but little telegraphing back and forth. It is unlikely that many things will come up demanding his immediate attention. Unless it is something very urgent it will have to wait until he is back in Washington. But the importance of keeping a line of communication open is realized, and the Navy Department will do its utmost to demonstrate that messages can pass between Washington and the President's ship all the time he is on the ocean. Lieut. Frank Evans, of the Navy, will be on board as the President's Aid, and is expected to see that a message comes to Washington every day, apprising Secretary Loeb of the President's safety.

Another week and the great voting throng will be back in Washington. They must first rest up a little from the campaign efforts. Certain of the chiefs and certain of the clerks will make the visit home the occasion for a little vacation. But the members of the Cabinet can be counted on to hasten back to the Capital, for they have plenty of business ahead. Secretary Root, the head of the State Department, who went to Utah a few days ago bearing the Administration's message in de-

can literally go home every night. Baltimore is but an hour's ride by railroad from Washington, and a good part of the year Mr. Bonaparte goes home to Baltimore after his day's work in the Department is done. Since his elevation to the Cabinet Mr. Bonaparte has been recognized as the Republican leader of Maryland. He has dipped into the campaign over there with energy, stumping the State at intervals all the way from Tidewater on the Eastern Shore to the Allegheny Mountains. He has been in the thick of the big city fight in Baltimore, but will

not be trying to forget the election and trying to delve into the big jobs awaiting them, there will be no seasons with the President for nearly a month. The tide of pilgrims to the little white office building set to the west of the White House has already ceased, save for a few stragglers who wander thither for a word with Secretary Loeb. The Departments will mobilize most of the Washington attention, and the Cabinet

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schuett, and also trying to pre-empt District Attorney John B. Moran being elected Governor of the old Bay State. He did not take to the hustings till very late. Neither did "Tama Jim" Wilson, the Secretary of Agriculture, who will be seen soon in Washington driving a span of perfectly matched bays. When those bays go speaking along the asphalted ways it is a sure sign that Secretary Wilson is not far away. He has been whooping it up a little at the eleventh hour for the Cummins ticket in Iowa, especially among the farmers, with whom the politicians regard him as a tower of strength.

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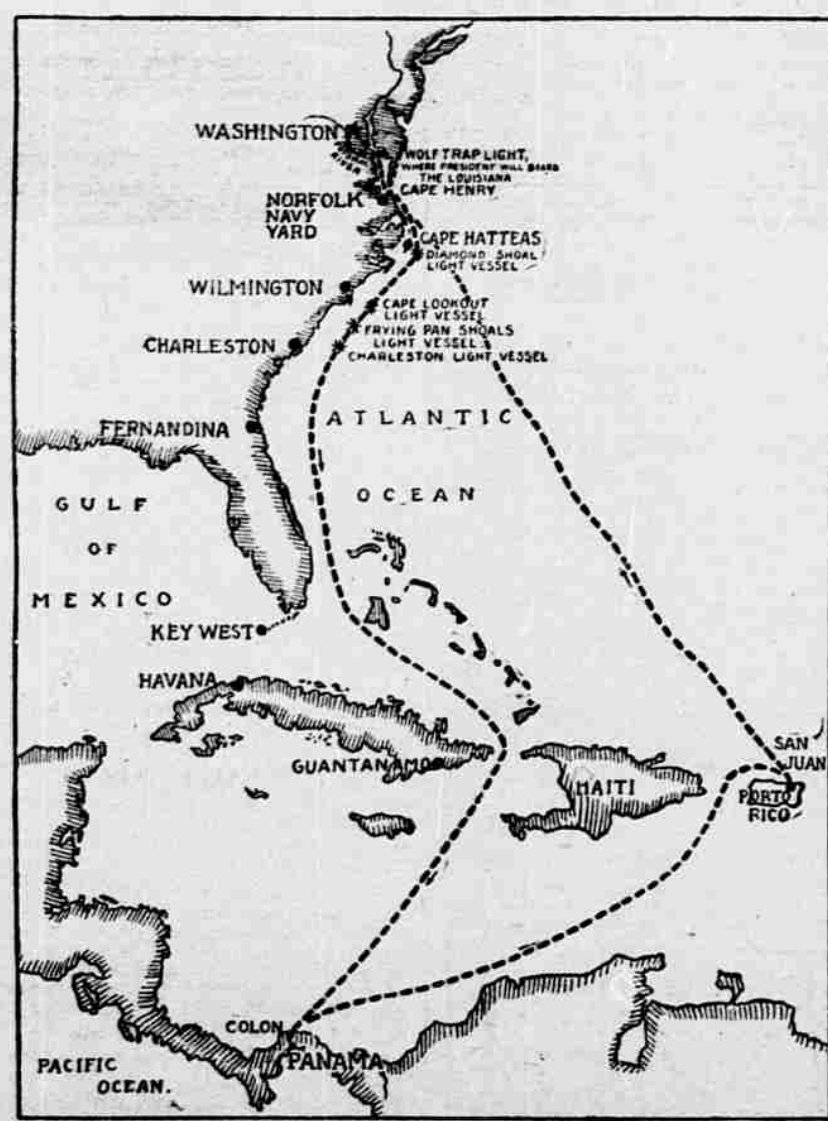
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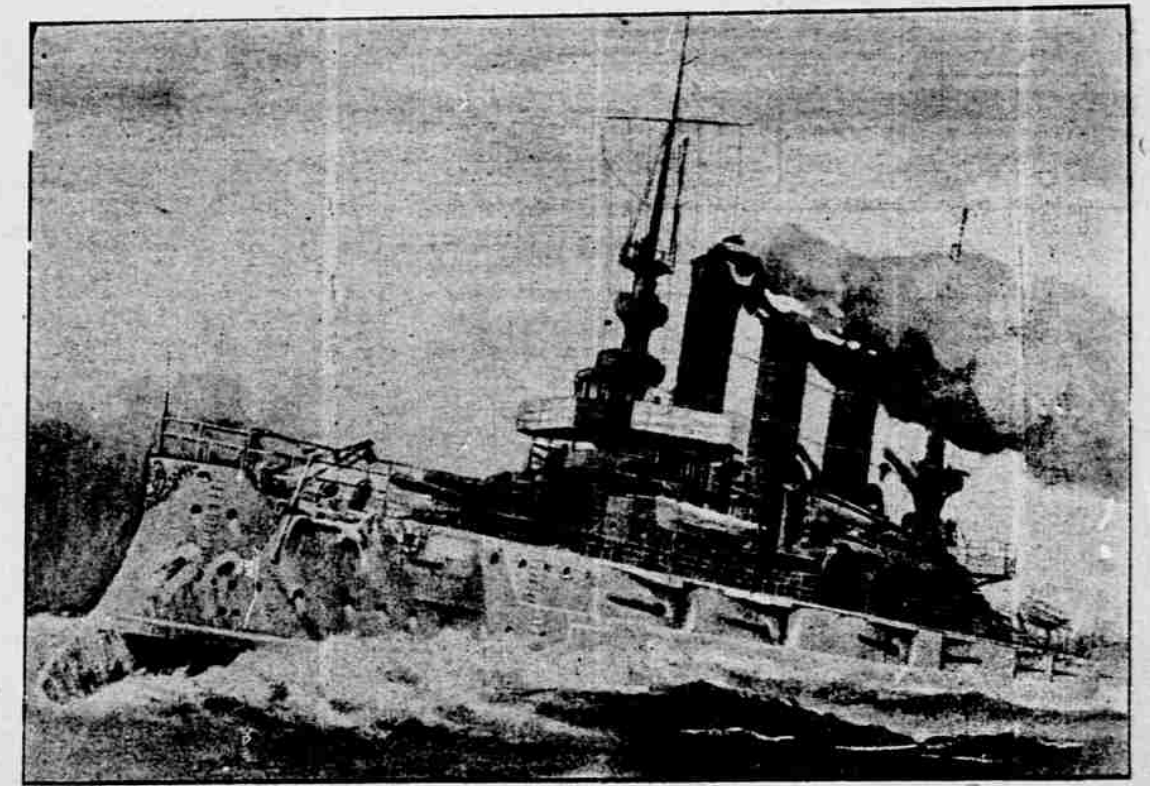
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MRS. THEODORE ROOSEVELT. (Her Latest and Favorite Picture.)



THE ROUTE OF THE PRESIDENT TO PANAMA AND BACK. General outline of Atlantic Coast showing route to be taken by the Louisiana with President Roosevelt on trip to Panama; showing wireless stations and less. When on the Isthmus he will be in communication with Washington by telephone and telegraph with Panama wireless.



THE BATTLESHIP LOUISIANA.

Secretary Bonaparte, of the Navy, three days after the election, will hardly remember there has been any action in the campaign or more fortunately located to do telling work. He is the only member of the Cabinet who

Secretary Shaw should go upon the stump early and remain there till late. In execution of that promise made by his chief, Mr. Shaw has been stumping widely for the last two months. He will make business hum when he gets back into that corner room again. One of his first tasks will be to get the annual estimates for Congress in shape and also to put the finishing touches on his annual report. Both are very bulky documents, making hundreds of printed pages. Scores of subordinates have been at work on them for weeks.

Attorney-General Moody, too, will soon be settled down for the few remaining weeks of his Cabinet career, for he has been on the stump in New England trying to save Congressmen in

Sorry Stories Told. You know the stories that have come back from that little strip of land we bought it from France; poor France, some of whose best men went to their graves of heartbreak because of the maladministration of finances in that fever-breeding, tropical territory that swallows gold as a bon constrictor does a bird. Since we secured it no man has been killed because of it, but many have sacrificed reputations in one way and another since the United States

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