Fleet Arrives For Fortnight Vacation Here

Destroyers Slip Into Port Ahead of Big Fighters; Gun Salutes and Sunshine Welcome Sailors to City

7,500 Quickly Ashore

Daniels With the Atlantic Warcraft; Crowds Watch Planes Dart Above Ships

Gray hulls and turrets a-glisten in the sunlight which broke through dense clouds as if seeking to glorify the coming of the armada, the Atlantic fleet's passage into the North River yesterday, where it cast anchor for a two weeks' vacation, presented a spectacle as imposing as it was inspiring to the patriotic observer.

With the flagship Pennsylvania booming out the salutes of seven and thirteen guns—seven for the senior naval officer in charge of the Bay Ridge Receiving Station, Captain Simmons, and thirteen for Rear Admiral Simpson, commanding the fleet's supply train, who was on the Columbia off the Hoboken docks when the procession passed—the eight big dreadnoughts ploughed past the Statue of Liberty and the Battery at a clip of fifteen knots. As the big fighters passed on up the river they were followed to their anchorage stations by the supply ships Columbia, Prometheus and Bridge.

The destroyer fleet, in command of Rear Admiral C. P. Plunkett, who commanded the big naval guns on the Western front, stole a march on the main section of the fleet by preceding the dreadnoughts into the river. The destroyers, thirty-two in number, sped past the Battery four hours ahead of the battleships and before workers along the water front were aware of their coming.

At variance with traditional custom, the flagship Pennsylvania, with Rear Admiral Henry B. Wilson, the fleet's commander, and Secretary of the Navy Daniels aboard, took up fourth position in the line of battleships, which was headed by the Oklahoma. In the rear of the Oklahoma were the Nevada, the Arizona, then the Pennsylvania and the Florida, the North Dakota, the Utah and the Delaware. The entire fleet was anchored and debarking the first contingents of officers and sailors on twenty-four-hour leave by noon, city time.

By nightfall half of the fleet's personnel—7,500 men—had gone ashore to spend the evening, and many this night. With a happy grin peculiar to the gob, the men tumbled into the big motor cutters for their trip to the landings. Bundles of all shapes, with here and there an overnight bag and suitcase, were conspicuous, and even bird cages with parrots from the West Indies were included in the baggage.

Many of the gobs were greeted at the landings by sweethearts and relatives. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the motor boats began loading on the welcomers who had not found Jack or Charlie or Tom among the first debarkers and took them to the war vessels, where they clambered aboard for the affectionate greeting.

Riverside Drive was lined with thousands of people who watched the busy scene in front of them. Many took advantage of the sightseeing privilege from 2 o'clock to 5 to go aboard one of the big dreadnoughts.

At the foremast of the Pennsylvania flew the four-starred flag of Admiral Wilson. On the other mast was the colors of the Secretary of the Navy. The marines and sailors were at setting-up exercise when the battleships entered the harbor.

The United States navy and army planes buzzed and sped around and over the men o' war as they turned their noses into the bay and Narrows.

Not until the head of the column reached Quarantine did the clouds part to let through a struggling, persistent sun. Then the cameras, on tugs and in air, got busy, for it was not too late to "catch" the Statute of Liberty, and the ships as they churned the waters in passing and the skyline of lower New York loomed up just in time to include it in the view of the dreadnoughts, which were smoking lustily.

A few moments before the Pennsylvania dropped anchor off Ninety-seventh Street Secretary Daniels held a wireless telephone conversation with Rear Admiral J. D. McDonald, commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, in which he praised the trim appearance of the Atlantic fleet and remarked that the navy now was two and one-half times stronger than it was prior to the war. The conversation was heard at Times Square, where apparatus had been installed for the purpose, and on each of the ships of the fleet, all of the latter being provided with the radio telephone.

"It was a fine cruise and we're all glad to get home again," were Admiral Wilson's first words to newspaper men when they boarded the Pennsylvania. His words summed up the opinion of every man in the fleet.

It was a fine cruise, all agreed. Records were broken in practically every branch of the fleet's activities, and particularly in gunnery. The success which attended the work of the fleet is regarded by the officers as particularly significant, owing to the inexperience or "greenness" of a large part of the enlisted personnel. Immaturity is conspicuous among the sailors, many of whom appear to be mere boys.

Officers on the Pennsylvania said that the fleet has but 80 per cent of its normal complement of men. Many of the petty officers' enlistment periods expired with the arrival of the fleet yesterday.

Despite the drawback of so much new material to man the war vessels, the Nevada made a higher record in gunnery than has ever been made by a ship of the American Navy. Turret 3 of the Pennsylvania made the best individual target record with its 14-nch guns.

Secretary Daniels left the Pennsylvania shortly after it had dropped anchor. He was met by Rear Admiral J. H. Glennon, of the Third Naval District, taken on Admiral Wilson's barge to the Ninety-sixth Street landing and thence was driven by automobile with Rear Admiral Robert E. Coontz, chief of naval operations of the navy, and his aide, Commander Percy Foote, to the Brooklyn navy yard for an inspection of the Tennessee, now under construction there. The Tennessee will be completed by June, it is expected, when it will join the Atlantic fleet.

The Secretary's party was joined at the yard by Rear Admiral J. D. McDonald, commandant of the yard; Rear Admiral G. E. Burd, industrial manager of the yard; Captain A. W. Johnson, senior aide to the commandant; Lieutenant Commander C. W. Magruder and Lieutenant Commander Bidwell.

The Secretary was driven to the Astor following the inspection. He addressed the New York Press Club there last night.

In a statement regarding the fleet's cruise Rear Admiral Wilson said:

"The commander-in-chief feels that the winter's work has been valuable. Officers and men were confronted with many difficulties not usually met. An unusually large proportion of the crews were comparatively untrained, and to carry on the work of the ships and the fleet, and to train these men, brought an excessive amount of work upon the officers and older men.

"It is with pride that the commander-in-chief looks upon the results obtained by the earnest, conscientious efforts of these officers and older men, as well as upon the spirit with which the new men have entered into their duties.

"The target practice was in most respects all that could be expected from these conditions. The steaming trials have resulted in a steady improvement in the ability of the ships to steam. There has been development in signals, in radio and in the various detailed duties of the ships' companies.

"The athetic schedule was a great success. The trophies for rowing and sailing were fairly well distributed throughout the fleet, the Arizona being the largest winner."

Perhaps not many Americans were aware, he added, that at the United States naval station on Guantanamo Bay the United States has developed extensive naval activities. This reservation is the center of the winter drill grounds of the Atlantic fleet.

Captain T. R. Kurtz, who since the death of Rear Admiral Brittain has been Admiral Wilson's chief of staff, told of the stay of Secretary Daniels on the Pennsylvania since the vessel left Hampton Roads. The Secretary was much interested, he said, in the two-hour speed trial which was held for his benefit shortly after he joined the fleet. The trial was under two-thirds boiler capacity. The average speed of all the ships was nineteen knots.

The Secretary said in a laughing way when the fleet arrived in Ambrose Channel yesterday morning that the first advice he would give to his successor would be "to spend a lot of time with the fleet."

On May 17 the fleet will leave for the southern drill grounds at Hampton Roads, Captain Kurtz said. The ships will spend the week of May 29 to June 1 at Annapolis for the graduation exercises at the United States Naval Academy. A return trip to the North River then will be made, when the fleet will spend a whole month as the guest of the city. An extended leave will be allowed all officers and men at that time, the chief of staff said.

What will come as good news to the men of the fleet is the telegram of Senator C. S. Page from Washington, received by Emery C. Weller, executive chairman of the Naval Legal Aid Association, last night and which concerns the propositions of increased pay for the Navy's personnel.

The telegram, which was read over the telephone to The Tribune last night, says:

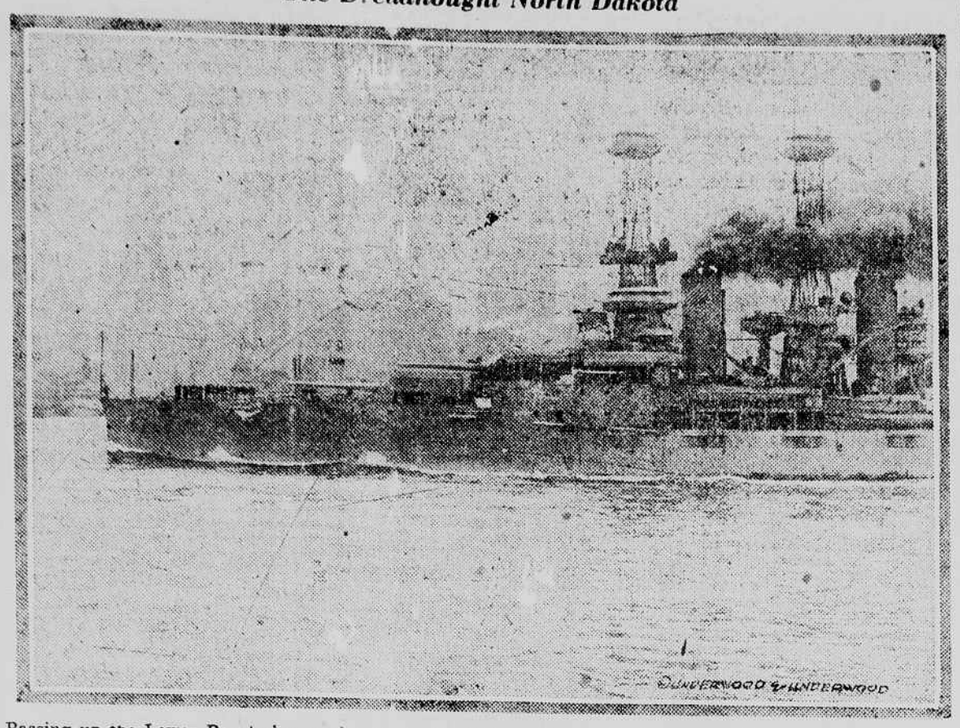
"The pay bill agreed upon in conference is as certain of passage as anything morally certain. The Senate and House conferees are in absolute accord and are pledged to see that the bill as substantially agreed upon in conference is passed.

"Eight hundred letters have gone out to naval men, largely in New York, assuring friends of the bill of its passage, and I can see no reason why you need give yourself uneasiness in regard to the passage of the bill, although it is not improbable that its final passage may not take place until early next week.

"Everything is being done to expedite passage. We know it is vitally important and we are acting with utmost expedition. All friends of the bill here are happy and fully believe that nothing stands in the way of prompt passage of the bill."

The message came from Washington.

The Dreadnought North Dakota



Passing up the Lower Bay to her anchorage in the Hudson River with the North Atlantic fleet which arrived here yesterday.

Fleet Loses 400 Men; 500 More Quit Soon

The Atlantic fleet, which arrived here yesterday returned from its winter training grounds 20 per cent undermanned, according to statements of officers on the dreadnought Pennsylvania, flagship of the armada.

The enlisted men, who number about 15,000, are, to a large extent, in the recruiting class, having had but a brief experience in seafaring. The absence of the older and more experienced type of seaman was conspicuous to the observer.

Enlistment terms of about 400 men expired with the arrival of the fleet, and almost the first boats to leave the sides of the eight battleships were filled with men who had received their discharge. Virtually all had three to six years' service to their credit and were men of rating.

Enlistments of about five hundred more of these experienced seamen will expire during the two weeks' stay of the fleet in the North River.

Taft Assails Exiling Of Reds Without Trial

Tells Swift & Co. Employees Every Alleged Radical Should Have a Hearing

An attack upon wholesale deportations of alleged radicals was made yesterday by William Howard Taft at the annual luncheon of the employees of Swift & Co., at the Hotel Pennsylvania. Speaking on the subject "Americanism and Bolshevism," the former President referred to the fact that the Supreme Court has ruled that aliens may be deported without a trial, and added that this decision was not based upon true democracy.

"No matter what a man may say, he should not be punished unless the fullest inquiry is made into what is done, or what may be done in connection with it," said Mr. Taft. "No matter what a man may do, no matter how horrible the crime may be, he should not be punished unless he has had every chance in the world of defending himself."

Mr. Taft took part in a general discussion of the possibility of Bolshevism entering into the United States.

Erie Railroad Shops at Port Jervis Are Closed

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., May 1.—Announcement was made to-day that the Erie Railroad had closed its shops at this place. It is thought the decision of the railroad officials is the result of friction with business men of the town at the time of the unauthorized railroad strike.

Storekeepers are said to have refused at that time to sell supplies to men who were taking the strikers' places.

About 100 men were employed in the Erie shops here. In future their work will be done at the shops in Dunmore, Pa., and train crews on the Wyoming division of the Erie henceforth will make that town their terminal instead of Port Jervis.

Military Prisoners' Kin Warned Against Hulse

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Relatives and friends of military prisoners still held in this country were warned today by the War Department against advancing money to Louis G. Hulse on representations from him that he has sufficient influence with members of Congress to obtain the release of such prisoners.

An official announcement by the department charged that Hulse, who served as a welfare worker overseas and recently completed serving a sentence at the disciplinary barracks at Governor's Island, New York, following his conviction on charges of conversion of funds intrusted to his care, had obtained $225 from one family "for expenses" in connection with his alleged efforts to obtain the release of a prisoner.

Hulse, it is charged, first operated while a prisoner in the disciplinary barracks through women members of a welfare organization in New York, who dispatched for him letters to members of Congress in which he requested clemency for various fellow prisoners. It is alleged he had represented to the prisoners he was in a position to help them, and the department's statement said he was supposed to have collected money from them and their friends.

Grave of Alleged Bluebeard Victim Cannot Be Found

"I Hope You Will Believe Me," Prisoner Tells Officers as Plans Are Made to Go to Place He Describes

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 1.—Walter Andrew Watson, who is alleged to have married a score of women and confessed that four of them died violent deaths, protested to-day to officers that he had told them the truth as to the location of the grave of Nina Lee Deloney, with whose murder he is formally charged.

"I hope you will believe me," he said to officers who have been searching in vain for the grave in a desolate portion of eastern San Diego County. "If I were stronger I could go to the place with my eyes shut," he added.

Watson then told the officers of three trips to the grave made after he slayed the woman with a hammer on the first day of their honeymoon trip, according to an alleged confession made Thursday night.

The first, he said, was to bury the body, which, he declared, he stripped of all clothing. The second, he stated, was to burn the clothing, a precaution, he said, he had forgotten on the first trip. The third, he added, was to make certain he had obliterated all signs of a grave.

When this additional data had been established officials arranged to take Watson to San Diego County the latter part of next week so he could locate the grave.

Physicians at the county hospital said they thought he would be sufficiently recovered from two attempts at suicide to make the trip at the time planned.

Albanians Attack Greeks

Rising Begun at Epirus and Massacre Follows

LONDON, May 1.—An Albanian rising against the Greeks has begun at Epirus, according to a wireless message from Moscow, and Albanian bands are massacring the Greeks.

Enver Pasha, former War Minister and leader of the Young Turks, the message says, has placed himself at the head of the Turkish nationalist movement.

Spa Prepares to Receive Allied and German Delegates

BRUSSELS, May 1.—Preparations to receive Allied and German delegates at the Spa conference on May 25 have already been started by the municipal government of that city. The opening of the summer social season there has been advanced to May 22, so that the resort will be open when the conference begins, and a beautiful villa has been chosen to house the conference. The various delegations will be quartered in villas and chateaus near Spa.

328 Families Rent Strikers In 2 Districts

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Sackman Street, Park Place, St. Mark's Avenue, Christopher Avenue and Howard Avenue.

A strike in Williamsburg is at 928, 930, 932 and 934 Myrtle Avenue.

In the latter places, all of which are tenement houses, the tenants went on strike after Judge Furgeson, in the Gates Avenue Municipal Court, had authorized the landlord to raise the rents because the landlord proved that he was making a profit of not more than $201.20 on an investment of $76,000. The increase allowed would give the landlord a profit of 5½ per cen on his investment.

The increase also had the approval of the Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering and the backing of the Greater New York Taxpayers' Association, formed of landlords controlling 14,000 properties in greater New York.

Despite the action of the court, however, and the willingness of the landlords to make considerable improvements, members of the Tenants' League of Brooklyn refused to pay the rent yesterday.

As a result, eight or nine of the families involved will be evicted to-morrow morning as an example to the rest of the strikers.

Mayer Assails Strikers

Mr. Mayer, in assailing any and all efforts at rent strikes, said:

"Tenants have nothing to gain by rent strikes. Those who have grievances can present them either as individuals or in groups, and they will be amply protected by the Mayor's Committee and by the courts. We will not tolerate anything that smacks of violence or disorder. Those persons who resort to mischievous destruction of another man's property will be rigorously dealt with."

There were no evictions yesterday, Mr. Mayer said, the policy of city officials being never to carry out evictions on Saturdays. Beginning to-morrow, however, there will be hundreds of evictions, particularly in Brownsville and East New York, ordered after due process of law and on orders of the courts for various reasons.

Mr. Mayer said David Goldberg, City Marshal, whose office is at 353 Stone Avenue, has seven hundred eviction warrants on hand in the two aforementioned districts. These evictions will take place this week. The East Side will be quiet and hardly any eviction warrants against tenants living in that section have been issued.

The total number of evictions in Greater New York will be between 1,500 and 2,000, judging by the number in Brownsville and East New York, and by the fact that in addition to Mr. Goldberg there are sixty-four other marshals in the city.

25000 Tenants Move

The total number of tenants who moved yesterday was estimated at 25,000, the number in Brooklyn alone being estimated at 10,000 by officials of moving van companies. It was said by several companies that the bulk of the tenants were moving out of town. The van owners look for the real moving congestion on October 1, when most leases expire.

J. J. McKenna, business manager of the Van Teamsters' Union, Local 273, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the 3,500 members of which threatened to strike, said an arrangement had been reached with the Van Owners' Association, giving the men an increase of $5 a week. A strike of the van drivers would tie up all the storage warehouses in the city, McKenna said, and would seriously inconvenience thousands of residents during the moving season.

An action in which the new rent law is pleaded for the first time in the Supreme Court was filed yesterday by the Paterno Investment Corporation, which owns the Prince Humbert apartment house at 220 Cathedral Parkway, against Jacob Katz. Katz has a lease made in October, 1919, and extending to September, 1921, at a rental of $2,300 a year. Mr. Katz paid the rent until April and then refused to make further payment of $191.66, the amount of the monthly rental, claiming it was excessive.

The Paterno company sued on the lease and the answer of the tenant is that under the new law any increase of more than 25 per cent in the rent is presumptively unjust, unreasonable and oppressive. Mr. Katz said that for the year before his present lease went into effect the rental of his apartment was $1,350 and that a fair value at present is $1,687. He also entered a counter claim for $306, which he says is excess rent.

In this case the court will have to decide whether the new rent law is retroactive, as the lease between Mr. Katz and the Paterno company was made in 1919, when the rent was fixed for the two-year term.

RochesterCarsTied Up by a Walkout

Motormen and Conductors Reject 10 Cents an Hour Increase; 13,000 Go on Strike Elsewhere

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 1.—After a meeting featured by violent speeches, motormen and conductors employed by the New York State Railways walked out to-day. All of the company's propositions, including an advance of 10 cents an hour, were rejected by a practically unanimous vote.

Not a car has been operated to-day, the only cars entering and leaving the city being operated by the Rochester & Syracuse and the Rochester, Buffalo & Lockport railroads.

Factory workers were taken to and from work in motor vehicles, and jitneys did a thriving business at gouging prices.

President James F. Hamilton of the railways corporation declared the men had not only violated their agreement, but that they had surrendered to the radical element in their union. James Largay, of Utica, an International vice-president, said the men violated their written agreement by rejecting arbitration after failing to agree on a new contract. P. J. Downey, state mediator, is here trying to get the contending factions together.

There has been no violence and the police are guarding the car lines and property. The men have been getting 41 and 45 cents an hour on city lines and 47 cents on suburban lines.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 1.—Four thousand union machinists were on strike here to-day for higher wages, union officials claimed. The strikers confined themselves to peaceful picketing and marched to various plants headed by a brass band, in the hope of inducing others to join their ranks.

There were strong guards of police around each factory, but there was no disorder. Leaders of the machinists say there are 12,000 members of their union and that 3,500 of them have been granted the wage increases asked for.

Claims of the union officials and manufacturers as to the number of men on strike differ, the latter asserting that only a few hundred men are out.

200 Walk Out in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 1.—Approximately two hundred men, representing contract machinists, tinners, bakers and electrical workers, walked out to-day when employers refused to meet their demands for the closed shop.

Building Laborers Strike

DAVENPORT, Iowa, May 1.—Fourteen hundred laborers working on building construction in Davenport, Iowa; Rock Island, Moline and East Moline, Ill., struck for higher wages to-day.

The men were getting a general rate of 55 cents an hour. Their demand is for 65, 75 and 85 cents, according to the kind of work done.

7,000 Philadelphia Carpenters Out

PHILADELPHIA, May 1.—Between 5,000 and 7,000 carpenters and workers on building operations struck to-day for higher wages. A union official said other trades had received an advance, but the carpenters had been overlooked.

No May Day street demonstration had been planned by organized labor and conditions here were quiet.

400 New Orleans Bakers Quit

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Four hundred journeyman bakers went on strike here to-day when the master bakers declined to meet their demands for closed shops. Bread deliveries were made as usual.

Lake Steamers Tied Up

CLEVELAND, May 1.—Scores of ore-carrying lake steamers have been laid up at lower lake ports because of the coal shortage due to the strike of railroad switchmen, Lake Carriers' Association officials announced to-day.

One Cleveland steamship company admitted twenty-five of their boats were tied up, throwing 750 men out of work, because of the fuel shortage, and said more steamers would be laid up soon if the fuel situation did not improve.

Chicago Rent Revolt Is Complete Failure

Bravery Oozes From Tenants at Show-Down and Only Few Complain of Moving Charges

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

CHICAGO, May 1.—Like the rest of the scheduled Red demonstrations, "The Tenants' Revolt" proved a failure today. Apparently having mustered every available ounce of courage, Chicago tenants, when the show-down came, found their bravery oozing from them. Last minute settlements, abject capitulations and hurried negotiations for apartments marked the collapse of the revolt

Major H. S. Standish, head of the Chicago Tenants' League, early in the day had predicted that fully 10,000 tenants would barricade themselves and defy ejection from their flats.

From all parts of the city came reports that Chicago tenants had quit.

The South Side was quiet save for the chugging motor vans and here and there the voice of a tenant raised in protest against excessive moving charges. Not a murmur of tenant-landlord trouble came from the West or North sides. Only in Rogers Park, the hot-bed of the "tenants' revolution," was there even temporary defiance of the landlord.

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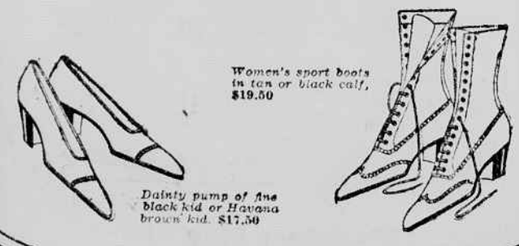

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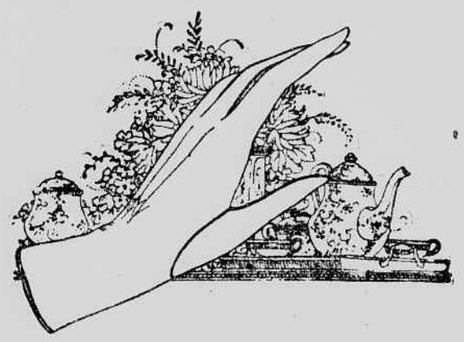

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